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District, teachers settle on 17.8% increase



Remembrance at Ganges cairn

George Wells, of Ganges, tries to set up the wreaths at Ganges Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. He had placed a wreath in honour

of the victims of war, when the high wind played havoc with the display.

Power cut, ferries halted by gale-force southeast winds

The weekend storm in which southeast winds were clocked at 70-kmh at Pat Bay Airport left many islanders without electricity, halted some ferry sailings and dropped a tree on two vehicles on Salt Spring Island.

An 80-foot fir tree on Asa and Dorothy Douglas' property on Ross Road fell on a GMC station wagon owned by Douglas' son, Renee, a house trailer belonging to Douglas and a truck belonging to Henry Caldwell.

No damage estimate had been made as of Tuesday.

The station wagon's roof was crushed and a side window shattered. Roof of the truck was crushed and the windshield popped out but didn't break. Windows in the side of the house trailer were also broken.

OUT ALL WEEKEND

weekend repairing lines on every one of the Gulf Islands, said district manager John Langston.

Voting Saturday

Voters in the islands will go to the polls Saturday while 13 candidates await the decision by the electorate.

Salt Spring voters will also be asked to mark a ballot for or against Sunday shopping.

Polls are open from 8 am to 8 pm.

A rundown on all the candidates appears on Pages

Crews worked from 8:30 am to midnight on Saturday and again from 8 am to 6 pm on Sunday. Hardest hit were some residents of Pender and Saturna Islands, where power was out overnight Saturday.

Outages were caused by trees and branches being blown down on to the lines and by the lines being snapped by the wind itself.

The storm reached its peak early Saturday afternoon and the noon sailing of the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen ferry was halted as a result. On the morning run the ferry had to bypass Sturdies Bay at Galiano and go into Montague Harbour instead, which left the vessel running an hour late by the time it returned to Long Harbour at noon.

Terminal agent Bob Anderson said there were no problems with

The teachers of the Gulf Islands School District will be taking home almost 18% more pay after January 1, 1982.

Negotiators for the school board declined comment on the new contract until it is discussed and accepted by the full board.

Rob Dunn, agreements chairman and chief negotiator for the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, said, "We feel the board was very fair in this settlement."

The contract calls for a 17.8% wage increase over one year as well as improvements to the dental plan. A separate learning and working conditions agreement was also signed by the two sides.

The later agreement is a new concept in the Gulf Islands district and was taken out of the main agreement, said Dunn, because both sides realized the subject would require a great deal of

talking to reach an agreement.

Many school district negotiations around the province are stalled because the two matters, wages and working conditions, have been tied together.

GITA and the new school board will discuss the matters in joint committee later in the year.

Michael Hayes, president of GITA, said, "All I can say is the teachers of the district are quite satisfied with the agreement reached with the school board."

Dunn, who handled the teachers' end of the contract talks, said, "I appreciate the board's attitude. They've listened very carefully to what we've had to say. We believe they dealt fairly with the issues."

The changes in the dental plan call for a switch in carriers because the teachers were dissatisfied with service offered by the current insurance company.

To debate removal of islands from region

Capital Regional Board will be presented with the opportunity next week to ask the minister of municipal affairs to take the islands out of the region.

Bob Wright served notice of motion at last week's board meeting of his plan to press for their exclusion.

He presented the motion following a long and heated debate on the missing record of a meeting that was never taped.

"Director Valcourt has stated repeatedly that Salt Spring Island should not be part of the board," he reminded his colleagues.

Motion, to be debated at the last meeting of this year's board, will ask the minister to take the Outer Islands and Salt Spring Island out

of the Capital Regional District and put them in the Islands Trust, where they belong.

Retiring Outer Islands director Jim Campbell did not challenge the proposal, but he did not support such a switch in administration.

There is something about the Trust that makes it ridiculous, he observed. He has been an avowed opponent of the Trust since it was established.

He reminded his colleagues that neither he nor his colleague from Salt Spring Island are typical.

"However pleasant or however unpleasant you may find director Valcourt or me," he commented, "we are not the people of the islands."

Vancouver man seeks dog after fall from ferry

A Vancouver man lost his dog on Sunday — somewhere between Beaver Point on Salt Spring Island and Portlock Point on Prevost Island.

Maurice Ward told *Driftwood* on Monday that his five-year-old Irish setter fell into the water from the second deck of a ferry on the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen run.

The captain of the vessel would have turned back to search for the dog had it not been dark, Ward said. The accident occurred at about 7:45 pm.

There is some urgency in

locating the lost dog, *Driftwood* was told. After spending the last eight years living in Canada, Ward is heading back next week to his home in Ireland.

He and the dog are both booked for a flight which leaves on Saturday. The dog's fare alone will cost Ward about \$1,200.

He said his dog is an excellent swimmer and hopes it made it to shore on one of the islands in the area.

Ward can be reached by contacting Frank Dillon, of Vancouver, at 685-4668.

'Serious distortion of facts,' says minister

The minister of municipal affairs has expressed dismay over "a serious distortion of the facts" concerning the Ganges sewer project.

In a letter to *Driftwood* this week, Bill Vander Zalm said it has been brought to his attention that residents were being told the cost

of the sewer would be levied against the entire island.

He pointed out that it was a matter of public record that the local cost of the project would be recovered solely from the specified area, the community of Ganges and adjacent area to be served by the sewer.

"No local cost burden whatsoever will fall on any other Salt Spring taxpayers. In fact, the overwhelming majority of total costs will be borne by the province."

The minister noted that neither the contents nor the timing of his letter represented an attempt to intrude in the election campaign for regional director.

"I trust that all voters and candidates will benefit from accurate information on public issues."

Byron's Babes, Slugs to try basketball

Byron's Babes will put down their softballs and the Slugs will leave their hockey sticks at home Friday when the two teams try their luck at basketball.

The senior boys' basketball team at Gulf Islands Secondary, the Scorpions, will take on the other two teams at the high school gym. Funds raised by the game will be used for by the Scorpions for travel expenses to off-island tournaments during the year.

At 6:30 there's a girls' warm-up followed by the Babes-Scorpions game at 7. A mini-game will be played at half-time.

At 8:30 the famed Salt Spring Slugs will play the Scorpions, providing islanders with the rare opportunity of seeing the hockey team in action.

A gymnastics display will be seen at half-time.

Damage totals \$3,100

The accident happened although details are scarce.

Beverly Shirley of Ganges was driving a 1968 Ford pick-up on North End Road near Suffolk Road.

Richard Smith and two passengers were going in the opposite direction in his 1968 Dodge.

The vehicles met. Smith, Rowan Dixon and Ken Wertman suffered minor injuries.

The Ford was damaged for \$600 and the Dodge dented for \$2,500.

Police are continuing the investigation and charges are contemplated.

Enrolment increase small but space is still at a premium

Enrolment figures for the Gulf Islands schools show an increase of 13 students as of October 31 compared to the same month in 1980.

Yet despite the small change in figures, space is at a premium at most schools and at the three Salt Spring schools in particular.

With 1,083 students attending the seven islands schools, the greatest increase in student population happened at Salt Spring Elementary School. Last year 341 children were at the school while this year 367 are attending.

The ministry of education has indicated that the Salt Spring school should have only 305 students.

The three Salt Spring principals were asked by the school board to indicate classroom use at each of the schools.

FROM 17 TO 28

Tom Watson, of Salt Spring Elementary, reported that class sizes in the school range from 17 students in the Family Group which covers grades 1 to 7, to 28 students in a grade 7 class.

Each classroom is in constant use, said Watson. The school also utilizes two portables located near the high school.

Space in the school is limited to the extent that a storage space is used not only for general and music storage but also as an office for two teachers, work room for other teachers and space for tutoring students.

The room used by the nurse is also used for speech therapy, tutoring and small group instruction.

NO BETTER

At Fernwood School, which showed a decline of two pupils to 134 compared to the 136 enrolled last year, the situation is no better.

The book room, for instance, is in use for music instruction, learning assistance, speech therapy and tutoring at various times from 9 am to 3 pm.

The library is utilized for French instruction in the morning and grade 5 classes in the afternoon.

While the enrolment on the Outer Islands has remained stable at 233 pupils, the Pender school faced an overcrowded class which had to be split. The problem is to find space to instruct the extra class.


Secondary students account for 395 of the total with 46 on Pender

and Mayne Islands and 349 on Salt Spring.

The classroom space at the Gulf Islands Secondary on Salt Spring requires juggling, said principal Bob McWhirter. All classrooms are used almost every hour of the school day by the students in grades 8 to 12.

The school trustees expect the pressure on Salt Spring Elementary School to be eased somewhat when the new Fulford school is built.

**Christmas
Seals
Fight
Lung Disease**



To honour long-time members

The Pender Farmers' Institute will hold an old-time Hoe Dance at the Legion in early December. The dance will honour two of Pender's long-time Farmers' Institute members, Nep Grimmer and Ashton Ross-Smith.

Funds raised at the dance will be used for an award to a Pender student for post-secondary education in agriculture or biology.

The Pender institute is one of the oldest continuing operating institutes in the province. It obtained its charter over 50 years ago.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Joyce Jones, president of the Pender Institute, announced at the meeting on November 10 that the Pender Islands Trust committee would be meeting on the island every quarter from now on. She urged the audience to come out to these meetings and not wait until some issue comes along.

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He was eager to play chess and I carelessly volunteered to show him the elements. He is younger than me, which is not unexpected as he is a grandson. And I thought back to my own childhood. Nobody taught me chess when I was a small boy. My pupil learned the tough moves easily and tripped up over the easy ones. He has yet to sort out the pawn's range of activity, but he could catch on to the castle almost at once. While he was stumbling over the board and longing to check me I was again thinking back. If I were now in Grade 2 and working hard to grow up I think I would choose a grounding in music and particularly good music: a knowledge of chess and a working acquaintance with birds and flowers. Not in school: but from some silly old man who has little else to do.

Of course I look more mature today. My mother was 90 on Monday.

I really had lamb for lunch at the Legion. They were serving roast beef. The lamb was Jack Lamb out from his new Victoria apartment to spend Remembrance Day with his comrades. Jack is now in his 80's and enjoying them. He is not as agile as he was, but he can still drive over here. Jack and Kitty Lamb spent many years on Salt Spring Island near the high tide mark on St. Mary Lake. Jack was the front man for the Legion for many years and devoted half a lifetime to building it up to what it is today.

Summaries of almost anything can often produce strange bedfellows, but the summary of radio news on Monday night left the listener momentarily puzzled. The space shuttle will be ready for its next scheduled flight in March and there is strong protestant reaction in Northern Ireland, explained the announcer. Oddly enough, they were two unrelated incidents.

Why are paper towels so made that if you want to grab a single piece, you always tear off two, whereas if you really want two only one comes off in your hand? Do you think they mean it?

There is no hint of punishment, but the passengers on the islands ferries are now regularly urged to keep off the car deck. The announcement of sailing used to end up with a warning not to smoke on the car deck. Now the Swartz Bay announcer concludes with the message that passengers are requested to remain on the upper decks during the crossing. At least, I think that's what he said. With modern public address systems you can never be sure what you're hearing.

I used a cup last week for tea. By the time I wanted the cup on Monday morning an enterprising spider had already spun across it a couple of times.

Somebody gave me a clipping on men's lib and how to assess the extent of a man's liberation. I shouldn't have read it. I answered the questions like it said. And the answers were all wrong. I'm not only not liberated, but after that test I'm not even sure I'm a man! I even use shave lotion for the wrong reasons!

Mostly on sewers

Board to spend \$6 1/2 million in islands in next five years

Funds amounting to \$6,503,110 will be spent in the Gulf Islands by the Capital Regional District during the next five years.

Under the Municipal Act each region must prepare an annual capital expenditure program covering the ensuing five years.

Last week the board approved the overall program for the entire region.

These figures include only major capital expenditures. They do not include the cost of operation and they do not include the expenditures of small amounts on small purchases.

TWO SEWERS

Two factors pushing up the islands account are the two sewer projects under way. The Ganges sewer carries a price tag of \$3,730,000 and the Magic Lakes project on Pender Island is priced at \$1,930,000.

In the case of the Ganges project, the expenditures are forecast at \$1,800,000 in 1981 and \$1,900,000 in 1982. The Magic Lakes will see the end of 1981 with a cost of \$600,000 and an additional \$1,300,000 in 1982. Both projects then carry an annual capital outlay of \$10,000 for 1983, 1984 and 1985.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has a capital expenditure program of \$70,900 over the five-year period: \$24,900 this year and \$6,500 each year thereafter.

ONLY \$3,460

Outer Gulf Islands Community parks are negligible in comparison with the major projects. They will enjoy a total capital expenditure of \$3,460, payable in 1981, with no further expenses planned.

Lyall Harbour and Boot Cove water system is facing a \$50,000 expense for 1981, with \$10,000 a

year hence, for a five-year total of \$90,000. Highland Water System on Salt Spring Island, gets \$373,000; \$268,000 this year; \$90,000 next year and \$5,000 each

year afterwards. The Magic Lakes water system calls for \$140,000 this year and \$25,000 in 1982 and three payments of \$10,000 per annum to a total of \$195,000.

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Mobile homes and the community

In the islands, the Outer Islands Electoral Area and Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, a property owner may erect a mobile home on his property and there is no ordinance in force which might bar him.

Within the bounds of the Capital Regional District, beyond the islands, a mobile home may only be located within a recognized and designated mobile home park.

In the islands a resident may be unable to continue to live within a mobile home park. He may, then, if he wishes and if he has the necessary funds to acquire property, move his mobile home from a park and locate it on a residentially zoned parcel of land.

In the islands a mobile home owner is a local citizen. Elsewhere in the region he enjoys few of the privileges attaching to the ownership of a home.

The owner of a mobile home is adjudged an inferior citizen in most of British Columbia. The problem facing the mobile home owner was brought to the attention of the Capital Regional Board recently by Esquimalt MLA Frank Mitchell, who asked the board for help in finding a place to locate mobile homes left without a pad by the closing of a park.

The regional board invited its staff to investigate the propriety of the board issuing a policy direction regarding the treatment of an application for the conversion of an existing mobile home park.

Last week the board was informed that there is little the board can do in the matter. The regional solicitor urged that the staff be instructed to remind the board each time such a rezoning application arises that the proposal will result in the loss of a stipulated number of mobile homes.

The board must act in any direction open to it. The province should examine the laws and regulations governing the construction of mobile homes. If they are undesirable, then they should be prohibited anywhere in the province. If, however, they are an acceptable means of providing affordable housing for the home-starved communities of the province, they should be acceptable everywhere.

Society can only dictate to its members how and where they shall live within acceptable bounds. No Canadian should be legally second class because the government of British Columbia rules that the only home he can afford is less than first class accommodation.

The price has gone up

When the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia announced a hike in rates few British Columbians were surprised. In an era of spiralling prices, the hike was not unexpected. It was unlikely, in fact, that the corporation could carry on an indefinite strike without some reflection in rates. Few had expected insurance rates to hit the top, but the pattern was clear, even if specifics were less so.

The insurance policy of this province, establishing a monopoly and then upping rates at its convenience, makes most British Columbians a little jealous of other provinces, where automobile insurance is still competitive. There must remain in all of us the sneaking suspicion that the hike might have been less had there been less government control.

The history of this province's automobile insurance as a government monopoly has been less than inspiring. It is, perhaps, time to take a new look.



Bill Webster

Of slugs, crayons and Sir Larry Olivier

Fully recovered, thank you — two weeks of raw meat serves sufficient.

But then again, the mood could spring from the mellow weather as the wind, in autumnal ferocity, claws through trees tearing leaf from limb.

The sun, a fickle helpmate, offers a warm caress but as quickly hides behind the handkerchief of clouds and weeps tears of lament for Salt Spring Island.

The crisp air stirred the steps as I wended my way to Hemlock Lane. The old Plymouth refuses to climb Mount Maxwell in the wet.

No light at Louis' place and that worried me. I haven't seen him for several weeks.

So I went to Betta Hedron to ask of his whereabouts.

WARMTH, HOSPITALITY

Lights in the windows flashed warmth and hospitality into the gathering gloom. By the time I reached the door, however, the darkened windows reflected the nearby forest.

I knocked. "Hello, anybody home?" I shouted.

"No," came the reply. I left. As I neared the end of the driveway, a zucchini sailed past my car. An angry voice cried, "You must be related to Jack."

Louis Bolivar-Finchley travels the world and his comings and goings are usually marked by a phoned invitation for coffee at Captain Hook's Breakfast Nook in Victoria.

But not for the past two weeks.

Sunday afternoons are a chore not to be enjoyed. As *Driftwood* reporter, I must cover the Slugs. My photos of their ineptitude often grace the sports page but for some reason the copy comes from the typewriter of Norman Nosebleed, whoever he is.

As I sought a warm spot in the Fuller Lake Arena last Sunday, I saw to my surprise Louis lurking in the corner of the rink with a stranger.

We played round-robin for two periods of the game for each time I approached, the pair would scuttle in the opposite direction.

Finally I cornered them at the concession counter as they purchased hot dogs a la king.

"Louis," said I with my usual perception, "you are ignoring me."

"No, my boy," he replied. "My friend wanted to view the game from as many angles as possible."

A FAN

"I'd like you to meet Conhor Hunt," he said. "He's a fan of yours."

We exchanged pleasantries but I could see Hunt was uncomfortable. When I mentioned it to him he burst forth with pent-up emotion.

"You have no business insulting people as you do in your column," he said.

"The way you've treated these hapless young men is criminal and you should be ashamed."

"I quite agree with the Arctic Amazons, the Slugs play this game on a higher level of consciousness than you are able to discern."

"Were Sir Larry Olivier able to bring to Lear or Hamlet what these extremely capable players bring to this ice surface he would, indeed, be considered the finest actor in the world."

Hunt paused for a breath, looked at me with what could only be described as pity and walked away. I noticed he was carrying beige note paper and a lavender crayon.

Louis and I were left to stand in uncomfortable silence.

"What is wrong with everyone?" I asked.

"You seem to have gone too far, my boy. I've counted up your columns and you have insulted 31 different people or groups in the Gulf Islands."

"Some folks here don't agree that others should have an opinion, especially if that idea differs from theirs."

HIT AT EVERYTHING

"You've hit out at everything from auto mechanics to zucchini growers. You have been particularly hard on both the Slugs and the anti-sewer group. Now that's going from the ridiculous to the sublime. I leave it to you to determine which is which."

Louis continued to appear uncomfortable and I pressed him for a reason.

"It's not you, my boy. It's *Driftwood*. They've used my name in an ad. I don't mind, mind you."

"As the man said, I don't care what you say about me, just please spell my name right."

Then I understood his discomfort. Of such small things are large feuds grown.

Letters to the Editor

Overwhelming majority want an end to interminable bickering over sewer

Sir,
Like the vast majority of people on Salt Spring Island, I recoil in horror and indignation when I see a further article in *Driftwood* or elsewhere, concerning the Ganges sewer issue.

We unfortunate victims have been beaten about the ears and harangued mercilessly on this subject, almost exclusively by those who are opposed to the project. Now I find myself obliged to add further words on this weary, weary subject. I apologize for doing so.

A month or so ago a doctor, who happened to be chairman of the environmental health committee of the British Columbia Medical Association, made a statement of opposition to Bill 31. He spoke as though he had the authority of the BCMA, but in fact he was not speaking for anyone but himself and he was taken to task for this misrepresentation and resigned thereafter.

Since that time the Sewer Alternates Committee has claimed to have the support of the BCMA and more recently in their page advertisement in the November 4th *Driftwood*, claimed support from the BCMA environmental committee. This is incorrect. The BCMA does not support them; in fact has probably never heard of them.

Having gone this far, I might as well be, as the British would say, "in for a penny, in for a pound!" I feel obliged to object very vigorously to the attempt by the Sewer Alternates Committee to have Bill 31 become a prime issue in the election of the Regional Director. This is a shabby misrepresentation and patently dishonest.

It is propaganda at its worst and an affront to the intelligence of everyone who read it. The support of the sewer opponents for Mrs. Valcourt is understandable and appropriate; she certainly has been a staunch champion for this noisy minority.

And a minority they are. They may number up to 300 active supporters or five per cent of the Island population. Give them the benefit of the doubt and say 10%. They create the illusion of wider support by snide references to those of us who feel that the sewer is advisable or essential. The recent example would be their reference to Mr. Richards as the spokesman for the "tiny Pro-Big Sewer Group".

They also speak of the government imposing a sewer on the Island, when what they really mean is that the sewer is being imposed on something less than 300 persons, few, or none of whom, live in the area to be sewered. The other 90-95% of the Island is either in favour of the sewer or is uncommitted, or is disinterested.

More apparent is the Sewer Alternates plan of directing a veritable barrage of verbiage at *Driftwood* each week, carefully orchestrated no doubt to assure at least three or four letters each issue. This is no doubt predicated on the theory that it matters less what you say than that you repeat it.

I firmly believe that no one on the Island, and certainly not Mr. Richards, had anything directly to do with preparation, presentation

CRD was convinced that after 18 years of wrangling, Salt Spring Island was not going to be able to settle its own affairs, and asked the Provincial Government to intervene. It is true that its passage worked to the advantage of those favouring the proposed sewer, and while they were pleased to see a possible end to this disruptive debate, I'm sure that no one, either, for or against the sewer, believes that it is particularly palatable.

Yet occasionally governments have to take similar actions and it is extremely naive to suggest that it will never be necessary. The NDP found it necessary when they formed the government in B.C.

The apparent preoccupation of the Sewer Alternates Committee with Bill 31 is being used as a smoke screen in this election, and I am sure everyone on Salt Spring Island will see through it. However, if the committee members wish to espouse a new cause, that is their obvious privilege, as long as they recognize that it has nothing to do with this election, nor pretend that civil rights is of concern only to them.

Had Bill 31 worked in their favour, one can be confident they would have said nothing further about it. So they have no cause to feel self-righteous.

Curtis challenged to prove allegations of health hazard

Sir,
What do Henry Ford and our MIA have in common? Henry Ford once told us we could buy any colour Ford we wanted as long as it was black. Hugh Curtis has an updated version for Salt Spring Island. He will let us have any kind of sewage disposal as long as it is the one he chooses; but unlike Ford, he is making us buy one!

The motives of Hugh Curtis stand in the whole Ganges sewer debacle is to say the least, puzzling. I do not wish to ascribe to him some cynical and sinister plot as yet uncovered. Yet one cannot deny that he has acted imprudently. Not once has Mr. Curtis, our own MIA sat down with both sides and tried to understand or mediate the dispute. Not once has he used his considerable influence to urge the CRD to seek a more equitable and creative solution.

Instead, he has garnered blinders and chosen the easy way out by using an imagined health hazard and discredited petition to rationalize what can only be described as egregious behaviour, coupled with the same patronizing attitude towards Islanders exhibited by the CRD.

I challenge Hugh Curtis to prove his allegations of a "serious health hazard" in Ganges. Where are his documented cases of cholera, typhoid, hepatitis and polio? Where are the studies showing contamination of ground water or food supply? He won't produce them because there aren't any.

The health hazard is potential for those who drink the harbour's salt water. No one denies that raw sewage should not be dumped into the harbour. We all want that to stop. But to spend \$4.1 million of public monies to construct a large sewer to stop three polluters is like

I feel completely confident that the overwhelming majority of people on Salt Spring Island want an end to this interminable bickering. Mrs. Valcourt has in the past two years occasionally referred to her preoccupation with the sewer issue as her mandate to do so.

With respect to Mrs. Valcourt, this is not correct. While those opposing the sewer may have helped her to be elected, they would not have constituted a majority of her supporters. So insofar as the sewer issue was concerned the majority of the island has, over the past two years, been in effect disenfranchised.

In this election, should Mrs. Valcourt be re-elected, it would be most unlikely only due to her support from the sewer opponents. But if she continued to pursue the opposition to the sewer, she would again be putting the interests of a small fraction of the Island ahead of the wishes of the majority.

Recognizing this, it seems reasonable that both candidates in this election for Regional Director should indicate their firm resolve to put an end to this internecine warfare, which has been unpleasant, disruptive, and extremely divisive.

C.H. BORSMAN, M.D.,
R.R.1 Ganges.
November 16, 1981.

things were all that serious the Minister could have used Section 26 of the Pollution Control Act to Order the problem cleaned up years ago!

Besides the alleged health hazard, Mr. Curtis, in a recent *Times-Colonist* editorial used a 1977 petition as another rationale for installing the sewer, claiming a 68% majority. He went on to state that the RCMP found no reason to "merit further investigation" of irregularities as charged by Islanders.

I should like to remind Mr. Curtis that the RCMP's mandate is to find those who violate the criminal code, not interpret the Municipal Act. When the Petition was scrutinized in light of the Municipal Act in the now defunct libel suit of CRD Executive Director, Dennis Young, against Salt Spring Director Yvette Valcourt, 68 miscounted votes were found, bringing the pro-sewer rate to below 50%. (66-2/3% needed for passage). It was also found that the petition form was improperly executed.

The question to all of us in this riding is what are we going to do with this uncompromising, uncreative, high-handed legislator? How do we deal with a finance minister who chooses to save pennies by cutting off old-age pensioners from their allotment gardens and then turns around and sponsors repressive laws in order to spend millions on an unwanted sewer while denying the people access to the courts or a vote?

My answer is that we are all too good for Mr. Curtis. He deserves a pink slip in the next election, or better yet, the boot from his own party.

DAVID SKINNER,
R.R. 1 Ganges.

Voting is a duty and a privilege

Sir,
Please consider this now. We are going to the polls to vote on November 21, Saturday.

There are many reasons for registering and voting, most of them known. Voting is a duty as well as a privilege. People who do not vote deserve the kind of government they get. The problem is that all of us get the kind of government the non-voters deserve.

It's up to the constant voters, the good citizens, to persuade the reluctant, of the importance of going to the polls. Only the votes that are cast are counted, it is true, but those who do not vote, cast doubts on the system that reflect on those who faithfully do their duty.

Expressing an opinion at the polls one way or another, is vital to keeping the democratic process alive.

BETTY DELMONICO,
Box 1353,
Ganges.
November, 1981.

She has done 'excellent job'

Sir,
For nearly two years now I have accompanied Mrs. Valcourt to many Regional Board and Committee meetings (at my own expense). I have attended as her alternate when necessary and I feel I am in a better position than most to assess her performance as our Regional Director.

I did not know the lady too well at the time she asked me to be her alternate although I agreed with many of her views as expressed in her platform. However, during my close association with her since becoming her alternate, my respect and esteem for her has grown tremendously. I can only say that Islanders will look a long time before they find another Director that is as dedicated to the job, conscientious in her responsibility to her people and as honest and open in her dealings as Mrs. Valcourt is.

She refuses to be a yes...yes director at the Board and wants to know the facts and figures of things before she votes. She has clearly demonstrated that she believes in the democratic system and equality for all and that she is willing to fight for this principle. Far too many of our rights have been taken away from us and while it doesn't make her job any easier when she tries to stop this, it is nice to know that we have someone in there trying.

I say Mrs. Valcourt has done an excellent job for us, in spite of harassment and attempts to discredit her. Many people would have quit if they had been subjected to the pressures she has, but this woman is made of sterner stuff. She deserves your full support, and we can't afford to lose a person of this calibre.

S. HUMES,
R.R.1 Ganges.
November 5, 1981.

Deliberate distortion of information

Sir,
For several years *Driftwood* has become increasingly so entrenched in its views about a number of community issues that it is clearly no longer capable of reporting events with any pretense at objectivity. Certainly Frank Richards, Tony Richards, Alice Richards and other staff have every right to their individual preferences on recreation or on sewerage disposal.

If they wish to extol the virtues of daily dumping 90,000 gallons of sewerage into the harbour they have the opportunity to editorialize on the merits of that plan if they wish.

However, going along with the editorial privilege is a public duty to inform. *Driftwood* has consistently relegated any different points of view to the letters to the editor or to expensive paid ads. A responsible approach to community problems such as this would have been to present a series of articles on various methods of land and sea disposal with the pros and cons honestly presented about all methods. That way the people of Salt Spring could make their own decisions about what they think is best for Salt Spring.

Instead of addressing the issues, *Driftwood* has persistently and stridently resorted to deliberate distortion of information and lately to tasteless toilet-joke character assassination. It is not necessary to ridicule your neighbours just because they genuinely fear pollution of the harbour!

Whether it is due to a lack of personal integrity or to a lack of professional competence, *Driftwood* promotes confusion and disharmony in its readership. It then blames a lack of community harmony on any member of this community that disagrees with *Driftwood* opinion.

What a destructive policy for the only newspaper on a small island.

DR. DIANE RICHARDSON,
R.R.1 Fulford.
November 14, 1981.

Excellent example of co-operation

Sir,
At a recent School Board meeting a letter was read from Elizabeth Bray on behalf of the Saturna Parents' Association. In the letter Mrs. Bray expressed support for the efforts of teachers at the Saturna School to have supervision aides used to handle lunch hour supervision duties in place of teachers, as is the current practice.

I would like to publicly thank Elizabeth Bray and the Saturna parents for their support of this issue. They have provided an excellent example of co-operation between teachers and parents. The leadership which has been shown will help a great deal to make a reality the vision teachers have of education as a co-operative teachers and community.

MIKE HAYES,
President,
Gulf Islands Teachers' Association
November 16, 1981.

More Letters to the Editor

He would represent all segments of population

Sir,
The Sewer Alternatives Committee spent a fairly large sum on a recent advertisement which, while featuring portions of a private letter used out of context and without the writer's knowledge, told island voters how to cast their ballots.

I would like to make only one reference to the Sewer situation. Elementary School children in Ganges were unable to use the school toilets recently because the disposal system was non-functioning, presumably because heavy rains had disrupted drainage.

While the SAC is "outraged" by what it views as a denial of rights under Bill 31, it seems quite indifferent to the denial of young children's rights to perform an essential bodily function.

With regard to the candidates for the CRD seat, Mrs. Valcourt has kept a high profile while in office, and at least we have all been aware of the identity of our Regional Director. She has certainly worked hard for one segment of the island population in recent months.

Mr. Richards on the other hand, is a quieter figure. His many years of volunteer service to the community have gone unnoticed by many, because donated work is rarely publicized.

As a reader of *Driftwood* for several of his years as publisher, I have noticed that if there were two

Substitute teachers left out

Sir,
I notice from your columns that the School Board and the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association are going through their annual manoeuvres to negotiate a contract. May I draw to the attention of both parties that one important group of people seem to be left out of this exercise.

In four years of substitute teaching I have never been consulted about the rate of pay offered substitute teachers. Earlier this year the rate, regardless of qualifications and experience, was \$52 for an approximately seven-hour day. This remuneration is either too little — or too much. If the job of educating 20-odd students, for a regular teacher, is considered to be worth \$100 to \$150 a day why should the more difficult task of going into a strange classroom and teaching the same number of unknown children be worth so much less?

If, on the other hand, a substitute teacher is regarded only as a baby-sitter why pay more than the going rate for the job?

In an emergency, such as teacher suddenly taken ill, I would rather donate my time as a public service than be paid a rate that demeans the value of a difficult and important job.

Perhaps it is time that substitute teachers formed an association to protect their interests rather than rely on the benevolent indifference of their full-time colleagues.

BASIL BENDER,
Galiano.

sides to any story his policy was always to give both equal coverage, regardless of his own views. It is this that indicates to me that if Mr. Richards were to become Regional Director we could be sure that he would endeavour to represent all segments of the island population.

I would never dream of telling anyone how to vote, but I hope no one will allow expensive advertising to influence their decision.

To those who can't be bothered to vote, or feel their one ballot can't make any difference, please remember your right of franchise was won for you by those who felt differently, and fought hard for that right. Use your ballot carefully and you can make things happen.

P. BARNES,
Ganges.
November 15, 1981.

Director has opposed efforts

Sir,
As a concerned citizen I am happy to note that Frank Richards, as a candidate for Director to the Capital Regional District, has spoken out clearly of his concern for the potable water supplies of this Island.

While the Islands Trust, supported by the Association of Water Districts of Salt Spring Island, are always trying to facilitate the protection of these supplies, our present Director has spoken out against and submitted written opposition to these efforts.

Therefore, I urge all thoughtful citizens to support Mr. Richards by exercising your vote in next Saturday's election.

L.J. KREISSL, JR. M.D.,
R.R.1 Ganges.
November 12, 1981.

He should wash his mind out with soap

Sir,
Bill Webster's scatological attack on members of our community, whatever their views, exemplifies the depths to which we can sink when our principles are unfettered by considerations of good taste.

As a School Trustee, I recommend that Mr. Webster not be allowed in the Elementary School until he has washed his mind out with soap.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R.1 Ganges.
November 13, 1981.

We remind readers that we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, legality and taste.

Letters to the editor must be signed, and should be addressed to The Editor, Gulf Islands Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges.



Three classes of expenses paid directors

Sir,
I must respond to the article in the November 11th issue of your paper which compares my expenses in 1980, when I held the office of Chairman of the CRD, and those of Director Valcourt.

The principle of expenses for regional directors embodied in the legislation and in the CRD remunerative bylaw is to recognize the different levels and kinds of responsibilities in different areas and to recognize that the actual cost of travel to attend meetings will vary among directors depending on the necessary frequency and on travel time and distance directors' homes might be from the place of the meetings.

There are three main classes of expenses which can be paid to directors of regional districts.

1. "Reimbursement in connection with attendance at board and committee meetings." This is provided for by legislation and simply is reimbursement for reasonable travel and living expenses.

2. "Reimbursement in connection with engaging in business of the regional district specifically authorized by the regional board." Authority for reimbursement here requires some specific act or decision of the board such as passage of a resolution or a bylaw.

3. "An allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of the duties of office." This is a lump sum payment paid to directors which varies for different electoral districts according to the different circumstances in the various areas. This amount must cover all expenses not covered by 1 or 2 above.

This bylaw does not provide such a lump sum payment for the expenses incidental to the office of chairman.

The expenses I claimed as chairman were principally the cost of maintaining a room in Victoria and an amount for living expenses. This was necessary because the job required at least three working days per week most of it in Victoria and because the travel time to go to Victoria from my home in the morning and return in the evening is 8 1/2 hours.

The authority came from the

Legislative provision for travel and living expenses, my election as chairman and the explicit duties that involved, and a budget bylaw providing for the necessary expenses.

The amount was \$12 per day for a room at the Empress Hotel on a monthly basis and \$24 per day for meals etc. Since both were fixed sums and a matter of record no receipts seemed necessary. There were no claims for telephone calls or mileage or ferry fares on these trips to Victoria.

During this same period Director Valcourt received about \$2,100 in tax-free expense allowance and because of the lower rate of pay for Outer Gulf Island Director, I received about \$1,900. As the record shows she claimed an appropriate amount for her travel and living expenses while away from home but as well a further unauthorized amount of about \$820 for telephone and office supplies. Since telephone and office supplies are not travel, and since there were no motions or bylaws or other authorizing actions, this should have come from her \$2,100 tax-free expense allowance.

He is too good for some

Sir,
Anyone who really knows Frank Richards will have been saddened to read Mrs. Hill's terrible attack on his character in last week's *Driftwood*, and however much they may shrink from putting their names to any public statement in Salt Spring these days, will want to spring to his defence.

I have known Frank as a friend and employer for many years and have seen him perform many unsung acts of kindness and courtesy and exhibit many times his naturally open and straightforward thinking. I feel honoured to have him as a friend and neighbour. I have seen him treat Mrs. Hill as a friend and neighbour also, both in his house and her own — in fact, I thought that is what we all were and I am sad to find out that she feels so differently.

It Frank's behaviour has really

In the first five or six months of 1981 additional charges for office expenses and telephone exceeded \$1,400 until they were stopped by a new treasurer. Director Valcourt both in 1980 and 1981 voted on a bylaw which provided her with a specific sum described in the bylaw as "an allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of (her) duties." The so-called "policy statement on directors' expenses" is nothing new or different. It is merely a concise statement of the effect of the legislation on the matter clear enough for anyone to understand.

Director Valcourt has come out of this rather well. The auditors and the regional board took a compassionate view and put it all down to a mistake born of ignorance and let her keep about \$1,400 of taxpayers' money which was claimed and paid to her without proper authority. In addition they helped to give her the political bonus of perceived martyrdom.

It will indeed be an important election.
J.M. CAMPBELL,
Saturna Island.
November 15, 1981.

been unethical, he could have gone further and suppressed all the untrue and sickening things that have been said about him. But in all these months of having to receive these unjust accusations and hysterical ravings over his own office counter and telephone, he has maintained his mannerly behaviour and to his great credit suppressed nothing.

He has an honourable nature, a clear mind and — amazingly, a sense of humour. The people of Salt Spring should be proud to have him as their Regional Director. In fact, for those so inebriated by the exuberance of their own verbosity that they have sunk to the level of the innuendo and the poison pen, he is too good.
GWEN ALBHOUSE,
R.R.3 Churchill Road,
Ganges.
November 14, 1981.

More Letters to the Editor

Prerequisites for director

Sir,
I intend to vote on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1981, and I am looking for the following prerequisites in my future Capital Regional Director.

- I want a Director who will:
 1. Stay with the Community Plan.
 2. Protect the water supply.
 3. Restore the quiet and peaceful harmony that once was here.
 4. Speak for any and all Salt Spring Islanders, i.e. to work for the majority (who are usually silent), but also listen to and help when possible the minority (who are not), without injuring the rights of the majority.
 5. Give me strong, sensible representation whenever needed.
 6. Ensure that the CRD sets up and maintains close and careful monitoring system for the two sewer systems.
 7. Improve and maintain good liaison between the CRD and the Island Trust.
 8. Treat people, at all times, as if they are honest and sincere in their motives.
- I have known both Yvette Valcourt and Frank Richards

since I came to the island 13 years ago. I have studied both — I have worked with both. I give Frank and his family a real clap on the back for the fairmindedness in printing those letters that have appeared over the years attacking him personally. This encourages me to believe that Frank will not hide anything from us whilst he is our next Capital Regional Director. My vote goes to Frank Richards on November 21.

If anyone in the Ganges area requires a ride to the polling booth please feel free to phone my number — 537-5388 — we will get you there and back.
A. SPENCER MARR,
Box 410,
Ganges.
November 14, 1981.

B.C. salmon cheaper in the east

Sir,
Your article on the price of booze in Florida was most interesting; but I just got back from a trip East, 100 miles south of Toronto and the difference in our food prices is what got me, especially canned B.C. salmon.

I brought two cans home with me for which I paid \$1.99, some were advertised at \$1.95 (Cloverleaf). The highest price I saw was \$2.53. Garlic powder 190 g. for \$2.89, the price here \$3.99 for 150 g. Cabbage 10¢ a lb. there.

It's beyond me why there's such a difference in our food prices. I stopped going shopping with my sister because it made me so upset and angry. Our salmon is shipped East and sold so much cheaper and the stores there still make a profit. How come???

IRENE HAWSKWORTH,
R.R.3, Ganges.
November 16, 1981.

P.S. Even their gasoline is cheaper.

Vulgar, ignorant column

Sir,
The contents of the vulgar and ignorant column regarding the Ganges sewer debate authored by Bill Webster indicates to me that *Driftwood* no longer is worthy of publication in the Gulf Islands.
ELIZABETH M. POOLE,
Ganges.
November 16, 1981.

Worthy of support

Sir,
Re: Capital Regional District:
I am not a personal friend of either Mrs. Valcourt or Mr. Richards, but I feel that Mrs. Valcourt is worthy of my support, for the manner in which she fought to have that "assinine" Transit levy removed from our Hydro bills.
A.J. DILLABOUGH,

'Return your strong voice to Victoria'

Sir,
The provincial government has shown you that local government exists to carry out the will of the Minister, not the will of the local people. You have one candidate for Regional Director who speaks in favour of local democracy.

The provincial government has shown you that the Ministers of the Executive Council at any time can act contrary to the laws of the province, and later have their members in the Legislature rubber stamp their acts retroactively. You have one candidate for Regional Director who speaks in favour of law and order.

The regional government has shown you that their elected officers may govern an electoral area of the region without regard for the opinion of the elected officer from that area. You have one candidate for Regional Director who speaks in favour of effective representation of area interests.

Your fellow islanders have argued for alternative uses of the water and waste resources of the community. You have one candidate for Regional Director who speaks in favour of free choice among the available options for water supply and waste disposal for the school, hospital, businesses and residences of the village.

Repudiate dictatorial, dangerous Bill 31. Return your strong, principled voice to Victoria. As a researcher who has experienced the vicious attacks of the sewer project's proponents, and as a citizen of British Columbia, I am acutely aware of the province-wide implications of the government's acts for the future of local democracy in resource management.

JOHN ALLAN DAVIES,
Resource Management Science
M.A. Program,

November 11, 1981.

Vote according to sewer undemocratic

Sir,
A few issues back I saw a large, display ad which stated that the people of Salt Spring Island have the choice to vote either for Mr. Frank Richards as Regional Director, and for the sewer; or to vote for Mrs. Yvette Valcourt as Regional Director, and against the sewer.

Is this democratic? To me they are two separate issues.
With regards to Richards vs Valcourt, I have known Yvette for some time, and know her to be a courageous, spunky and intelligent individual who has contributed much to Salt Spring Island. More recently I have come to know Frank Richards a bit and I perceive him to be a debonair, knowledgeable and responsible citizen.

Due to his vast experience as former editor of *Driftwood* he no doubt has many contacts and would be very influential in government. He has contributed much.

Yet I fear to vote him in as I know that each of us, consciously or subconsciously, has bias, and a small bias in a man of his influence in that position might be detrimental for the well being of a portion of the population of the island. I wouldn't want to be responsible for putting Frank into that position, for his own sake as well as for others' sake. I would vote for Yvette in order to safeguard against the solidification of a monopoly.

With regards to sewer vs sewer, it is evident that we need to construct some type of sewer treatment system, rather than to continue allowing the everyday flow of more untreated effluent into the harbour. The question is, which type of system would be best for the island as a whole? I have read documents about land and sea sewage disposal in Yugoslavia which show that in many cases marine disposal has proved to be more ecological than land disposal, as marine disposal

Load on hospital increasing

Sir,
Once again our hospital needs have grown and further enlargement is necessary. A proposal has been submitted for 75 additional beds, hopefully to be in use in the next two years.

As our population increases, so does the load on our small hospital. We need your support.

I am depending on the clear thinking, silent majority to help make this expansion possible.
November 21 cast your vote for Frank Richards.

ELLEN L. BENNETT,
Box 52,
Ganges.
November, 1981.

completes a food-chain cycle of returning to the sea what came out of it. I've also heard the statement that in our case, because Ganges is so far from a turbulent ocean area where the effluent would be diffused rapidly, sea disposal is not the way to go.

John D. Isaacs, 10-year director of the University of California Institute of Marine Resources, states that human refuse disposed in sea rapidly becomes food for organism in the ocean, and it is the chemicals from industries which are the pollutants. He also states that many sewer treatment systems go to great lengths to kill nutrients in sewage, which amounts to spending a lot of the taxpayers' money, to kill the organisms that feed the ocean, in order to appease public myths about ocean pollution by sewage.

The effluent from the Ganges area is of very high quality, as it is almost completely from human waste from restaurant, hotel and store kitchens and bathrooms, and contains few chemicals. Perhaps we don't need to treat the sewage as completely as proposed, and could use the saving in treatment plant construction somewhere else.

J.E. Dew-Jones P. Eng., manager of Resource Recovery Section, Waste Management Branch, Ministry of Environment of B.C., makes the following statements: "Waste generated by human beings is rapidly biodegradable when put into the sea,

and becomes nutrients for sea organisms. Admittedly, nutrients themselves can be damaging in special situations such as when discharged to lakes of certain nature.

However, nutrients in general are beneficial and are added to other lakes to foster fish. All the life forms in the sea take in nutrients and discharge waste. All fish eventually die and putrefy. It is believed that in coastal waters the addition of domestic sewage may be of significant benefit."

If we have to choose between the sewer and no sewer right now, I vote for the sewer. However, I would rather that we give ourselves the time to formulate precise plans and procedure for constructing an alternative system, then to compare the two systems, at the level of each of the factors.

We would also have to give the various factors priority value. For example: Is a \$20,000 saving in building cost equivalent to a 10% greater risk in breakage? Once the priorities were established, we would have to make a decision, and stick to it. Once a decision is made, we would all be wise to give it our full support.

But getting back to the large ad which states that we must vote for Richards if we want the sewer, and for Yvette if we don't want it: this does seem undemocratic.

KEN FLUET,
Box 1293,
Ganges.
November 15, 1981.

Thanks for telling how to save

Sir,
Thanks to Pat Tiernan, for telling us about the sewer savings! And for bringing to our attention the large savings that will be made by the hospital and Greenwoods when the sewer is operating!

His letter in *Driftwood* of November 11 says that "Lady Minto and Greenwoods will be charged for 94 household equivalents at \$307 annually per household equivalent."

That means \$28,858 per year for the two, does it not? Hooray, that will save the taxpayers a lot of money over the rate they are paying now!

I'll bet that he did not bother to find out the present cost before he wrote his letter.

The taxpayers paid out \$62,350 for sewage disposal for the last two

complete fiscal years for Lady Minto, and \$33,323.28 for the 15 months from the time Greenwoods opened until the end of the 1981 fiscal year.

Anyone with a pocket calculator can figure that this \$95,673.28 would only have been \$45,281.90, reducing the cost by more than half and saving the taxpayers \$50,391.10 if the sewers had been operating!

And that's using his figures of the amount the taxpayers would pay.

Over \$50,000 saved to the hospital and Greenwoods...who is trying to hoodwink who? The alternates, as usual.

FRED BROOKBANKS,
Castle Cross Road,
Ganges.
November 13, 1981.

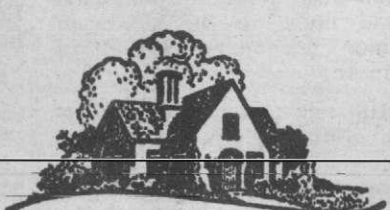
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Eight candidates in running at Salt Spring

For school board on Salt Spring



Strick Aust

Strick Aust became a member of the Gulf Islands School Board by acclamation two years ago and has served as chairman of that group for the past year.

The Salt Spring building contractor is involved in many aspects of youth sports on the island. He is coach and manager of two soccer teams.

He was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and came to Salt Spring Island via Victoria five years ago. Aust was, at one time, an officer in the Canadian Scottish Regiment.

His work in sports and other fields has impressed him with the quality of the young on Salt Spring, which he said was the main reason for becoming involved with the school board. He wants to be sure that quality persists.

Communications with the board staff, with the teachers and most importantly, he said, with the parents, is his aim with the school board.

Quality of education ranks high with Aust and he expresses concern about the price which must be paid.

"If we're going to spend a lot of money, and it looks like we are, let's make sure we have the best," he said.



Raymond Hill

Raymond Hill taught school children for 20 years in various locations in British Columbia before he decided to retire — to become a building contractor.

Hill came to Salt Spring 22 years ago and spent many years commuting from his Churchill Road home to the Cowichan Senior Secondary School in Duncan.

Hill said that local control of school affairs is important and that involvement in parent advisory committees would ensure that.

"I'll look to creating a better relationship between parents, teachers and school board," he said.



Jack Althouse

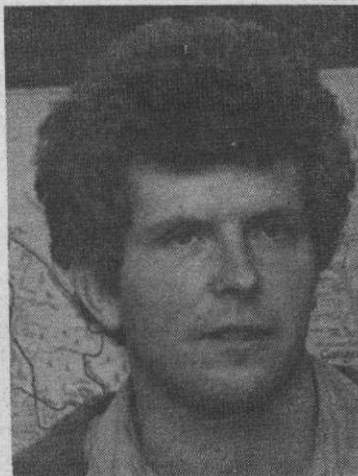
Jack Althouse has been a volunteer in various aspects of Salt Spring activities. He has served for seven years as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as helping with the Girl Guides.

He has lived on Salt Spring for 11 years and is proprietor of a beauty and barber supply company in Vancouver.

He and wife Gwendoline have three children ranging in age from 12 to 17 years.

"I've served the community for 10 years and I think it's time to offer my services to represent taxpayers on the school board," he said.

He doesn't want changes for the sake of changes, he said, but will see what is good or bad about the situation and seek to ensure that the schools of the district offer something for all levels of youth.



Charles Hingston

Charles Hingston has come a long way from his birthplace in Germany where his father had been stationed with the British Army.

Hingston has lived in Canada for 10 years and in Fulford for the past year and a half. He works as a seaman for the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

When the oldest of his three children became of age to attend kindergarten, Hingston became involved with the school system. He was one of the organizers of the Fulford Parents Advisory Committee in anticipation of the new school to be built at the south end.

"The trustees may not have the power to set education programs," he said, "but they certainly are in a position to affect what is taught."

Hingston said that programs can be affected by the way in which money is spent.



Arthur Botham

Arthur Botham has owned property on Salt Spring Island for several years but only since his recent retirement was he able to move here full-time.

Botham, who had been an executive with Crown-Zellerbach, lived for 24 years in Maple Ridge where he served on several civic bodies.

He was a trustee with the Maple Ridge hospital board as well as a six-year member of the Advisory Planning Commission of that Fraser Valley community.

School board affairs are also part of Botham's experience in politics. He served on the Maple Ridge school board as trustee as well as chairman.

He is an RCAF veteran of World War II.

Botham said his experience in Maple Ridge will be helpful if he is elected here. What is required, he said, is good common sense "from the business side to the human side and that's what education is all about in my opinion."

But, he cautioned, "there are no one-word answers for education."



Lindsay Kyle

Lindsay Kyle, a Vancouver native, has been on Salt Spring since 1964 and has spent many years plying the Gulf Islands waters with the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

He is chief steward at Long Harbour.

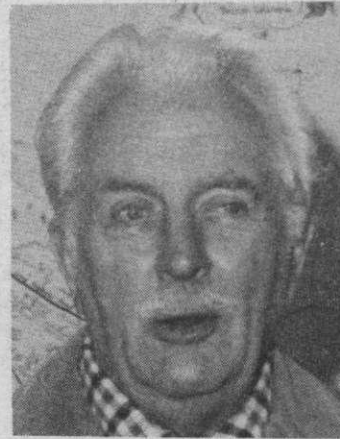
Kyle and his wife have seen three sons through the Gulf Islands school system and their daughter is currently in high school.

While he has had many years of interest in community affairs on Salt Spring, this is his first attempt at office. Time, he said, has prevented involvement.

"I don't think you should take on any obligation unless you have the time to devote to it," he said.

As a member of the school board he would seek better communications with staff, the board and the public.

For regional board on Salt Spring



Frank Richards

Frank Richards has spent 30 years as a journalist observing the actions of politicians.

With the *Sidney Review* as reporter and later editor and with *Gulf Islands Driftwood* as reporter, editor and publisher, he has written about many local events.

"Two years ago I started to retire," he said. "Now I just write."

Richards has a wife and three children and has been on Salt Spring since 1966. Although born in England, he came to British Columbia after World War II. He had served with the RAF at Pat Bay on Vancouver Island.

As the Salt Spring director to the Capital Regional District, Richards said he would work towards a closer relationship with the Islands Trust.

"I want to be able to speak for every Salt Spring Islander," he said, "and I don't care what his views or prejudices might be."



Yvette Valcourt

Yvette Valcourt has been active in Salt Spring community affairs for a number of years and for the past two years has been Salt Spring director on the Capital Regional Board.

She ran against Mike Clement in the 1978 by-election for the post and lost but was successful a year later in the regular vote.

Born in the Peace River town of Mahler, Alberta, Valcourt came to Salt Spring Island with her husband and family in 1966.

She has worked with him in his business both here and in Langford while raising 10 children. The family has expanded with the addition of 10 grandchildren.


"My heart lies with my family," she said, "as mother, grandmother and housewife."

Not one to be shy with her views, Valcourt said she firmly believes in open government.

"I see my job as to represent the people of Salt Spring to the CRD," she said, "and not the CRD to them."

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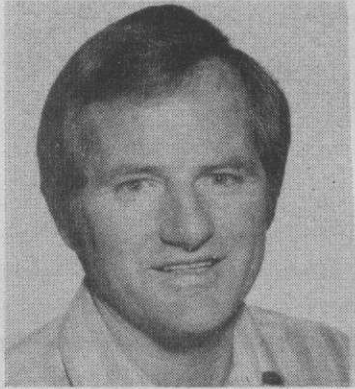
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John Gaines

John Gaines came, as a youngster, to Saturna Island in 1944. He was born in Los Angeles.

He is married and the family numbers four.

A building contractor, a helicopter pilot and general trustee for Saturna on the Islands Trust are all part of his life.

Gaines said he would bring his experience on the Islands Trust to the job of director for the Outer Islands at the Capital Regional District.

That experience will allow him to deal effectively with other directors and the staff, he said.

"For an area director to be effective," he said, "he must be able to deal with people."

He said his approach would be slightly different by being quiet, pleasant and aimed at making the best effort to continue the comfortable living on the islands.

The way to that, he said, is to keep the islands as they are.



Vern Roddick

Vernon Roddick lives on South Pender Island and has served in many capacities in Gulf Islands affairs.

He has, at various times, been alternate director at the Capital Regional District, president of the Pender Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Islands Trust board of variance and member of the board of directors for Lady Minto Hospital.

Roddick describes his platform as being a simple one: he asks for the chance to take forward for consideration those matters which adversely affect island life.

The problems of past representation at the CRD are of concern to Roddick.

"Our representation on the Capital Regional Board has not always been in our best interests," he said, pointing out the transit levy fiasco as an example.



Elizabeth Bray

Elizabeth Bray has lived on Saturna Island for the past two years with her husband and school-age son.

She was born in Scotland but Canada is now her home. She has lived in Quebec as well as various places in British Columbia.

Her background includes jobs in the performing arts and social work. She is currently president of the Saturna Parents Advisory Committee.

As a change of pace, Bray teaches dance and physical exercise to both children and adults.

As president of the Saturna Parents Advisory Committee she has seen the problems facing the schools, she said and wants to be part of solving them.

"I want to represent Saturna's interests on the school board with a new look at the problems facing our education system," she said.

For school board on Saturna

Tom Davidson has seen many changes in his 21 years on Saturna, both in island life and his occupation.

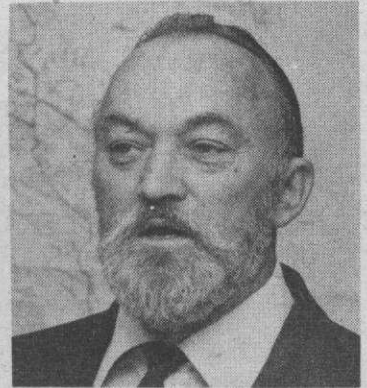
He hails from Calgary and spent many years in the electronics industry as technician for BCTV. His job on the island was to maintain the relay tower for the television signal.

Davidson is now retired and has seen all five of his children pass through the school system.

Davidson has been with the Gulf Islands School Board for 12 years and during that time, he said, his most satisfying achievement has been the creation of the junior secondary classes on both Mayne and Pender Islands.

"I've seen children utilize those extra years of school near home and become more successful in high school on Salt Spring than before," he said.

He has also worked to bring Camosun College to the Gulf Islands which he said helps students plan the finishing touches to their education.



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Christa Weiss

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Christa Weiss, a Galiano native since 1972, appreciates the diversity of backgrounds and opinions of her fellow islanders.

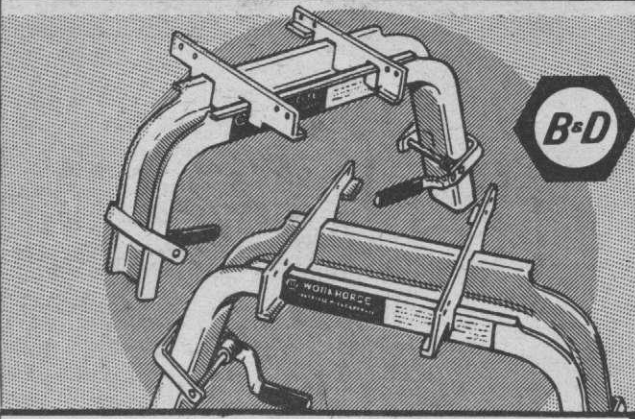
She mixes the business of a partnership as a print maker as well as part-time studies at the University of Victoria with an interest in Galiano community affairs.

Weiss expresses a belief in orderly growth on Galiano and said that growth should follow the guidelines as set by the community plan.

As a property owner, Weiss understands how the future can be affected by the choices made today.

While she has her own opinion of Galiano's future, she said that for planning, the opinion of the majority is most important.

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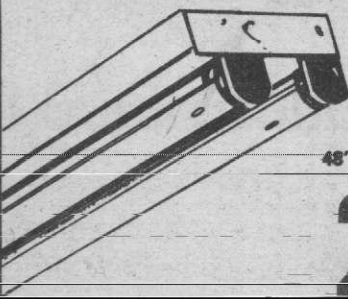


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Death of George Storrie at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON
George Storrie of Pender Island passed away on Saturday in Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, after a short illness. He was well known

on Pender Island and through his association with the Power Squadron he had many friends on Salt Spring Island.

Born in England, Storrie came

with his parents and brother to spend his early years on the west coast of the Queen Charlottes at the Rose Harbour whaling station. His working years were spent in Victoria.

After retiring to Pender Island, with the help of others on Pender and the Salt Spring Power Squadron, the Pender Islands Power Squadron came into being. Previously he had been assistant training officer in the Victoria squadron and district secretary for Lower Vancouver Island.

On Pender Island he was active in the work of the Community Church, the Lions Club and the Pender Islands Choral Society.

He was 63 years of age and his enthusiasm and energy and sense of humour will be sorely missed by those who live on Pender Island.

Memorial services will be held at the United Community Church on Saturday at 2 pm. His ashes will be scattered in the sea by his friends in the Power Squadron.

Development permits major mistake, says Bob Wright

Introduction of the development permit system was the first big mistake of the government, Bob Wright told his Capital Regional Board colleagues last week.

The board was considering an application for subdivision in a development permit area of Sooke.

The government threw out the land use contract and introduced the development permit, recalled Wright. The jurisdiction can ask

for such a permit and so can the developer.

"The chief planner says he has a legal opinion supporting the control of subdivision by development permit," he continued. "As chairman of the planning committee of the city of Victoria, I have a legal opinion just opposite."

It is a bad piece of legislation and he would like to see it changed under the new planning act, concluded the director.

Bursary

A scroll and a cheque for \$300 were presented to Carol Bradley by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion at Pender Island at their November meeting on Friday.

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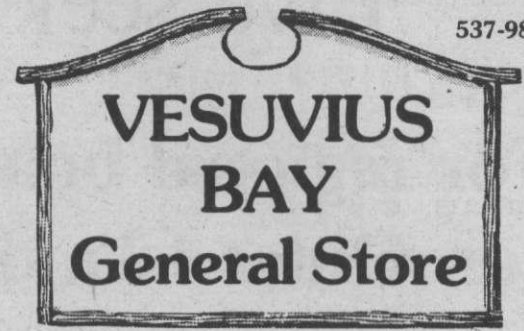
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The Trust Committee invites interested parties to attend the Information Meeting and participate in the discussions on this proposed By-law. The Saturna Island Trust Committee and Trust planning staff will be in attendance. Copies of the By-law will be available at this Meeting.

The By-law will be on display at the Post office, Saturna Island, and at the Islands Trust Office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. during normal working hours. Copies may also be obtained from your Local Trustees on Saturna - Mr. John Gaines and Mr. Jim Money.

This Information Meeting is not to be confused with an official Public Hearing which will be held in the near future.

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Ferron returns

Absorbing show forecast for Saturday

Contributed
BY MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

This weekend marks the third in the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society's series of Western Canadian singer-songwriters. Exciting and successful shows were presented in September by Connie Kaldor and in October by Bim.

This Saturday at 8 pm Ferron will take the stage at Mahon Hall. The reputation she earned here on Salt Spring from last year's show should go a long way toward filling the seats.

For five years Ferron has been getting rave reviews in and around the Vancouver area. Last year, with the release of her third album, *Testimony*, the applause spread east. She is rapidly becoming a national star.

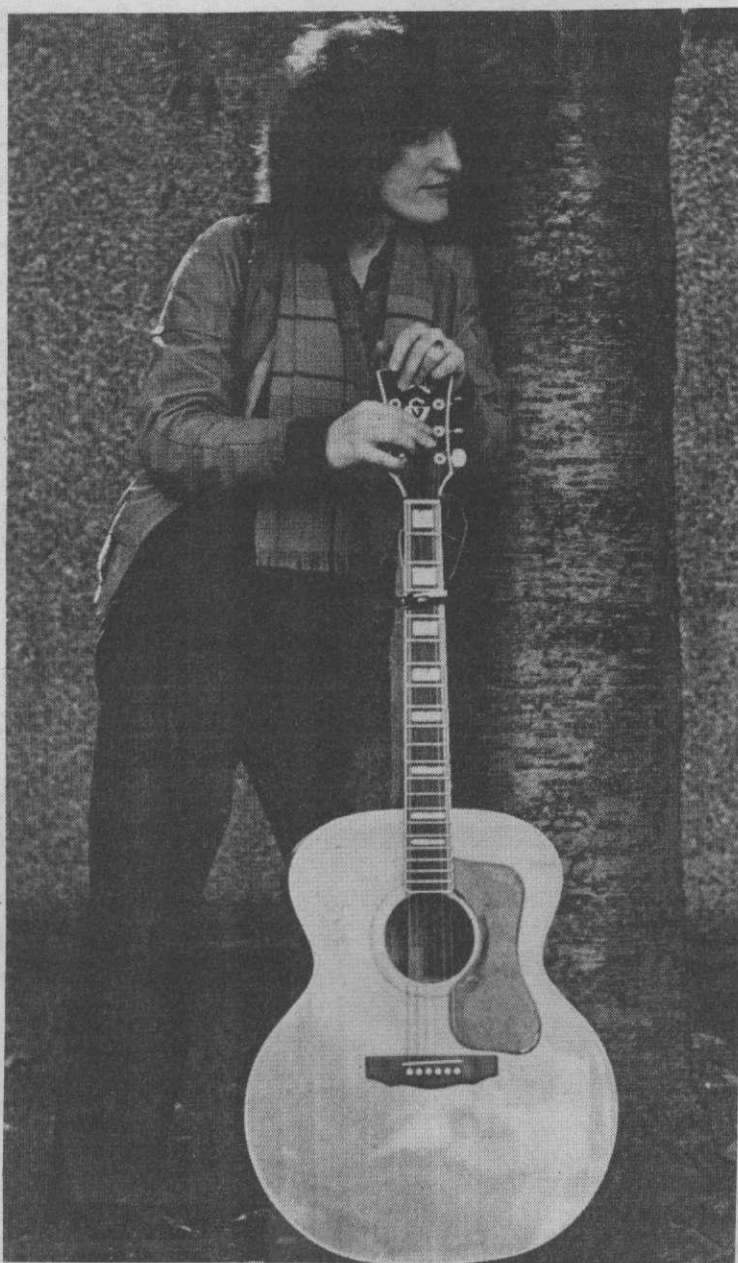
Her strength lies in two areas. First and foremost is her songwriting. She is a strong poet with love songs that speak to the heart and social observations related in powerful, clear imagery.

Her second strength is the expressiveness of her somewhat husky voice. She finds just the right tones and inflections to lend her songs that added punch. In this way she is reminiscent of early Dylan.

Whether accompanied by a band or alone with her guitar (as she will be Saturday) she presents an absorbing show. She has an easy stage presence and a quick wit.

Tickets for Saturday's show are \$5 (\$4.50 for I-PACS members) and can be purchased at either et cetera or Annie's. Anyone who saw her last year here or at various clubs and folk festivals across Canada will probably go again.

My message is, to those who haven't seen her yet, don't miss this fast rising performer. You will laugh and you will probably cry.



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Successful craft fair was staged at Mahon Hall last weekend when the Salt Spring Potters, Weavers and Painters Guilds held a joint

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Leader, left and potter Muriel Hale examining sale items.



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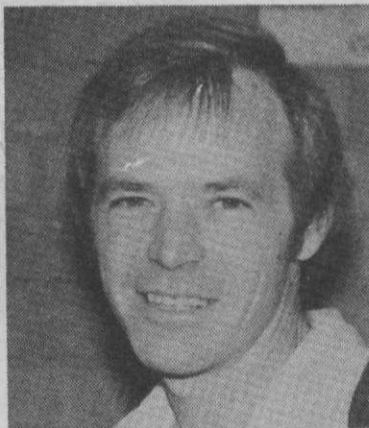
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Over the past year, the board has taken many positive steps in this direction, but the job is not over yet; there is still much to be done. If you believe, as I do, that public boards must be more open and accessible, more willing to receive and consider broader public input, I ask that you support my re-election as school trustee on November 21.

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Islanders see Estonia in 'outstanding' slide show

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Heino Loo and his wife Dr. Laine Loo were instrumental in providing the Pender Islands Farmers' Institute with a truly outstanding audio and visual experience on November 10. The show was held at the Legion and about 80 members and friends were present.

Ron McLardy introduced the guest speakers, assuring the audience that they would see something very extraordinary in this slide show.

Dr. Laine Loo explained that this particular show had been prepared for the Estonian Cultural organization. The Loos have been invited to show the slides all over the continent but so far, due to other commitments, have only done so in Toronto.

They came to Canada in 1951 after living in Sweden for 10 years and have returned many times to Sweden for visits. Some of the slides from earlier days in Estonia are 40 years old.

The Loos have never returned to Estonia, because outsiders can only visit the capital city and are not allowed into the countryside, which was their home.

The flowers, shrubs and trees in the Swedish countryside are very

similar to Estonia, so most of the slides were taken in Sweden and some in Canada, even the Gulf Islands, where we too have similar flowers and trees.

The slides were displayed on three screens with background Estonian music and the whole show lasted 48 minutes.

As Estonia was basically an agricultural community the slides showed how the flowers and trees had become an art form integrated into the designs on clothes, crocheted shawls, knitted mittens and gloves. This was cleverly done by showing the article on the middle slide and the tree or flower on the two outside screens.

To begin the performance the audience was shown the Estonian countryside, very beautiful in early summer.

Birch trees have a place of honour in Estonian culture and the birch leaf pattern is repeated many times in embroidery. Dr. Loo wore a crocheted white shawl using the birch leaf pattern. There were many examples of berries and plants repeated in wall hangings and pottery.

"Flowers and plants were all used pharmaceutically in those days", said Dr. Loo. It was before the days of chemical medicine.

They were also used to dye their yarns and materials.

Heino Loo has taken 22,000 slides in a lifetime. The couple have travelled all over the world and have slides of their travels. They now make their home on Pender Island.

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Handicapped islanders get help



Contributed BY BRYAN SMITH
At long last it can be told. Readers may, or may not, remember an article published on April 22, wherein it stated that the Gulf Islands Handicapped Society was being formed. It went on to describe all the main facts as to the aims and objectives and the necessity for "seed" money from the provincial government to give the society a flying start. Therefore, application was made for such a grant, effective July 1, 1981. I am pleased to announce on behalf of the GIHS that we have received one-third of our proposed budget and another will follow in April, 1982, depending on our efforts and progress.

There is only just over a month left in the Year of the Handicapped to end but it must be stressed that it will not end on December 31, 1981. The IYDP Committee in Vancouver will be carrying on until April, 1982 but the GIHS are committed until at least June 30, 1982 and, we hope into perpetuity with the help of donations and other aid. It is extremely gratifying to justify our doctors' approval; the hospital; the Service Clubs; Meals on Wheels; Homemaker Services and I remind them all to let us know of anyone in need of our services. This offer applies to all citizens of the Gulf Islands. As to membership fees, our Board of Directors have decreed

that \$1 per year be charged to all handicapped and disabled applicants; the over 65's; and all on UIC or Social Assistance. All other citizens to be at the rate of \$5 per year. All members will therefore have a casting vote at the annual general meeting tentatively set for March, 1982 and it is hoped that a newsletter be sent to all members and published bi-monthly. It is also hoped that the editor of the *Driftwood*, space permitting, will publish from time to time articles submitted giving a layman's guidance to the various disabilities that beset us and how we propose to deal with them. Enquiries may be addressed to the writer, at 537-9362 or 537-5211.

Annual Craft Faire at Ganges next week

More than 50 local craftsmen will display their wares at Ganges next week when the Community Society stages its annual Christmas Craft Faire. The Faire begins with the traditional party Friday evening, Nov. 27, from 8-10:30. Refreshments will be served at a charge of \$3.50. Due to the limited parking space near the Community Centre on Ganges Hill, a complimentary taxi service will operate from the K&R parking lot between 7 and 10:30 pm. The blue van operated by the Achievement Centre will also be available from 8-10 pm. Although it may cause a

hardship for some, said a Community Centre spokesman this week, no children are permitted at the Faire on the Friday. On Saturday the Faire will run from 10 am to 4 pm with the shuttle service operating from the Mahon Hall parking area. Parking near the Community Centre will be available outside the RCMP office and the Rental Centre. Drivers are being asked not to park on the side of Fulford-Ganges Road. Admission is free all day Saturday and babysitting will be provided for \$1.25 per hour. Refreshments will be available at the Women's Place downstairs.

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Golfers accept rewards of skill at dinner

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This picture shows the winners who were present. A number were unable to attend to collect their trophies.

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Budget will add to ills—Manly

Instead of helping to solve Canada's economic problems, the budget brought down by Finance Minister Allan McEachan has added to them, said Jim Manly last week.

The MP for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands said the government has chosen to allow continuation of "ruinously high" interest rates and has dismissed appeals to act on behalf of the country's unemployed.

The housing scheme which will provide interest-free loans of up to \$75,000 for 15,000 new units will "not begin to meet the shortfall", Manly said.

He added that it's been estimated that 45,000 to 65,000 new units are needed.

The MP recalled that in the 1980 budget \$4 billion was promised for a Western Development Fund. None of that money has been spent, he said, and now it's been cut in half.

He also charged that election promises for Canadianization and a national industrial strategy had been put aside under pressures from the United States.

"It lays to rest the promise to tighten up the Foreign Investment Review Agency."

Georgesons celebrate their 25th anniversary

BY MARY HARDING

One of the most popular couples on Galiano Island had a 25th wedding anniversary recently, an excellent reason to hold a nice party at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse on November 14.

George and Rosemary Georgeson were the guests at the dinner party given for them by their children, Gordon, John and Stuart Georgeson, and Rosemary and Doug Banbury.

Pat Weaver was the master of ceremonies.

He noted that it was Rosemary's birthday recently and among the

gathering were four of Georgie's school chums.

Special guests were Georgie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Georgeson Sr., of Sidney, Uncle Archie Georgeson of Galiano, Rosemary's sister Dora from North Vancouver, niece and nephew Bob and Pat Salanski of Sandspit.

Other Galiano cousins and close friends attended, along with those from Ganges, Campbell River, Sandspit and Vancouver.

Noise bylaw excludes islands

Noise bylaw introduced at last week's meeting of the Capital Regional Board covers only the western community on Vancouver Island and excludes the islands.

The reception given the bylaw was not enthusiastic.

Director for Salt Spring Island, Yvette Valcourt, explained that she had been led to understand that the letters patent dealing with noise abatement had included the island.

She told the board that she had not received a copy of the amended letters patent.

"How do you identify a shout?" asked Bob Wright.

He was not against the bylaw, he added. He was opposed to the reams of paper which may not stand up in court.

"It is probably unenforceable," he explained.

It depends on a subjective analysis, agreed chairman Norma Sealey.

It is the grey area of Never-Never Land, asserted Wright.

The bylaw will cover instances of objectionable noise in Colwood, Langford and View Royal.

Bishop to visit

Contributed

The November meeting of the Catholic Women's League on Salt Spring Island was held in the parish hall on November 10, commencing with mass at 1:30 pm.

At this meeting the members were pleased with the new set of dishes that they obtained.

There was further discussion regarding the TV spot on pro-life.

Plans were made for a day of recollection on December 3 from 10 am - 2 pm. Sister LaLonde will speak to the members and ladies of the parish. The theme will be "Living in God's presence."

Plans were also made for a pot-luck supper to be held on Friday at 5:30 pm. Bishop Remi DeRoo will be visiting the parish on that day. This will give him an opportunity to meet with the parishioners.

Following the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed. Members were served tea by Mrs. W. Harris and Val Gyves.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 pm December 9.

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Watercolours by Shari Street



Galiano painter Shari Street

BY KATHLYN BENDER
Gulf Islanders should seize the opportunity before November 22 to view the latest exhibition by Galiano water-colourist, Shari Street, at Kenton House Gallery on Salt Spring Island.

Shari, who came to live on Galiano 10 years ago, was noted at that time for her standing as a photographer. While building her own home Shari gained skill and artistry in working with wood and this is now demonstrated in several Galiano homes including her own, where she is presently building a bay window incorporating five different kinds of wood.

Four years ago while visiting the Tate Gallery in London, England, Shari was introduced to an art form which appealed to her for its practicality and suitability for her lifestyle.

In the Tate she was offered the use of a small brass box which held

a water container, a sawn-off brush and 16 water colours by a fellow painter. Ever since then Shari has been able to carry her own self-designed box of water colours and paint whenever she wanted; on ferries, at concerts or on location in desert or mountain country.

Her latest exhibition shows how she draws inspiration from classical or modern music, from landscapes, from her companions — all these interpreted in subtle shades of subdued colour — a powerful message transmitted in a gentle but compelling way.

Honesty alive and well

Honesty is alive and well on Salt Spring Island.

Elsie Drummond of Fulford found a wad of money in Ganges on November 16. She took it to the police because it wasn't hers.

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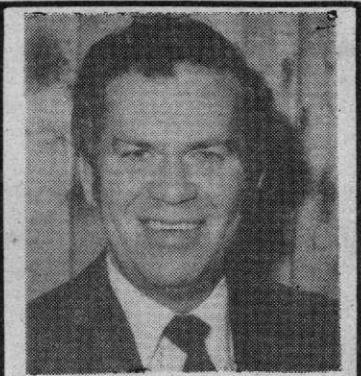
Candidate will resign if elected

A candidate for the Galiano Island Trust Committee has announced that he will resign immediately should he be elected.

Discovery of a section in the Islands Trust Act has prompted candidate Allan Buttery to decide that he doesn't want the trustee's job. A provision of Section 14 prohibits an elected member of the Trust from purchasing land in the Trust area for a two-year period after completing his term of office.

Buttery said he found the prohibition too restrictive, but he found it after it was too late to remove his name from the ballot.

The only other candidate for the position is Christa Weiss.



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What the CRD thinks of Salt Spring:

Dennis Young
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CRD

"I believe it would be unwise to co-operate with the Salt Spring Planning Association in its proposed public meetings on solutions to the Ganges sewer problem. To do so would . . . unnecessarily raise the expectations of various groups with regard to variations in what **WE** are presently proposing."

Bob Wright
DIRECTOR, CRD

"Without debating the merits of who's right, who's wrong, who wants it, who doesn't, **WE'VE** got to get on with the job." [of pushing their own sewer system proposal into Ganges Harbour.]

What the candidates think of the CRD:

Frank Richards
DRIFTWOOD

"I want to see a quiet pattern of harmony between the islanders and the Regional District."

Yvette Valcourt
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I believe in "the absolute necessity to press the views of the island majority to the CRD, and make them aware that as an island, we are in a unique situation and our problems are not the same as those of cities or large urban areas."

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GALIANO NEWS

Peace and human creativity are celebrated

BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

The Last Post — that poignant bugle-call with the sad musical third at the conclusion — must have evoked memories in the minds of many of those present at the Remembrance Day service at Galiano. It was arranged by the Canadian Legion and held in the clubhouse of the Galiano Golf and Country Club on the morning of November 11.

Then the silence — those who served remembering friends who returned not; women remembering family and loved ones as they were 40, 65 years ago, young as they were then, having "not grown old in memory as those of us who are left have grown old."

Reveille, the awakening, the hope of better things. Mrs. Eva Smith, who conducted the service, spoke of MacCrae's line: "Take up our quarrel with the foe," asking who is the foe and what is the quarrel?

Nobody was present to glorify war or sacrifice and all yearned for peace, so there should be a way for mankind to avoid the final catastrophe, but the foe is us — Canadians, Americans as well as Russians, and all the people of the world whose will for peace is weaker than their fear and selfishness.

Art Wood spoke the traditional lines, "They shall not grow old... We will remember them, we will remember them," on behalf of the Legion. Billy Ripley read the lessons and all joined in the singing of the anthems and hymn.

Celebration

It also seemed appropriate on Remembrance Day to celebrate peace and human creative potential. For this purpose Marie Hardy and Dorothy Livesay arranged a three-part program which took place in a packed Page Drive Lounge at two o'clock on the same afternoon.

Galiano guitarist Brad Prevedoros, with friends Greg Joy and David Harris from Victoria, began the program with a musical offering. With David playing violin and the versatile Greg on flute, mandolin or guitar they played a Greek folk song, *Lafkadidos*, a syncopated "Gypsy Melody", then improvised on the theme *Conference of the Birds* and concluded with a Breton folk song, *Julia Delaney*, which had more than a nominal affinity with the Irish.

Dorothy Livesay's latest book, *Raw Edges*, was reviewed in *Driftwood* September 23. Dorothy explained how she came to write the poem and the relevance of the title to the subject matter of the verse. A group of local actors, led by Dorothy as the Sibyl, then read the verse-play.

To most of us the sand-dollar is a beach-combing treasure of mild interest. To Dr. Tony Kingscote it became a hobby, an enthusiasm and a great deal of unfunded but fascinating scientific research.

Dr. Kingscote is a professor emeritus of Guelph University who has recently taken up residence at Page Drive. He has impressed all who have met him with his wide range of interests and experiences, also his charm and kindness.

Steve Nemtin followed with a recital of his own poems which he accompanied by playing the dulcimer. The trio of musicians then returned to improvise variations on themes in a jam session.

It is hoped that a series of similar "humanist" programs will be arranged for the winter months.

The Maclures

News has been received that Dr. Hugh Maclure and his wife, Muriel, will be on the way to Africa on the 23rd of this month. This will be a four-month working trip to Kamakwie in Sierra Leone where Dr. Maclure will be one of two doctors in a hospital serving a town of 7,000 people and an area of 7,000 square miles.

In this area of West Africa where the temperature reaches 35° C in the shade and the humidity is 97%, the air-conditioned operating room is the most comfortable place to be — unless you happen to be a patient.

The Maclures note that, "There seems to be a trend for more and more people with special training to devote time to developing countries, and this seems to us to be a welcome change from the 'Give Me More' climate in which we poor half-starved and underprivileged Canadians are living."

It was the impossibility of combining a regular practice on Galiano with this kind of humanitarian project that forced Dr. Maclure into leaving the island where his 24 hours a day, seven days a week availability is sorely missed.

Craft Fairs

Gale-force winds and high seas brought havoc to the Gulf Islands last Saturday morning.

However, the rain and wind did not prevent islanders from visiting the Spinners and Weavers Pre-Christmas Sale where many attractive craft items were displayed as well as an appealing tea-buffet.

During the afternoon gleams of sunlight appeared to act as a beacon to point the way to the North Community hall, where a wide variety of crafts catered to shoppers who packed the old building for the second Annual Craft Fair.

Theatre Workshop

Galiano numbers among its inhabitants many talented people.

David Peterson of Whaler Bay Road is willing to share his extensive knowledge of theatre-techniques at a workshop to be held in the South Community Hall on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 5.

from 2:30 to 5:30 pm and on Sunday evening, Dec. 6, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm.

David, who has had six years' experience in teaching workshops to children, teenagers and adults, has drawn up a comprehensive syllabus. His class will first study body movement and development of voice, and then through exercises attempt to attain spontaneity, peripheral vision and concentration on stage.

During the final session small scenes will be directed, rehearsed and performed by students. The function of criticism will be discussed.

David, who was Duncan in last year's Vancouver Playhouse production of *Macbeth* and spent five years with Tamahnous Theatre Company, is presently concentrating on radio, film and television work in order to spend more time with his wife and young daughter, so we are fortunate that he is willing to share some of his invaluable experience with us.

Please phone 2245 or 5702 for registration and further details of the workshop.

Information Wanted

Last Tuesday evening, Nov. 10, at 7:15 pm the driver of a truck crashed his vehicle into a guard rail outside Page Drive Lounge demolishing about 20 feet and denting a battery of mail boxes.

If the driver of the truck wishes to collect part of his headlight rim and arrange for restitution he can contact the writer at 5702. Anyone having any information about this incident is also asked to phone the same number.

Bridge

The Monday evening progressive bridge at the Golf Club turned into a Ladies' Night. Despite the presence of several competent men players, the ladies walked off with all four prizes awarded.

Lottie Frewer, who has spent much time convening the event, was a popular winner. She was followed in order by Sally Riddell, Ragna Frederickson and Margaret Robson.

Duplicate winners on Friday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Von Hausmann followed by the partnership of Bee Thompson and Bill Paterson.

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of film making are invited to attend a showing and talk-back led by Arla Saare of Galiano, herself a writer. *The Woman I Am*, will be featured at Page Drive Lounge, this Friday at 7:30 pm. The film concerns the life and work of poet Dorothy Livesay and is due to be shown on *Spectrum*, the CBC TV program, in March. After the showing the audience is invited to take part in critically reviewing the film.

This Saturday the Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Fire Department will hold their monthly Book Sale from 2 until 4 pm in the Fire Hall. The ladies would be grateful for donations of books, particularly paperbacks and those suitable for children.

The Thrift Shop is now ready for winter with new porches over its doors and a lidded bin to protect donations left outside. The stock is continuously being renewed, thanks to the generosity of island donors.

On Friday, Nov. 27 the Galiano Island Players will repeat their performance of W.B. Yeats' play *The Only Jealousy of Emer* at the South Community Hall at 8 pm. Tickets are available from Heather Martin or Christa Weiss.

On Saturday, Nov. 28 the

Galiano Ladies Service Club will hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar in the South Community Hall from 1 until 4 pm. There will be a special Christmas home baking feature as well as a raffle for a turkey, hampers and a beautifully dressed doll.

Also on Saturday and on Sunday, three Galiano artists, painter Keith Holmes, sculptor Ian Hooley and ceramist Marie-Claire Von Hausmann will hold an exhibition and sale at the Earthen Things Gallery next to Sturdies Bay wharf.

Please hurry to fill in the Activity Centre Society's questionnaire and return them to Mrs. C. Dodwell, Cain Road, so that preferences can be tabulated. Spare copies of the questionnaire are available at the Post Office.

There will be a public information meeting in the South Community Hall at 7:30 pm on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 5 to acquaint people with some recent developments with regard to the proposed activity centre.

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Thoughts on freedom arise after Amnesty International meet

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
 I have recently attended two meetings concerned with setting up a local group of Amnesty International, and I am fascinated by the way this admirable organization keeps control of its 200,000 members in 111 countries. In 20 years it has built up a reputation for credibility that must leave politicians gasping with envy. It is non-political, by which is meant non-party-political, of course. Any organization which relies on individuals writing carefully worded letters to carefully selected people, with the object of effecting change, is applying political pressure in the best possible sense.

As our most recent meeting drew to a close, I, with the latest allegations about the Toronto police force in mind, remarked that Canada glorious and free was something of an overstatement.

I was reminded that we are much freer than many other countries, and of course there is no disputing that. But the more I pondered freedom, the more I realized that, as with other terms like "law and order", "standard of living", "right to work" and "moral majority", the meaning of these phrases depends on who is saying them.

CAN BE FREE ANYWHERE
 If you are rich and powerful enough, you can be free anywhere — even in Soviet Russia. If you are middle-class and establishment-oriented enough, you can be fairly free in most places. But the true freedom of a country must be measured by the kind of harassment to which the fringes of society and the underprivileged are subjected. We are free to worship, meet, read, discuss, write to the editor.

But what about our native people? How free are they? How free are the disadvantaged in our society? How free are the East Indians in the lower mainland? How free were the Japanese-Canadians during the last war? How free are the farm-workers? How free are the abused children? How free are women to walk the streets and lanes of our cities and rural areas? How free are the unemployed? The sick? The elderly?

Victoria city council felt free to protest to Grace McCarthy this week. Good for them! Grace McCarthy, of course, is free to reject this and all the other protests.

PUZZLING STORY
 I thought of "Our Gracie" on Sunday at St. George's, when we heard again the puzzling story of the talents. Those words never fail to enrage me: "For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Seems to me the whole of our unjust capitalist system is predicated on this text, and Our Gracie (sometimes unkindly referred to as "a woman in name only") has clearly decided to take away from those who have not especially from single parents and the unemployed!

To me, the key words of this parable leap out of the early phrase: the master gave his property to his servants... "to one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability."

For the master to recognize the difference in ability between the three, and then to demand the same enterprise from each, tells

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

more about the injustice of the master than the faithfulness of the servants. They were all faithful the first two to the point of stupidity! They returned double to their greedy master.

AT LEAST HE RETURNED IT
 The third man at least returned what he had been given. Isn't that faithful? Had he really been "good-for-nothing", surely he would have made off with it! His reward couldn't have been much worse. A perfect example of honesty not paying!

Al Skinner tells me my beliefs make me what I am. So be it. I don't believe there is anything admirable about a moneylender, or about an unjust master who expects equal endeavours from people with unequal abilities!

I don't usually have much in common with Gorde Hunter, so I was surprised to see his Remembrance Day column echoing mine in denouncing nuclear weapons.

However, he had harsh words for opponents of nuclear power for peaceful purposes. If we knew what to do with the waste, or how to build fool-proof power plants, I'd be more inclined to agree with him on this issue too.

To give credit where it is due, I was pleasantly surprised to read

that the U.S. stopped ocean dumping a decade ago, while the United Kingdom persists in this unwise practice.

I wonder if cross-Channel swimmers know that that narrow stretch of water has been used as a dump for nuclear wastes for the past 14 years!

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South Pender Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the South Pender Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning South Pender Island, at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on November 27, 1981, in the North Pender School and Community Hall, North Pender Island, B.C.

M. LEE,
 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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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, Pender Island, on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1981, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Proposed South Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 8, being Amendment By-law No. 2, 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".

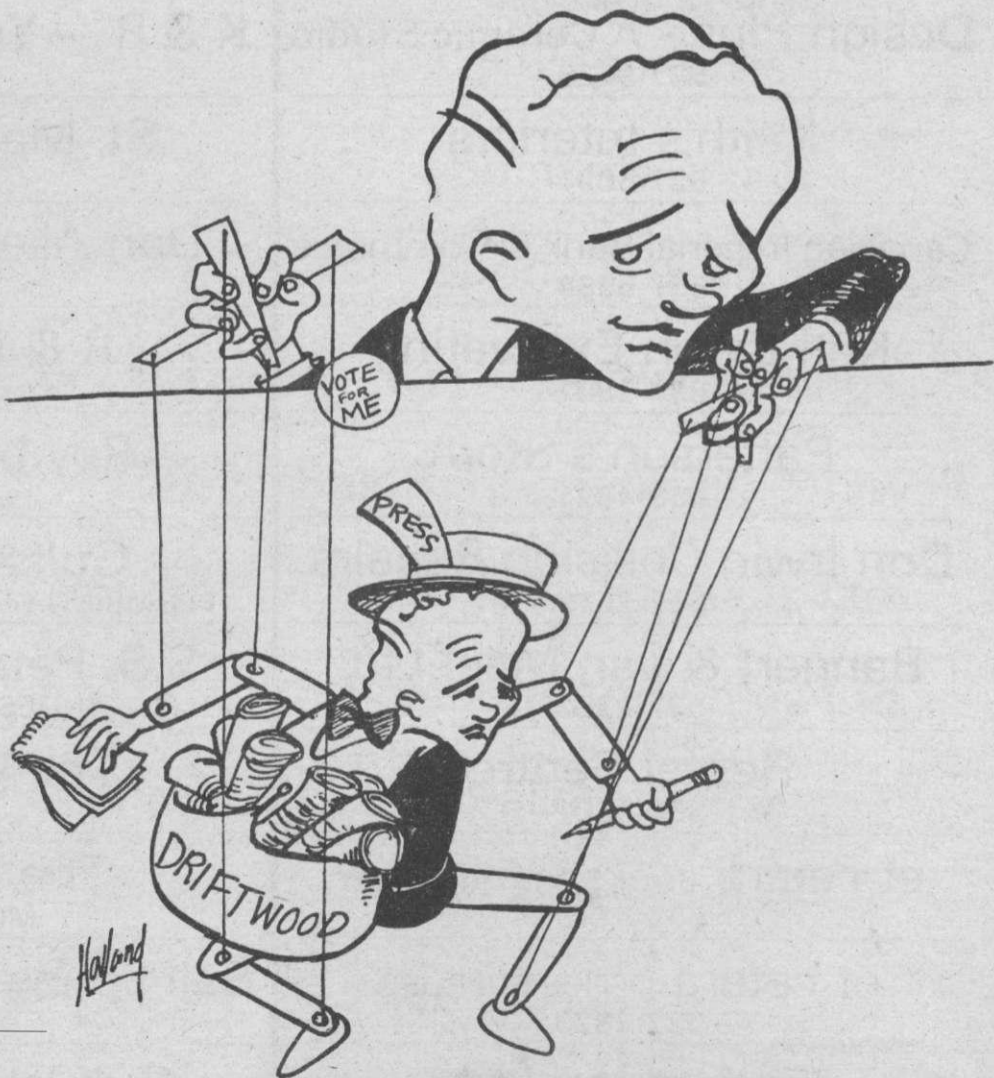
The purpose of the By-law is to delete from the Agriculture (A) Zone and add to the Rural 1 (R1) Zone that part of Parcel "C" (DD 79609-1), Section 20, South Pender Island, shown on Plan No. 1, which is part of the By-law.

The proposed By-law may be reviewed at the Pender Island Post Office, B.C., between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday inclusive, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. LEE,
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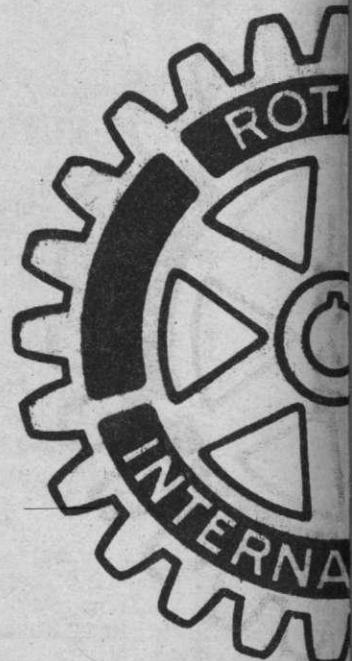
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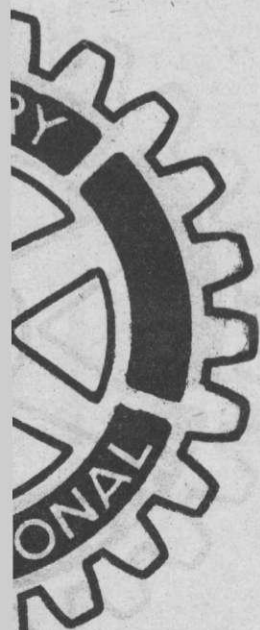
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DOWN THE GUTTER

Local bowlers return with prizes

BY KEN COLLINS

Four of our bowlers journeyed over to Chemainus bowling lanes to compete in a 10-game bowl-a-thon and came back with most of the prize money.

Denis Corcoran was first in the scratch event and Gloria West came second in the handicap event.

Here are the better scores of the past week: Terry Jenkins, 795-714; Steve Marleau, 701; Frank Cunningham, 729; Laurie Hedger, 716; and Geoffrey Baker, 733.

This writer was the bowler of the week for the men's department with 823. I also had a 778. For the ladies it was Donna Dorvale with her 731.

The golden-agers bowlers of the week were Geoffrey Baker with 733 and Freda Maguire with 621.

We only had two 300 games this week. One of them came from Laurie Hedger with 359, and the other one from myself with 339.

Terry now has diet pop on tap in the bowling alley, so for all you ladies who want to keep your weight down, drink up.

I don't know what the matter is this year but we have not had too many 300 games to date, or people getting into the 800 club. I include myself in this group also, as I only have five 300 games to date and last year I had 17. I guess I shall have to start reading my own bowling tips.

Tip of the Week

Make sure you always start from the same spot each time you start your approach.

YBC NEWS

The I Beat My Coach Tournament is nearly completed and most bowlers have bettered the coaches' "high" scores.

Winners in each league are:

Galiano sailor to be guest

The Pender Islands Yacht Club will be hosts at a gathering of members and friends on Monday evening at the Legion, when special guests will be George and Peggy Griffith of Galiano.

It will be a casual affair and members and friends will have an opportunity to chat with George Griffith about his sailing trip from England to Hawaii and back to Vancouver. The affair is open to the public.

Jets: Cheryl David, Jennifer Neilson, Eric Taylor, Kevin Miller and Christopher Magnus.

Pee Wees: Candice Miller, Tracy Cunningham, Anna Maddison, Jeffrey Neilson, Brett Marshall and Daniel Hatch, David Lucas, Clinton Helfrich, Aaron Martin and Duncan Magnus.

Bantams: Lisa Jorgensen, Laura Little, Kimberley West, Debbie Gosnell, Jodie Harrison, Suzanne Jacquest, Tammy Sloan, Deanna Little, Lance Davis, Chris Dafeo, Bradley Magnus, Mark David, Darren Ruckle, Nolan Magnus, Todd Cochran, Adam Baines and Paul Hatch.

Juniors: Jeanette Rogers, Nicky Kerrigan, Shannon Taylor, Tina Collins, Jennifer Lucas, Mary Sinclair, Kim Jorgensen, Sara Fee, Susan Lucas and Debbie Topping, Ross Hughes, David Jacquest, Anthony Barrett, David Cates, Layne Hellum and Michael Howell, Eddie Ruckle, Danica West, Justin Williams and Karcia Hogan.

Seniors: Paul Trenholm, Steve Marleau, Allan Sinclair, Kevin Kline, Dawn Guilbault, Janet Foerster, Janet Gosnell, Paula Hughes, Denise Harrison and Van Innes.

High scorers Saturday, Nov. 7 were:

Jets: Eric Taylor, 105; Jennifer Neilson, 69; Chris Magnus, 53.

Pee Wees: Anna Maddison, 103; Tracy Cunningham, 96; Candice Miller, 66; Jeffrey Neilson, 148;

Brett Marshall, 129; Aaron Martin, 96.

Bantams: Deanna Little, 194; Lisa Jorgensen, 180; Laura Little, 180; Adam Baines, 164; Mark David, 126; Chris Dafeo, 116.

Juniors: Shannon Taylor, 262; Debbie Topping, 146; Mary Sinclair, 144; David Cates, 221; David Jacquest, 185; Ross Hughes, 184.

Seniors (Wednesday, Nov. 4) were: Denise Harrison, 200; Van Innes, 189; Dawn Guilbault, 183; Paul Trenholm, 297; Kevin Kline, 283; Danny Fraser, 209.

High scorers Saturday, Nov. 14 were:

Jets: Jennifer Neilson, 81; Cheryl David, 50; Eric Taylor, 98; Kevin Miller, 75; Christopher Magnus, 57.

Pee Wees: Anna Maddison, 104; Candice Miller, 81; Tracy Cunningham, 68; Jeffrey Neilson, 152; Clinton Helfrich, 92; Aaron Martin, 91.

Bantams: Jodie Harrison, 181; Deanna Little, 166; Laura Little, 165; Adam Baines, 160; Ryan Davies, 115; Jamie Munro, 104.

Juniors: Shannon Taylor, 229; Kim Jorgensen, 194; Mary Sinclair, 187; David Cates, 234; Layne Hellum, 206; Eddie Ruckle, 164.

Seniors (Wednesday, Nov. 11) were: Dawn Guilbault, 228; Janet Foerster, 207; Denise Harrison, 202; Kevin Kline and Steve Marleau, 284; Robert Messam, 236; Steve Martens, 201.

Score no reflection

BY MERVYN SCOBLE
Gordon Head 1
Salt Spring Sockeyes 2

The Salt Spring Sockeyes completed their second successive double of the season, defeating Gordon Head 2-1, and in doing so extended their record to five wins against two losses.

The 2-1 scoreline in no way reflected the game as Salt Spring dominated throughout, making space for their forwards and creating numerous chances. However, they came up against a "hot" keeper who saved at least three certain goals.

Sockeyes had taken the lead in the 15th minute when Shauneen Spence burst through on her own and gave them a well deserved lead. Salt Spring piled on the

pressure for the remainder of the opening period but were unable to add to their lead.

Five minutes into the second half a "gift goal" allowed Gordon Head to equalize. A weak back pass was intercepted by an opposition forward who scored easily from close range.

It was not long, though, before the Sockeyes regained their lead. In the 61st minute Shauneen Spence received a pass just inside the opposition half and stormed for goal, scoring with a low drive to the corner from 15 yards.

Shortly after Salt Spring were awarded a penalty for a handling offence inside the box. Colleen Child's well placed shot was disallowed as the referee noticed a Sockeye toenail hanging over the edge of the area.

VOTE

RICHARDS Frank **X**
FOR CRD REGIONAL DIRECTOR



CHARLES HINGSTON
for
SCHOOL BOARD

OBJECTIVES:

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- **Public disclosure of information**
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- **Taxpayers and children to get best value for money**
I strongly believe that a good basic education is a foundation for future growth. School Boards are responsible for clearly stating and carrying out a philosophy that meets this need at the most efficient cost.
- **To be available for advisory committee meetings and to other concerned groups or individuals**
While attending the majority of board meetings on Salt Spring this year, I have been involved in and seen the concern of different groups and feel that their efforts, combined with improved communication, can only benefit all concerned in the good education of our children.
- **Improved teacher-board relations**
While there are always problems in employer-employee relationships, the Board must face the challenge of working as closely as possible with teachers, keeping in mind the joint concerns of good education and a fair deal for teachers and taxpayers.

BACKGROUND:

- married, three children school age and younger
- B.A. degree - Governor General's award
- two years business management experience with a large Canadian company
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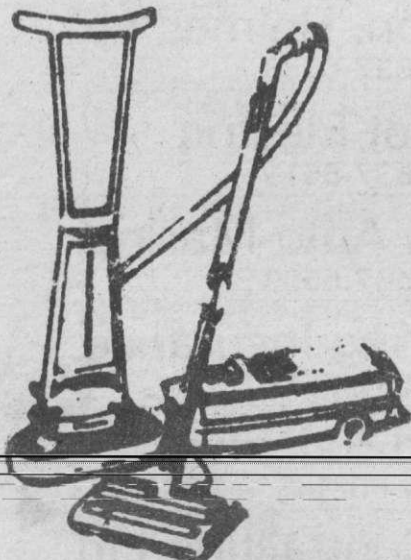
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