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'Useless exercise in futility'

Sewer referendum challenged; inquiry demanded

The Ganges sewer referendum is being challenged by several municipalities of the Capital Regional District and the matter will be studied by the inspector of municipalities.

North Saanich, Sidney and Esquimalt councils have passed resolutions demanding an inquiry and Saanich council debated the matter Tuesday but the result was not known when *Driftwood* went to press.

Mayor Mel Couvelier of Saanich said the resolutions from the various councils were directed to the inspector of municipalities asking for an inquiry into the matters surrounding the holding of the referendum and the need to hold such a vote.

Couvelier said he would be asking the Saanich council to consider the matter for four reasons.

The referendum is unnecessary, he said, and may be imprudent at this time. The CRD would be sending a bylaw to referendum which would duplicate authority already granted.

The referendum would also be asking voters for retroactive charges for services already installed. A referendum should be asking for voter approval of expenditures not already made.

In addition, the vote would be against the public interest in that it puts at risk public money already spent on the project, and if the

referendum should fail it would jeopardize federal-provincial relations.

The province, said Couvelier, is placed in a trustee role when spending federal grants. The project has been funded by up to \$2 million in federal money.

The health problem presented by the situation in Ganges also touches public interest, he said, and brings into question, should the regional health officer act, the need for the referendum.

The CRD should be willing and have the ability to abide by the results of the referendum, he said, but if it failed, the pollution problem would remain.

The vote is actually misleading the people of Ganges, he said. What happens if someone with an offending system researches the problem and discovers no solution? He termed the referendum "a

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It's licensing time

It's time to license your dog as Margaret Byron and daughter Monica of Ceidwad Kennels in Ganges point out. Byron's Welsh terrier, Bryn, shows off 1983 tag that

can be purchased in six locations on Salt Spring Island and four on Outer Islands before March 1, 1983. Fee for spayed or neutered animals

is \$10. For unaltered animals the charge is \$20 with a \$10 refund available if altering occurs within the licence year.

New school site included in capital budget

The Gulf Islands School Board will seek approval from the ministry of education for a 1983 capital budget of \$1.6 million.

The trustees met in a special session last week to talk about the budget. The figure approved included funds for an addition to Fernwood School as well as a site for a new school on Salt Spring Island.

Fernwood School, with a ministry-approved capacity of 50 kindergarten and 130 elementary pupils, will have a projected enrolment of 38 kindergarten and 165 elementary pupils by 1985.

Salt Spring Elementary School, with a pupil population approved at 30 kindergarten and 268 elementary pupils, now stands at 45 kindergarten and 382 elementary pupils.

Even when the school in Fulford is built and occupied, Salt Spring Elementary will house more pupils than the ministry approved figure.

The trustees voted for an amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of a new school site on Salt Spring. The potential expense met with some opposition at the meeting of the trustees.

Charles Hingston, Salt Spring trustee, defended the inclusion of the amount in the capital budget. "This board has, too often, not had the option when they needed it, he

said of the need for a new site.

The trustees had at a previous meeting agreed that no additions would be made to the Ganges school. The request for money becomes part of the projected capital budget for 1983 but does not have to be applied for or spent. The inclusion in the budget is a way of letting the ministry know that a new

To explain project

Residents and businessmen of Ganges will have two opportunities to hear the Capital Regional District officials explain the sewer project.

Several officials of the CRD will be at public information meetings February 1 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm in the activity centre of the Salt Spring Elementary School.

Dr. Allan Arneil, medical health officer, Norman Howard, chief engineer, and William Jordan, director of finance, will explain health problems, construction details and costs.

A number of other officials will also be on hand to explain topics related to the sewer issue.

school is being thought of for some future date.

The expansion of Fernwood, with a price tag of \$835,200, would add four classrooms, an addition to the gymnasium to bring it to full size as well as change and shower facilities when the pupils use the gym.

Other capital expenses, such as the expansion of the Mayne Island School and further additions to the Galiano School, had been part of the capital budget of previous years.

The school board learned that

those figures did not have to be included in the capital budget for this year. The ministry will maintain the capital budget from last year plus any figures approved from this budget.

The total amount for which approval is being sought for 1983 stands at \$1,590,150. With the amount from previous capital budgets already approved by the ministry, the school board capital budget for the year would be \$4,198,650.

Capital budget in order of priority

School/Project	Total
South Salt Spring Elementary	\$148,500
Fernwood Elementary	835,200
Galiano Elementary	50,000
District Equipment - Computers	24,000
Gulf Islands Secondary - roof replacement	13,900
Pender Elementary	11,000
Ganges School Complex - safety	50,000
District Equipment - Educational TV	30,850
Gulf Islands Secondary - agi classroom	16,700
Pre-planning funds	10,000
Gulf Islands Secondary	260,000
New Site - Salt Spring Island	100,000
Minor Renovations	25,000
TOTAL	\$1,590,150

Arson suspected

A cabin at Cape Keppel at the southerly end of Salt Spring Island was destroyed by fire Monday evening.

The Salt Spring volunteer firefighters were called to the scene at 5 pm and difficulties in reaching the isolated cabin delayed the crews. Arson is suspected and no estimate of damage has yet been set.

Ganges RCMP were called when it appeared that a shed nearby was broken into. Police found equipment had been damaged. An outboard motor, a boat and several windows had been the target of the vandals.

The property is believed to be owned by a person named MacAlpine of Abbotsford but officials were experiencing difficulties in locating him.

The fire marshall from Nanaimo as well as investigators from the RCMP had been called to the scene and police had set up patrols in the area.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Students examine gifts from Africa

Fernwood School at Salt Spring has been involved in an exchange program with Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, ever since joining the Commonwealth Linking Trust in London, England. Exchanges are made in an effort to introduce

students to a different lifestyle. Last year Fernwood sent to Zimbabwe a parcel of items reflecting life on Salt Spring and this year the Nhlambaloyi School did the same. There are 644 students in the Zimbabwe school and they all

helped with the collection, which is full of basketwork, beads and other hand-made items. Amber Regen, left, and Rita Phillips, both Grade 1 students at Fernwood, examine the collection which is on display at the school.

Inspector withholds approval

Provincial inspector of municipalities has withheld approval of the Ganges sewer referendum. The Capital Regional Board is not required to take notice of the ministry's stand and the vote will be presented next month as planned.

On Wednesday afternoon last week the board received a letter from the assistant deputy minister of municipal affairs, Tom Moore, explaining that the municipalities inspector, Chris Woodward, was not prepared to approve the island

referendum because it duplicated the 1978 authorization to approve the same project.

This, coupled with the 1981 provincial legislation, gives the region the authority to go ahead with the controversial Ganges sewer. Moore also noted that if the board wanted to amend the authorization, it would need some other method of determining the wishes of the electorate, other than the February 5 referendum.

A referendum for such a purpose could not be presented until the annual elections in November.

NOT NEEDED

Chairman Howard Sturrock told his directors that the referendum does not require provincial sanction and that it will be presented irrespective of the ministry's letter.

The referendum will ask property owners to approve a project already half-completed at a cost of \$2.8 million.

There is no legal need for the Ganges sewer referendum, reported the district solicitors at the same meeting.

In a letter to the chairman and members of the Capital Regional Board recently, Douglas Patterson, of Pearlman and Lindholm, explained that legislation was passed in 1982 by the provincial government whereby the Waste Management Act provides that a municipality or region whose waste management plan has been approved by the minister of the environment, can implement the plan without the assent of the electors.

Referendum termed useless exercise in futility

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useless exercise in futility."

The funding issue, which has frightened residents because of the current high costs, has been an issue created by the escalation of the price of the outfall and the super-treatment plant being asked for.

The remedy is simple, he said. All that would be required to complete the system is \$600,000 from the public and the project would be fully funded. That cost would break down to about \$200 per year for each homeowner for operating costs. That would be the maximum they should pay, he said.

"I happen to believe in the strong possibility, perhaps I should say likelihood, that senior government money will become available once the financial demands on homeowners become known," he said.

If the CRD were to pick up the tab, the senior government would not act. But if the CRD made it clear

that Ganges was at risk for the amount, the situation would force the government to deal with the problem.

The amount of \$2.5 million is not a great deal of money to the CRD, he said, but it is outrageous for a small community such as Ganges.

Inspector of municipalities Chris Woodward told *Driftwood* that as of Tuesday he had received the request for an inquiry from only one of the councils.

He would not comment except to say that he would examine the requests "in light of the role I might or might not play."

He would be examining the feasibility of holding a public inquiry and would also check with the attorney-general to determine the legality of the situation.

He said the process would not be expected to take long in view of the close proximity of polling day.

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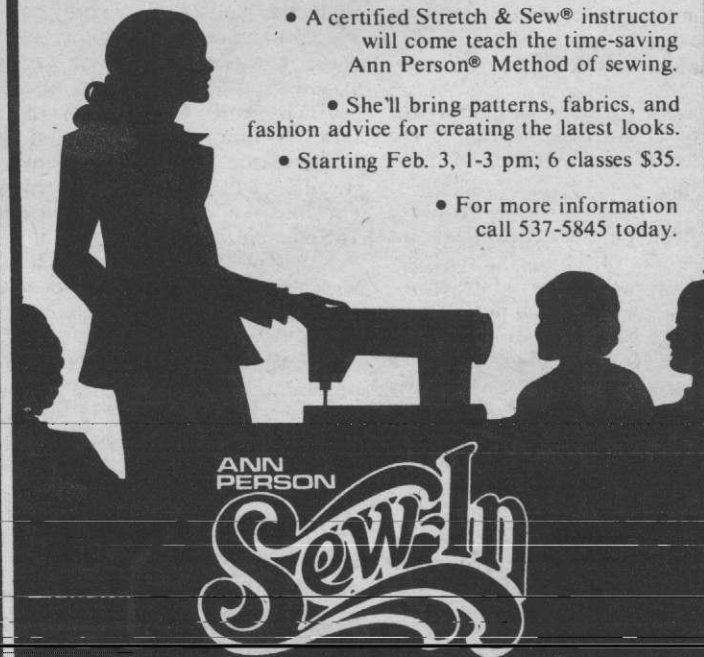
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Eating better than dieting

My family is overweight. From time to time I hear of the problems of reducing girth and avoirdupois. Personally, I scorn the entire subject. I like eating better than dieting, so I eat and I don't diet. The result is that I am required to drink two-percent milk and lait ecreme and pretend I am enjoying every drop. But I've found how to make it work. As fast as skimmed milk shows up in the fridge I acquire cream for the coffee I don't drink and mix it with the milk that I do. You can make a better tasting milk than the dairies ever see that way. If cow's milk is 100% I'd figure I'm up to about 125%. It's a funny thing, but I keep putting on weight and I don't know why!

A complete circle

There's always something new. A quarter-century ago I was chairman of the United Appeal campaign in another community. We had a standing rule that if any donor wanted to specify organizations to which his contribution would not be offered, we would honour that specification. As I remember it, more than 20 years later, the only functions which were ruled out during my term of office were those sponsored by the Catholic churches. Now it is the same churches who are, in Vancouver, saying they want no part of those funds because they are shared by charities supporting abortion. It's a complete circle in 25 years.

A tough allergy

Playing with cedar is always a bit more hazardous than working with fir and when I was helping unload a truck the other day, Mel Marchbanks explained that he doesn't only get into trouble from the slivers in cedar, but even from the odour. A good exposure to the fumes from cedar will start him off on cedar poisoning. He added that it's something that can catch up with you even if you've worked with cedar for most of your life. I remember talking to Wilf Bangert a dozen years or more ago when he was complaining of the same problem, that he was suddenly allergic to cedar. It's a tough allergy for a carpenter and worse for a sawyer.

He's looking for gentler climate

I had a call at the office one day when I was there from Sterling King, a newsman from Saskatchewan. King explained that he is a recently retired editor of the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix*. He is on the coast to decide whether it would be logical to look for retirement far from the cold Saskatchewan winters. That's not the way he explained it, but that's how the message came over. He had read *Driftwood*, explained the visitor, and he enjoyed it. And he commented on a number of old-time British Columbia newspapermen. He remembered Les Barber who was living on the island until his death. He knew a number of the weekly newspaper publishers in the Fraser Valley. We mentioned various mutual friends and acquaintances when he explained he was for many years with the *Estevan Mercury*, published by his father and later, himself. He is a man who has lived out a fairly long life on the drought-stricken prairies and is now thinking of a gentler climate as his family has moved away from the parental mansion. It is a well beaten track he follows when he looks at the coast from Saskatchewan.

Welcome, Phil!

Initial clearing up of the Harbour House Hotel property has changed its appearance from a wilderness to a park and bodes well for the future. It matches the harbour house and park on the other corner. Which makes it an opportune time to welcome Phil Valcourt to the Down Town Gang. A lot of good guys, Phil!

Vancouver on Mayne?

I don't remember hearing the report before, but according to Sherman Lee Pompey, writing in the *Canadian Stamp News*, Capt. George Vancouver set foot on Mayne Island during his exploratory sailings. It was the only Gulf Island on which he landed, said the writer. I recall the English coin on the beach at Mayne, an 18th century piece, but I don't remember any suggestion of an earlier exploration landing there. Do any of the Gulf Islands historians have anything to support the claim?

School board will stay neutral

The Ganges school complex will be one of the larger users of the proposed sewer system but the school board won't take part in the debate.

Gulf Islands school trustees requested information on costs for the proposed system and the answer from the Capital Regional District shows that in 1984, the school district will pay \$17,937.60 in user charges.

The information came to the board from W.M. Jordan, the CRD treasurer. He noted that under provisions of the Municipal Act, the school board would be exempt from the 73c-per-foot frontage levy.

If the sewer system is in operation by September of this year, Jordan said, the school board would be charged a user fee for the remainder of the year amounting to \$4,541.38.

The connection charge of \$1,000 would apply to the school complex.

Jordan said that the school board would be charged for the equivalent of 37 single-family units. The entire sewer system is composed of 516

single-family units. The approximate user charge per single-family unit for 1984, said Jordan, would amount to \$484.80.

School board chairman John Zacharias of Pender Island urged the trustees not to become involved in the controversy. The school board will stay neutral in the referendum debate, he said.

"There has been a great deal of sewage slinging on the side of the warring factions," he said.

The school board will abide by the results of the referendum and although it will be one of the larger users of the system, it will not have a vote on the matter.

Zacharias noted that the board is under directive to correct the

problems in the complex. He outlined the reasons why nothing had been done.

The sewer was around the corner each time the school board was issued a clean-up order. If the board had spent sums to construct a disposal field septic system, the money would have been wasted when the sewer was completed because of the automatic hook-up requirement.

"I don't think this board has the right to waste that kind of money," he said.

There would be no tax levy for 1983, noted Jordan, because of transfer of interest earnings from the sewer capital fund being held by the CRD.

Minutes delayed by mail

Motion to approve the minutes of a previous meeting had to be deferred because many of the directors did not have their copies.

The community health and social services committee of the Capital Regional District last met on December 1. The minutes of that meeting had been sent, by mail, to the directors involved.

By the January 14 meeting of the same committee, the minutes were somewhere in the postal system. Committee chairman Jim Cumming of North Saanich approved deferral of the motion to accept the minutes until the next meeting.

Several directors asked for copies of the minutes but were requested to wait for the mail to arrive. The copy machine at the CRD has been overworked, said executive director Dennis Young, and if the directors would wait for the mail, it would ease the "blizzard of paper" being churned out.



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Let's have inquiry

Decision of the Capital Regional Board to call a referendum vote on the Ganges sewer is under fire from members of the board.

Mayors of the Greater Victoria urban municipalities have pressed the ministry of municipal affairs to take a closer look at the sewer pantomime, with the recommendation that the inspector of municipalities investigate the proposed vote.

The regional board has undertaken to ask residents whether they want to go ahead with a project on which \$2.8 million has already been spent and which has been authorized by a petition and substantiated by an act of the provincial legislature.

The cost of the project has soared over the years, partly from delay and partly from the call for increasing degrees of treatment.

The catch point which has the mayors worried is the fact that if the project does not go ahead the current costs will have to be borne by the entire regional district.

The urban protesters are also very conscious of the fact that if the present project should be abandoned, then a new sewer scheme must be introduced and installed to serve Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods, with a second project to accommodate the Ganges schools.

The current plan to invite residents to decide whether to abandon the project in the face of increasing costs has been labelled irresponsible in its apparent indifference to the jeopardy of the near-\$3 million already spent.

The new call from four directors for an inquiry by the inspector of municipalities is a very logical procedure. If the referendum should prove to be outside the Municipal Act it will only lead to yet more litigation over the sewer issue which has already been the subject of eight Supreme Court actions and at least two civil actions.

Let us have an inquiry before the next chapter of litigation; let us have an investigation by the inspector of municipalities. But let's have it quickly, before costs start to spiral again.

Land use and planning

When the function of land use was transferred from the Capital Region District, and other regional governments, to the Islands Trust, a major change in the pattern of land use administration was wrought.

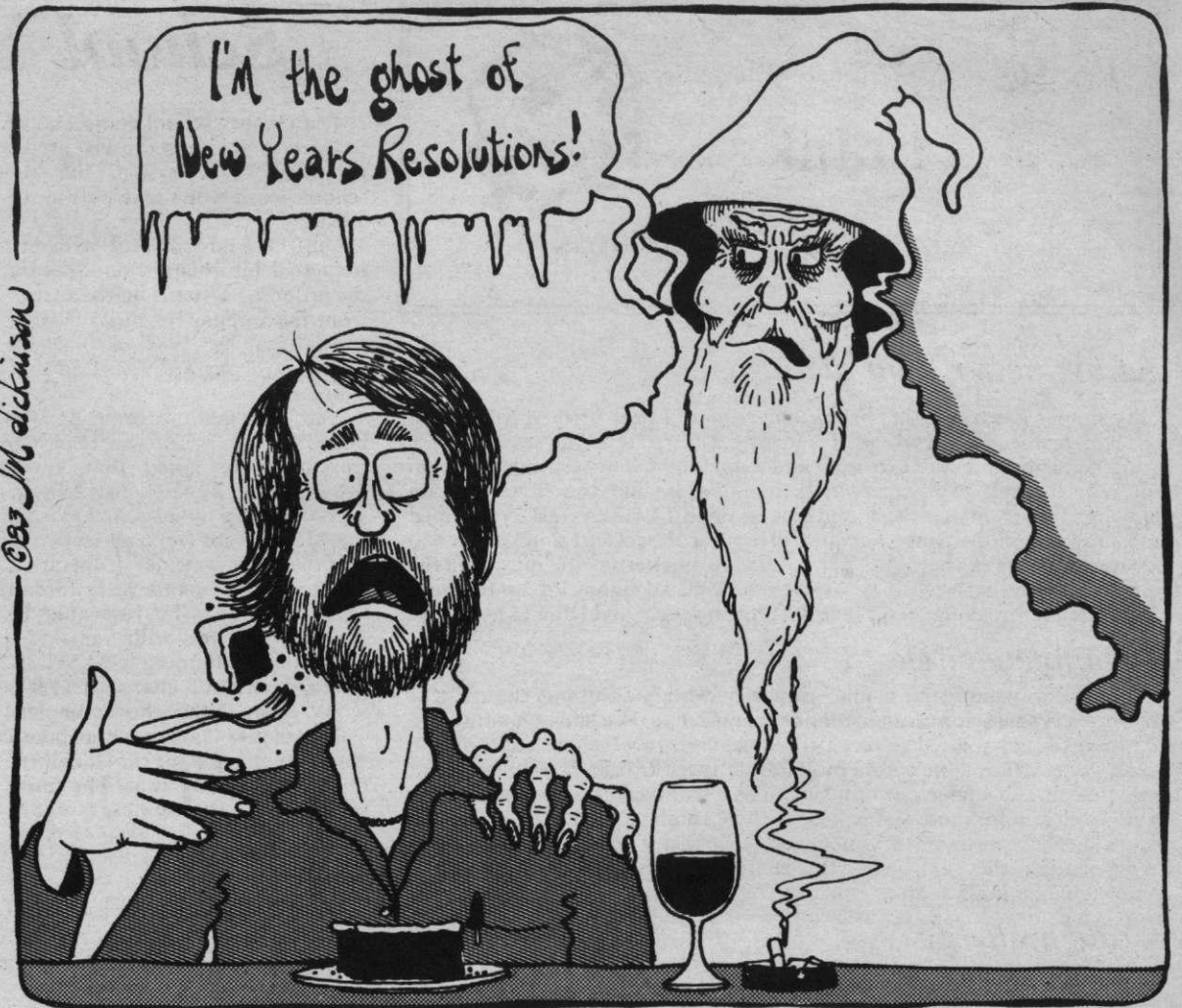
Matters of zoning, planning and other land use considerations had hitherto been handled in much the same manner that the western sector planning is administered today. The difference is impressive.

Prior to the separation of region and land use, an application for rezoning island land would have been presented to the region. The local planning and zoning committee would have considered it after hearing a report from the Advisory Planning Commission and from other relevant committees. A recommendation would have been reached by the committee and the recommendation would then have come before the board.

The rezoning of a corner block or the release of a property from the land reserve would be considered by the elected representatives of all the municipalities of Greater Victoria, as well as from the western electoral areas and the islands. Mayors and aldermen, directors and staff would engage in reaching the final decision on the property. And there is nothing to assure us that they might have reached the appropriate answer.

Today, in the islands, an application of this nature comes before the Islands Trust. It is examined by the advisory planning body and by other committees as necessary. The final decision is reached by a committee of three general trustees, who may or may not be directly linked with the island in question, and two local trustees who have been elected on the island in question. And this committee meets on the island from which the application arises.

Had the minister of municipal affairs examined the two different procedures and suggested the adaptation of the new procedure in regional districts, the proposal would have met with more favour than his suggestion of retaining the present top-heavy procedures. If the minister plans to retain the regional districts in their present form, he might well consider a new routine for land use deliberations in connection with electoral areas.



Too many ingredients in pie

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Last week this column looked at the Capital Regional District as a vital, pulsating part of the provincial picture. It was suggested that the former municipal affairs minister, Bill Vander Zalm, was right when he criticized the manner in which the regional boards were operating.

If the writer were preparing a regional pie for the new minister's delectation he would be looking for a new recipe.

Here it is.

If the regional government is not operating to the maximum efficiency and the maximum benefit to participants what, then, is the next step?

The region is engaged in the petty administration of local affairs which could better be settled within the regions concerned. Land-use decisions in the western components of the region engage the attention of the board to an excessive degree. And while the attention of the board is an important consideration, it must be borne in mind that the attention of the regional staff is also engaged here.

The board of 19 members is not unlike a class in school studying a subject which is either extremely boring or demanding of little or no concentration. The mayor of each component municipality is not usefully employed deciding whether or not Mrs. Smith of Milk St. in Sooke should be permitted to subdivide her double lot.

The components should be minding their own business and leaving the board to consider those matters which affect all areas and not merely one or two.

READY AND EAGER

This could only be achieved by a heavy-handed municipal affairs minister, ready and eager to exercise powers normally left lying untouched. The minister would have to require that some communities form themselves into a municipality even though no such desire is expressed by the property owners or residents of the community.

For example, the residents of the

western community, those who live in Colwood, Langford, View Royal, Sooke, and Metchosin, would be tumbled into a new municipal district. With a population of thousands and hundreds of homes scattered throughout the community, the five components would be promoted from five electoral areas, prickly and watchful to ensure that no government, regional or provincial, was about to shaft them, into a fully-fledged municipal district. The problems of land use in remote communities would no longer be the concern of the regional district.

It might be felt that the distant fields of Sooke and Metchosin could be seen in a more spacious light and the minister might look at making two municipalities there. The mechanics of such a plan are not of particular consequence. It is the principle that matters.

Residential use

will increase

The minister might then take a close look at the urban components of the region.

Victoria, Esquimalt, Oak Bay and the urban wards of Saanich are a vast conurbation, many of whose people no longer identify themselves with the particular municipality in which they live. The mild pressures which have already been seen as the rising outer areas search for commerce are nothing to what is likely to come. With heavy increases of residential use, the outer ring will seek newer and better and bigger shopping centres until the idea of a downtown shopping trip is long effaced.

There is no justification for the retention of these separate administrations. If all were under one mayor and council, the shuffling regional games for

recognition would be eliminated. The regional plan for Greater Victoria would be largely the concern of one administration and location of shopping centre north, south, east or west would be considered by one body of administrators. The regional government responsibilities would be limited to those matters not considered by the new municipal council.

Beyond Victoria's urban friends, lying to the north are rural Saanich, Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney.

SEPTIC TANKS

Essentially rural, they depend on septic tank disposal in many parts of the area and industry rears its lovely head in Central Saanich's Keating area and North Saanich's airport community. In many parts there are farms and some of the world's finest daffodils are born in these fields.

The minister with the firm, unwavering hand might well erase those urban boundaries and end up with a new, single municipality largely concerned with the same rural problems from northern boundary to southern limit.

And what of the islands?

If the minister were strong in the arm and his pen was not yet dried up, he might write Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands as one district municipality. The writing would bring weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, my own included, but it would resolve the islands' infighting for years to come and it would transfer one of the province's greatest worries into a self-contained municipality.

ALREADY DONE

To a lesser degree, the same procedure has already been adopted in other parts of the province.

Now there would be a regional district concerned with the administration of those regional administrative matters not peculiar to each member municipality.

What matters? There would be almost none. And those that remained could probably be handled very effectively by a four-man regional board sitting one evening a month.

Letters to the Editor

Things to consider before marking ballot

Sir,
After five years the people (at least those in the specified area) will get a vote on the sewer. Just think of all the time, expense, arguments and bitterness that could have been avoided if there had been a referendum in the first place. I think Mr. Heinekey's comment in *Monday* magazine tells very accurately why there was not a referendum. "They knew it would fail."

I personally feel that the whole Island should be voting on this issue. After all, if the sewer is installed, all Islanders would be paying the charges for the public buildings such as Greenwoods, the Hospital, etc., and they all "own" the Harbour into which the effluent would be dumped as well as the park where they propose to put the treatment plant.

To those of you who do have a vote, please consider well before you cast your ballot.

1. Why such a large sewer? To accommodate development, of course.

2. Who would benefit from such development? The people who own property they want to develop in the so-called "core area" - the area which the present "plan" restricts development to.

3. What effect would development have on the island?

(a) Water: Our water supply is limited, and if our well is any measure, the water table is getting lower every year. The proposed treatment plant would use large quantities of water as would development. What happens when the supply no longer meets the demand? Will we face another big tax levy to cover the cost of piping water from Vancouver Island (if it is available from there) or constructing cisterns to collect the winter rain so we would have stale water to use during the summer? Logic would indicate that the cost of the "big sewer" would be the first of many costs and problems we will face if the sewer goes ahead.

(b) The rural atmosphere which we now enjoy and which the Islands Trust was charged with preserving, would disappear as the pressure to rezone land for development increased.

(c) Cost of living: the merchants would naturally have to add their costs to the prices they charge the customer so prices would be higher. This could lead to more off-island shopping. How many businesses could survive this and if they don't survive, who then pays for their

share of the sewer costs?

As development progresses, our taxes would have to increase to provide the needed facilities.

Yes, certain properties have sewage problems and the problems have been increased by allowing construction to go ahead before adequate sewage disposal was in place. I think it is about time we utilized more modern methods of disposing of sewage instead of continuing to pollute our coastal waters. \$4.8 million is too much to pay to solve the problems of so few. Remember too that an extension in Saanich cost the taxpayers double what it was estimated at and when the then Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee of the Capital Regional Board was asked if the same thing could happen in Ganges, he said it was quite possible. View Royal also had a much larger bill for their sewer than the estimate showed.

As I said before, consider well before you mark your ballot. Do you want a future for Islanders that sees them burdened with taxes and the rural atmosphere they cherish so much, only a memory?

S. HUMES,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
January 15, 1983.



Bill Webster

Loose lips govern pay dispute

The silly season affects some of us in peculiar ways while others merely continue as usual.

Season's greetings were sent to the arbitrators of salary disputes between the teachers and school boards. The greetings came from Bill "Learn them kids gooder" Vander Zalm.

It was issued on December 24. The arbitrators were appointed by the government, the teachers and school boards, which proves the mouth continues to munch the hand which feeds it.

"It is all very well for a \$1,000-plus-per-day arbitrator to come up with a figure then walk away from the problems of the economy without concern for its impact on programs and teachers' jobs," read the season's salutation from Bill to the boards.

He, the minister of obfuscation, was upset because the arbitrators had been doing their jobs. They, the arbitrators, had decided that salary increases would range from three to six percent.

Guess who was upset? He, the gashouse guy, had said he would accept increases in the 0 to 10 percent range. The meaning, all too clear to everyone, was that they, the arbitrators, should grant the

goose egg to teachers.

To be sure that his message got across to trusty school board sitters, he, the minister of veiled threats, brought up the compensation stabilization commissioner.

The hint was that he would rectify things and get them outrageous increases back to zero, which is a number the minister can count to very easily.

Now if the province only had a common sense stabilization commissioner, we could send Bill Vander Lip and his cohort in the teachers' union to him for processing.

Didn't I mention the cohort in the teachers' union?

Pardon me, he's a winner too.

"There are no real salary increases for teachers this year," reasons the reasonable Larry Kuehn, leader of all the province's teachers. "They're all salary cuts."

When the increases to the skimpy pay packs of all the teachers in the province are averaged out, Kuehn says the raise is only 4.01 percent. When the five days, which has been decreed as extra holidays for teachers, is deducted, the raise is only 1.51 percent. Excuse me, that should be a reverse upward payout.

Must be semantically correct about these things.

And to compound the obvious, Kuehn says teachers shouldn't feel guilty about the reverse upward payout. Tain't their fault. The guilt should lie with the minister and others.

Meanwhile in all the furor, the arbitrators arbitrate as they see fit and chances are the stabilization commissioner will rule as he should as well.

Listen to the statement by the arbitration trio which ruled on the Gulf Islands dispute. Their decision came down after the season's greetings from the minister.

"One would wonder why the expense of 62 arbitration boards. The minister might just as well have gone the final step of formulating teachers' salaries on a computer basis."

Which is a neat way of telling him to stuff it.

What with restraint, tight money and loose lips, the minister of education sets almost everything that a school board can do, money-wise. He sets the total budget and the local trusty sitters can fiddle with petty details such as how many pencils can be purchased

with \$1. The teachers, bless them, can only teach. I'm staying out of the whole thing because come spring and summer, I have to play golf and slow-pitch with several of them.

Document positively Christian

Sir,
I have just finished reading one of the most exciting documents since Magna Carta.

In their *Ethical Reflections on the Economic Crisis* the Canadian Catholic Bishops have not only come out on the side of the poor, which any student of the Gospel could expect, but they have done their homework, into the bargain.

The adverse comments which I have heard from government officials were condescending, and those from businessmen were hostile. Their justification was contained in out-of-context quotes.

Some of your readers may recall a TV feature some time ago in which "persons in the street" were asked to comment on sections of the U.S. Constitution. The almost unanimous verdict was that this must be a communist-inspired threat to the American way of life!

Similarly, the Canadian Catholic Bishops have been criticized as being Marxist. Their statement, sir, is far more revolutionary and dangerous than Marxism. It's positively Christian!

MARY WILLIAMSON,
R.R. 1, North End Road,
Ganges.

January 14, 1982.

With enough shovels everyone could survive nuclear war

Sir,
Robert Scheer, a well known and highly respected journalist for the *Los Angeles Times*, has written a book titled *With Enough Shovels*, that clearly reports the thinking of the Regan administration. Mr. Scheer has had many interviews with President Regan and also with most of his high-ranking officials.

The result is unbelievably shocking, for the book reveals that the Regan Administration has committed the United States, for the first time, to the idea that a global nuclear war can be won. The following quotations are from these interviews:

T.K. Jones (Deputy Under Secretary of Defence for Research and Engineering, Strategic and Theatre Nuclear Forces) said that "the U.S. could fully recover from an all-out nuclear war with the Soviet Union in just two to four years."

He advocates digging holes in the ground, laying wooden doors over the hole, and covering the doors with three feet of dirt. He assures us that "If there are enough shovels to go around, everybody's going to make it. It's the dirt that does it."

Casper Weinberger (Defence Secretary) told the House Budget Committee that the Regan Administration would "expand the U.S. capability for deterring or prosecuting a global war with the Soviet Union."

Frank Carlucci III (Deputy Defence Secretary) told the Senate that "we are now committed to a nuclear-war-fighting capability."

Richard Pipes (Reagan's Soviet expert) said "Soviet leaders would have to choose between peacefully

changing their Communist system, or going to war". Nobel physicist Hans Bethe responded that this Regan plan "comes close to a declaration of war on the Soviet Union."

George Bush (Vice-President of the United States) when asked "How can you win a nuclear exchange?" replied, "You have a survivability of command and control, survivability of industrial potential, protection of a percentage of your citizens, and you have a capability that inflicts more damage on the opposition, that it can inflict on you."

President Regan, in an address at West Point in May, 1981, said, "The argument, if there is any, will be over which weapons, not whether we should forsake weaponry for treaties and agreements."

In the spring of 1982, the Regan administration presented a program to Congress calling for 4.3 billion for civil defence, claiming that it would save 80% of the American population in an all-out nuclear war with the Soviet Union. Regan overruled General David C. Jones, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who opposed the plan.

Robert Scheer concludes as follows, "These men are not lunatics who want to destroy the world. They are not eager for nuclear war any more than I am. But they are as eager for confrontation as they are to accommodation with the Soviet Union. The ultimate political aim of these nuclear hawks is to intimidate, disrupt and eventually transform the Soviet Union by the threat of nuclear war. What this strategy greatly underestimates is the very real likelihood that it will lead to a very real catastrophe, or as Desmond Ball realistically fears, a confrontation in which our only choices are war or capitulation."

Hans A. Bethe said in an interview, "Human beings who are very scared don't act rationally. In my opinion, we have nothing to fear from the Russians, nor the Russians from us, but fear itself, namely the fear that each country creates about the other. If there is an all-out attack on the Soviet Union and the United States, there will afterwards be no United States nor a Soviet Union."

Hans Bethe, Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist, has been continuously involved with the U.S. nuclear weapons program since the first atomic bomb. He was chief of the Theoretical Physics Division of the Los Alamos Scientific Lab, and from 1959-69 he served as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. He is now a professor at

BILL PATERSON,
Galiano Island,
January, 1983.

Trip to Calgary considered

Sir,
I would like to bring your readers' attention to the fact that Judy Chicago's *Dinner Party* is on display in Calgary until February 28.

As this seems to be the most westerly point in Canada available to this tremendous work of art, it has been suggested that we try to assemble a group of people from Salt Spring Island, or join a group from Victoria or Vancouver, and visit this outstanding exhibit.

Anyone who is interested could telephone me at 537-2756, or leave a name and number at the Women's Place, 537-9522, or at the Community Centre, 537-9212.

CATHERINE H. FAULKNER,
Box 661, Ganges.
January 16, 1983.

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More Letters to the Editor

Needs more than paint

Sir,
In joining with you to wish and hope for a Happy New Year I would like to suggest a constructive resolution. The enclosed photos are of the first impression a tourist or a newcomer receives of our Village of Ganges.

May it be resolved for the year 1983 that those responsible for the development and improvement of our Core-area show greater sensitivity to appropriate design and location of their projects. The building (as shown on photo 1) housing the Bank and Post office etc. would be far better suited to a fort in the middle of the prairies. It is certainly not in keeping with its environment.

The building on McPhillips (photo 2) needs a boardwalk to place it back to the Pioneer days. A complete lack of imagination.

Remember when there was a traffic island covered with green grass in front of the Drug store (photo 3)? Why was it destroyed so hastily and replaced by the present

eyesore? Because of the pending Sewer?

The Salt Spring Alternatives Committee held up the installation only five days awaiting an unsuccessful injunction. Other than that all delays have been on the shoulders of the Regional District and Big Sewer proponents. Traffic flow in the Village has become an absurdity, prompting the thought of many residents that the business section should be moved further out and not crowded into one small pocket.

Let us resolve to clean up our downtown act and make it a part of the Gulf Islands to which we can point with pride. I can assure you it will take more than just a coat of paint.

JOHN G. WATSON,
R.R. 2, Ganges.
January 7, 1983.

Editor's note: Limited space prohibited publication of photos.

They should take time off

Sir,
Why don't politicians take more time off. They left for Christmas and already some are showing up for work. Time away from work contributes to mental health and stability. The pressure must be tremendous. So please stay away longer.

I know the show must go on and all but frankly some are beginning to show signs of age and stress. Don't worry, you won't be forgotten. Hike your pay a little. Get a place in the country. Buy a new Jag or something. But get it together. Take all the time you need.

And one day while deep in meditation you may hear that small voice from afar telling you the true meaning of life. (I need a job. I need a job. I need a job.)

BOB McCULLY,
Salt Air Lane, Fulford.
January 10, 1983.

Unemployment hurts but Ottawa doing little about it — Manly

Unemployment hurts Canada and the federal government is doing little about it said MP Jim Manly last week. The member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands was at an accountability meeting in Ganges last Thursday.

"The NDP has pushed an emphasis on jobs since unemployment began to rise in the late 70's," he told the meeting. "The government policy to counter inflation has only contributed to unemployment."

With 1.5 million Canadians unemployed, the \$5 billion paid in benefits to them in 1982 added significantly to the national deficit for the year of \$23 billion, he said.

"We take the position that our government should have taken as its first priority ways to combat unemployment." He listed several ways for the government to be directly involved in lessening the jobless rate.

The government could expand the public works program, he said. It could also make extensive improvements to the Canadian transportation system. Indirect strategies could include urging that machinery which is used for resource extraction be made in Canada instead of being imported as is now the case in many areas.

Bankruptcies are also on the increase, Manly continued. Small businesses are going under 25% faster than before and in British Columbia, the number of bankruptcies has increased 100%.

"The restraint program is hurting everyone. If we want a sound economy, we must start with unemployment."

In answer to a question from the audience, Manly laid the blame for much of Canada's problems on the

high interest rates which, he said, directly cause unemployment and bankruptcies.

Other questions from those at the meeting concerned world peace and disarmament.

"People had the opportunity last fall," he said, "to express their opinion on the disarmament issue." He urged the Canadian government to support the proposal to end the arms race which Prime Minister Trudeau presented to the United Nations in 1978.

Calling the arms race an escalation of mutual terror, he said, "Our obligation to NATO is no way an obligation to get involved in the arms race." Canada, by allowing testing of the Cruise missile, would be involved. Manly described the missile as an offensive weapon because of its capabilities.

Canadians should write to the prime minister and urge him not to allow the testing of the weapon in Canada, he said.

"Canada should take a neutralist position in association with other neutral, non-nuclear nations and continue to press the U.S. and the

U.S.S.R. to negotiate and sign a peace treaty."

When asked about the appointment of Trudeau's aid Michael Pitfield to the Senate, Manly noted that it may be a way of bringing Pitfield into the cabinet. When senators are elevated to cabinet level, it works against responsible government, he said. Senators cannot be questioned by elected representatives, he noted.

"It's Trudeau's method of giving the Salmon Arm salute to the whole country."

Manly commented on a popular misconception that the federal NDP offers too much support for the government. Since April 1980, the NDP have voted with the Progressive Conservatives, against the government, 158 times. The caucus has supported the government 37 times while the P.C.'s have voted for the government 71 times.

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Proposal a step backward

Sir,
I cannot help but make some reply to A.H. Elliott's letter of December 15, 1982. I knew, before I had finished reading even the first sentence, that Elliott's address would be Bowen Island. For some reason, there exists a small group of people who seem to have a paranoid fear of the normal democratic process of electing their representatives and, oddly enough, these people seem to be very limited geographically... almost exclusively, to Bowen Island.

However, given the unfounded questioning of Mr. Rich's ability to function effectively in any capacity connected to the Trust, and the reference to "conflicts and power

struggles" within the Trust, I feel that Elliott (like some other Bowen Islanders) has a grudge against Mr. Rich, and not against democracy.

Also, given Mr. Rich's personal insistence on the complete public disclosure of all Trust business, including the official regional plan, I can only conclude that Elliott did not do very careful research or had a very unreliable source of information.

I have served as a local Trustee for six years, with both appointed and elected General Trustees, and can sincerely say that Elliott's proposal would be a step backward.

BILL DICKIE,
Thetis Island Trustee.
January 12, 1983.

NATO pledge obliges us to oppose all weapons

This letter to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was submitted for publication.

For the sake of your children, please do not permit the Cruise to be tested in Canada.

For the sake of all our children, please do not encourage the USA and USSR in their insane arms race in which there can be no winners, but in which we are all losers.

If the Cruise cannot be tested here, both testing and manufacture will be delayed. Whether these deadly missiles are first, second or third-strike is irrelevant: they are provocative and ultimately, like all nuclear weaponry, suicidal.

You know our NATO commitment does not oblige us to this course, and increasingly we know it too.

Your personal and international prestige was never higher than when you proposed the "suffocation" theory to the U.N. Please, please

return to that stance of morality and sanity.

The increasing swell of the peace movement should assure you of enormous support from your constituents, the people of Canada.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
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Parish to host Day of Prayer

Salt Spring Island Council of the Catholic Women's League met in the Parish Hall on January 12, after attending Mass. At the end of the Mass there was a ceremony of reception for new members.

Fr. P. A. Bergin led the opening prayers and Ursula McEwen presided. She thanked Lilian Beauchemin for hosting the potluck luncheon at the December meeting.

The president reported a successful Day of Recollection on November 24, at which Fr. Bergin gave the conferences. She also

announced that the annual diocesan convention will be held May 17-18, hosted by the Council of Queen of Peace Parish at Esquimalt. The annual provincial convention will be held June 21-23, hosted by the Council of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada will host the General Assembly of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations in Antigonish, N.S., in June. There will be delegates from across

Canada and around the world. Members are encouraged to attend if they can.

It was reported that the residents at Satermo Lodge are enthusiastic about the visits made once a month by Jeanne Anderson, community life convener, and her committee.

A marriage encounter is being arranged for the parish, the date for which will be announced later.

Members were asked to continue to write letters of encouragement to the Grandmothers of Argentina, who are striving to find their lost grandchildren.

This year Our Lady of Grace Parish will host the World Day of Prayer on March 4. Elsa Drummond is the convener. This is an undertaking of all the churches on the island, and she will be assisted by representatives from the Community Gospel Hall, the Anglican Church and the United Church.

Some time was spent in considering proposed changes to the constitution of the league in order to contribute approvals or recommendations for changes.

At the close of the meeting the members enjoyed a social hour, refreshments being provided by Julie Godwin and Madeline Frantz.

Reduce pump-out wastes

Salt Spring Island Legion president Jake Javorski wonders how the branch can meet a request to cut back on pump-out wastes.

Regional health officer Dr. Allan Arneil sent a letter to the Legion outlining problems with pump-out disposal of wastes.

As you are aware, the Capital Regional District community health service authorized use of a holding tank for disposal of your sewage. The pump-out material is deposited at the designated disposal area, which comes under the jurisdiction of the waste management branch of the ministry of the environment.

It is desirable that as little pump-out material as possible is dumped at the site. For that reason, I would ask that you take whatever reasonable steps you can to keep your pump-out wastes to a

minimum. This is especially pertinent at this time of the year when large amounts of pump-out material are taken to the dumping site from two places, the disposal fields of which malfunction in the wet weather season (November to April).

The Legion must dispose of up to 1,000 gallons of waste per week, said Javorski, and the cost of disposal runs to about \$400 per month. The Legion had been ordered to install a holding tank last year when the septic field serving the facility failed.

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Golden Age News

BY BILL HARPER

The OAP Branch 32 held their social on the afternoon of January 12. It was enjoyed by playing cards and then tea and lunch were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blatter celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on January 14. They were taken to the Legion by their daughter, where 24 gathered for the supper. Their granddaughter from the mainland came over - a surprise for them when they arrived at the Legion. Congratulations, Jean and Walter, many more years!

Sympathy is extended to Peggy Bean and Babs Ross on the loss of their father in Victoria, who died at the ripe old age of 103.

Lucy Moore is now home after being in Vancouver for the holidays. Nice to have her back bowling again.

Annie Spencer is now back in Lady Minto Hospital, and Betty Brigden is recuperating at home. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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Saturna Scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

The candlelight dinner last month went very well. It happens every year and every year we're ready for it.

My Christmas was special, Jesse's first, and the special gift of another daughter Michelle, choosing to live with us.

The Lions had their annual New Year's celebration and gourmet dinner. They donated \$200 to the fire department from the proceeds.

Here is special news. Carlos came and he came early! Trevor, Leah, Gloria and Tony have a baby! Carlos was a month early, arriving December 29, but doing well.

Saturna certainly participated in the 1982 baby boom, three boys and three girls: Corrine House in April, Jesse Guy in June, Eric Siemens in November, Miranda Middleditch in October and David Andrews and Carlos Manzano in December. At this rate we'll have to expand the school in 1987!

At the Tuesday woman's club meeting, the club gratefully accepted a three-story doll house from Len Hobbis and his granddaughter. They plan to furnish it completely and raffle it at the lamb barbecue. Ann Bavis has been asked to count everything that makes up a table setting in the community hall. The women plan to bring the service back up so it can serve 200.

The pig barbecue is when we miss the plates that sail home and the glasses lost to hilarity! Besides keeping the kitchen up to a good

standard, the hall will receive a major improvement.

The stage curtains, originally made up by the club about 20 years ago, are to be replaced. The women's club and the Lions have shared the cost, and the W.C. with Len Hobbis helping will make up the curtains, wings and backdrop.

The stage, by the way, and the costume change rooms, were a centennial project in 1957.

The island people were very interested in dramatics at that time and built the addition on to the hall, (completed in 1931).

Pat Garth has got together with other mothers and their offspring and started a play school on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9-11 at the community hall. Bring your own toys.

On Saturday, there will be a shower for Elaine and David and Gloria and Carlos - if they are back from the hospital. All are welcome.

On February 12 Paul Banks and his friend, an accompanying flautist, will give us a concert at the community hall, at 8 pm. Paul has come to Saturna several times, bringing beautiful guitar music. He usually plays his guitar about six hours a day.

Clubs - please renew your hall bookings for the New Year. Lions Club - January is your month to clean the hall.

The school children are going swimming and skating this year. Wednesdays they go to Crystal Pool and the Oak Bay Recreation Centre.

Four people from the parks branch came to Saturna to discuss their plans at Winter Cove Park. The Advisory Planning Commission, the two Island Trust representatives and the Community Club executive reiterated their desire for no overnight camping at the park and reaffirmed their interest in being a part of the decision-making process as to how the park will be developed.

Regional board looks at land use

At last Wednesday's meeting of the Capital Regional Board there were 31 items listed on the agenda.

Of these 11 were bylaws in respect of land-use in the western sector of the region, to the west of Victoria.

One bylaw referred to soil removal, affecting all electoral areas, and another governed dog licenses, also applicable to all electoral areas.

Report of the local works and services committee was concerned with land use in the western sector and the appointment of a representative from the western electoral areas to the Victoria family court committee.

Report of the local planning and zoning committee dealt exclusively with land use in the western sector.

Resolution to approve the name of the Langford Forum Council was concerned with the requirement of the registrar of companies that no society may be incorporated as a "council" or a "board" without the consent of the area municipality.

Two tabled items were of general concern, both dealing with procedure within the board meetings. They examined, not what

the board might be doing, but, rather, how it planned to do it.

A letter from North Saanich referred to the Ganges sewer. Two other letters considered the payment of legal fees incurred over the Young vs Valcourt case involving Salt Spring Island.

Final letter referred to the comparison between the section of the municipal act governing one aspect of a Ganges sewer vote and

the section governing another such vote.

A delegation from the western sector discussed the disposal of septage, whose ramifications largely centre on the western sector, but which directly affect all septic tank owners in the Vancouver Island section of the region.

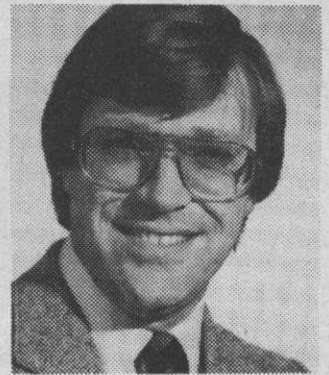
Store entered

Rear door of a local store permitted entrance to thieves last week, who carried off a variety of goods.

Garden Faire Florists in the Valcourt Centre was the target of thieves last Thursday night. The culprits got away with plants, clothing, dishes, a stuffed doll and \$15 in change. Total value of the articles and money lost was set at \$175.



ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



MR CLIFF YORATH, Director of Physical education at St. Michaels University School in Victoria, B.C., reports that this fall two out of three SMU boys in Grades 9-12 in rugby alone played on first, second or third school teams.

In the B.C. Independent Schools' rugby tournament, SMU won the Championship in the Senior, Under-16 and Under-15 Divisions, (with a combined 16-2 won-lost tournament record), while SMU's Under-14's rugby team, unusually young but athletically gifted, had a 3-3 record.

This year, six out of ten SMU boys and girls have competed in basketball, swimming, field hockey, soccer, (four teams), badminton, cross-country running or rifle shooting. Virtually all other students have taken part in non-competitive or intramural badminton, tennis, sailing, windsurfing, shooting, swimming, scuba diving, soccer, jogging or golf, or concentrated outside the school on ice hockey, gymnastics, riding or ballet. (Being athletic doesn't matter; participation does.)

Mr. Yorath, a meticulous organizer and a fine all-round athlete, played rugby for the London Welsh and for British Columbia and was a reserve for the Welsh national team. He studied Physical Education at St. Luke's College, now part of the University of Exeter, and is in his eighth year at St. Michaels University School.

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Organizers impressed with teens' behaviour

Successful teen dances at Fulford Hall on Salt Spring Island have left organizers impressed with the behaviour of island youngsters.

Carole Simpson told *Driftwood* last week that they've had no problems at all with the monthly dances, although some trouble had been expected.

The dances, which attract youths aged 11 to 20, are not held for profit but for the benefit of the youngsters.

The affairs are also getting support from the business community, said Simpson. Restaurant owner Rita Dods donated three record albums which were given out as prizes in spot dances.

The dances are held on the second Friday of every month. There will be no dance in February, however, because a high school dance is being held the same night.

Music at the hall is provided by Denny's Canned Music of Victoria.

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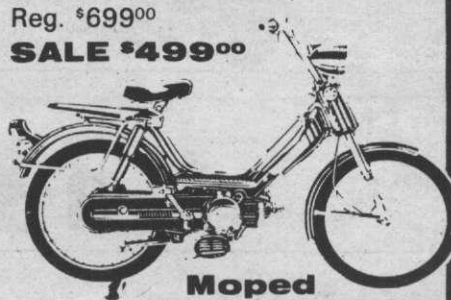


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Less than a minute later, both children are back in the room, and smiling. One of them says, "We decided to take turns."

Incidents such as that can become the norm rather than the exception, according to a local resident who

will be leading a parent encouragement group at Ganges.

Sharada Filkow says that temper tantrums, dawdling, arguments at the supper table, crying at bedtime and other daily traumas can be dealt with in an effective manner without losing one's sanity.

A book entitled *Children: the Challenge* has become a handbook for effectively dealing with the challenges of parenthood, she says.

Author Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs wrote: "We do not suggest that parents be either permissive or punitive. What parents have to learn is how to become a match for their

children, wise to their ways and capable of guiding them without letting them run wild or stifling them."

Filkow has had three years of involvement with parenting groups in Langley and on Salt Spring. She says she's found that parents enjoy their role more when they have a clearer understanding of why children behave as they do. There are alternatives to yelling and nagging — and they work, she says.

The parent encouragement group will meet Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the high school library beginning February 3. It is one of the winter courses being offered by the continuing education department of the Gulf Islands School District.

Anti-nuclear speaker draws capacity crowd

St. George's Hall at Ganges was filled to capacity when Professor Mike Wallace spoke about the costs of the arms race last Friday evening. Wallace pointed out the loss to Canadians in employment: arms production is relatively low in the use of human labour and high in the use of capital.

Looking beyond Canada to newly-independent nations, money they are spending on arms should be going into social, agricultural and industrial development. Wallace also cautioned that the Cruise missile boosts the rivalry between the super-powers to a new plane; it is undetectable by radar, which makes it a possible first-strike weapon despite disclaimers by the Reagan administration and Canadian officials.

The agreement to test it in Canada is not yet complete and he urged that everyone write, wire and phone Ottawa to urge that Canada withdraw from the agreement to test his missile.

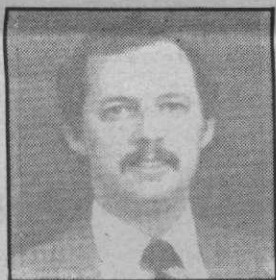
Representatives of the Outer Gulf Islands as well as from Salt Spring joined disarmament advocates from Victoria, Vancouver Island and the mainland Saturday afternoon in Victoria to establish a firm liaison among the groups and plan future actions.

Among the suggestions were a caravan to Ottawa, a massive demonstration at the proposed testing site at Cold Lake and concerted efforts to alert Americans or influence their congressmen.

Development of any or all of these projects will progress during coming months.

Meanwhile, the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee will meet next Monday at 7:30 pm in the school board office.

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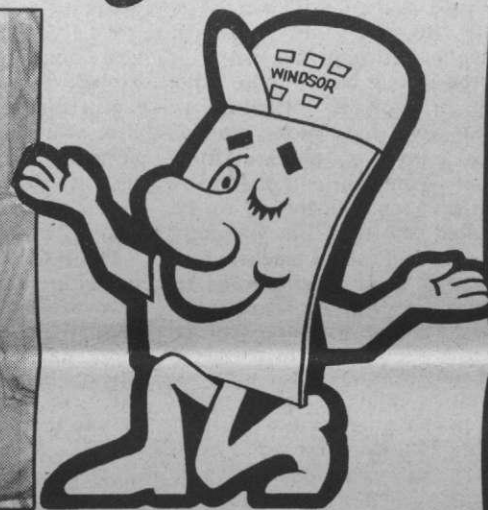


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GALIANO NEWS

Computer is new piece of equipment at school

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

Galiano School has acquired an Apple II computer. It is hoped that Tom McKeachie, who teaches computer science at the secondary school, will be able to visit Galiano and at least introduce the teachers and older pupils to the device.

The use of computers in elementary schools is so recent that very few teachers have had training in their operation. Manuals are available but self-teaching requires a great deal of perseverance and time spent operating the computer.

The principal expects that, at least at first, only Grade 7 students will be using the computer and attempting simple programs. In order to obtain computer time they may have to be prepared to use it during out-of-school hours. Without this experience Galiano pupils will be at a disadvantage when they reach secondary school.

In setting up the equipment Wolfgang Wolff, who has the same model computer, volunteered his assistance. Other adults in the community are interested in learning to use the Apple if instruction can be arranged.

At the urging of his doctor and family, principal Ken Gaylor has applied for and been granted medical leave of absence from February 1 until the end of June. A temporary replacement is to be appointed shortly from presently employed Gulf Island teachers.

Ken and Enid Gaylor hope to spend the time from April to June in Scotland at Findhorn where there is a remarkable community internationally known for both its horticulture and its philosophy. Many people go there as a spiritual retreat. The community is also noted for its arts and crafts.

In the two months before they leave Ken hopes to produce for public performance a three-act play. His preference is for a British light comedy (Blithe Spirit was mentioned) of which he has directed many in the past. He will no doubt be interested to hear from anyone who would like to take part, either on the stage or behind the scenes.

Coroner's Recommendations

The coroner's report recommendations as a result of the fatal

accident to a cyclist on Galiano last summer were published in Driftwood last fall. Coroner Hugh Ross has kindly made available the official reactions to his proposals.

The minister of tourism agrees with the recommendations concerning safety for cyclists, but "this is a matter which must be brought forward by the islanders themselves before the provincial government can act." He goes on to point out that his ministry is not a funding authority, and that transport and highways has control with regard to cycle paths.

He further comments that the cost of widening highways to include cycle paths would be considerable, and that this would be a municipal responsibility which he assigns to the Islands Trust. He seems to be unaware that the Trust has no funding authority for capital projects.

The minister of transport and highways replies that "my staff will consider the recommendations of the coroner and determine if any action is required at the accident location."

Well yes, Mr. Fraser, this has been done and a warning sign erected. One would be naive to expect that in a time of restraint there would be any mention of cycle paths, but if there is to be any initiative on this suggestion it should surely come from the ministry of highways.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has replied in more detail and provided more action. During the summer season the following announcement will be made over the public address system: "Bicyclists are reminded, for safety, to travel in single file and keep to the right."

Each party rate booking will have the same message in printed form attached to the ticket. Space is allowed on vessel notice boards for a notice that is to be supplied by the people of Galiano.

Has any organization agreed to undertake this task? The proposal that bicycles be unloaded after motor vehicles is, according to the assistant general manager of operations, impractical as bicycles have to be stowed in the bow area of the car deck, and must therefore be unloaded before other vehicles are allowed to leave the ship.

Perhaps it is still up to Galiano drivers to protect these masses of

immature summer cyclists from the results of their own folly.

Neighbourhood Pub

Island Trustees Thompson and Weiss have tallied the mail-in straw vote on the question of a neighbourhood pub for Galiano to be located near the intersection of Porlier Pass and Sturdies Bay Roads.

Of 262 ballots received, 235 were in favour of the proposal and 21 opposed. Many respondents wrote in comments and these are more interesting than the 90 percent for and eight percent against the concept.

Several opponents of the scheme objected on moral grounds that the consumption of alcohol, particularly to excess, has proved to have disastrous consequences on health and road safety. The facts are indisputable but the interpretation is a matter of debate. Much of the support is unequivocal but there were a number of reservations expressed, the most cogent of which concerns access from the highway.

The stretch of road from the curve south of the lumber yard to the firehall is the busiest and most hazardous on the island. Located in this section is the junction with the north end road, half the commercial enterprises on the island, the community hall, the ambulance station, the firehall and the senior citizens housing complex.

The department of highways might well be concerned about adding to the traffic load on this short stretch of highway. Perhaps the imposition of a 30 km per hour speed limit on this section of road is indicated.

Another reservation held by many is the question of control. A minority of drinkers undergo behavioural change after consuming alcohol so that their conduct becomes belligerent and objectionable. The operators are urged by many respondents to take firm steps to deal with and eliminate the problem.

Nevertheless, the results of the questionnaire indicate very solid support for the project. Application to the Islands Trust for rezoning is the next step to be taken, and this will be followed by a public hearing to be held on Galiano, probably in February.

Nature Notes: World on a Rope

The old fisherman had noticed that his buoy was sinking deeper and deeper into the water as the months passed. It was over a year since he had used and checked it. The buoy was connected by several fathoms of half-inch polypropylene rope to a couple of fathoms of galvanized chain shackled to a concrete block in about four fathoms of water.

He rowed out to the buoy and with a gaff hauled it and the first few feet of rope into the dinghy.

The bottom half of the buoy and the rope were weighed down with a thick incrustation of blue mussels. The stipe of a kelp was twisted around the rope and he cut it loose. He began to pull off the mussels in fistfuls as the mass of byssal threads locked the shellfish together. These he put in a plastic tub, for, being

European in origin, he knew that mussels steamed in white wine are a gastronomical treat.

Soon he noticed that there were other creatures in the tub beside the mussels. Small, eel-like fish; green, brown and orange - possibly young wolf-eels - had left the protection of the mussel labyrinth. Sea water had drained from between the mussels and in it swam a sand shrimp.

Other crustaceans present were sand hoppers and a green kelp crab the size of a dime. Rock barnacles, also a member of the same family, had attached themselves liberally to the blue, black and brown shells of the mussels. Several sand mussels had emerged from hiding, one of which was several centimeters long.

These were only the visible inhabitants of this little world. The microscopic residents would have been far more varied and probably outnumbered the human population of Canada.

Coming Events

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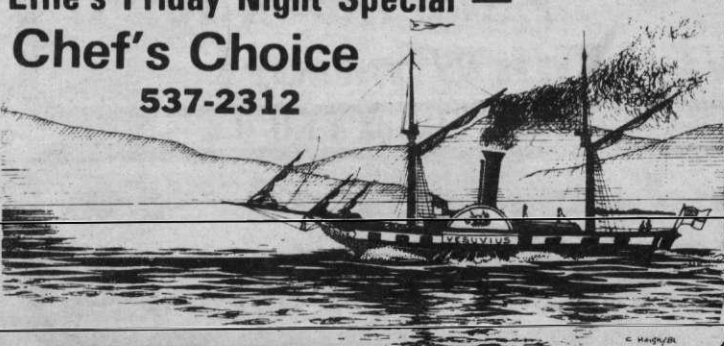
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Jean and Wally Bradley

Wally Bradley retires after 18 years with highways crew

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Wally Bradley, a member of the Pender Island highways crew for the past 18 years, was the guest of honour at a dinner party at the Pender Island Golf Club on Saturday. Forty guests sat down to a dinner convened by Maggie Mennie, with the assistance of friends and relatives.

Wally is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradley of Pender Island. His father Jim Bradley was the Pender Island road foreman at one time. Before joining the highways department, Wally was self-employed in the logging business.

He was accompanied to the party by his wife Jean and children Carol, Jamie and John.

Wally Bradley has now retired from the highways department and his co-workers from over the years gathered to wish him a long and happy retirement.

Wally's sisters, Joan Monroe of Victoria, Helen Dickie of Vancouver, and Alma Conery and Kay Donahue of Salt Spring were all present. Also from Salt Spring came Mary Stepaniuk, wife of Pender Island highways foreman John Stepaniuk, Charlie and Joan Buckley, Ken and Chris Stevens, Ed and Eva Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hawk, Bob and Evelyn Marcotte, Bert Bracket, Willie Westcott and Fred Donahue. Saturna guests were Eddie Reid and Sylvia and Don Hogg.

Because of inconvenient ferry schedules those from the highways department on Galiano and Mayne were unable to attend. Pender highways crew members present were George Ross-Smith and his wife Marilyn and Raymond Daniels.

During dinner, Don Hogg, Saturna foreman, presented Wally with a bent shovel and a new rain slicker.

After opening numerous other gifts from his friends in the

highways department, Wally was presented with a down-rigger and fish bonker engraved with the words, "Wally's weapon." In making the presentation, John Stepaniuk said the gifts were for "a very good fellow who it was a pleasure to work with" and wished him a happy retirement.

In thanking the guests, Wally said he sincerely appreciated the dinner, the gathering of his friends for the event and the many gifts.

After the dinner, the party was enlarged by many more friends and neighbours who joined the celebration and danced till midnight. They partook of Maggie Mennie's special retirement cake, decorated with a fisherman with a tape measure in his mouth, a large sized salmon and a highways grader stuck in the mud.

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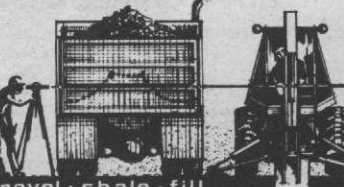
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Grumbling Slugs taste defeat

BY DUDLEY DULL

Fans and investors alike breathed a deep sigh of relief Sunday as the vaunted Team Slug '83 juggernaut was finally brought to earth 5-3 by Mill Bay Old-Timers.

In the days prior to Sunday's game the situation was tense as investigators scrambled to accumulate evidence linking the Slugs to a widespread consumer conspiracy bent on defrauding and deceiving the Slugs' loyal following of many hundreds.

Things became even tighter Friday night when the Slugs overwhelmed the Old-Timers 5-4 at Kerry Park Arena. Trading on the VSE and Toronto Stock Index was temporarily halted as officials scrambled to control the frantic sale of Slug Productions '83 stocks. The shutdown was linked to a \$2.75 rise in the price of gold and a 13c drop in Skabania Enterprises shares, while overall the index declined 14 points.

Following Saturday morning's *Good Morning America* profile of young Rob Cook, the outstanding Slug rookie from suburban Dry Heave, Alberta, speculation was rampant that if in fact a conspiracy was present, its implications were even more global than previously thought.

Another temporary suspension of trading occurred as officials sought to control rampant rumours and confusion among investors and speculators alike.

Sunday morning then, after several days of frantic activity and backroom manoeuvring, Fuller Lake was a beehive of investor interest as the Slugs took to the ice. Another victory could have brought

uncontrollable chaos to the world's already burdened economic structures.

Fortunately for one and all, the Slugs weren't equal to the task, and led by the remarkable shot-deflecting talents of one Slug defenceman, gave the game to the Old-Timers on a platter. The world markets sighed in collective relief - the Slugs just grumbled.

Even the loss, however, was not

without controversy. Following complaints of dizziness and shortness of breath, North Cowichan health officials confiscated large quantities of Perrier water, soft drinks and some beer from the team's dressing room. At press time rumours of drugging are emanating from the Slug camp. It appears that the only answer lies in a hurried rematch. More news as it breaks.

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BY-LAW NO. 1108

A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A PART OF SALT SPRING ISLAND IN THE SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA AS A SPECIFIED AREA OF THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT THAT WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE INSTALLATION OF A SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE WORKS.

WHEREAS the Regional Board is empowered with respect to that part of the Regional District not within a city, district, town or village to undertake any work or service under the provisions of Part 16 of the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board has commenced the establishment of a system of sewerage works for the collection, conveyance and disposal of sewage in that part of Salt Spring Island in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area hereinafter established as a specified area which will be benefited by the said system of sewerage works;

AND WHEREAS the necessary disposal permit for the said system of sewerage works has been obtained under the Waste Management Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Capital Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

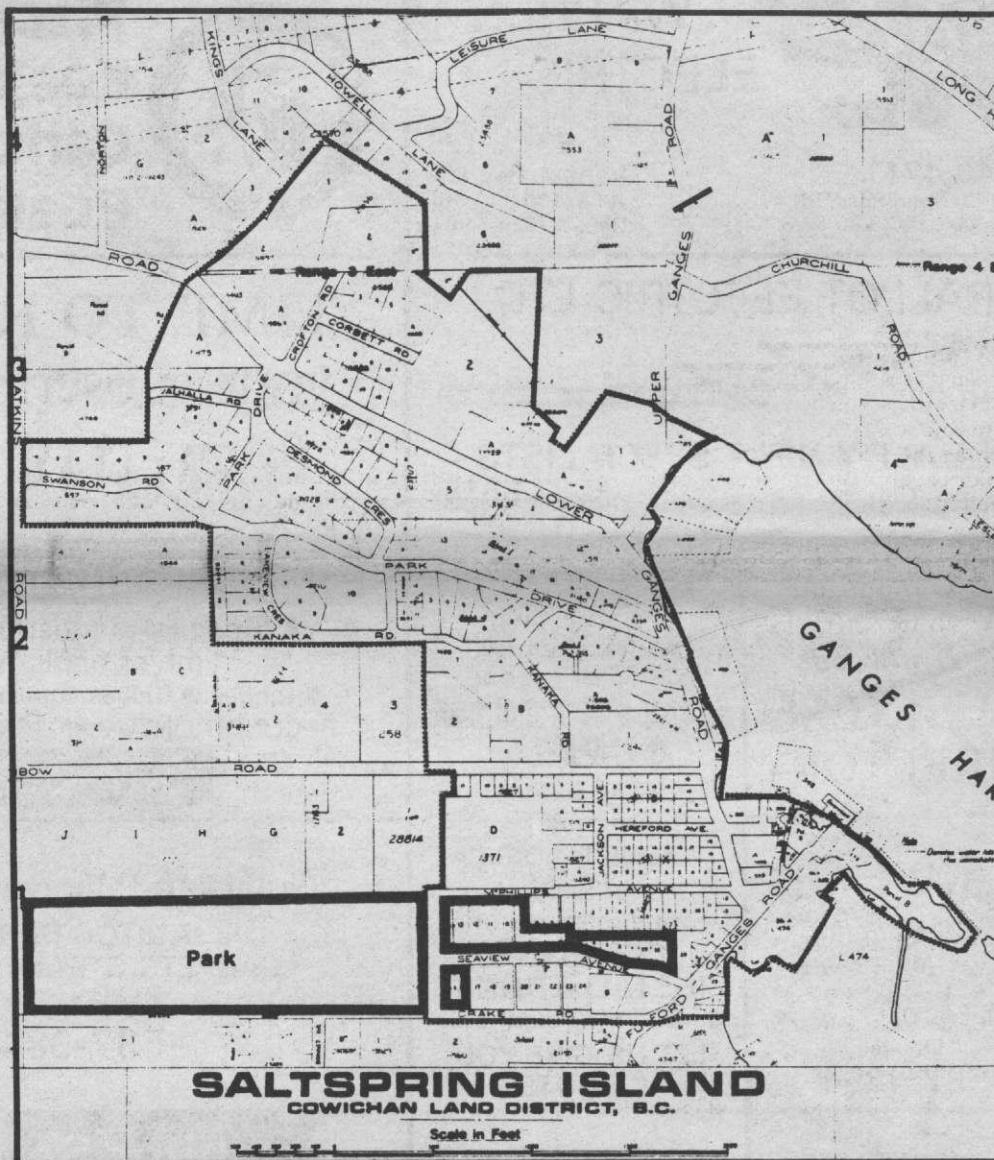
1. The Regional Board is hereby empowered and authorized:

(a) To establish in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area a specified area to be known as the "Ganges Specified Area" and such area shall be as outlined and described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law and is hereby declared to be the area that will be benefited by the said system of sewerage works.

(b) To undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out and to provide a system of sewerage works for the collection, conveyance and disposal of sewage, including a treatment plant, for the said specified area and to do all things necessary in connection therewith including the acquisition, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the said system of sewerage works generally in accordance with plans filed in the office of the Regional District and to do all things necessary in connection therewith, including operation and maintenance and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licences, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the acquisition, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the said system of sewerage works.

2. The entire cost of the said system of sewerage works is \$4,800,000.00.

3. The net cost of providing for the establishment of the said system of sewerage works in the said specified area, after any Federal or Provincial Government Grants, shall be borne by the owners of land in the said specified area, and the Regional Board is hereby empowered to recover the said cost by means of the imposition of a user charge, frontage tax and/or parcel charge as provided in the Municipal Act. Any deficiencies arising from a shortage of revenues generated by the aforesaid user charge, frontage tax and/or parcel charge shall be requisitioned in the manner prescribed in the Municipal Act on all lands and improvements on the basis of assessment as fixed for taxation purposes only by Special Act within the said specified area; provided, however, that until such time as revenues are generated as aforesaid, the whole of the annual costs attributable to the said sewerage works shall be requisitioned on all lands and improvements in the said specified area in the manner specified as aforesaid for requisitioning of any deficiencies.



GANGES SPECIFIED AREA

4. This By-law may be cited as the "Salt Spring Island Ganges Sewerage System Specified Area Establishment By-law, 1982".

Take notice that the above is a true copy of a proposed by-law on which the vote of the electors of the proposed Ganges sewer specified area in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area will be taken at:

School Board offices, Lower Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C.

on the 5th day of February, 1983 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and that an Advanced Poll will be held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1983 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at:

United Church Hall, Ganges, B.C.

Capital Regional District offices, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

and that Jean Vodden has been appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of taking and recording the votes.

DATED at Victoria, B.C., this 11th day of January, 1983.

A review of the detailed metes and bounds description of the proposed specified area may be viewed during normal working hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

Dennis A. Young,
Secretary

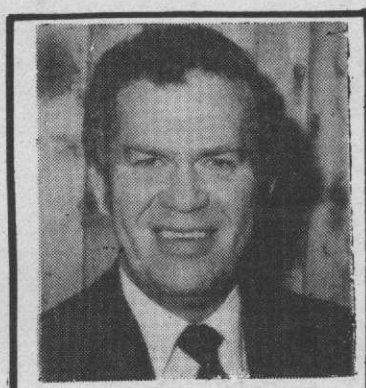
Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners January 10 were as follows.

North-south: first, Dawny Scarfe and Norm McConnell; second, Lorna and Peter Pentz; third, Ray and Gordon Best; fourth, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop.

East-west: first, Joe and Madeline Frantz; second, May Whiten and Margaret Ellison; third, Thelma and Jock Craig; fourth, Alan Stewart and Kay Sinclair.

Tuesday evening: first, Fred Melhuish and Ralph Cossey; second, Lois Popkin-Clurman and Mona Coulter; third, Dr. Hyslop and Fred Struve.



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Report for 1982

Vern Roddick to Outer Islanders

Motion ruled frivolous

BY VERN RODDICK

Regional Director, Outer Islands

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and now let's hope also that the New Year is an improvement in all ways over 1982.

At the CRD we had a busy year bringing financial matters under control and trying to ensure you get the greatest value for your tax dollars. I have found that monies derived from sources throughout the Gulf Islands have not always gone towards functions or activities giving support to Islands' needs. To that end distribution was made of Grants-in-Aid funds to meet requests from the following organizations:

Lyll Harbour Water Commission, \$200; Magic Lake Property Owners Society, \$600; Mayne Island Fire Dept., \$500; North Galiano Community Assn., \$400; Pender Island Cemetery Committee, \$500; South Galiano Fire Dept., \$500; South Pender Property Owners Assn., \$200; Saturna Island Fire Dept., \$300; Trincomali Property Owners Assn., \$200.

Distribution was in answer to need, bearing in mind the population figures from the 1981 census. These funds were accumulated from a 1/5 mill levy on your taxes which I feel should be available to the Islanders who paid. **PAY AS WE GO**

I am discussing another financial matter with Municipal Affairs; that is, to find a way for electoral areas such as the Outer Gulf Islands to avoid paying interest on monies required for projects such as a new

fire truck. The proposal is to have a district or area vote approval of a small mill rate over a period of years, accumulate the funds plus interest, then make the purchase. I believe this is the way most of us try to operate our own finances. Municipalities are permitted to do so, therefore I feel we should have the same opportunity.

There is a lot of discussion regarding grants in lieu of taxes from the federal and provincial governments. These are funds granted from senior governments to compensate for taxes which would normally be collectable if the property were owned by an individual or company. I have listings of such properties which total some 38 acres but I have also discovered several pieces not on that list which could make a substantial increase in the total. Just what or how much value this will be to us is not yet known, but we should at least clarify the matter.

Housing start up grants have in the past gone mostly to CRD planning functions which are done for the Islands by the Islands Trust. This matter is being revised and I will try to ensure these funds are used to improve CRD services to the Islands.

RESIDENT INSPECTOR

Starting in the New Year, I plan on having a meeting on each Island between builders, building inspectors and also health inspectors. Also in the New Year we hope to have a resident building inspector on the Islands who will be available to give quick answers and hopefully avoid delays. There will of course be a saving in travel time and expenses normally incurred with off island services.

I have been getting a lot of calls and conversation regarding a by-law prohibiting the discharge of firearms. In built up areas such as Magic Lake this is almost a must.

There are many similar areas throughout the islands and I would appreciate hearing from or receiving a petition from interested parties. If CRD passes such a by-law it would be enforced by the local RCMP and thus eliminate involvement with the Game Department. May I suggest organizing areas which are easily defined, such as a whole island or a very large portion thereof, to enable more efficient and easier control.

As always, please call if there are any questions or information required. My phone number is still 629-3308.

North Saanich municipality has notified the Capital Regional Board that the municipal council will not accept responsibility for the cost of the Ganges sewer without the consent of its taxpayers.

The letter referred to the possibility of rejection of the Ganges sewer vote and the responsibility for the \$2.8 million already spent.

Motion by Mel Couvelier to commend the council was ruled out as frivolous by chairman Howard Sturrock.

Later at the same meeting last week, director Jim Cumming observed that he had been building septic tanks for decades. And he had been using them, added Couvelier, amid laughter.



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Salt Spring Island **February 3, 1983**
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Qualifications outlined for sewer referendum

The only people allowed to vote on the Ganges sewer referendum are those directly involved in the specified area.

Jean Vodden, returning officer for the vote, has outlined who can vote on the issue. Residents within the area (see map, Page 14), property owners or non-resident tenants in occupation qualify as voters.

Qualified residents of the specified area are those who either rent or live on property they own within the area. If such persons are not on the voter's list, they can vote by filling out at the poll the Application for Registration as an Elector.

Qualified non-resident property owners include those who own property within the area but live elsewhere on Salt Spring Island or in British Columbia and they must complete at the poll the Application for Registration as a Non-Resident Property Owner.

Qualified non-resident tenants in occupation within the specified area include storekeepers, doctors, lawyers and others who lease property in the area but reside elsewhere. Only the person or persons actually leasing the premises qualify and must complete the Application for Registration as a Non-Resident Tenant in Occupation.

Qualified corporations, which are not reporting companies as defined by the Companies Act, may register under Section 38 of the Municipal Act for an appointment of an agent to vote on their behalf. The corporations must register at the offices in Victoria of the Capital Regional District before February 5.

Vodden suggests that companies

uncertain of the status should check with the CRD to find out for certain whether a vote is available or not.

In addition to the stated qualifications, voters must meet the regular requirements of being 19 years old as of polling day and otherwise entitled to voting privileges within the province as a Canadian citizen or British subject.

The voter must have resided in Canada for 12 months, in the province for six months and within the specified area for three months prior to polling day.

In addition, voters must not be disqualified by the Municipal Act or any other law in force in the province. A voter who is challenged under Section 121 of the Municipal Act must take the oath as set out in that act.

Vodden adds a reminder: "No person shall vote more than once."

Those persons residing outside the area but who are eligible to vote may have to register at the poll as either a non-resident property owner or a non-resident tenant in occupation.

Reporting companies include such institutions as banks and trust companies. The school board, the hospital and churches do not have a vote. Greenwoods does not have a vote although the residents of the facility do qualify.

There will be no proxy votes allowed and no one will be allowed to cast a vote while exercising a power of attorney.

The advance poll is at the CRD offices on Yates Street in Victoria as well as at the upper hall of the Ganges United Church on February 2 from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

The regular poll will be in the conference room of the school board office on Lower Ganges Road on February 5 from 8 am until 8 pm.

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