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Fifty-eight cram into van

Grad-sponsored Van Cram was held Tuesday at noon hour in Centennial Park at Ganges to raise money for the grad class of Gulf

Islands Secondary School. Not too uncomfortable as yet, in top photo, are Allan Sinclair, Ken Marr and Bob Leader. In the bottom photo,

through the steaming, streaming windows one can spot, from left, Kelly Mullen, Lisa Barry and Aaron

Minvielle. Fifty-eight students managed to pack themselves into the Volkswagen van.

Queen of Tsawwassen takes over islands run

The *Queen of Sidney* made her regular run through the Gulf Islands early this week but it was the last run she'll make for a while.

The ferry will sit at dock on the mainland to be replaced on the Gulf Islands-mainland run by her sister ship the *Queen of Tsawwassen*. The two vessels change assignments. When the *Sidney* is refitted, she goes on stand-by and the *Tsawwassen* becomes the regular ferry on the run. Plans are not definite, but Monday's run of the *Sidney* may have been her last on this route.

The activity for change-over began Monday as the crew of the *Sidney*, under the watchful eye of Captain Ian McLean, began to pack various items for the switch at the mainland terminal.

To passengers, the only evidence of the activity was the reduction of choice in the cafeteria, the lack of

tourist brochures in the foyer and the video games which had been turned to face the wall.

From the engine room to the bridge, preparation for the change continued throughout the day.

The *Queens of Sidney* and *Tsawwassen* began their careers with B.C. Ferries in 1960. The first two vessels of the fleet, they were designed by the naval architects firm of Spaulding and McLaren and were built in Victoria at Victoria Machinery Depot.

The *Queen of Sidney* made her first run from the mainland to Swartz Bay on June 15, 1960. Both ships are 102.5 metres (336 feet) long with a beam of 22.5 metres (74 feet) and a draft of 3.81 metres (12½ feet).

They each carry 138 automobiles and 989 passengers in the summer season with a crew of 29.

The differences between the sister ships today are the added bow thrusters on the *Tsawwassen* and the paint on her hull.

The bow thrusters allow the ship to go forward, backward and sideways. The paint on the hull, called sharkskin by Captain McLean, adds speed while reducing water resistance for a saving of fuel.

The changes to the *Tsawwassen*, including a new room for a generator to run the bow thrusters, took six months to complete with a price tag of \$1.5 million.

On Monday afternoon at 4:30, the *Sidney* backed away from the wharf at Long Harbour and began the slow turn into the channel. Captain McLean explained the technique. Orders were given in a conversational tone and obeyed quickly.

The boat had to ply Long Harbour slowly, said the captain, to avoid a heavy wash beating against the docks of the bay. Once into Swanson Channel, the engines revved up for the trip to Otter Bay on Pender Island.

The cafeteria crew apologized to passengers for the meagre fare.

Food had been packed into containers for the change. The menu choice was soup or sandwiches.

On the bridge, the wheel was held by seaman Gary Wyrozub with relief from Doug McDonald. Second officer Bill Anderson kept the log and watched the radar.

The ship reached Otter Bay and chief officer Rob Franklin was on the cardeck to supervise the movement of vehicles on and off the ferry.

Each terminal on the route to the mainland has its own peculiarities and Captain McLean explained the quirks. Otter Bay requires a fine balance of forward and reverse thrust from the engines.

Village Bay on Mayne Island requires a proper turn of the boat around Crane Point.

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"It's just like driving a car around a corner," explained McLean. "you slow down into the curve, then drive it around the corner."

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Assessments chopped

Assessment on vacant Ganges properties has been chopped sharply by the Salt Spring Island court of revision.

Last week the court approved a series of reductions in land assessments in Ganges in cases where the land was undeveloped and no permits for construction will be granted. In these cases the land assessment was reduced approximately 50%.

A number of appeals were heard against the assessments on vacant property on the grounds that the land could not be built on under the present regulations and could never be utilized until a sewer system or a holding tank program was approved.

The courts of appeal in Ganges and on North Pender Island completed their list of appeals last week.

The court has sat at Ganges for many years, but the location on Pender was a new approach. Many Outer Island property owners have expressed their approval of a court close to home. Last year property owners from Mayne, Pender and Saturna had to travel to Central Saanich, between Sidney and Victoria, to appeal their

assessments.

Court at Pender sat for one day in Sidney to enable off-island appellants to more readily attend. MEMBERSHIP

Chairman of the Outer Islands court of revision was Dr. Ralph Chatwin, of Mayne Island. Sitting with him were Marg Keating and Jim Peters. At Ganges chairman was veteran revision court prexy, Jack Potheary, with George Heinekey and Frank Richards.

Appellants who are not satisfied with the ruling of the courts have the opportunity of appealing the decision to the board of appeal. When they receive notification of the court's decision, each appellant will receive directions on how they may pursue an appeal.

The records established last year by courts of revision all over the province were not continued into the current year. Both islands courts heard something less than 100 appeals, apart from the routine examination and approval of changes in assessment resulting from new construction and other developments taking place. The assessors had closed their rolls and before the end of the year.

Queen to visit island

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will sail into Victoria Harbour next week aboard the royal yacht *Britannia*. The royal couple, however, will not be visiting the Gulf Islands.

In fact, they won't even come close.

When they leave Victoria for Vancouver Tuesday night, they will probably bypass the islands, according to a spokesman at the Royal Visit Office in Victoria. He didn't

Active Pass.

Curtis has good news for Pender, Galiano

A long-awaited grant has been made to the community of Pender Island.

The old school at Pender has been given to the Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association, Islands MHS High Curtis told *Driftwood* last week.

Title to the school property, which consists of half a hectare, had reverted to the ministry of lands following the opening of the new school and community centre.

Negotiations over the past few years have finally resulted in a crown land grant to the Pender

group. Value of the land is estimated at \$45,000.

Curtis also had good news for Galiano Island residents.

The highways ministry has agreed to upgrade and maintain Clanton Road, which was reopened through the efforts of island residents last year. The road provides shorter access to Montague Harbour for north-end residents.

Curtis said the road will be paved with a maximum grade of 7%. Construction is expected to be completed by September.



When Eva St. Onge, right, arrived in California, she was greeted at the airport by her son, Don Pape, a group of well-wishers and, of course, members of the media. Pape was prepared to celebrate the reunion after 46 years apart.

Photo by Ralph Bower

Eva St. Onge looks forward to another visit to long-lost son

Eva St. Onge is back home but she looks forward to her next trip to visit her son in California for her 92nd birthday party.

St. Onge sat in her Pioneer Village home on Salt Spring this week looking through the photographs of her recent trip to Richmond, California. It had been a special trip for her.

She was reunited with her son with whom she lost touch 46 years ago.

She held up a group photo. "That's my family," she said. "I've got more children than the woman in the shoe."

The photograph had been taken outside a television station. Her family had been gathered in the California city near Oakland for the reunion and they were guests on a television program.

St. Onge and her son, Don Pape, were the stars while the grandchildren were in attendance. Pape commented that the moment

would be complete if his son Dwayne, who lives in Tennessee, could have been there.

When mother, son and grandchildren posed for the camera, a man walked out from backstage. The moment became complete. Dwayne Pape had arrived.

The story of the reunion began in December when an RCMP officer from the Ganges detachment arrived at St. Onge's home with a message from her son in California.

The meeting was arranged and the Ganges resident went south for a Christmas present which cannot be matched.

"I found grandchildren and great-grandchildren I didn't know I had," she said.

"Driftwood started the whole thing," she said. "It's a good story and I don't know where it will end. But I don't care because I found my family."

Campaign raises \$2,660

The 1982 poppy campaign at Salt Spring Island raised \$2,660.50 for the use of needy veterans and their dependants.

The Salt Spring branch of the Royal Canadian Legion took in \$1,571.50 from wreath sales and donations and \$1,922.98 from poppy sales. Costs of wreaths, poppies and supplies amounted to \$833.98.

Between October 1, 1981 and

September 30, 1982 the disbursements to veterans and dependants in need totalled \$1,998.47.

Poppy funds are not available to the Legion for their normal operations. They are held in a bank trust account on Salt Spring for the exclusive use of needy veterans.

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Active disarmament spokesman to visit

One of Europe's major disarmament spokesmen will address a public meeting at Ganges next week.

Prof. Michael Pentz, dean of the faculty of science at England's Open University, chairman of the U.K. Scientists Against Nuclear Armaments and vice-chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, will speak at the Ganges activity centre next Thursday at 8:15 pm.

Pentz, brother of Peter Pentz of Salt Spring Island, has a reputation as one of the most incisive, informed and articulate spokesmen for his cause in Europe, says Andy Orkin of

the local Nuclear Disarmament Committee.

Before visiting the island, Pentz will be keynote speaker at a conference in Vancouver this weekend. The affair is being held by the faculty of medicine at the University of B.C. and Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Pentz will also appear on CTV with Jack Webster at 9 am Friday and will be heard on CJOR at 2 pm and CBC-AM at 5:10 pm the same day.

The Salt Spring committee has been working on its plans for the coming year and will present them to the public at next week's meeting.



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No raise for regional directors

Directors of the Capital Regional District have voted not to raise their pay this year and will receive the same amount as they did last year and the year before.

The board of directors last

Wednesday approved the 1981 pay scale with an amendment to allow directors from municipalities to benefit from the one-third tax-free expense allowance as part of their pay. In the past, only directors from the electoral areas could claim one-third of their pay as tax-exempt expenses.

The Salt Spring director will receive \$7,636 in wages with \$2,545 counted as the allowance "for expenses incidental to the discharge of...duties."

The Outer Gulf Islands director will be paid \$6,767, of which \$2,255 is considered expense money.

The directors of the electoral areas are paid according to a sliding scale based on the population each represents. The directors from municipalities are paid less by the CRD in line with their duties as elected representatives serving on the councils of those municipalities.

Colwood and Langford are the most largely populated electoral areas and each director representing the two areas receives \$8,677, with

\$2,892 allowed as expenses.

Sooke and Salt Spring are next in line and the Sooke director takes home the same pay and expense allowance as the Salt Spring representative.

Metchosin, View Royal and the Outer Gulf Islands are in the same wage package.

From the municipalities, the Saanich, Victoria, Oak Bay and Esquimalt directors each receive salaries of \$4,054 including expense allowance of \$1,351.

The Central Saanich representative receives \$5,072 with \$1,690 of that amount as allowance. North Saanich and Sidney directors will be paid \$6,325, of which \$2,108 is considered expenses.

The chairman of the board of directors will be allotted an extra \$11,813 while the chairman of the CRD Hospital Board receives an extra \$4,787. Each member of the CRD is considered to be a member of the hospital board but their efforts in that area are covered by the regular salary.

Businesses form association

A new organization of merchants, business and professional people has been formed in Ganges.

The Ganges Centre Association has been organized with a view to promoting better understanding, communications and co-operation in the Ganges core area.

Membership is open to anyone in business in the Ganges core, the boundaries of which are described in the official community plan.

Tourist promotions and community clean-up are among the projects to be considered by the group.

Interim chairman is Kevin McCarthy of Glad's Ice Cream and Candy Cottage.

Cassette deck stolen

The vehicle had been parked for 10 days and when the owner returned the theft was discovered.

The incident took place some time between February 5 and 15. The vehicle had been parked behind a service station in Ganges when someone used a crowbar to remove a cassette deck from the auto. The deck had a replacement value of \$500.

Ganges RCMP are continuing the investigation of the theft.

Fulford Harbour Waterworks District ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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That's getting old

I'm so old I can even remember getting married when I was a youthful veteran of the Second World War.

I need 22 more cars!

I've got a new number. I'm No. 36596576. At least, my car is. That's the number of the decal on the rear end of my car. It tells all and sundry and sundry other traffic patrols that I have paid up the ante and I'm entitled to take part in the speed game. The thing that worries me is the numbers racket. If there were three million British Columbians today and the government issues 37 million decals, that's more than 12 vehicles per man, woman and child in the province. And that means that, with one car each, we're running 22 cars behind the average British Columbian. My status just flew out the door! I just got to buy another score of cars if my licence is telling me the truth.

Latin isn't No. 3

A mari usque ad mare. I was in Ottawa a few years ago with a group of newspaper publishers to speak to the men at the top and I met a man at the top who addressed me in French. When I replied, he switched to Latin. I stumbled and fell away after a couple of horrific phrases. Which all goes to show that Latin is not Canada's No. 3 language. And I asked my colleagues when was the coat of arms first a Canadian? I know that the quotation "From sea to sea" was not Canadian-coined, but adapted from the 72nd psalm. But when? No reference book I could find told me when it was adopted. Obviously I was looking in the wrong books. Or was it not a national coat of arms one day and suddenly was so the next day?

It must be spring!

I got up on Tuesday morning and when I looked out of the window I knew there was something wrong. The driveway was still there and the garage hadn't collapsed in the night. And then it came home to me. The siding on the garage was bright and pale: the driveway was partly dry and clear of water. It had stopped raining! The birds knew it. They sang to me of the spring while I prepared an omelette for Women's Lib. The ducks were frolicking in the water as they discovered that the temperature had risen half a degree in the night and two seals were busy cleaning out the bay. Later, there were even two eagles flying over, unmusically vowing fidelity. Be damned to the calendar, it was spring!

She was ticketed

It wouldn't be polite to gloat when somebody gets chopped for speeding. But a member of my family missed the boat on Sunday when her haste to reach Victoria resulted in her getting a ticket and missing the ferry. Of course it's not a news story! But she's written many a report of other evildoers behind the wheel and fair's fair!

Accident reports

I have an interesting collection of accident reports. At least, I have the significant phrases taken from accident reports filed with ICBC. Like: Driving along Douglas St. at 4:30 pm with a cat sitting in the other seat, came over and sat in my lap and urinated on my lap. I went to push the cat aside; the cat then clawed me, causing a reaction which caused me to lose control of the car. The road was covered with black eyes, very slippery. I consider neither vehicle was to blame, but if either were to blame it was the other one. I knocked over a man, he admitted it was his fault as he had been knocked over before. I collided with a stationary bus coming the other way. I told the other idiot what he was and went on. She suddenly saw me, lost her head and we met. Vehicle parked in service station lot when sideswiped by another vehicle parked nearby. But they could go on for days!

She was glad to know

Had a call on Sunday from an off-island reader on-island for the day. She was for sure interested in my recent comment on Mrs. Fred Hartley, of Nanaimo, meeting other islanders in Victoria.



The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council

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Education and restraint

Education is a fine thing and no school should be without it. The paraphrase of the value of marriage is a reflection of the scene in education today.

The province is still watching with interest, concern or intolerance the exchange between the minister of education, Bill Vander Zalm, and the teachers of the province. Opinions are probably equally divided. Many support the indignation of teachers at cuts in education spending. Many support the minister and his government in their attempts to keep costs down and many are indifferent.

The educational force has encountered the academically immovable post. We must have learning at all costs and we can't afford the cost of learning.

This province-wide encounter — and its counterpart in Quebec — has brought a close awareness of the clash in priorities. Governments of every kind across from mari to mare are strapped for cash. Economies, brought about by chopping budgets, are being practised everywhere. It is a harsh imposition on the eager, learning student when the education budget is curtailed, comes the anguished cry.

The debate has been fought out in school board offices across the province as well as in just about every forum available.

The ordinary British Columbian, if there should be any left, is unable to solve the conundrum. Many would accept an increase in taxes to provide for the ultimate. Others would be most indignant.

There is one caution we should all observe in assessing the provincial education budget battle. If this widespread debate is a straight dispute over education philosophy, then the stand of each faction merits our very careful and sympathetic consideration. It is unthinkable that the standards established for schools should be permitted to fall away. It is equally impossible that the province can maintain its very high expenditures in the area of schools and at the expense of other services high on the priority list.

If, however, the debate is merely an extension of the battle between the Social Credit and the New Democratic parties, the community should not be required to take part. That debate will be examined at the hustings and settled at the polls.

A friend is gone

Nothing has knit the islands together more closely than the *Queen of Sidney*. For nine years, with only rare breaks, the *Sidney* has sailed between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen with calls at the Outer Islands.

The island people have patronized the *Queen of Sidney* for so long that the ship's name has become the synonym for going places. Patrons don't refer to a trip on the ferry so much as a journey aboard the *Sidney*.

This week the *Sidney* left the islands, possibly for good. In her place is the familiar *Queen of Tsawwassen*, which has already made calls at the various island ports when filling in for the *Sidney*.

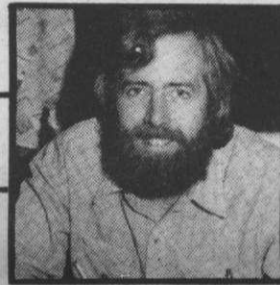
The islands ferries are so much a part of island living that their schedules govern the lives and labours of every islander taking a holiday off-island. And they always have been.

In latter years, the *Sidney* is the third vessel to link the islands with the mainland since the B.C. government entered the ferry business.

The *Queen of the Islands* was built for the run and promptly proved too small. She was followed by the *Sechelt Queen* and finally the *Sidney*.

These queens have kept the islands together and they have been the direct link with the mainland.

The *Queen of Sidney* has performed an impressive record in the islands.



Tony Richards

I'M LUCKY that I didn't choose to be a teacher and end up on the staff at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

It's not that I don't get along with the school's staff, but information I got from principal Bob McWhirter has left me relieved to be working across the street.

The school has 25 teachers and about five support staff and they're a healthy, clean-living bunch. Not one of them smokes.

HOW MANY HELIUM BALLOONS does it take to lift a doughnut?

The answer, according to Ben Martens of Windsor Plywood, is 18.

The balloons were of an average size, although the doughnut was a little stale.

Balloons and cargo were last seen heading north over St. Mary Lake.

Ben had another caper in mind last week. He was going to advertise the fact that one of his staff would make an ideal replacement for Clyde Linstrom, the unfortunate protege of Rev. Robert "Salvation" McCully.

However, Ben chickened out at the last minute. I expect, though, that the reverend has been swamped with applications for the position.

MANY THANKS TO Gulf Island Trading's Grant Carignan for thinking of me at Christmas.

I only hope that those kind thoughts carried through to the end of my bottle.

For future reference, let me point out that I am not Rev. McCully.

ASSURANCES that Canada Post made not too long ago that mail service was improving have to be taken with several blocks of salt.

As far as second-class delivery is concerned, service is the pits.

For the daughter of Wayne and Marguerite Pearce of Salt Spring Island, news of the islands comes sporadically.

The Nepean, Ont., resident furnished us with delivery dates of recent issues of *Driftwood*.

On December 9 last year she received the November 10 issue. One day later she got the November 24 paper. The issue dated November 17, however, didn't show up until December 15.

Three weeks later, on January 5, the December 1 issue arrived and on the following day the December 15 issue was in the mail. The issue of December 8 arrived four days later.

That works out to an average delivery time of four weeks.

That, of course, makes sense when you consider how much farther Nepean, Ont., is from Ganges than Burnaby, B.C. Delivery time to the latter often takes three weeks.

The best advice we can offer to Ontario residents who would like to receive their paper a little sooner is to move to St. Catharines, Ont.

H.R. Jenkins of that city informed us on Monday that he had just received last week's paper. It took five days.

With regard to first-class delivery, we've found that some of our correspondents aren't taking any chances.

One letter arrived this week bearing 40¢ worth of stamps. Another came with 45¢ worth of postage: a 35¢ and a 10¢ stamp.

We decided that the senders put plenty of postage on their letters just in case a rate increase should go into effect before they reached their destination.

JUST BECAUSE the *London Sun* is the same shape as *Driftwood* doesn't mean that we'll be carrying revealing photographs of next week's royal visit.

(Besides, the Fleet Street tabloid has a "tits and bums page" on which photographs of royalty are often published.)

It's possible that the *Sun* will have someone in Victoria Tuesday when Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip arrive on the royal yacht *Britannia*. And for a good photograph, he might get \$50,000.

We'll have a photographer there, too. For her photo she'll get ferry fare, enough change for a hamburger and a photo credit line in next week's paper.

IF ANY OUTER ISLAND residents should be hoping for a glimpse of the *Britannia* as she sails from Victoria to Vancouver next week, they can forget it.

The yacht will be leaving Victoria Tuesday night and arriving in Vancouver at 9:30 am Wednesday. And according to a spokesman at the Royal Visit Office in Victoria, it's highly unlikely that the *Britannia* will travel through Active Pass.

A much more interesting aspect of my call to the Royal Visit Office was the discussion on which I found myself eavesdropping during one of my attempts to get through.

Twice the lines got crossed with the income tax office in Victoria.

Letters to the Editor

Potential here for support group

Sir,
The people from Plenty Canada are convinced that the potential to turn poverty around relatively quickly is greater in the Caribbean than anywhere else in the world. That's what Larry McDermott, the grass-roots relief and development

organization's director told about 30 Salt Spring Islanders last Monday as he showed us slides of his recent visit to the Caribbean, as well as Plenty's already-successful projects in Lesotho — where a Village Technology Centre is almost complete — and Guatemala — where a locally-run soy dairy is flourishing.

In the Caribbean, Plenty plans to use the *Fri*, a 105-foot sail-powered Baltic trader operated by environmentalists, to deliver tools, materials and technicians to begin projects requested by local organizations and individuals.

Larry came here after visiting Hornby, Denman, Quadra and Cortez, where residents have decided to support Plenty's Caribbean projects through linking

up with the islands there. Pensioners and school-kids are excited about writing to their Caribbean counterparts and developing a relationship that way.

Others are gathering up the tools, materials (eg. used sailcloth), and information asked for by the people down there. Some intend to participate as Plenty volunteers themselves.

I'm sure the potential for such a support group exists on Salt Spring too. What form it takes would be up to us. Anyone interested in getting one started, or finding out more about Plenty, please call me at 537-9726.

MURRAY REISS,
R.R. 1 Vesuvius Bay Rd.,
Ganges.
February, 1983.

U.S. labels films as propaganda

Sir,
Over the past months Islanders have had the opportunity to view the film *If You Love This Planet*. This documentary, produced by the National Film Board, considers the probable effects of a nuclear confrontation on both man and the environment.

In recent days, the U.S. Justice Department has categorized the above film, together with two other documentaries pertaining to acid rain, as political propaganda and has ruled that the names of those who screen the films in America must be registered with the Justice Department.

That *If You Love This Planet* qualified for nomination in the best of Foreign Documentary Films, Oscar Awards, is not of particular import. Neither does a ruling relevant to American viewers impose upon Canadians.

But this small move to suffocate

three propositions which do not parallel prescribed viewpoint does have relevance for us. It marks how relatively easy it is anywhere to dissolve the variant opinion, to discourage free enquiry, and to reduce understanding to one conforming voice.

EILEEN BOTHAM,
R.R. 3, Ganges.
February 25, 1983.

Both could be eliminated

Sir,
Forty-two residents turned out on a dirty wet night to hear the vast accomplishments of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce and to elect their officers for 1983.

It all sounded real good and the President gave his report indicating the fixing up of Clanton Rd. with support from the Lions club and Garden club.

Part of his report sounded a bit like an election call for Social Credit and perhaps they should use this angle and go directly to Bill Bennett in dealing with the freeze that the Highways department have placed

on the Sturdies Bay end of the island. You get action quicker from the top down.

A motion was passed to make the Chamber of Commerce negotiators for ferry changes. There was discussion about bicycle warnings, but the old conflict between the Chamber and the Islands Trust came to light again when local plans may come into conflict with new proposed regional plans which would be governed by non-island residents.

It boiled down to the fact that the chamber was really interfering in Trust business and perhaps we should set up a boxing ring for the next meeting.

I still think we could do away with both these bodies and come up with a better and more efficient council. But I guess they must have something to play with.

On the face of it and taking the meeting for full value you would say they accomplished a great deal??"

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R. 1, Galiano.
February 19, 1983.

P.S. Those in commerce who wish to play at it should put their money where their mouth is, and stop trying to convince the rest of us that they are getting any attention where the votes really count.

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Society has man for the job

Following is a reply to Rev. Robert "Salvation" Mc Cully's appeal in last week's paper.

Dear Rev. "Bob",

We were thrilled to hear of your recent job opening, an opportunity for us to steer a client down the paths of righteousness, etc. Be assured he meets your requirements. His personality tests showed him to be indiscriminating and spontaneously rude. In fact, even our computer balked.

High on his list of skills was getting trucks out of ditches. Furthermore, he doesn't look a day older than a mug shot taken 15 years ago. This, Rev. Bob, impresses us. Looking forward to setting up an interview soon.

SOUTH END CAREER SOCIETY
Box 115,
Fullford Harbour.
February 23, 1983.

Cheap shot at ferry workers

Sir,
This is the second letter in as many weeks, however I have seen yet another thing that fries me. I am speaking of Mr. Howland's letter that takes another cheap shot at ferry workers.

By stating that "B.C. Ferry workers can afford to go (to Hawaii)" in last week's *Driftwood*, Mr. Howland seems to be inferring that the wages paid to these employees are extravagant. I am a ferry worker and I'll certainly match my T4 slip with his.

I admit that some of the ferry workers have invested their money wisely over the years and have been able to afford the luxury of a dream vacation. Obviously budgeting wisely instead of speculation has its rewards.

Surely Mr. Howland would agree that if walking a mile in the other's shoes is good enough for the Ministers of Education and

Forestry to get their "first-hand experience," he should extend the same consideration to all the ferry workers. Enough said.

RANDY SLOAN,
Ferry Worker,
Long Harbour.
February 25, 1983.

Fulford businesses omitted

Sir,

Do Fred Brookbanks and William Toulmin not consider the businesses and services of Fulford Harbour as useful? The map of Fulford Harbour printed in the current issue of the directory omitted Patterson's Store, gas pumps, Nan's Restaurant, Kingfisher Arts and Crafts, Morningside Studio and Jim Fogarty Tax Consultant.

I fail to understand how those businesses, some of whom have been here for 25 years, were omitted.

I consider this not only an affront to the people and residents of Fulford Harbour but a disservice to the island as a whole.

DAVID PEEK,
Fulford Harbour.
February, 1983.



Bill Webster

Actions smack of dictatorship

The controversy enters its final phase while the self-styled winners smirk in self-satisfied humour.

But no one has won because the cesspool known as Ganges continues to offend sensibilities.

A look at the reactionary actions of those who oppose reveals motives which can draw understanding and sympathy. But the actions of some draw only questions.

Why, for instance, does the elected representative for Salt Spring Island to the Capital Regional District act as she does?

Why does she hold the view of some people in such vehement disregard?

The CRD board decided to return the issue to square one. The people of Ganges would form a committee to study the problem.

The people of Ganges, way back when, formed a committee to study the problem.

As the sage said, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

The elected representative, who presumably represents all the residents of Salt Spring, seems curiously confined in those to whom she turns for advice.

She was to choose a committee of Ganges residents to study the

issue of the disposal of sewage. And her actions in the matter elicit only questions.

Did she speak to the officials at Greenwood's?

Did she speak to anyone?

Well, she did speak to members of the Sewer Alternatives Committee. They held a meeting at her Park Drive home on the Tuesday before the last meeting of the board of directors of the CRD.

The next day she submitted her list of names of committee members.

Strangely, eight of the 13 names are of those people who have consistently opposed solution to the sewage problem. But only two were labelled as such on the list.

Can such a group, will such a group recommend a sewer with an ocean outfall if all other solutions are found wanting?

A sensible compromise for naming members of the committee came from a group of islanders who have direct interests in finding a suitable solution to the problem.

They thought, naively perhaps, that the groups, institutions and business community of Ganges should pick those to represent them. Certainly the SAC should be on the committee. They have fought hard to bring the situation to its

current crisis point.

But the actions of the Salt Spring representative to the CRD smack of dictatorship. She didn't talk to some and ignored others. At the CRD board she became angry when she didn't immediately get her way.

Count me among those naive people who think that the ordinary person should have some say in the order of things. It could be that more than 10 years of involvement in politics in Ontario wasn't a sufficient length of time to judge the actions of those we elect.

It could be that politics in B.C. are vastly different from the politics of Ontario.

The opinion is my own, but I think the Salt Spring representative to the CRD is a dangerous woman. She appears, to me, to abuse her position. She appears, to me, to use her position to the detriment of the majority of islanders.

But that's only one man's opinion. I could be wrong.

And still the questions come. Does she want a solution to the sewage problem in Ganges?

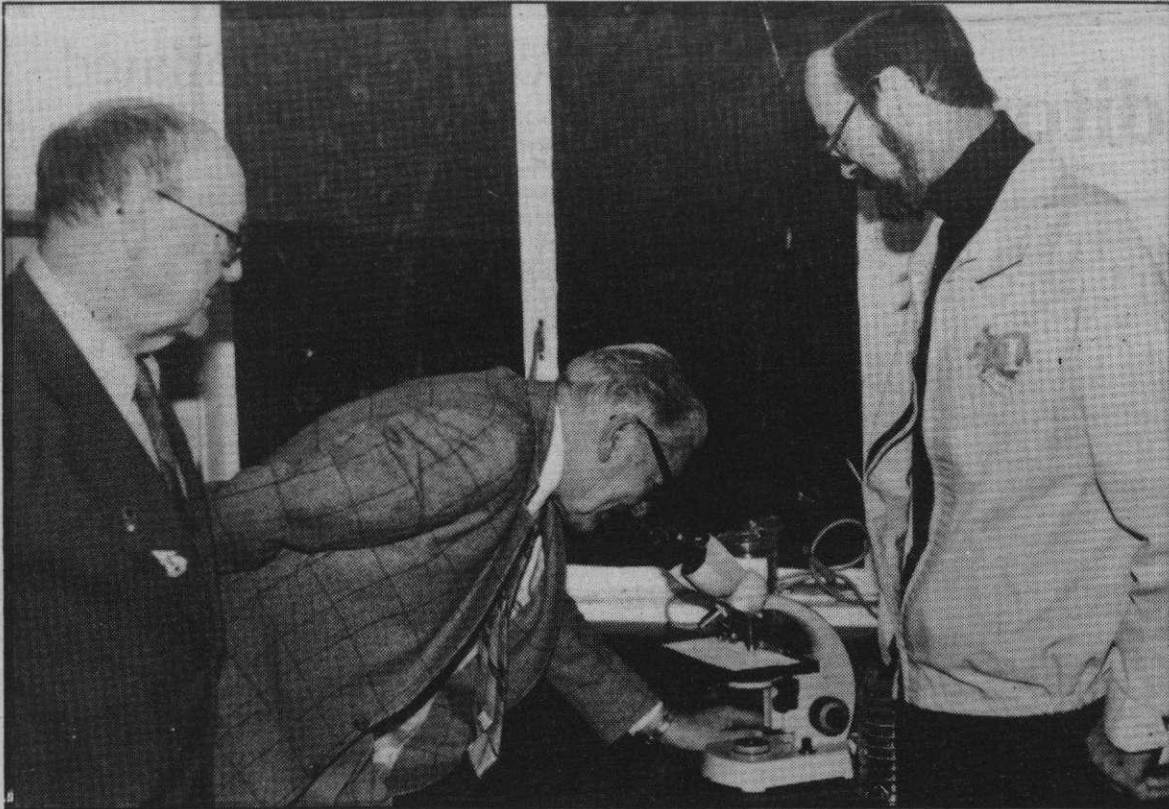
Does she want the situation to change to allow Ganges to become more than an ugly, backwater village?

The answers appear obvious, but I could be wrong.

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Donation for laboratory

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telephone book, published under the direction of Fred Brookbanks, left. Wes Edwards, chairman of the hospital board, examines the

cheque under a microscope while Bob Nicholson, Lions Club president, awaits the verdict on whether the cheque is real.

More Letters to the Editor

Alberta College of Art needs autonomy

Sir,
I would like to bring to your attention, and to those who are concerned in any way with art in its many forms, the present situation at the Alberta College of Art (ACA).

Being a former resident of Salt Spring Island and presently living in Calgary where I am attending classes - jewellery major, third year - at the ACA, I am helping to spread

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FRE COERS,
Ganges.
February, 1983.

the word near and far of ACA's need for autonomy from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

I am presently a member of the student ad hoc committee guiding a body of 650 concerned students in our struggle for autonomy. ACA is the only major Canadian art college which does not offer a degree status program. Graduates who study for four years are awarded a diploma which is equivalent to the diploma SAIT grants to graduates of their two-year programs.

An art college has different needs and requirements from a technical school, the main requirement being that our learning is accomplished in the studio as compared to technical students, who learn through textbooks and the like. Our administrators (SAIT people) are governing us without the necessary knowledge of art instruction.

ACA needs to have its own board of administrators who are art conscious and acting in the best interests of students, instructors and the school's reputation. This can only be attained through autonomy. ACA would like to have its own degree status granted under the Canadian Universities and Colleges Act. This also can only be attained through autonomy.

Public support is necessary to maintain the pressure on the SAIT administration and the government - specifically the Honourable Dick Johnson, Minister of Advanced Education, Department of Advanced Education, Devonian Building East Tower, 11160 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 0L1, to whom everyone is welcome to write letters in support of ACA attaining autonomy.

ACA students have thus far gathered 7,000 petition signatures in support of autonomy, which were personally handed to the office of the Honourable Peter Lougheed on February 4.

With such an art-conscious community as Salt Spring has I am hopeful that many supporters can be found from my home area. I have a firm stand in this important issue as my schooling, and that of future art students, is in jeopardy.

ROBIN ARCHIBALD,
4816 48 St. N.W.,
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February 16, 1983.

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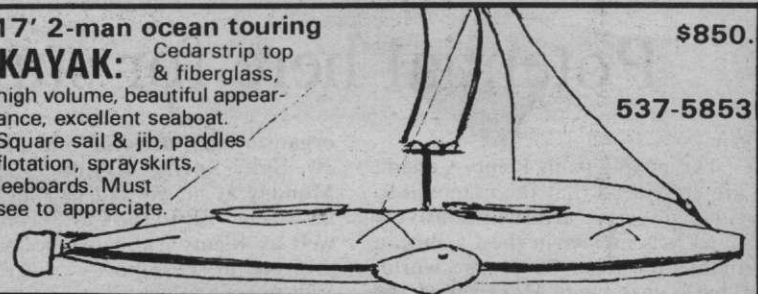
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Scene from Four Seasons' Rumpelstiltskin

Rumpelstiltskin comes to Ganges

Four Seasons Musical Theatre of Victoria opens its new season with a musical version of *Rumpelstiltskin*, which will be seen at Ganges on Saturday.

This musical adaptation was written by playwright Ron Chudley, who has been active on the Canadian entertainment scene since 1964. He has written radio plays for CBC and over 40 episodes for the *Beachcomber* series.

The musical's co-author is singer-actress Diane Stapely.

Director of the production is Victoria comedian and impressionist Steve Ivings.

Cast of *Rumpelstiltskin* includes Ian McIntyre, Angela Hemming, Janie Woods-Morris, Jim Alexander, Steve Hauge and magician Mike Harrison.

The musical is currently playing at various locations on southern Vancouver Island.

Admission is \$3. Group rates are available for birthday parties and the birthday child is invited on to the stage to be presented with a treat and a happy birthday song from the audience.

Advance tickets are available for Four Seasons Musical Theatre office at 615 Pandora in Victoria.

Saturday's show at Ganges begins at 2 pm in Mahon Hall.

Music of the Andes will be heard again at Ganges

Music of the Andes will be heard again at Salt Spring Island when the group Sukay returns for a performance at the activity centre.

In Quechua, the language of the Andean natives, Sukay means "opening of the earth for planting." Sukay has carried that symbol all over North America, awakening the jazz and rock-oriented culture to the rhythms and lyrics of ancient festivals and market-day gatherings of the Andean people.

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Gonzalo Vargas and Edmundo Aleaga among them play more than two dozen different instruments, made from various materials including bamboo, wood and animal skins.

They also use instruments that were introduced in South America by the Europeans, such as the guitar, violin and harp.

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The touring exhibition, from the Vancouver Art Gallery, will be seen by local students next Wednesday. On Tuesday evening between 7:30 and 9 pm *The Garden* will be on public display at the secondary school drafting room.

Included are drawings and photographs by a New York architectural organization which offer unusual solutions to the

problem of combining private home gardens with high-density urban construction.

California photographer John Divola looks at watering the lawn and Vancouver artist Judith Lodge, in her painting, refers back to the Garden of Eden.

Other artists include Toni Onley, Jack Shadbolt and Gary Sutto from Vancouver, Saskatchewan sculptor Vic Cicansky and early Canadian painter William Raphael.

The exhibition is funded by the National Museums Corporation, the B.C. Cultural Fund and the B.C. Lotteries Fund.

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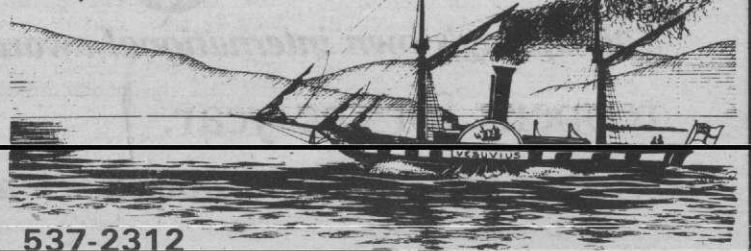
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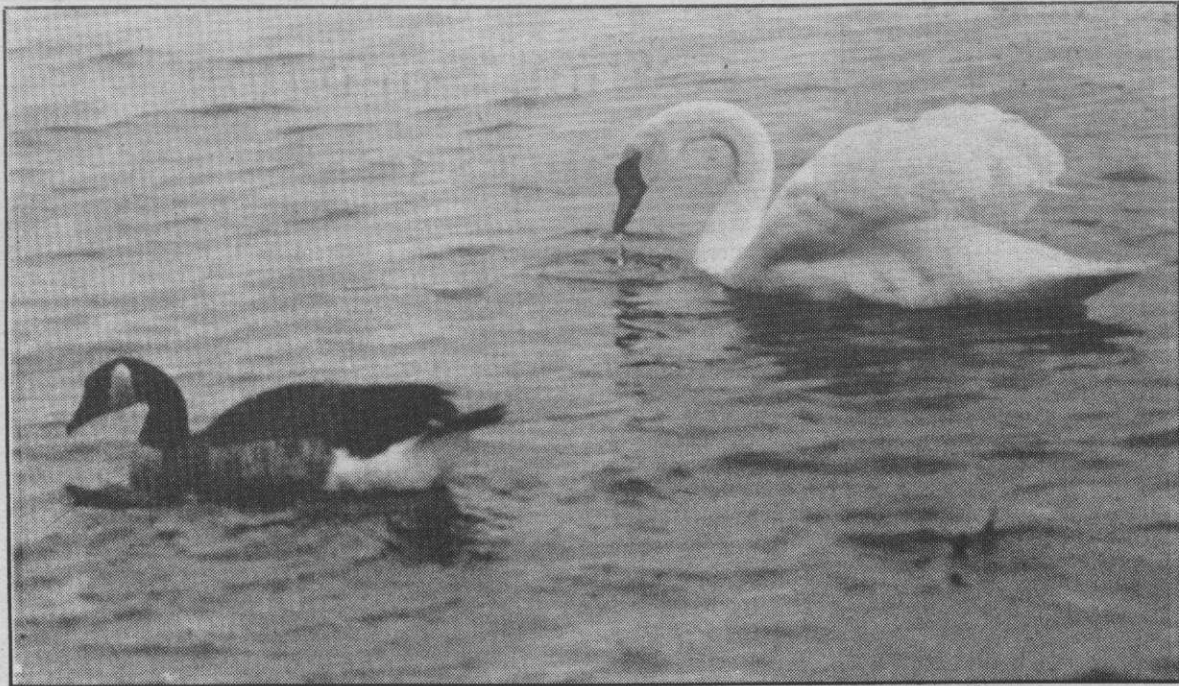
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At top, goose and swan swim together in Ganges Harbour while in lower photo the love story has been commemorated in a picture by

Salt Spring artist Pegi Farina. She painted the swan and the goose in watercolours. Farina taught art in elementary school for many years

before retiring to Salt Spring to devote her time to the subject she taught.

Driftwood photos by Bill Webster



Their marriage has lasted years

Love, say the poets, brings together those of such disparity, and in Ganges each day passersby can see the proof of the statement.

In the harbour, a mute swan and a Canada goose spend the hours cruising together. The pair, so dissimilar, have become mates and have stayed together in the harbour for the past three years.

Each species, once mated, remains with the partner for life. Apparently each of the Ganges

lovers had lost its mate somewhere, somehow. They came together and have remained together.

The mute swan, while not native to the west coast, is recognizable by

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Rare sea birds lose out to recreational boaters

Sea bird colonies are off-limits to all boaters and most boaters don't know it. This unawareness has contributed to the loss of most of the birds which were placed in reserved areas some years ago as a means of ensuring their survival.

The Islands Trust has been considering reports of the loss of colonies of cormorants on small islets off Valdes, Galiano and Mandarte Islands.

The double-crested cormorant was to be found breeding on Canoe and Rose Islets near Reid Island, the Balingall Islets in Trincomali Channel, and on Mandarte Island.

The breeding grounds were declared ecological reserves and off-limits to all persons without a permit.

Many recreational boaters have been unaware of the regulations, suggests Tom Ovanin of the Islands Trust.

Few visitors realize the effect of their approach to the bird sanctuaries, he commented. The major effect of trespass is to scare

the adult birds away from their nests and leave eggs and young birds to the crows and gulls.

The research officer explained that the reserves have not worked out.

In 1968 there were more than 200 breeding pairs of the cormorants on Rose and Canoe Islets. Today there are 33 pairs on Rose Islet and none on Canoe.

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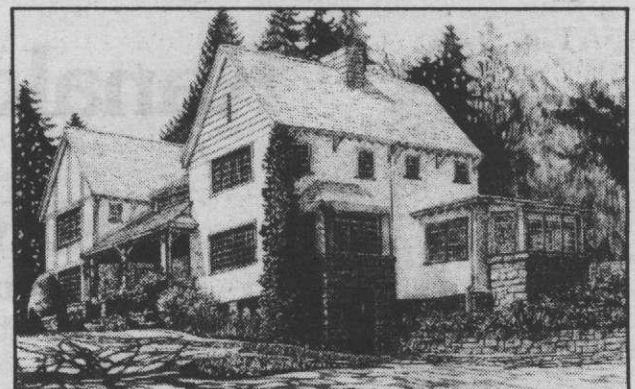
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Annual banquet

David Colette was one of many hungry youngsters who sat down to dinner in the Ganges activity centre on Tuesday of last week for the

annual Cub-Scout banquet. Boys were accompanied by a parent for the repast, which was followed by various forms of entertainment by the Cubs and Scouts. David is a member of the Beaver pack.

Accident cost three points

An accident on Beaver Point Road near Fulford-Ganges Road cost a driver three points against his driving record and \$1,400 to repair the Honda.

Robert Andrew of Fulford lost control of the automobile Friday at 11:30 am and it left the road to end up in the ditch. He was issued a traffic violation notice for driving too fast for road conditions. There were no injuries.

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Sergeant Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP warns motorists on Salt Spring that officers stationed here will be continuing the checks. Highway patrols from off-island will also be on the look-out for seat belt use.

Children between the ages of 6 and 16 are the responsibility of the driver, who must ensure that the youths are buckled up. Infants up to 40 lbs. (18 kg) must be in infant car seats.

Passengers who are not wearing

Truck fire

The volunteer firefighters of Salt Spring Fire Department were called to deal with a fire in a GMC pickup last Friday.

The vehicle caught fire while parked near the Lancer Building on Lower Ganges Road. The fire was confined to the cab of the 1963 pickup and apparently started in the wiring of the vehicle.

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Concern voiced over membership of committee

Several Ganges institutions were left off the list of the proposed Ganges citizens' committee and their omission concerns not only some Capital Region directors but also residents of Salt Spring.

Vern Roddick, CRD director for the Outer Gulf Islands, pointed out in the debate on the issued last week that Greenwoods and Pioneer Village were not on the list.

Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt defended the omissions from her list by stating that the representative for Lady Minto Hospital could also represent the other institutions.

Paul Layard, Rainbow Road, acts as chairman of the Greenwoods board of directors. He had not been

approached by Valcourt on the matter of representation on the committee.

Santy Fuoco, chairman of the board for Pioneer Village, had not been approached to name a representative either.

Greenwoods has had problems with the septic system at the site and would be one of the largest users of a sewage system.

Another group, the Salt Spring Society for Seniors Accommodation, grew out of efforts by the local Legion, Lions and Rotary Clubs to investigate the need for more accommodation for seniors on Salt Spring.

Their efforts have been widely publicized but the group, said

chairman Fred Brookbanks, had not been approached by Valcourt.

The society has received preliminary approval from the provincial government for the construction of a 20-unit apartment complex.

"The site to be used, the costs and operations," said Brookbanks, "all depend on the availability of a suitable sewage disposal system."

CONCERN PROMPTS MEETING

Concern about the membership of the proposed committee prompted an informal meeting recently of representatives of various groups and organizations involved in the sewer area.

Attending the meeting were representatives of Lady Minto

Hospital board, hospital medical staff, Greenwoods, Pioneer Village, Gulf Islands School Board, Ganges ratepayers and businessmen as well as the Sewer Alternatives Committee.

The discussion, reported Dr. Hugh Borsman of the hospital staff, concerned the composition of any citizens' committee and its function.

"With the exception of the sewer alternates representative, there was unanimous agreement that virtually all the members of the committee should be from the designated area, or an official appointee of institutions in the area," said Borsman.

The meeting made no attempt to pick representatives on the proposed committee who would be either for or against a sewer system. Rather they decided to leave to the particular groups the task of choosing representatives to speak for each group.

LIST DRAWN UP

They drew up a list of suggested representatives for the proposed committee. The list included an appointed representative of the hospital board, the medical staff, the boards of Greenwoods, Pioneer Village and the school district.

Also on the list were four representatives, two residents and two businessmen, from the core area of Ganges. The water board would be asked to send a representative and the Sewer Alternatives

Committee would have two spokesmen on the committee.

The Islands Trust would be asked to name one of the two Salt Spring trustees.

Borsman noted that as for the function of the Ganges citizens' committee, the meeting could not improve on the suggestions of the chairman of the CRD.

The views expressed at the meeting as well as the suggested list were forwarded to Howard Sturrock, CRD chairman.

The representatives of the institutions at the meeting outlined the problems facing each facility. They indicated to the meeting, said Borsman, that each had an open mind concerning alternatives to a sewer.

The alternatives must be permanent and permit expansion in Ganges according to the community plan, the representatives agreed. The alternatives must also cope with the proposed expansion of Lady Minto as well as accommodation for senior citizens requiring intermediate and personal care.

The meeting of the group would be the last such meeting, noted Borsman, "unless Mrs. Valcourt's committee was completely unrepresentative and unacceptable."

"If the CRD committee is properly constituted there is a good chance that progress will be made," he noted.

Citizen's committee put on hold

The make-up of the Ganges citizens' committee drew questions from the Capital Regional Board last Wednesday and the matter was put on hold for two weeks.

Several directors said the proposed committee did not meet the requirements agreed to by the board February 9. The list of names, submitted by Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt, was tabled for two weeks to allow the directors time to check the make-up of the committee.

This latest action by the CRD on the Ganges sewer issue came as a result of a letter from board chairman Howard Sturrock of Saanich to the directors at the early February meeting. He had been reacting to the refusal of the inspector of municipalities to approve the proposed referendum on the sewer by residents of the sewer area.

In the letter Sturrock said one step towards resolving the controversy would be "setting up of a Ganges citizens' committee representing all the interested parties involved in the sewer question."

"This committee should be nominated by director Valcourt and appointed by the CRD board. It should also include directors Valcourt, Pollen and myself."

REQUIREMENTS NOT MET

The understanding of the make-up of the committee, from the earlier debate, was that members would be residents, tenants or businessmen in the sewer area. The list of names did not meet those requirements, noted Mel Couvelier, mayor of Saanich.

Of the individuals nominated by Valcourt, only three live within the sewer area: John Crofton, Corbett Road; Judith Ripley, Desmond Crescent and Edith Sacker, Drake Road.

Sacker, an accountant, has indicated that she could not serve on the committee until May when the deadline for filing income tax forms has passed.

The Sewer Alternatives Committee, which has led the

opposition to the sewer concept, would be represented by Patrick Tiernan, Old Scott Road, Sharon McCollough, Welbury Point Road, and Arvid Chalmers, Trincomali Heights.

Chalmers, a realtor, was listed as a businessman who serves on the Advisory Planning Commission.

Other individuals listed include Richard Toynbee, a realtor who lives on Churchill Road; Norman Best, a market research consultant living on Ganges Hill and Wayne Pearce of Scott Point.

Both Best and Pearce have in the past been active in opposition to the sewer.

Iola Brookbanks was listed as being the representative of Lady Minto Hospital board of directors. She had been chosen by the board to sit on the Ganges citizens' committee on their behalf.

Charles Hingston was similarly chosen by the Gulf Islands School Board to be a member of the committee.

Beverly Unger is listed as representing the Islands Trust. The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee has not discussed membership on the committee nor have they nominated anyone to represent them.

Valcourt, who lives on Park Drive, is listed as a member of the committee but Sturrock and Pollen are "to serve as ex-officio members."

Couvelier told the CRD meeting that more than half of the proposed committee come to the issue with firm convictions against the sewer.

STACKED COMMITTEE

"My information," he said, "is you've got a stacked committee."

Couvelier indicated his information came from residents of Salt Spring but refused to reveal their names when demanded to do so by Valcourt.

"No matter what the committee finds and what it recommends," he told the meeting, "its credibility is not there."

Sturrock defended the make-up of the committee stating, "You can't expect to create a committee without opinions."

Shirley Wilde, director for Metchosin, urged the board to accept the list.

"If director Valcourt chose the wrong list," she said, "the people of Salt Spring can address that issue at the next election."

When the vote to table the list for two weeks was taken, Valcourt said, "You'll have it right back in your lap in two weeks. We want no part of it."

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If project stopped

Entire region would pay sewer cost

An interpretation of the law reveals that taxpayers from all parts of the Capital Regional District would have to pay the costs of the Ganges sewer if the project is stopped.

The interpretation came to the CRD board of directors from the law firm of Pearlman and Lindholm on request for a legal opinion sent by CRD chairman Howard Sturrock in early February.

The lawyers looked at the CRD letters patent, dated March 30, 1972, as well as various sections of the Municipal Act.

The letters patent state, in paragraph 17(b)(c), that the CRD could "without the assent of the electors"; build, operate and administer a sewer in an area of Salt Spring defined by bylaw of the CRD.

The costs of installing and running the sewer would be covered by charges, frontal or parcel taxes, according to section (b) of paragraph 17. The next section of the letters patent states that deficiencies in the annual costs not covered by the charges or taxes could be assessed and levied on the land within the defined area under authority of the Municipal Act.

No money, however, is being recovered by the charges or taxes and according to Section 612(1) of the Municipal Act, no such charges

can be levied.

The section reads: "The council may by bylaw impose a frontage tax in accordance with Sections 480 and 481 on owners of land or real property capable of being drained into a sewer or drain, whether or not the land or real property is connected to or drained into the sewer or drain, for the opportunity to use the sewer or drain."

Which translates, the lawyers said, to mean no charges can be made because "there is no opportunity for owners of real property to use the sewer system which has not been installed."

The letters patent permits the recovery only of "any deficiency in costs not recovered by charges, frontage taxes or parcel taxes."

The law firm had submitted a proposed amendment to the letters patent to permit a charge being made against the sewer area properties last fall. The CRD board of directors, however, did not adopt the amendment.

"The capital costs are, therefore, a debt of the Capital Regional District which must be borne by the Capital Regional District," stated the written opinion from the law firm, "as there is no provision in the Letters Patent to collect this capital expenditure from the owners of the property within the part or portions of the electoral area of Salt Spring

Island."

The lawyers point out that two sections of the Municipal Act tie the costs of the sewer project, if it were to be cancelled, to the taxpayers of the entire region.

Section 791(1) of the Municipal Act states:

"Except as otherwise specified in the Letters Patent, the annual cost attributable to each function of the regional district shall be apportioned among the member municipalities on the basis of the net taxable value of land and improvements for regional hospital district tax purposes."

Section 799 of the act, said the law firm, confirms the opinion.

"Money borrowed by a regional district shall be on its credit at large and shall, in the event of default, constitute an indebtedness of the member municipalities for which they are jointly and severally liable."

The written opinion of the law firm concludes:

"The annual costs, therefore, of retiring the debt contracted by the Capital Regional District in respect of the Ganges sewer system must be apportioned among the member municipalities on the basis provided for in Section 791 of the Municipal Act."

When the opinion came to the board meeting of the CRD last week, it was received and filed.

Group seeks answers concerning sewer plan

The newly-formed Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association will seek answers to concerns about the sewer issue.

The group, formed by Ganges residents concerned about the costs of the sewer, met last week to elect an executive and plan a course of action. The executive was authorized to write the Capital Regional District to ask questions about the status of the sewer project.

The ratepayers want to know:

- the exact make-up of the community committee which will study the problems and whether their group will be part of that committee;

- when the committee will be expected to report any findings;

- whether the committee is authorized to spend money and where the money will come from;

- if a referendum will be held before any work on any system begins and who will word the public question;

- what the tax and fee structure to pay for any proposed disposal system will be;

- if the CRD will alter the letters patent to allow construction without the consent of the electors and if a judicial clarification of the 1977 petition will be sought.

The executive of the new group consists of Mike Hayes, president; Dave Mathews, vice-president; Judy Ripley, secretary; Edith Sacker, treasurer; Roger Hawkes, executive member.

The group will seek a grant from the CRD to register the association. They will also consider the problems of drainage in the village as part of their program.

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BY BILL HARPER

The OAP Branch 32 held their regular meeting last Thursday with a good attendance. They decided to start arts and crafts - watch this column for more details.

Walt and Grace Young spent a few days last week visiting at Cultus Lake with Bill and Connie Simoneau.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dautremont from Redvers, Sask., visited with the Harpers for a few days last week.

Our sympathy to Mrs. Sydney McNulty on the passing of her brother.

Get-well wishes to some of the Golden-Age Bowlers - Grace McDonald, Olive Tregear and Annie Spencer.



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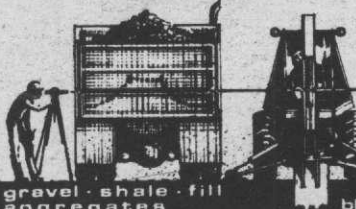
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The process, which must be carried out every five or six years, looks at all facets of the school to ensure that the educational efforts meet ministry standards.

The teachers decided last fall not to take part in the process as a protest against the government restraint program. Since then, however, they have changed their stand and will take part.

The accreditation covers three

stages, superintendent Mike Marshall told the school board at its meeting last week.

The most important stage is internal and requires the co-operation of the staff of the high school. The teachers look at the programs, the results of the curriculum and other aspects of the operation of the school. They prepare reports on the workings of the school, which go to the ministry of education.

The second phase of the accreditation process involves an external team which reviews the

reports. Members of the team are appointed jointly by the education ministry and the school district.

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GALIANO NEWS

New gym expected to be ready by month's end

BY BASIL
AND KATHLYN BENDER

The activity centre at the school is nearing completion and it's expected that the gymnasium will be ready for use before the end of the month.

The public will have a chance to view the new building when the Activity Centre Society holds its fund-raising auction on Saturday, Mar. 12. It is at this time that the project needs a fresh infusion of cash as the society is committed to finishing, furnishing and equipping the kitchen and meeting room. The society still has a debt of several thousand dollars as well as future expenses to meet.

Inquiries are already being made about the use of the centre. A change of school board policy regarding public use of school facilities is being considered. Fees will depend on the renting organization and its objectives. Non-profit organizations will pay less and receive high priority than profit-making activities.

It is hoped that adult education classes will be one of the major users of the school-centre. The appointment of Diane Cragg as co-ordinator should lead to the development of some interesting courses and special events in the field of continuing education. Requests for classes and offers of instruction may be made to Diane Cragg, telephone 2067.

Motion rescinded

The Galiano Branch of the Senior Citizens Association held a special general meeting on February 21. The executive moved to rescind a motion passed two weeks ago at the annual general meeting to donate \$500 to the Activity Centre Society.

The meeting was then asked to approve a motion to donate \$100 to the society, which the members did by a narrow margin with many abstentions, indicating some hesitation about the action recommended by the executive.

Members decided to make their next social meeting a dinner one, and agreed to subsidize the cost to the extent of \$3 per paid-up member. Other donations passed at the meeting were \$100 to the Drama Club and \$100 to the carpet bowling group.

Galiano Club

The annual general meeting of the Galiano Club set for Saturday had to be postponed for lack of a quorum. Half a dozen directors were joined by five ordinary members, insufficient to reach the required 10% of total membership. That the annual meeting of this organization, which administers Bluff and Centennial Parks, the South Community Hall and the garbage dump, failed to elicit public interest is a sad commentary on the apathy which afflicts members unless some controversy is raging.

The Activity Centre Society will not replace the Galiano Club, whose responsibilities are heavy and continuing. The annual meeting has been postponed to Saturday, Mar. 12.

Officers elected

The annual general meeting of the Housing Society took place in Page Drive Lounge on February 20. The meeting was low-key with only routine business transacted.

John Liver, first president of the society, conducted elections, which under an amendment of the constitution resulted in the election of six directors. The directors then

appointed Wyn Stephen and Annelies Waldenmaier to continue as treasurer and secretary respectively.

Re-elected as president and vice-president were B. Benger and Jean Tully. The directorate also includes Ken Allen, Frank Greenhalgh, George Griffiths, Stuart Mann and Les Woodbridge.

800 Kilometres!

Donald New has drawn to our attention a statement printed in this column last week which read "and the imposition of a freeze on the area within 800 kilometres (of Sturdies Bay), that includes a large number of properties, has many people worried and frustrated."

Has the fame of Galiano spread so wide that a rapid increase in population is anticipated, and a ferry parking lot stretching to Prince Rupert, on pontoons presumably, will be required?

Somebody's typewriter prefixed metres with kilo to produce this extensive error.

Red Cross Drive

The month of March is the time when the drive to raise funds for the Red Cross Society takes place on Galiano. For various reasons the format for this year's drive will be changed from door-to-door canvassing to an envelope campaign.

Residents will receive by mail an invitation to contribute in an enclosed envelope which may be sent to the chairman, Mrs. Margaret Robson.

The numerous and faithful long-time canvassers of past years hope that this method of collecting funds for the Red Cross Society will prove to be as successful as former drives.

The total contributions from Galiano residents last year amounted to \$2,144.

"Your co-operation enabling us to match this in 1983 will be sincerely appreciated," is the message of Mrs. Margaret Robson and her helpers.

Burn now

Recent record rainfall does not suggest that this is the time to burn the accumulated trash and brush clearings that have been waiting for drier days. Fire Chief Chester Williams reminds readers that the fire season, when permits have to be obtained and regulations strictly followed, is only a few weeks away.

He recommends that now is the time to burn and, practising what he preaches, has proved that fires burn well even in the damp conditions prevailing at present.

Team plays Mayne

A week ago on Tuesday the basketball team at Galiano School voyaged across the pass to play a game against the Mayne School team.

We should like to congratulate the Galiano team, not so much for their victory, but for displaying a high standard of sportsmanship and courtesy.

Easter Seal Campaign

Beginning March 7 Galiano Lions Club will be seeking your support for the Annual Easter Campaign. Money raised by this appeal provides Easter Seal buses, the camps, the Easter Seal House and direct patient care for thousands of crippled and disabled children in this province.

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deductible and official receipts are provided on request. Local chairman Denny Oldroyd asks, "If you can, please do, it's a healthy investment."

Shared sorrows

The longer one lives in a small community the more one realizes that joys and sorrows are shared. Last Tuesday a memorial service was conducted in St. Margaret's Church by Reverends Pocock and Dyer for Edward Callaghan who died peacefully in his home overlooking Sturdies Bay after a lengthy illness.

During the service conducted by the present and previous priest-in-charge, Joe Fleming paid tribute to his friend. Donations may be sent to the treasurer of St. Margaret's Church, marked "Missions Fund".

Another long-time Galiano resident, Laura Silvey, died last week in hospital in Chemainus. Mrs. Silvey came as a bride in 1922 to live on Reid Island, for many years the home of the Silvey family. The original purchase of the island was made by Joseph de Silva, who was affectionately known as "Portuguese Joe".

A flotilla of boats accompanied Mrs. Silvey on her last journey to the Trincomali Cemetery on Reid Island where she was buried beside her husband, on the anniversary of her wedding day, February 26.

Full moon dance

Last Saturday Galiano's rock band, Nasty Habits, played for a Full Moon Dance in the Community Hall, incidentally creating a party for three fellow Pisces who were celebrating their birthdays — Peggy Pearson, Willie Crocker and Pat Mosley.

Paul Hawbolt handled his lead guitar with such dexterity that he is now called "Fingers". His brother Richard, the "Dicker," obliged as guest guitar, while both Hawbolts contributed back-up vocals.

Bob Gilson doubled as lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist while his wife Susan was at the keyboard. Jane Edwards was on bass guitar with "Thumper" Ian Hooley on drums. Profits were donated by the band to the Galiano Club.

The same evening North-Enders spent an enjoyable evening viewing five films running a gamut from a Laurel and Hardy classic slapstick, the artistic *Loon's Necklace*, raising a Haida totem pole and Pierre Berton's memory of his youth in Dawson City.

Coming events

All islanders are invited to join people of many faiths in many countries in the World Day of Prayer service to be held in St. Margaret's Church at 2 pm Friday.

The Tuesday afternoon indoor bowling group welcomes new players to their weekly sessions from 2 to 4:30 pm in the South Community Hall. The military whist drive sponsored by the Senior

Citizens is held every second and fourth Wednesday in Page Drive Lounge beginning at 7:30 pm.

Garden Club members are asked to refer to their catalogues and prepare their contributions for the show bench for the next meeting to be held Wednesday, Mar. 9 at 2 pm when the featured speaker on the topic of roses will be Jackson Barker of Salt Spring. There will be a timely demonstration of spring rose pruning.

Now is spring cleaning time. One person's discards may be another person's treasure, so please donate yours to the Grand Activity Centre Auction at the school on Saturday, Mar. 12. For information or pick-up phone Bob Walker at 5465, Sheila Anderson at 2561 or Christine Axmann at 5338.

Nature notes

Regretfully a rash of lengthy meetings has eliminated space for

nature notes in recent weeks. This exceptional spring has been full of marvels for the gardener and naturalist. It seems that never have flowers appeared so early in the year.

Blue-eyed Mary was blooming on Lion Islet early in February and later in the month on the Bluffs where the small pink flowers of filaree can also be seen. Pink Salmonberry flowers are out and yellow broom and cat's ear.

Bird song is approaching in volume and variety the sounds of April but other bird behaviour seems less advanced. Robins have not yet begun to claim territory and no hummingbirds have been reported, at least on Galiano.

The wintering buffle-head ducks have not begun their pairing antics and none of the other ducks have begun their migratory flights.

Now every stroll through the garden is a delight and a walk in the woods or on the Bluffs is a visual and auditory treat. Enjoy!

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There is no doubt about it, spring is in us and around us and the urgency of life cannot be denied in man and beast, in bud and in blossom.

I never cease to be amazed at the sunny yellow blossoms of the winter conite, which opens its buttercup-like petals at the slightest touch of the warming sun, following it faithfully during the day, to close up tightly against the late January cold.

The earliest harbinger of spring, it has been succeeded by snowdrop and crocus, and the first daffodils and hyacinths are colouring.

In the meantime, all through fall and mild days in winter, the odd little primrose has been blooming boldly here and there, much to my delight and admiration for their punk. Defying all convention, it seems they bloom when they please, following their own inclination rather than primrose customs.

The only way to grow them, as far as I am concerned, is in great glorious gobs, here, there and everywhere, to take joyful advantage of their inclination to bloom whenever they please, on top of their spring riot of massed colour.

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BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

the grass all summer long and don't seem to mind one bit.

There is a bunch of the incomparable primrose-yellow ones under our cherry tree which bloom with the cherry tree, in exquisite, heart-stopping harmony.

The little Christmas Rose, helleborus niger, unfolds its sweetly fragrant blossoms in white, tinged with green, from December to March. It prefers a definite winter chill to bloom well, likes to be left alone in a situation favourable to rhododendrons, in acid soil rich in organic content. It resents being moved about and should only be transplanted after the blooming period, when new growth is starting.

TWO FAVOURITES

Among the shrubs cherished for their winter blossoms, the Chinese witch hazel, hamamelis mollis, and the winter jasmine, jasmine nudiflorum, are solid favourites.

Both are deciduous and display their yellow blossoms from January to March on bare branches. The Chinese witch hazel carries its

fragrant blossoms on curiously angular branches in clustered profusion, making cut branches in blossom an extremely effective addition to flower arrangements.

It is a slow-growing shrub, which explains the cost of a fair-sized specimen from the nursery. Mature shrubs are usually seen at eight to 10 feet tall. However, eventually it may grow into a 30-foot tree, which is something to behold, indeed.

The winter jasmine is a vine-like shrub with slender, willowy branches. It grows vigorously to a height of 15 feet, and may trail over bank or wall if not tied up. Unlike other jasmines, the flowers of this one are not fragrant.

It prefers a sunny position, average soil and water, and a bit of pinching and pruning to keep it in shape.

Valuable for cut branches, for indoor forcing in January, are the flowering quince, chaenomeles, and forsythia. Again, both are deciduous and display their blossoms on bare branches in February and March.

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The flowering quince has an exquisite angular branching pattern which the Japanese expose by pruning to stunning advantage. An almost indestructible shrub, it is totally unaffected by severe conditions and neglect, yet keeps on blooming in the most charming manner in colours from white through all shades of pink to deep red.

Most of them are thorny, range in size from three to 12 feet, and make good hedges.

The golden spray of the undemanding forsythia is a well-known feature of our riot of spring colour and needs no further elaboration here. Would not want to be without one, somehow.

And then there is the broad-leaf evergreen laurustinus, a stately shrub, with umbrels of tiny white blossoms, apt to bloom anytime from December to spring, of which one should have long hedges, accented by a few prunus autumnalis, a flowering cherry which blossoms at the slightest provocation, December through March.

There is enough colour and variety here to lighten mind and spirit through our winters and to ease us into the glorious riot of spring, unequalled anywhere in this country.

flower alone.

Entries should be clean with no blemished flowers or leaves. In the Narcissus family, only the flower is judged.

"If the pollen is still tight on the stamens that is good show time," said James.

There are various categories of daffodils, narcissus and so forth, and it's very important that the show committee makes sure the entries are put in the correct category. James suggested that a good bulb catalogue is valuable as it has good pictures.

"It is very important that the personnel at the door are knowledgeable," she said.

When picking flowers for show, do so in the late afternoon when the sugar content is highest, said James. Put them into very hot water and leave for 10 hours, cut the stems, slash or slit every time the water is changed.

Showing flowers is topic at meeting

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Island Farmer's and Women's Institutes held a joint meeting on February 22 at the region when Mrs. Dorothy James of Salt Spring was guest speaker. Thirty people attended.

James was introduced by Mrs. E. Leroux, president of the Women's Institute annual spring show. The reason, it was felt, was that many people did not know how to show their flowers and because of that, the institute had invited James to tell the public about the subject.

James said that first and foremost here must be a well-defined program, leaving no doubt in the judge's mind the intent of the committee.

To understand acceptable standards James advised acquiring the B.C. Council of Garden Club book for reference. Two categories are needed when showing a flower when foliage is shown, one with foliage and flower and one with

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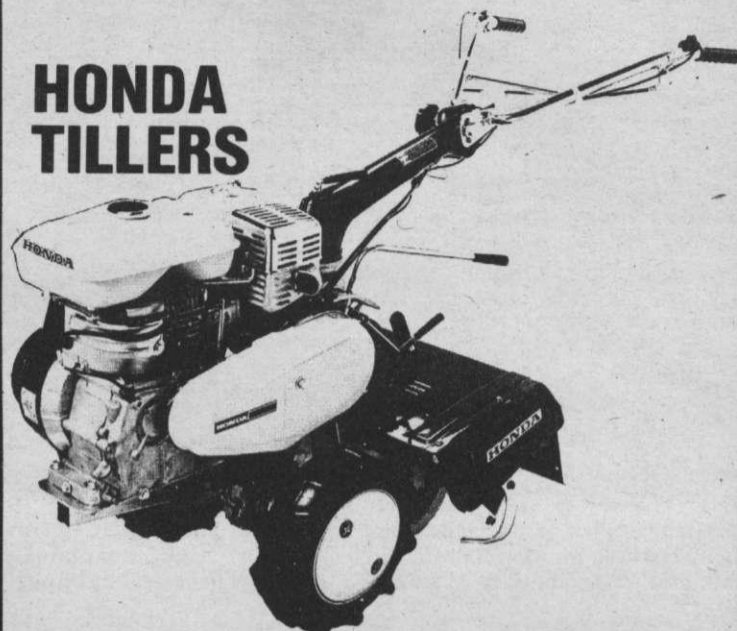
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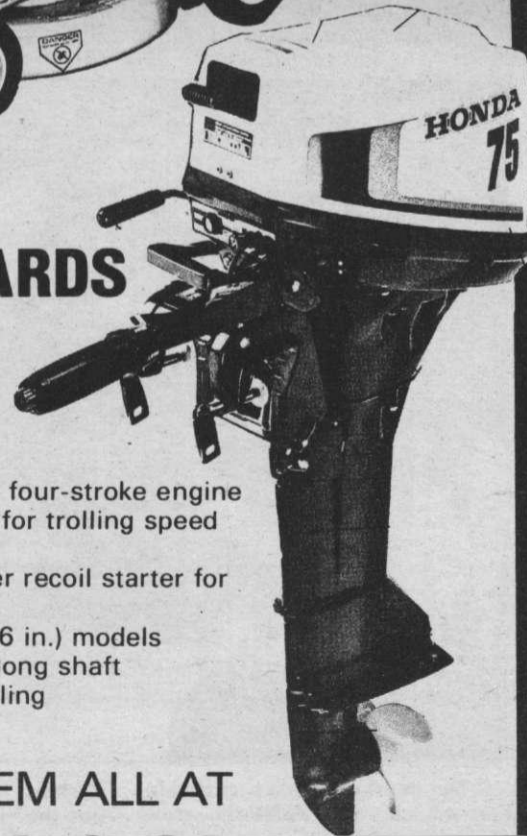
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The *Queen of Sidney* sails from Long Harbour for what could be the last time. Seaman Gary Wyrozub

steers the boat as Captain Ian McLean, right, explains the intricacies of navigating through the

Gulf Islands to Captain Wilf Mather.



When everything was packed and moved, the items had to be unpacked for use. Kitchen staff Donna Brubaker, left, and Paula

Draper hurry to straighten things out to be able to begin cooking again.

Tsawwassen replaces Sidney

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"The only problem comes when you're going astern and find out you don't have brakes," he said with a smile.

At Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island, the ferry is lined up with a marker in the inner harbour and the two wing walls. The manoeuvre allows the captain to judge the strength of the tide.

At Tsawwassen, the action picked up. Two trucks had been loaded with items to be taken to the other ferry. Spare lines, vacuum cleaners and other items were shifted from one vessel to the other.

The food from the galley, the pots and pans, went in a string of containers resembling a miniature freight train.

Passengers waited in the parking lot and the public address system asked for patience while the change took place. When finally they were allowed to board the *Tsawwassen*, patience was again requested while the cafeteria was prepared.

The exercise of moving took less than one hour and the boat began the return trip to the Gulf Islands. The only fare in the cafeteria was tea or coffee and passengers were treated to as many cups as they wished.

Captain McLean stood in the corner of the galley and watched. He talked softly of his pride in the crew. They were, he said, the best he had seen in his many years at sea.

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On the return trip, second officer Anderson asked for a speed check from the *Tsawwassen* terminal and the crew on the bridge were surprised to hear the ferry was

crossing the Strait of Georgia at 18 knots.

The trip ended at Long Harbour and the ferry was only 55 minutes off the scheduled time of arrival of 9:50 pm.



When the ship switch occurred in Tsawwassen, the cafeteria crew worked in high gear preparing things for customers. Valerie

Perkins, left, and Bev Williams set out the condiments for coffee and tea.

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