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They ran for milk and money

Their reward for participating in the Milk Run is a carton of milk and it seems to be enough for these Gulf Islands Secondary School students. Milk Run was held at island schools

last week to raise money for handicapped programs within the school system and is sponsored by B.C. School Sports. Students are, from left, Salal Thomson, Anthony

Archer, David McWhirter, Chad Davis and Nichola Kerrigan. Photo of crowd taking part appears on Page 13.

Board debates minority report

Ganges Citizens' Committee will continue until the Capital Regional Board decides to disband it, directors are agreed.

The board heard Salt Spring Island director Hugh Borsman and others propose that the committee be dissolved and work proceed in accordance with the majority report already submitted. Defending the committee on the grounds that it has not fulfilled its terms of reference were its chairman, Arvid Chalmers, and the spokesman in the minority report, Sharon McCollough.

The board heard the minority report from the citizens' committee and debated it at length with McCollough.

After kicking it around for more than an hour, the meeting approved a reprieve for the committee.

Borsman told the directors that of the 14 members on the committee, eight have agreed that there is little point in continuing. Directors also heard a plea from McCollough and Chalmers that the committee examine areas included in its terms and reference and, as yet, not undertaken.

Director Eric Simmons expressed surprise that the Ganges sewer controversy was still under debate.

BACK TO STARTING LINE
"With the report from the majority, I thought it was going to proceed," he told the board, "But we're now back to square one!"

He added that, as a director from

the city of Victoria, it was very difficult for him to make a judgment.

Pat Crofton observed that Ganges Harbour was polluted in 1948. He was living in Ganges at that time and it was then that swimming in the harbour was discontinued, he reported.

The chairman agreed with McCollough that the terms of reference had originally called for public participation and that there should be a meeting where islanders could learn what was being contemplated.

There was reference to the concern shown in the terms of reference of the Ganges committee to the split in the community.

There will always be a split in a community as long as there are two factions arguing against each other, suggested Ken Hill.

When McCollough challenged his statement that the Ganges sewer is back in the hands of the Capital Regional Board, directors voted to permit her to join in the debate.

WHERE TO GO?

There was uncertainty about how to proceed.

Ernie Beland wanted to go to the people first to make sure that the money would be forthcoming. When he was invited to comment on the priorities of the majority report from Ganges, chief engineer R.C. Sommerville suggested that little engineering consideration should be

addressed to it until the area is designated.

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At Portlock Park

Repair bill may reach \$9,000

The centre of the soccer field at Portlock Park on Salt Spring is mud and repairs could cost as much as \$9,000.

Phil Hume of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission explained the costs to a meeting of that group Monday. He said that purchase of sod to fill the muddy centre of the field would cost about \$3,300.

To fix the drainage in the central portion of the field would carry a price tag of \$1,500. In addition, a sprinkler system would be installed for a further expenditure of \$5,000.

Hugh Borsman, regional director for Salt Spring, said he could get \$2,000 for the project from his grants-in-aid fund. The remainder will come from the 1984 budget of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The field has a drainage system but the central portion of it is not working properly and heavy use by soccer teams has killed the grass along a strip running the length of

the field between the goal posts.

The sod would be purchased off-island and the soccer people have agreed to volunteer time and labour to put the new sod into place. While the field is being worked on, the drainage system will also be repaired.

The sprinkler system, said Tom Hall of the commission, would help

Ridley wins by 10 votes

When the votes were counted for the Pender Island school trustee by-election Saturday, Joy Ridley came out ahead by 10 votes.

She managed to gather 151 votes to David Watson's 141. Returning officer June Knowles reported that no ballots were spoiled or rejected.

The 292 people who showed up at the poll represent 32.3% of the electorate on the Penders. There were 862 names on the voters' list

Maxwell watershed is far beyond the financial resources of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, other avenues must be found to control all land in the watershed if we are to avoid future deterioration in water quality," he said.

The watershed at St. Mary Lake poses a different set of problems for the district. Fairley stressed that "there is no evidence that the water from St. Mary Lake presents a health hazard."

The watershed property is about 45% undeveloped, he reported, and increasing the lot sizes to 30 acres or larger would reduce the amount of nutrients being washed into the lake.

The water flow through the lake is slow which results in more nutrients being washed into the lake than flow out. The nutrients feed algae and the increase in the algae has a harmful effect on water quality.

The water district is considering the installation of an aeration system at a carefully selected point in the lake. Aeration would help reduce the amount of nutrients in the water and the water district is hopeful of gaining help from the provincial government to carry out the project.

Water district officials, he said, would continue to oppose any form of commercial development within the St. Mary Lake watershed.

"One small relaxation here would set a precedent disastrous to protection of the watershed."



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

To try softball instead

A difficult moment for Salt Spring Slugs Allan Hardie, centre, and Ian Jukes, right, is caught by Driftwood photographer at hockey team's annual banquet at Fulford last Thursday. Their duty was to tell

Scott Bergstrom, left, that he ought to play softball instead, because of a poor season on the ice this year. They broke the news to him by presenting him with a baseball bat. Hardie is one of the team's top

scorers. He scored his first goal in four years in a game two months ago. Jukes is relied on during the team's desperate moments. He only plays when they're desperate.

Consumption up, repairs down, water district meeting is told

Improvements to the water system made between 1977 and 1982, the annual meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District was told Monday, have resulted in fewer emergency repairs to water lines.

Chairman of the trustees of the

Meagher is chosen by Liberals

Twelve Salt Spring Island Liberals were in Chemainus on Saturday afternoon to name delegates to the June nominating convention to name a successor to Prime Minister P.E. Trudeau.

The convention named seven delegates and seven alternatives to take part in the selection of a new leader from the seven candidates. They will be the spokesmen for the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands Liberal Association.

Among the nominees selected was Pat Meagher, of Fairway Drive, Ganges, who will be an alternative delegate.

waterworks district, J.J. Fairley, reported on the operations of the district. He noted that consumption of water has steadily increased but no shortages have developed and no restrictions on water use have had to be imposed.

The main thrust of repairs to the system involves replacing wooden meter boxes with concrete ones, he reported. The concrete boxes should last longer. The cost of the concrete box is \$50, he said, while the wooden boxes cost \$140.

The waterworks district took over the maintenance of the Lakeshore Estates water system. Lakeshore Estates is a small subdivision on the southeast side of St. Mary Lake. The houses obtain water directly from the lake and the residents had asked the North Salt Spring Waterworks to help.

Costs of labour and material and overhead expenses will be carried by the Lakeshore Estates group.

Elections to the board of trustees resulted in re-election of Don Storr to a three-year term. He had been opposed by Gil Mouat.

The other members of the board of trustees are Fairley, Ken Patrick, Don Lochhead and Bud Kreissl.

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AGENDA: 7:30 pm: French Immersion (I. Wright)
8:00 pm: Proposed changes in graduation requirements (R.D. McWhirter).

All parents & members of the general public interested in the new graduation requirements are invited to attend. This will be the last meeting of the current school year.

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
FOR SEPTEMBER, 1984

Registration is required for all children entering Kindergarten at FERNWOOD SCHOOL in September, 1984. Children born in 1979 are eligible to enrol. The child's birth certificate must be presented upon registration.

REGISTRATION DATES: May 8, 9 and 10
between the hours of 9 am and 11:30 am

If you require any further information please phone the school office at 537-9332.

Spot checks to continue

Ganges RCMP are conducting spot checks as part of a province-wide traffic safety program.

The program began April 20 and continues until May 21 and during that period RCMP will be setting up roadblocks to reduce impaired driving and to encourage the use of seat belts.

The police released statistics for the period April 20 to 29 with comparisons for the same time last year.

There were six property damage accidents during the 10 days compared to only two last year. In addition, two accidents resulted in injuries while last year there was only one injury accident.

Three people were hurt in the accidents this year and two were injured last year. The recent accidents resulted in two charges being laid while last year five charges were laid.

There were no impaired drivers

stopped in either year and only one driver faced a 24-hour suspension this year.

Written warnings about vehicle defects were issued to 16 people this year and only one last year. All drivers and passengers during the 10 days each year were wearing seat belts.

Accident Saturday

A 1981 Toyota 4x4 skidded into a ditch on Toynbee Road Saturday and the driver and a passenger were injured.

James Clark of Salt Spring suffered bruises to his face while a passenger, a female juvenile, suffered bruises to her head.

The accident resulted in an estimated \$7,000 damage to the vehicle.

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Due to requirements to carry propane fuel to the Gulf Islands, the following sailings will not carry regular vehicle and passenger traffic:

6:25 am Swartz Bay to Otter Bay
11:05 am Village Bay to Swartz Bay
11:55 am Saturna to Swartz Bay

Please note that the first scheduled departure for vehicles and passengers from Swartz Bay to Otter Bay will therefore be M.V. "Mayne Queen" from Swartz Bay at 9:30 am.

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Special education structure

School board studies options

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board are close to accepting a co-ordinating team approach to the school-based special education structure for next year.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, brought a recommendation for the special education structure to the meeting of the school trustees last week.

He offered three options for the structure. That favoured by the trustees was a co-ordinating team of school principals and Marshall.

Each of the principals of the four Salt Spring schools plus Larry Holbrook, principal at Mayne School who would represent the Outer Islands schools, would be part of the team with Marshall.

The advantages, he noted, included maximum involvement at the school level plus the benefit of having the Outer Islands schools directly linked to the special education team.

The estimated cost of the structure to the school district would be \$10,000 per year, he noted.

The disadvantages were set out as time requirements for the principals

and the superintendent of schools to get together. The co-ordinating team also lacked a centralized contact person although the individual principals would be encouraged to make contact with those persons who could help the program.

Another suggestion from Marshall was to have the school district hire a part-time co-ordinator. The individual would be a specialist and offer the benefit of one contact person for the district.

However, the district co-ordinator would be spread thinly across the district and have to spend time travelling to the various schools. Having a district-based co-ordinator would also offer potential conflict with the concept of the school-based special education structure.

Estimated cost to the school district was set at \$20,000 to \$25,000.

The third option involved a part-time district co-ordinator who was based at one of the schools. This structure also offered one central contact person for the district but held out the potential for a district-school conflict for the individual.

The cost of the third option was estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per year.

Ron McQuiggan, Salt Spring

school trustees said the co-ordinating team approach seemed to offer the most benefits for the special education program.

David Eyles, Salt Spring school trustee, expressed reservations about the recommendation. He said the team approach appeared to be cumbersome.

Mike Hoebel, Galiano Island, also expressed reservations about the recommendations. He asked for time so the school trustees could study the various options in order to make a decision on the matter.

Board chairman Charles Hingston told the meeting that he favoured the co-ordinating team approach but agreed to the delay to allow trustees time to iron out their concerns.

"We may be spending a lot of time on this," he said, "but it's very important."

The matter was tabled until the next meeting of the school board to allow trustees to talk to district staff and the principals about their concerns.

To Be

Frank



by richards

One or a few drinks?

There was a road block and a young island lady was stopped. Had she had anything to drink, asked a police officer. She had had one beer, she told the policeman. "Woman here has had a few drinks!" sang out the officer and she was indignant. She had stated she had one drink, she told the officer directed to interview her. If she had been drinking in volume she would not have admitted to even one drink, she said. The officer saw her point. With a brief check she was sent on her way. She had, in fact, had one beer.

They were real little shrimps

It was a brilliant day and I was on the ferry dock at Crofton watching the plume of smoke rising above Salt Spring Island. I was seized with the urge to look for some fish and we made our way to the wharf. I bought a bag of shrimp. The fisherman said they were small and they were just that. After I'd cooked them I discovered that I couldn't dissect them quickly enough to be of any use. It took me an hour or more to prepare a meal just for me. But the jolt came when No. 2 daughter walked in. I explained my difficulty and she looked at me like I was some nutty Englishman. You pull the meat off the head, she explained and bite off the shrimp, discarding the rest. Then you crunch away. I guess I am just that nutty Englishman. Next time I'll get prawns!

Makes for discussion

There was a Liberal gathering and they couldn't find a telephone box big enough so it was held in a hall at Chemainus. She'd just met Gil Humphrey's daughter, said an islander. And I found Gillian and Dave Weir, from Ladysmith. That completes the circle. Gil was at the Conservatives' nominating convention last year and Gill, his daughter was setting the stage for the Liberal leader's naming. With about every shade of political opinion represented in the family, Gil and Nonie must never be at a loss for a lively family discussion. I know all about that!

How did he travel?

Cabbage moth is quite a versatile traveller. I developed a couple of films and washed the equipment. The brush is ancient and worn but it had developed a new bristle in the centre. There was a small caterpillar nestled in among the bristles. How did he get there? The brush was in the darkroom: no windows, no light. He couldn't fly and he surely couldn't have reached there on foot. The late cabbage moth never admitted how he did it, right up to the end.

He lost his deposit

I watched Rob Dixon examine the robot coffee dispenser on the Bowen Queen. He put in his 35 cents and waited. He knocked the machine and waited. He checked its pulse and waited. He did everything except talk to it or kick it. And he waited. He pressed every knob in sight and waited. Finally he gave up the idea of slaking his thirst and went below. Who do you complain to? The machine doesn't talk. The crew are all at their duties somewhere on the ship. He probably went without his morning coffee later for the lack of the 35 cents he gave the ferry corporation. It's another way of collecting tax, he told me.

It's cheaper by stamp

Someone wrote to me. They sometimes do. I was one of many to get the same letter. The sender put it through metered mail and charged 32 cents on each notice. The post office added another 10 cents, which the recipient had to pay. That, I was informed, was because the notice had a staple through it and would not go through the post office sorting machine. And I wondered. Had the sender stuck an ordinary postage stamp on the note it would not have been taxed. In other words, if the sender throws his unsorted mail in the letter drop the post office does the sorting. And gets its 32 cents. If the sender rents a mailing machine, sorts the mail into cities or areas and hands them personally to the postal clerk, the post office gets 42 cents a letter. Because of an error. Why does anyone use anything but a humble sticky stamp?

We should get good government

You know, we should get good government in every direction we look. Lord knows we pay enough for it!

Wonderful pen but it won't write!

I use a lot of pens. I can remember the days when we used pencils. Every news room had a stack of pencils and a sharpener. Then came the ballpoint pen and out went the pencil. In those days the office provided us with pencils, but these days we find our own pens. Mostly. Because I'm always using, breaking, losing or wearing out pens I keep an eye open for them. The best, or the easiest flowing and most constant are Parker, in my book. They are soft and rarely blob. The worst I have are two Japanese models. They are lovely, in silver and black and the top slides on and off very easily. The clip still works after months of non-use. The only trouble is that they won't write. Otherwise they are a first-class pen.

It's rough enough

It had been rotundly denied, said the radio reporter, and I was alerted. I certainly would not suggest that he was off-beat. It could be squarely denied or angularly denied and whoever says it is probably right. When I listened I found that the report was from overseas as was the reporter. And rotund is certainly round. If anyone says any different I would roundly deny it.

Fulford staff selected

Teachers will be moving around in September.

The Gulf Islands School Board has announced the staffing of Fulford School, with five teachers moving from Salt Spring Elementary, one from the high school and another from the district special education team.

Susan Underwood moves from Gulf Islands Secondary to Fulford while Tim Stafford finds a permanent home after spending a year as the roving special education teacher for the Outer Islands schools.

From Salt Spring Elementary Wendy Wickland, Arlene Sadler, Barb Aust, Bev Byron and Jackie Taylor move to the new south Salt Spring school.

Jane Manhein, of the district special education team, moves from Salt Spring Elementary to Fernwood to be part of the school-based special education for that school.

Rob Taylor will be moving from the Mayne Island school to Gulf Islands Secondary on Salt Spring and David Stacey leaves his duties with Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood to teach at GISS in September.

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May 2: Nuclear Disarmament Meeting, 7:30, Peace Centre.

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Holiday traffic

The Easter holiday brought home very forcibly the inadequacies of the traffic flow through Ganges. If one thirsty visitor is eager to get to the government liquor store from Fulford-Ganges Road, his chances of quenching his thirst in a hurry are pretty slim.

When the dry driver waits for an opportunity to slip across the traffic the flow slows down behind him until there is no further movement. Finally, he makes his crossing and waits for an opening in the McPhillips Ave. traffic. The flow of southbound travellers is now at a standstill.

The exasperating aspect of the Ganges traffic pattern is that it was intended to put the road to its maximum use with the least amount of change or work. In terms of cars-per-minute, the flow is small. In almost every term the flow is small. But never have so few held up so many for so long.

The traffic flow in Ganges merits the immediate examination of an alternative route. The bypass comes to every user's mind. But the ministry of highways, with an excuse for almost every delay, has a barrelful of excuses for inactivity on a bypass.

It is strange that so active a ministry, so plentifully supplied with engineers of so many specialties, cannot find a simpler method of handling so few cars in so small a community so much more efficiently.

Perhaps the ministry needs help. With this thought in mind we would urge every driver and every passenger and every pedestrian who has been annoyed, frustrated, amused or otherwise delayed by the circus in Ganges to come up with a better method of handling traffic in the community and to pass it on to the minister. Not only could the process bring an effective resolution to an annoyance, it could make the minister and his associates aware of the public concern for what he might well see as the only mistake ever perpetrated on a patient public by his ministry.

It's worth a try.

The Red Cross

Next month an island doctor will leave his home here and devote his time to furthering an International Red Cross program for the aid of suffering children. Dr. Don Sutherland will travel to South America, Africa and Asia to show mothers how to provide better care for their children.

The red cross is a symbol of help. It came into being more than a century ago as the logo of an organization dedicated to the relief of wounded soldiers. The Red Cross has lived and grown to relieve the suffering of humans everywhere in peace and in war.

Dr. Sutherland is no newcomer to the problems of the Third World. He has already worked with the refugee camps of Somalia.

The plans of this island doctor are a reminder to all of us that there is another world beyond the shores of these islands and that the problems facing so much of the world are far beyond our own perplexities. With all islanders we would wish him success in his new attack on human suffering.

Junior sports

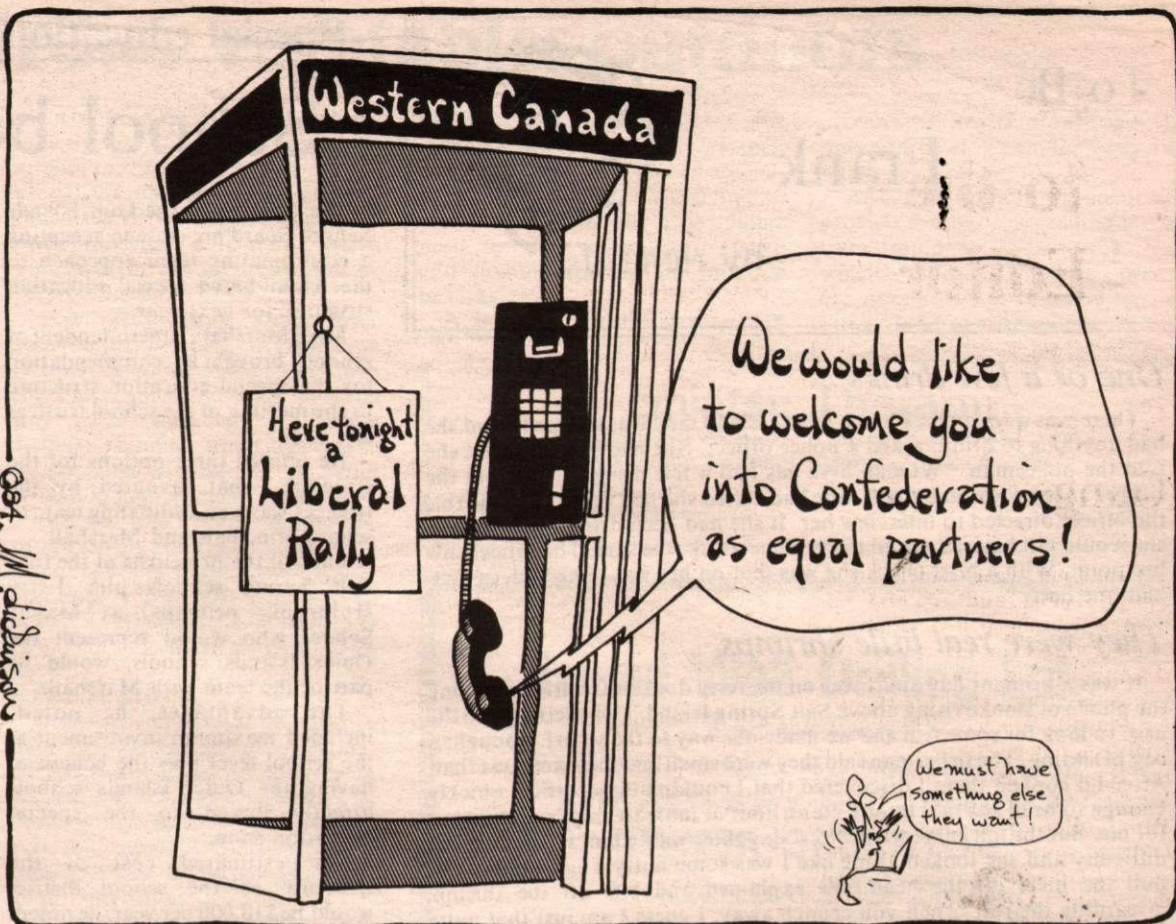
Throughout the islands and particularly on Salt Spring Island a large number of adults are engaged in administering juvenile games. Last week the soccer season on Salt Spring came to a close at the annual banquet at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

For a number of years the participating juniors and their parents have been expressing thanks to Malcolm Legg who has so long directed soccer on the island.

Last week it was his turn to express gratitude to the large number of island people who have contributed to the program.

All winter long the fields are weighed down with damp and happy soccer players. Comes spring and shorts and boots give place to ball uniforms. And all year around there are coaches and helpers to keep the ball rolling on every field and every pitch.

We owe a debt beyond calculation to the long line of workers and helpers in island juvenile sports.



Tony Richards

IT WAS DISCONCERTING to listen to the news Monday morning and hear a crowd of peace marchers booing at the mention of B.C. Premier Bill Bennett.

The marchers were among the 100,000 or so who turned out for the Walk for Peace Saturday in Vancouver. When Mayor Mike Harcourt said Bennett had sent a supportive telegram there was derision from a large number of people.

As Harcourt said, the demonstrations for disarmament were supposed to be political but non-partisan. Obviously there were many who disagreed.

As a result many observers will have decided that the peace movement is made up largely of one-time members of Solidarity Coalition, the rent-a-crowd set who will do anything for a protest march.

They won't help the disarmament campaign one iota.

ANYONE LOOKING FOR an excuse to criticize Bennett and his government needn't look any farther than the B.C. School Trustees Association annual meeting.

Education Minister Jack Heinrich was supposed to address the convention but was tied up in a cabinet meeting at Cowichan Bay. So he sent along a Sacred backbencher to take his place.

As association members said, it was an insult. By continually alienating teachers and trustees, the education ministry will never function well.

WHERE WERE the protesters when a major development took place in Ganges two weeks ago?

Painting of the old K & R building apparently caused a stir among those who hate to see anything happen in the village. The colour scheme, I understand, wasn't to their liking.

It may be of interest that local artist Allan Edwards is reported to have been impressed with the choice and has applauded the selection. Edwards has had a long career in commercial design.

I'M NOT ONE to turn down invitations to dinner, so I accepted one last week without hesitation even though we were given but a few hours' notice.

Salt Spring Slugs, the island's no. 2 ice hockey team, were having their annual awards banquet at Fulford Inn. Alice and I would be most welcome to attend, said team social director Scott Bergstrom.

We had a good time until we passed by our waitress at the cash register as we prepared to leave.

When she handed me a bill for about \$40 I thought to myself, gee, I sure drank a lot. Then I noticed there was tax added. Since when is liquor

tax added on the bill, I inquired.

That's food tax, I was told.

Who else but the Slugs would invite you out for dinner and then expect you to pay for it?

And after all the nice things I've written about them, too.

TEAM SLUG has a few teachers on its roster but Fernwood School principal Glenn Woodley is not one of them. He's too busy with other matters, all part of being a school principal.

Such as "herding cars," for instance.

At least that's what Fernwood student Malcolm Fiander figures is Glenn's job as principal. That response was among several to the same question published in the latest issue of the school paper, the *Fernwood flyer*.

And there are some widely held views about Glenn's job.

Rita Phillips says he collects balls while Chris Davis says he herds sheep. According to Aaron Slingsby he "goes to the pizza parlor" and Ann Deitzel believes "he has fun."

And I expect Glenn liked this one best: "He relaxes."

I'VE PUT MY MONEY on New York Islanders in the past few years and I'll do the same this year. The Islanders will win their fifth straight Stanley Cup (tying the Montreal Canadiens' record) after beating Edmonton in the final.

I wouldn't feel so confident if Montreal had won Saturday's game but the Islanders finally came to life. And you can't win a Stanley Cup with good goaltending alone.

In the other division Minnesota hasn't a chance. Call anytime to place your bets.

THE WEEKEND SWITCH to daylight saving time means a change in lifestyle for me. (It also meant one missed ferry Sunday morning after completely forgetting about the time change).

It means that once again I become a softball widower and that on two evenings of every week I am left to fend for myself (and the kids) in terms of dinner.

After sharing last place with five others in the Fulford Inn's celebrity chef contest, my interest in cooking has declined. Unfortunately, my interest in eating has not done the same.

So if Friar Tuck needs a place to park his van on Mondays and Wednesdays, there's lots of room in our driveway.

Otherwise I may be driven to take up smoking again.

Letters to the Editor

Study of Ganges

Sir,
I am a nine-year resident on Salt Spring Island and recently have been attending U.B.C. School of Architecture. The first term of my final thesis, deals with a study of Ganges and its "opportunities for a harbourside village". A copy of my study should be available through the Islands Trust or, hopefully, J. Yardley of the Advisory Design Panel. Perhaps you will find material worthy of public forum.

The island has been suffering with the present economic situation and it is not unlikely to foresee Ganges becoming the possible focus for new development in the near future, particularly with implementation of a sewer system. It becomes more timely and relevant to review the Ganges Plan and create the proper framework for the potential economic and social opportunities that might occur in Ganges in the future.

To some degree my study is conceptual and offers ideas about townscape and waterfront potential. My study looks at what it is to be a village and maintains that a tightly knit, pedestrian-scale centre is desirable. In Ganges, there should be orientation to a waterfront walkway, to a central square (the basin with the post office and Mouat's, etc.) and to the main streets with planted boulevards.

In reply to Mr. Schubart's views towards cluster development, I am more in favour of enhancing what we have and what could be a model harbour village. It seems to me that a town centre requires water, sewage and parking as its most basic prerequisites. Ganges has or will have the first two, and with proper planning, surface parking would be adequate for projected growth. I have done a survey of parking in the village and have made suggestions towards a total framework for Ganges parking. Part of the reason North American towns or villages do not maintain their unique qualities and intimate scale is due to the automobile. I feel it is possible to integrate the auto and still have a condensed centre in a rural place.

It is not feasible with the island

population to spread out the village in strip development up the hill or develop satellites and still have it feel like a village with character, history and perhaps even night life.

It is more important to contain commercial and denser residential development in one area and leave the island rural. With the proper organization, zoning and planning and commitment to an attractive and convenient harbour village that is the urban focus to island life—funding, employment and recreational and cultural opportunities can be pursued. The potential is there. The sewer system should be modest, servicing only the core area and denser residential development on its periphery (within 20 minute walking distance perhaps).

With the proper paths, additional covered walkways, landscaping, village enhancement with new buildings filling in the gaps, a modest recreation facility and added evening uses, etc.... the village would receive us the way it should on an island such as this and maybe even offer a little action.

NEIL MORIE,
Box 995, Ganges.
April 1984.

Where have they been?

Sir,
Every once in a while my mind boggles at the astonishing thought processes revealed in letters to you and in reported accounts of meetings published in your paper.

The April 25 edition for example has a letter from Anthony Netboy applauding Bev Unger's letter about the Regional Director's "immodest haste" in getting the sewer started.

Where have they been for the last 20 years? The sewer problem has been discussed and studied to exhaustion and at great expense financially and emotionally. Surely by now it can be accepted—and acted upon—as the only reasonable solution. Nancy Wigen's letter gives a logical and informed account in the same paper.

Then we have the account of the sewer issue raised again over a door in Gasoline Alley. The place was rented before and can be again but a different access would be convenient. There is far too much attempted bureaucratic interference with private enterprise, nearly all of it connected, however tenuously, with the sewer.

Ganges has to be held back because of the disposal problem but when a solution is finally found it is opposed by the same objectors. As far as I am aware none of these objectors live or own businesses in Ganges.

A certain amount of growth is

necessary and even desirable. People growing up on the island want jobs on the island. As it is now, it seems reasonable to assume that an employer may have to say,

"Sorry but I have my official quota of bodies per holding tank now but come again when the sewer is in."

Thank you for letting me "sound off."

DOREEN E. WHEATLEY,
Box 898, Ganges.
April 1984.



Bill Webster

He takes criticism in stride

One of the really neat things about being a minor celebrity is not having to answer criticism.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not talking about myself but expressing a thought of Louis Bolivar-Finchley. He takes criticism in stride and moves on to other more worthy endeavours.

Why just last week, Louis faced a storm of criticism and came out laughing.

Actually, I felt embarrassed for him when the storm broke about his head. He wasn't really expecting it but he managed to cope.

The sad part of this tale of Louis is that he has discovered the location of the north-end mansion. He showed up early one morning. Well I don't know about you, but 10 o'clock is early for me.

At the mansion, a routine has developed. Rat and Fink act as alarm clocks. They are fed each morning and if their food isn't in place on time, they come looking for the chef.

They do such nice things as purr loudly in his ear and sit on his chest, the better to rouse him from slumber.

On this particular morning, nothing they did seemed to work so they went elsewhere in search of food. Fink has learned how to catch snakes. He brings each

No war games

Sir,
It is sadly ironic to hear that, while the Peace Petition Caravan and Walks for Peace take place, someone wants to use Salt Spring land for "war games."

Women for Peace, the Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Committee, Voice of Women, and other organizations work hard to discourage the buying of war toys as inappropriate and unhealthy. It is equally objectionable to think of

people paying for the chance to hunt down and shoot other people, even in a make-believe context.

The idea for the Canada-wide Peace Petition Caravan originated on Salt Spring Island. Let's hope the idea of war games will end here, with rejection at the Advisory Planning Commission level.

Women for Peace urge the APC to inform the applicants for this kind of "recreational playground" on agricultural land: not here, not now, not ever.
MAGGIE HAYES,
for Women for Peace.
April 30, 1984.

specimen home, proudly, to show what a great hunter he is.

Rat, on the other hand, seeks out tamer game. He brings home pine cones and fir twigs not to be outdone in the hunting department by Fink.

There they were, the two frolicking felines, sniffing and playing with Fink's latest acquisition when Louis arrived. What I didn't know is that he is not too fond of reptiles.

When he saw the snake and the two cats, he howled. Louis moved rather quickly to grab the snake. He rushed out to the balcony, snake dangling from one hand and threw it as far as he could.

Well, Rat and particularly Fink became incensed. They began to hiss and spit at Louis.

Like I said, Louis took the criticism in stride. As a matter of fact, he sat on a deck chair speechless.

Now I know how to keep him quiet. Wonder how many snakes live around the mansion?

Which brings us to the reason for this lecture. Not being a minor celebratory, I don't have to worry about criticism. I just wend my way along life's byways and hiways in search of tomorrow.

Recently, I was given an offer I couldn't refuse.

The Salt Spring Shakers, a music group of great renown, offered me a position with them.

The first question asked when the offer was made: "Can you play an instrument?" When the answer no came back, I was immediately inducted into the orchestra.

The problem of joining the group revolved around selecting an instrument not to play.

And so I decided to become a kazoo player.

Kazoo? You bet. Rushed out and purchased one along with a detailed description of how to play it. So now I am first kazoo in the Salt Shakers.

In case you have never heard of the group, we have been refused permission to play at some of the finest establishments on the island. In a moment of weakness, however, the attendant at the North Salt Spring Ferry-Turn-Around engaged us to put on a Christmas concert. And we will.

Other engagements will follow as our legion of fans develop into a strong and vocal force for cultural enrichment of island life.

And you thought all I could do was write incoherent gibberish in this space.

Just take stock of the groups which have sought my participation. The Salt Spring Swine Society. The Dirty Old Guys. The Salt Spring Players?

Gee, it's great to be popular.

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The following column was written 23 years ago by the late Jack Scott, a well known columnist who lived on Salt Spring Island until his death four years ago.

Topic of the column is disarmament, a subject that is just as timely today as it was in 1961.

The column was submitted by Scott's daughter Jill Fowles, a member of the composing room staff at Gulf Islands Driftwood.

I had a marvellous dream last night.

I dreamed that Canada had electrified the world by being the first country to disarm. We'd just got tired of all the talk about other countries doing it. We wearied of all the murky, mean Geneva conferences that got nowhere, and really didn't expect to get anywhere. And so we decided to set the example. We did this because we were in favour of disarmament.

I dreamed that an order-in-council was passed on a Monday. On Tuesday there was no more Navy, Army or Air Force.

Instead we took the best hardware we had and the best men we had. We formed a Peace Force. And we handed it over to the United Nations.

"Here," we said, "use this stuff and these Canadians to keep the peace and God be with you."

PALACE OF PEACE

It wasn't hard to do. We knew that all our guns and tanks and airplanes and ships were really just quaint, useless junk to defend ourselves in a nuclear war.

We knew that our sailors and soldiers and airmen were just as quaint, just as useless.

But we knew, too, that both the men and the tools could be used by the United Nations to put out the "bush fires" that might start the big one.

The United Nations, which had just been humbled and embarrassed by a shortage of such fire-fighters in a hot corner of the far off Congo, was greatly strengthened by our gift and was grateful.

Many dark-skinned, oddly-costumed, quiet men from Africa and Asia arose in the great assembly hall. "Good for Canada," they said. And it was echoed throughout the world.

I dreamed that we brought to an end our uneasy alliance with NORAD and with NATO.

We closed down our secret installations which have been cooking up poison gases and perhaps even bacteriological horrors.

We said a fond goodbye to our practical American friends who had

been within our borders preparing their outer defences to protect their homeland. "So long, brother. Good luck to you," we said.

I dreamed that we took over the north-country radar stations, the DEW-line, Pine-Tree and anything else that might be up there. We invited observers from the United States and from Russia to sit in as guests with our operators and watch the Arctic skies on our screens so that we might have something conciliatory to say if any foreign object came by mistake from either direction.

We did this because we were told by every military man in the world that it could all start by accident, the ultimate lunacy. We did not want that accident to take place in the missile bowling alley over our heads.

I dreamed that we banished forever the Ministry of National Defence. In its place we set up a Ministry for World Peace. We did this because we are told, and we believe, that peace now is the only defence.

Millions upon millions of dollars and millions upon millions of man-hours of energy, effort and devotion were turned over, I dreamed, to the

United Nations. We gave to them, at our expense, though it cost us nothing because of our abandonment of our make-believe defence, our best people in every line to work everywhere in the world where there might be hunger or oppression or sickness or illiteracy or ignorance.

I dreamed that we built a beautiful Palace of Peace. From this noble edifice we spoke out fearlessly with great, positive anger to whomever we thought had imperilled the future of our children by any act or policy and with great warmth and encouragement to those who gave us hope.

I dreamed that in this Palace there were tremendous gatherings of people from all the countries of the world, that we organized and financed conferences of scientists, teachers, doctors, business men, unionists, politicians and thinkers from every country that would send them so that we might better understand each other.

From this place we sent out speakers and writers and filmmakers in a crusade for sanity and tolerance.

We organized exchange programs of students and young people and artists.

We sent our doctors and educators into the dark corners of the globe to bring light.

We sent our negotiators and advisors and workers where they were needed.

We joined with other nations which had similarly sacrificed their sovereignty and vanity and self-interest in the simple belief that mankind is worth saving.

I dreamed that the world responded, that our example gave a new meaning and hope to the United Nations, and that we demonstrated that the way to begin the disarmament of the world is to begin.

I dreamed that Canada became trusted, that the empty role of mediator which its politicians so often claim became, at last, reality, and that out of this new respect emerged a powerful groundswell of optimism and determination by common people all over the world.

I dreamed that it was, in fact, just what the world had been waiting for.

I dreamed of a new kind of Canadian with pride and purpose, no longer reacting like timid rabbits to the latest moves of the great powers, no longer faceless and passive and fearful.

I dreamed that we had become a force in the world that might be the catalyst to bring together the whole human force that wants an end to insanity.

Oh, I had a marvellous dream last night.

More Letters to the Editor

Thinking in slogans

Sir, I read with interest the letter of P.C.H. Cooke (April 18 issue), and, to a large extent, I must agree with his plea against the folly of a policy of appeasement. However, from what I think it is that the peace groups are saying, I have not the impression that appeasement is what they are advocating—that is, some are, some are not.

What concerns me, and I have reason to believe, others, is that "Peace remains at the mercy of an accident". Those words were spoken in 1914 by one Wilhelm Von Schoen, ambassador to France. That was a time of reliance on power, international alliances for power, and greater, ever greater distrust amongst the nations—and an accident did trigger that one!

On a more personal note, I would ask Mr. Cooke to refrain from speaking for me. That is, I have considered myself to be, mainly one of those who remain silent, so perhaps I am part of that "silent majority" of which he speaks. There are two instances from my past experiences which I would like to

pass along, for they have given me very good guidance in my own thinking:

The first happened in Sorel, Quebec, in a conversation with a Dr. Weiss, Berlin lawyer, a prisoner of war at that time (1945). He said to me, "We must learn to think again. We had become used to thinking in slogans, and only slogans. When one thinks in slogans, then thinking stops."

Have not the words "silent majority" and "misguided minority" become slogans in our day?

The second happened at a place called Wilton Park, near Uxbridge, about 40 miles north of London, England, where a re-assessment and re-education workshops series had been established. The speaker was a Mr. Meineke, former Austrian publisher, fugitive from the Hitler regime, speaking to a group of German prisoners of war.

In the discussion period that followed, a German prisoner began his comments with, "We Germans..." and the Oxford Don in charge (a Dr. Koeppler) broke in with, "Speak for yourself! Just try to remember that you cannot speak for the whole German nation. That is

too much of an assumption."

I have very little respect for indulgence in slogans; and I do hope that my readers will know I am speaking for myself.

WALTER RATZLAFF, Box 35, Saturna Island. April 20, 1984.

They were entranced

Sir, Last week Blue Heron Theatre presented *Yew Moon, a West Coast Fantasy* at our Nursery School. The children were entranced for a full hour.

I loved it too. The story, the costumes and set, the acting and music were fresh and delightful.

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JOANNE PERKINS, Fulford Harbour. April 28, 1984.

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Political but non-partisan

Sir,
The Peace Petition Campaign was recognized and applauded by 115,000 at the Walk for Peace in Vancouver on Saturday. Mayor Harcourt and the M.C., Kennedy, stressed that the Peace Issue is "political but non-partisan" and that it is very important the petition get to Ottawa. The Mayor said Vancouver is regarded by the rest of Canada as the "City of Peace"—a nuclear weapons-free city, and that Mayors across the country are working in a combined effort toward the same end.

A serious, determined cross-section of mainstream society marched, including "Vets for Peace", Youth for Peace—carrying a giant replica of the world on their shoulders; "Psychologists, Scientists, Engineers, Physicians for Peace"; and a kid in a stroller—"Prenatals for Peace". They were all there, Professionals, Women's Church, Labour groups, artists and farmers, employed and unemployed, old and young, disabled and very athletic.

The NDP, Cope and the Green Party were represented: Bennett sent a lengthy "welcome" (and apology for not being there, not well received).

The current party platforms run something like this:

Conservatives: agree with cruise testing in Canada and would increase Canadian involvement in NATO. Their policies would embroil Canada deeper into the Nuclear Arms Race. Liberals show only token verbal commitment to peace while allowing cruise missile testing in Canada and increasing Canadian involvement in the American space wars program.

New Democrats support nuclear disarmament and oppose Canada's role in NATO, including testing the cruise missile. (They have not come out strongly against nuclear energy and conventional arms industries in Canada.) The Greens are opposed to not just nuclear arms but the nuclear energy industry, hold that Canada must disarm and stop the manufacture of conventional weapons. They reject consumerism, the basis for world strife and embrace the conservator ethic, putting peace first in their political platform.

Some of the points highlighted at the rally were that the 17 billion spent every other week in the arms race was more than enough to solve the problem of hunger and poverty around the world; the problem of technical error, or human mistake in

More Letters to the Editor

setting off World War Three was quite high, relative to world security (note the shutting down of Nuclear Reactor Diablo last week); and trusting the Russians (Afghanistan) or U.S. (CIA involvement in Nicaragua, El Salvador) is not the issue—bombs obviously don't resolve the conflict!

The issue of "survival" must turn civilization around in a more positive direction.

Helium balloons were released, songs were sung and a sailboat sailed by with "Give Peace a Chance", as 115,000 marchers started home across the Burrard St. Bridge.

P.S. A Scottish friend advised me that she was "bombed" in the last war. The bomb hit her house but didn't go off. A note was attached: "Sorry about this, hope it doesn't do much damage" signed by the Czechoslovakian people. The detonator was filled with flour.
SUE HISCOCKS,
Ganges.
April 1984.

Learned a lot

Sir,
Mr. McMahon, from B.C. Hydro, came to our class and showed how electricity can burn your skin. He showed how electricity could go from wires to something with water (like a tree or your body). We shouldn't touch powerlines or pull plugs by the cord. We learned to be electrically alert.

Mr. McMahon might not be allowed to go to schools any more because Hydro might not have enough money to pay for the program. Our class thinks they should keep it going because we learned a lot. It helped all the kids

become aware of electric lines.

It helped some with science projects and now we can teach it to our family and friends.

We thank Mr. McMahon for coming and telling us about electricity.

Students of Salt Spring Elementary's Grade 1 and 2 class.
April 1984.

Efforts appreciated

Sir,
On behalf of my Consumer Education students I would like to thank the following businesses for participating in last week's Work Experience Program. Your efforts are most appreciated.

Foxglove, Bank of Commerce, Embe Bakery, The Canadian Coast Guard, Salt Spring Elementary School, Friar Tuck's, The Harbour House, Glad's, Island Esso, Mouat's, The Salty Shop, Heritage Boutique, Ganges Marina, Kanaka Restaurant, The Video Ranch, Pharmasave, Luigi's, The General Store, Flowers & Wine, McColl's Shell, Our Gas Co., Ganges Fire Department, Salt Spring Daycare, Radio Shack, the *Driftwood*, The Fernwood Store, Vesuvius Inn.

SCOTT BERGSTROME,
Gulf Islands Secondary School.
April 30, 1984.

Show may be cancelled

Sir,
I was recently honoured by a request to display some gowns I have made in a fashion show at Fulford Hall on May 13.

This seemed to me an excellent way to encourage island dressmakers and the kind of self help for which we are famous.

However, when I confirmed the number of entries I can contribute, I was told not enough people seemed able to participate, so the show may be cancelled.

Some of us complain that helping hands are few and far between. But when they are extended, we fail to grasp them. Why? They may think twice before offering themselves again!

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R. 1, North End Rd.
April 29, 1984.

Nothing to gain

Sir,
To the Editor of All The News That Fits We Print.

Re: April 25 reports on the Islands Trust meeting.

Attention: Anyone wanting to know the full story, ask to hear *Driftwood* tapes of the meeting, or call me at 653-4385.

The facts:
1. I did give a report on the Sewer Committee over Gordon Wallace's interruption.

2. Jeff Adelman's building permit forbids any additional tenancies. The very simple doors will lead to a new tenancy.

I was sworn in to preserve and protect this island, not any special interest groups. My personal code of ethics prohibits me from violating any bylaws, whether CRD or Islands Trust.

I have nothing to gain except a clear conscience and maintenance of my self respect.

BEVERLY UNGER,
Island Trustee.

P.S. To Simon Bolivar-Finchley: Ask your schizy friend to play the tapes for you if you want the truth.



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Inspection costs summarized

**BY HUGH BORSMAN
Salt Spring Regional Director**

There are just three items worth mentioning at this time. For a change I will leave the sewer problem until the last.

Some time ago Mike Larmour stated that he found building inspection fees rather high, and he had many that agreed with him. I promised to get a full report and I now have it, and the following is a summary:

Direct cost of local office:
 \$61,568.00
 Indirect cost, salaries: 31,209.00
 Office: 18,618.00
 Indirect costs refers to our share of central costs, i.e. 17%
 Total: \$111,395.00
REVENUES
 Permit fees (est. for 1984)

\$60,000.00
 Requisition for 1984: 14,764.00
 Total: \$74,764.00
 Anticipated deficit: \$36,631.00

As you see, it is expected that permit fees will not even pay for the cost of our local office. The total expense seems very high, but many of you will be better judges of that than I would be. I will leave a copy of this at the Ganges building inspection office.

If you have any questions I will try and get the answers for you. Some streamlining of the system is being planned, so these costs should be reduced a little.

Thanks to Jack Foster and Jean King of the Trail and Nature Club, we are going to be able to provide

employment for six persons for about five months.

Some weeks ago they told me about a program operated by the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C., and funded by the federal government as a "make-work" project. I spoke immediately to Glenn Woodley, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and we felt we had little to lose by applying.

It turned out we had one day to make application, so this I did. A few days ago I heard the application was approved, but I await further details.

Employed will be five young people between the ages of 16 and 24, and one foreman age 50 or over. All materials and expenses will be provided. The hiring I understand will be from the Duncan manpower office, but preference will be given to Salt Spring residents. The pay is admittedly modest, but apparently there have been no problems finding takers elsewhere.

The work is on some environmental type project, and the Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Trail and Nature Club will have to decide on one or more of the options I listed. More later.

I told you I would keep you informed about the sewer problems, and haven't done so recently; however *Driftwood* has done a good job. The Citizens' Committee wanted to do its own reporting, but due to the irreconcilable split in the

committee, it is doubtful if any agreement would ever emerge as to what might be said.

The problem briefly is that some committee members, and these include the representatives of the institutions and the Ganges core, want to get on with the job. The others appear to want more studies, specifically for the consulting engineer to go back to his terms of reference and do more investigation, and spend more of our money. Because of this impasse the hospital and Pioneer Village have withdrawn their representatives. John Crofton, who represented the Ratepayers and Tenants Association, has resigned.

The business core representatives are in the process of deciding their future participation. The school board will retain its member for the moment. For all practical purposes the committee is dead, since the people most affected have given up hope of the committee accomplishing anything.

This explanation might help you put the reports in perspective. I have been concerned about the misleading and/or inaccurate information being provided to you in letters to the Editor. Mrs. Bev Unger's letter is a case in point. She is either unaware, or she omitted to mention, that a sewer for Ganges has absolutely nothing to do with development.

The federal government contribution of \$2 million, and the provincial government contribution of about \$10,000 a month, is purely based on the fact that it is unacceptable in the late 20th century to run sewage down our ditches and bathe the village beach with it. It is entirely a public health problem.

Development problems, either too much or too little, may result, but will have to be met when the time comes. Fortunately, as far as I am aware, few, if any of you, have become disturbed by what you have read.

I am confident that we will proceed. In fact the interested parties, i.e. the major users, are organizing to bypass the committee and will make direct application to the CRD asking them to get on with the job. Now!

You can argue, I suppose, that after 15 years, what does another year matter? Or you can argue, as I do, that after 15 years, even one further unnecessary week's delay is too much.

No decision made yet

Tenders for water taxi service for Gulf Islands students are still being studied by trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board and no decision has yet been made.

The school board recently decided to expand water taxi service between islands to allow students from the Outer Islands to travel daily to and from high school on Salt Spring.

When tenders were called, three bids were submitted. The lowest bid will not necessarily be accepted and the contract will be for one year. The

trustees are checking the bids to see which comes closest to offering the service they have in mind.

Low bid was submitted by Bob George of Gulf Islands Sailing Charters. He gave the trustees several choices with the highest cost of the various choices set at \$118,500.

Jack Hughes of Gulf Islands Water Taxi bid \$139,200 while Les Abraham of Marine (Centurion) Transportation of Vancouver submitted a proposal for a cost of \$193,916.

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Royal Gambit selected for provincial festival

The Salt Spring Players' production of *Royal Gambit* has been selected for the provincial drama festival to be held in Penticton May 14 to 19.

The island theatre group received the nod of approval from adjudicator Elizabeth Moulton of Victoria following the performance last Friday evening.

She had praise for all aspects of the production from the performances on-stage to the costumes, the lighting, the set and particularly the original music.

Dwaine Prosk composed and arranged the score and conducted 12 musicians for the recording sessions.

Frances Eide was the costume mistress who researched and designed the costumes. She had five seamstresses sewing the costumes.

Only one costume was borrowed from a theatre in Victoria while the remainder were put together by the seamstresses.

John Cake designed the jewellery which adorned the king.

In total, at least 50 Salt Spring residents put time and effort into the production since early December when plans for it began.

Moulton said she had only one major criticism of the performances. She felt that more desperation could have been brought out in the second act. The king was aging and each performer had to bring out the desperation which was needed to justify their actions.

The Players will be performing at the festival on May 16. There will be two more performances in Mahon Hall on May 11 and 12 to give islanders another chance to see the play.

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At high school

Principal reports on changes

Many of the suggestions for changes and improvements at Gulf Islands Secondary School have been or are being worked on, principal Bob McWhirter told the Gulf Islands School Board last week.

The suggestions came out of the accreditation report prepared on the high school last year. There were 123 recommendations and McWhirter told the school trustees that 36 had been acted upon while another 53 are being dealt with.

Of the 34 proposals which were not being acted on, McWhirter said some required spending money while others hinged on space allocation in the building.

For instance, he said that a recommendation for more space for the learning assistance program and other special needs programs depended upon moving classes around.

The current space for counselling is in a small area between two classrooms. McWhirter said that if

the square portable classroom became available, the art room could be moved to it. The general classroom beside the counselling area would then move into the art room.

Other recommendations such as improvements in the ventilation system in the home economics room and added safety features in the shop areas would require capital expenditures by the school board, he said.

The agricultural program, for instance, had six recommendations for changes and improvements made by the accreditation team. Only one of the suggestions has been worked on, McWhirter noted.

The suggestion was for the school board to arrange for a suitable lease for property for the program. The school board has been negotiating with the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute for a lease on their property on Rainbow Road.

To that end, no action has been taken at the high school on

classroom renovations or construction of a greenhouse. The lease of the Farmers' Institute property would solve many of the problems facing the agricultural program, the trustees were told.

McWhirter also indicated that some suggestions require changes which will be put in place for September school opening.

The accreditation team suggested that the timetable for the coming year be revised to facilitate delivery of services to students for such things as counselling or learning assistance time. The suggestion is being put in place and will be ready for September, he said.

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SATURNA SCENE

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

Fire engine number 1—The Peregrine Falcon Special—is now at East Point. This will greatly speed up the response capability of the fire department. I'm sure that East Pointers feel safer.

Easter was a very busy time on Saturna, lots of family and friends over visiting islanders. Many of them came to the Women's Club Bake Sale, which was a real treat!

Tracy Pillsbury organized the sale which featured sweet baking, bread baking, plants, odds and ends and a tea. Jacques Campbell, with Ingrid and Faedra, ran the tea room, Lorraine Campbell being sick. The sale made lots of money for the Women's Club.

Gloria Manzano won the raffled rabbit, and gave it to Carlos who won't appreciate the great skill that went into its manufacture but will be delighted with it.

The sale was a greater financial success than last year.

The Women's Club will have the White Rock Old-Age Pensioners over for lunch soon. The pensioners enjoyed themselves last year and are looking forward to coming again.

Last Friday the Saturna Lions had their 10th Charter Night. This event was very special to many islanders. About 90 people came.

There was a good turnout from Galiano. Lloyd Baines brought his seiner with many guests and the Mayne water taxi was chartered by Mayne Islanders. Many other guests came from Central Saanich and Victoria.

Lion Roy Tanemura spoke very well giving a speech that was both humorous and serious. Em and

Laura Coombs received a special certificate recognizing the tremendous service they have done for the Saturna Lions Club. They have been ardent and enthusiastic supporters of the club for years, and have cared for many details untiringly. Gene Carpentier became a new member at the charter night.

Tom Barnett, Em Coombs, Les Crosby, Tom Davidson, Bob Hindmarch, Bill Lawsen and John Sylvester are all charter members from 1974. They have been joined by 18 other members.

The Lions have done many things in their 10 years on Saturna. They built the John McMahon playground with blacktopped tennis courts and basketball court. They provide free wood for widows and they help Santa organize the presents for the Christmas concert. For the school they give a present to the teachers every year.

The community hall has benefitted in many ways: the dishwasher and necessary hot water tank, contributions to the kitchen remodelling, and other hall improvements.

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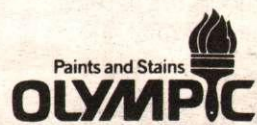
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GALIANO NEWS

Sunday a day of celebration at South Galiano

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Right now the greening grass of Galiano is dotted with the white petals and yellow centres of myriad field daisies, and this columnist remembers a Danish friend telling her that in his country daisies are "tusin frid"—a thousand joys.

Sunday is a day of celebration—of shared, reverberating joys around South Galiano. Down Sturdies Bay Road around 10:20 am came a cavalcade of vehicles drawn into Burrill Road by the pealing bells of St. Margaret's Church.

From Victoria came grandparents, parents, relations and friends of Kathy and Michael Sharp, including the pastor, Canon Neil Robinson, and members of the congregation of St. Phillip's Anglican Church of Oak Bay—all to welcome Tristan Thomas William Sharp, to be part of not only his loving family but to be supported by each and everyone of us present at his christening.

Layman Ross Perry reminded us that Easter traditionally is the time for renewal of the spirit of God within us all, and that the church is a place for everybody—that all can be ministers by ministering to those in need, perhaps by baking a loaf of bread for a shut-in neighbour. Originally the communion wafers were home-baked bread and the wine the commonly used drink of a supper with friends.

During the service Tristan was baptized or grafted into our church and this community of Galiano. A small boy helped Canon Robinson pour water on the baby's head to symbolize the gift of the Holy Spirit presenting him with the potentiality to transform the world.

Then Tristan, his family and friends faced the Galiano congregation to remind us that each of us must support him towards that goal—as well as renewing ourselves. Through the joyful sounds of the organ played by Salt Spring potter Joan Warren, flute, guitars, triangles and tambourine the message of hope was reiterated. Then the emphasis came with a poem that had been written by a St. Phillip's man crippled by cerebral palsy, who had visited Galiano last fall in a wheelchair, and set to music by the guitarist.

This is the season of our new growth.

The earth will tremble when He whispers, "Come".

The trees will blossom when our eyes are opened.

The rain will wash our struggles away,

Clouds will part for our new morning

As we walk in His wonder.

The bible reading was translated into sign language by Larry McDermott for his wife Judy and their small adopted son, who is both deaf and mute. For Fern Stewart of Galiano there was a renewal of friendship with Judy, who was taught to weave by Fern when they were both patients in a Victoria hospital several years ago, while Judy was recovering from a tracheotomy. She is now re-learning to speak without a larynx.

There was a shared potluck supper at the activity centre and a final hymn sing of joy while waiting for the evening ferry at Montague. Inside St. Margaret's is a reminder of the joy and love shared—a beautiful soft green banner appliqued with a boat on the sea, whose masts echo the shape of the cross. This was designed and made by Margaret Williams of St. Phillip's. As a gift for our church Phillip's as a gift for our church and its youngest member, baby Tristan.

90th Birthday

Also on Sunday, at the South Community Hall between 3 and 5, islanders of all ages gathered to wish painter Elisabeth Hopkins continuing happiness on her 90th birthday. The walls were decorated with bold, brightly coloured animals painted with the primitive vitality of the children of Galiano School Grades three and four.

The 91-candled cake (one extra for luck) was made by Jennie Jarvis from her favourite recipe and adorned with orange and white azaleas and blue rhododendrons from Aini Haksi's garden. Thank you, Hoppy, for sharing the joys of your 90th birthday with your many friends and admirers.

Geoffrey's Wedding

Another of life's important milestones was celebrated last week. Jacqueline Besler and all her family journeyed to Edson, Alberta, to witness her eldest son, Geoffrey, now 24, be married to Cathy McCurdy in the presence of his sisters Susan and Michelle as bridesmaids, cousin Matthew as ring bearer and Jean as flower girl.

The bridal party faced a congregation of 350 to ask the parents of the bride to welcome

Geoffrey into the McCurdy family. When mother Jackie, on behalf of the Besler clan, was asked in turn if she would welcome Cathy into the Besler-Dyer family—with typical Jacqueline humour replied, "Well—I'll think about it."—thus drawing appreciative laughter from the Edson congregation—and shades of *Milkwood, No, No, A Thousand Times No* and other histrionic performances of hers here on Galiano.

Incidentally, Geoffrey follows in mother's footsteps as an airplane pilot, and currently flies blood for the Canadian Red Cross in Alberta. Congratulations to Geoffrey and Cathy from his many friends on Galiano.

Slash Burn

On Saturday afternoon, shortly after 3 pm, a large black cloud began to mushroom over North Galiano. The fire phones began to ring as residents and passing ships began to phone in inquiries. A resident of the area saw the column of smoke from Sidney.

The cause of all this commotion was a slash burn by Macmillan-Bloedel on a logging site north of Bodega Hill. The actual burn phase of the operation had been on hold for two days waiting for atmospheric conditions to be exactly right. Local fire departments were not involved but a representative of each had been informed.

Conditions at the burn are rigidly controlled. In charge is a slash burning contractor. The fire is set from a helicopter using a napalm type material, which is ignited as it leaves a 50-gallon drum flown low over the windrows. This accounts for the rapid appearance of the large black cloud. Standing by were Dave Laughlin, the logging contractor, and his crew of six together with four Macmillan-Bloedel personnel

and local representative Pat Weaver.

There were also two company fire-trucks and much other equipment which could have been used if the need arose. The fire will continue to be monitored until conditions are completely safe, but Monday's rain pretty well assures that there is no longer any need for concern.

Peace March

A Galiano contingent of about 35 went by bicycle or bus to join the Saturday Peace March in Vancouver. The Pedal for Peace Group took their bicycles, wearing new T-shirts with an insignia, and a new banner—both designed by Keith Holmes.

They were able to sign up a number of new members for their cross-Canada project. The Galiano Peace Group shared a bus with a group from Mayne Island and had their last year's Peace March banner.

As in church last Sunday, we salute by shaking hands and saying "Shalom"—Peace to you (and us).

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Fred King is in charge of Montague Park on Galiano. Mooring boats in the marina will cost visitors \$1 per metre per day while camping in the park costs \$7 per day.

On Pender Island, no ranger has yet been named but Prior Centennial Park will cost campers \$5 per day. Beaumont Marine Park on Pender will cost \$7 per day for camping. Boats will have to pay \$1 per metre per day to tie to a float there.

Provincial parks officials ask for public co-operation to avoid incidents such as that which happened on Sidney Spit recently. Vandals burned 55 table planks and six table bases. Cost of replacement came to \$4,300.

Club will donate \$500

The Golden-Age Recreation Club at Salt Spring Island decided at its annual meeting last week to donate \$500 to the Lions Club for its new bus.

The club also agreed to provide \$350 for the purchase of furniture for the recreation room of the new senior citizens housing project.

On the club's executive this year are: Bill Harper, president; Edie Gear, secretary; Jim Gilson, treasurer.



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Run for money

Large number of students turned out for the annual B.C. School Sports Milk Run held to raise money for handicapped students within the school system. These students are from Gulf Islands Secondary and Salt Spring Elementary.

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We can sow hardier vegetables outdoors

It seems to me that I have been issued a one-track economy model mind, 1K in computer parlance perhaps. That comes from being born prematurely I am sure, before the advent of the 64K models with multiple program capacity and random access memory.

At least this seems to be the only logical conclusion. When I concentrate on the whereabouts of the letters on the typewriter I forget what I want to write, and when I concentrate on the writing, the location of the letters becomes a mystery.

Given this handicap I am doubly honoured by the faithful support of some of my readers, as indicated by three recent events. One anonymous reader has donated a much loved copy of *The Best Gardening Ideas I Know* by R. Rodale of *Organic Gardening*. Rosalind Hildred of Lasqueti Island has recommended this column to the *Arrowsmith Star* and some old tire scrounging friends of mine report that tires are hard to come by since I mentioned their

Farming and Gardening

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usefulness for the growing of cucumbers and squashes.

Thank you all, for your support and your faith. In full awareness of risking further alienation with my tire scrounging friends I dare say that the old tire "raised bed" idea works well with tomatoes too.

PREMATURE

But this is still a bit premature. We still have a good month to go before setting out cucumbers and tomatoes, but in the meantime we now can sow all the hardier kinds of vegetables outdoors.

All the onion family members can be safely sown now, transplanted, or

planted, as in the case of onion sets, directly into the garden. The same applies to the other root crops such as carrots and beets. As all root crops thrive on a good supply of phosphorous, a dusting with bonemeal in the seed row will be very beneficial.

Sow seeds thinly, about three seeds to the inch (2½ cm), and even thinner, at about one seed per inch for beets, since these are actually tiny fruits with multiple seeds. Regular thinning upon emergence of seedlings is essential to avoid crowding and stunted root crops.

Onions and beets should be progressively thinned to at least three inches (8 cm) between plants and four inches (10 cm) is even better. Carrots should have at least two inches (5 cm) of room to grow in.

KEEP IT MOIST

Keep the soil constantly moist to help the little seedlings along in their critical beginnings. All manner of lettuces may also now be sown and transplanted outdoors. Lettuces are even more dependent on a constant supply of moisture as they consist of about 90% water.

A light side dressing of high nitrogen fertilizer, such as blood meal or chicken manure, does wonders for solid green growth with these. Progressive thinning to eight inches (20 cm) for leaf lettuces and 16 inches (40 cm) for the heady types gives them the growing room they need.

Peas, chard and cabbages, also the Chinese kinds, may be sown now or transplanted outdoors. Remember that peas and cabbages prefer slightly alkaline soil for optimum growth.

Fast-acting hydrated agricultural lime applied together with long-lasting dolomite lime give us the necessary sustained alkalinity. And try sowing parsley with your carrots and dill with the cabbages to discourage carrot rust fly, and aphids and the cabbage moth. It works rather well.

BEST ALLIES

Also encourage the little black hunting spiders in your garden. These above all are our best allies in keeping all kinds of undesirable critters under control.

Raised beds provide warmer soil

temperatures so essential for vigorous growth in the early stages. These may also be mulched sooner, after the soil has warmed up, to provide the cover the little spiders need, to retain soil moisture and to add organic content for multiple benefits.

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produce healthy, natural food, the only source of health, for body and mind.

And, who knows, perhaps it will provide a way of upgrading a one-track mind to a two-track one, which would make typing easier, I am sure, unless of course, I start to think about something else.


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GALIANO NEWS

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bracelet, which may have been mistakenly given to the Thrift Shop, may be reclaimed by contacting Marian Michaelson at 2060 or Barbara Scoones at 2413.

This Friday evening a troop of Sea Scouts from Pender will be camping in Montague Park. Any interested parents or would-be scouts are invited to visit the troop between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday.

Also on Saturday the Garden Club's Plant and Bake Sale will be in full swing at the North Community Hall at 2 pm. It will help if donated baking and plants are pre-priced, labelled and brought to the hall as early as possible on Saturday.

This Sunday there will be a praise-sing between 9 and 10 am as a prelude to an ecumenical service at 10:30 led by a quartet of Salvation Army officers from Victoria. Lt.-Col. Frank Watson, who for 40 years has been the national secretary for the men's social service department of the army, is accompanied by his wife who will be the organist, while their friends Captain and Mrs. Gillespie will sing and play on a piano accordion.

Next Monday the Galiano Branch of the Senior Citizens will hold their regular monthly meeting in Page Drive Lounge at 2 pm.

Meanwhile, bakers should seize the opportunity of the first wet day in order to bake a double batch of

their special delicacies with which they can titillate fellow islanders, by donating them to the auxiliary fire ladies for their annual sale and to the school spring fair, both taking place on May 19.

The fair will open at about 12:30 with a mini-Maple Styrup Horse Show at 1 pm to be followed by pony rides supervised by Anny Bobak and her senior riders. There will be space for island craftsmen to display their wares. Phone Rosemary Walker at 5465 for renting space. Other attractions will be announced next week.

It is rumoured that Galiano's most renowned grade-oner, Iona Campagnolo—now president of the Liberal Party of Canada—has already bought her ticket for the 2 pm cold plate luncheon for former pupils and staff of Galiano schools.

If you have photographs of memorabilia of past school days please drop them into the school office labelling on the back with identity and subject and date if possible—at your earliest convenience.

Regular monthly meeting of the Galiano Garden Club will be held next Wednesday, May 9, at 1:30 pm sharp.

Guest speaker David Tarrant of the UBC botanical gardens will speak on rhododendrons.



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Preparation time is important, Hayes tells board

Teachers in Gulf Islands schools are worried that the school trustees will do away with preparation time as part of the restraint program, Mike Hayes told a meeting of the school board last week.

Preparation time is an important part of a teacher's job, he said, and any potential changes could affect the teacher's work life.

He made a plea for open dialogue between the school board and the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association on the issue.

Charles Hingston, chairman of the board and Salt Spring trustee, told Hayes that the preparation time was not considered by the trustees to be a frill. The school board, he said, was looking at all aspects of the teachers' jobs as part of the restraint program.

Teachers spend about 4.75 hours each day teaching classes. The

preparation time each day comes to about 20 minutes. Hayes said that teachers actually put in about 9.5 hours per day.

Hayes presented the trustees with a four-page outline of what a teacher does besides teach. The paper covered such aspects of the job as organizing in-class as well as extra-curricular activities. The teacher also has to prepare classroom lessons as well as the classroom itself.

In addition, the teacher has to consult and communicate with the school principal, other teachers, the pupils as well as their parents.

Teachers, Hayes noted, were responsible for coaching and arranging for school teams and clubs. The teacher is expected to supervise playground and gymnasium activity during recesses and noon hours.

David Williams, Salt Spring

school trustee, told Hayes, "Prep time won't be done away with on philosophical terms but on financial terms."

Mike Hoebel, school trustee for Galiano, emphasized the point by saying, "We're asking teachers to rise to the challenge and share some of the burden of restraint."

Hayes received reassurances that the school trustees will discuss the matter further with members of GITA before any decisions are made.

Hayes told *Driftwood* that according to the School Act, teachers were expected to be in the schools 15 minutes before the first bell until 10 minutes after the last bell.

He said that teachers should be limited to 20 hours per week for classroom instruction time. He noted that time they spend away from class is not just a coffee break.

Last hurdle cleared

Tenders for construction of the Fulford tennis court will soon be let.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has received permission from the Agricultural Land Commission to use the site for recreational purposes.

Phil Hume told a meeting of the commission this week that specifications are being drawn up and tenders will soon be called for. He said the commission is looking for bids from contractors who have had experience in building tennis courts.

The land can be used for recreation, said the ALC, but it will not be moved from Agricultural Land Reserve status. Obtaining permission to use the land was the last hurdle in a long effort by the Parks and Recreation Commission to build a tennis court in the Fulford area.

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Regional board debates minority report

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The residents of the Capital Regional District will be paying the total Ganges sewer bill unless something is done, warned Hill.

Doug Watts recalled that the Sewer Alternatives Committee really believed that there were alternative methods open and that the establishment of a citizens' committee had been predicated on the assumption that there were alternatives.

After spending a lot of money we now know that there are no alternatives."

He urged that the public meeting be called to sell a referendum to the community.

A number of directors spoke to the need to designate the area to be served.

Howard Sturrock, former chairman and a member of the citizens' committee, told the board that although he is persuaded that there is no viable alternative to the original plan for the sewer, a number of citizens still feel that there is an alternative.

Sturrock felt that the engineer should address the board and state clearly that there is no alternative.

COMPLETE ITS FUNCTION

She was not challenging that, said the minority spokesman. She was arguing that the committee operate in accordance with its terms of reference and complete its function.

Sharon McCollough also noted that she had heard of no resignations from the committee, although she would be saddened to hear of them. She also told the board that the committee had operated by consensus until the preparation of the majority report.

Those eight resolutions in the report had been the difficulty, agreed chairman Arvid Chalmers. The minority report had been signed by four members of the Sewer Alternatives Committee and a member of the Islands Trust, he added.

Chalmers introduced a letter from Michael Hayes, of Ganges, also urging that the committee be retained to complete its program.

The committee chairman reported that he was aware of John Crofton's resignation from the Ganges committee. He knew of no others.

Allan Peterson said that the matter has been talked to death. He has read the local paper (*Driftwood*)

for the past eight years and everyone has had his say on this question of sewers.

"I can't buy it that the people on Salt Spring Island are unaware of what's going on," he told the board.

"Let's get on with it!"

Ray Nestman of Sooke asked were the committee meetings in public. They were, replied Chalmers.

"I had a picture painted for me of meetings in a cave of secrecy," said the director.

SHOULD RECONVENE

Minority report was received and filed. Martin Levin did not agree with filing it because the procedure would not allow process to take place, he said. The committee should reconvene to discuss some of the subjects, he recommended.

If someone resigns from the committee, others may be re-appointed, stated chairman Shirley Wilde. If an entity wishes to withdraw then it should address the board.

The technical side is finished, said Watts. And there remains a public meeting. He did not know whether the committee is competent to establish a designated area and proposed that the committee submit its views on the matter and have the staff sort them out.

"Beyond that, I don't think the committee has much work to do."

He also urged Borsman to bring the committee back together.

The board approved a resolution to confirm the re-establishment of the Ganges Citizens' Committee and it will not be dissolved until the

board decides to dissolve it. Process will be followed and a meeting will be called, said Wilde.

It will carry on with unfinished business, said Peterson, but it is not going off on a wild goose chase.

Board urges committee to continue with job

The Gulf Islands School Board is calling on the Capital Region to urge the Ganges Citizens' Committee to get on with the job of finding a solution to sewage disposal in the village.

Ron McQuiggan, who represents the school board on the Citizens' Committee, told the trustees last week that the Citizens' Committee was having difficulties bringing its work to a conclusion.

He made the following motion: "That because the board of trustees of the school district has been a strong supporter of the Ganges Citizens' Committee, we request that the Capital Regional District take advantage of the months of work done by the Ganges Citizens' Committee by supporting the following steps which have been recommended by that committee: a) testing the marine outfall; b) completing financial arrangements; c) holding public meetings; d) holding referendum."

Only David Williams did not support the motion. Williams said that the Ganges Citizens' Committee should be allowed to run its course.

Mike Hayes, of the Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association, told the trustees that if they passed the motion, the Citizens' Committee could well dissolve.

The motion which the trustees adopted had been amended. The earlier motion called on the CRD to "assume responsibility for" the four steps.

Charles Hingston, school board chairman, said that the motion was the school board's encouragement for the process to continue so that the committee did not "founder on the rocks."

The motions added weight to the eight motions approved by the

Citizens' Committee which urged the CRD to resume the sewer project, he said.

Members surveyed on costs

The Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association recently held a meeting to explain the sewage study to members and to find out how they felt about proposed costs.

The members who attended the meeting were asked five questions "to assist the finance sub-committee of the Ganges Citizens' Committee to determine the feasibility of the proposed rate structure."

It was stressed that the answers were for information only. Up to 27 people answered the various questions. Following are the results of the questionnaire.

•Do you support the idea of a rate system that permits households that use less water to pay slightly less than larger users? Yes, 27; No, 0.

•If yes, do you feel the suggested range of \$250-\$375 is reasonable? Yes, 23; No, 0; Other, two.

•Would you be willing to participate in a sewer system if the average annual household charge was about \$300? Yes, 22; No, two.

•If you pay the minimum property tax because of grants, would you benefit if part of the fees were paid on your taxes? Yes, one; No, eight; Not sure, "quite a few."

•Would you prefer to pay monthly (eight), quarterly (six) or annually (10). Other (two, bimonthly).

•Do you oppose a sewer system regardless of cost? Yes, four; No, 22.

Collecting bikes

RCMP in Ganges have begun to collect bicycles, but they don't want to.

Sergeant Mitch Hanks reports that three bicycles have been turned into the office on Ganges Hill. Anyone missing a bicycle should check at the police office, he urges.

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