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## Soot, ash in Stuart Channel

Either Crofton or Harmac is suspected of being responsible for a combination of fly ash and soot floating in Stuart Channel on Tuesday.

A federal environment department spokesman said Tuesday afternoon it was neither coal dust nor an oil spill. He said the black, sooty substance covered about two square miles.

Vesuvius Inn manager John Teagle said the ash had been visible from the Inn since 7:30 Tuesday morning and that it had been floating south down the channel most of the day.

## Thieves take cash, tickets

Thieves were busy at Fulford Harbour this week with two break-ins reported.

Cash and commuter tickets with a total value of \$1,000 were taken after the safe was removed from the ticket office at the ferry terminal Monday night.

Ganges RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks said Tuesday the safe was found behind a nearby building, where thieves had pried it apart.

Police are also investigating a break-in at Patterson's Store on Saturday or Sunday, when goods valued at \$400 were taken. Entry was gained through a rear window in the store.

Some of the stolen goods have since been recovered, police said.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## To reduce phosphorus levels

# Aeration will clean up lake

After a three-year study the ministry of environment has come up with a plan to rid the water of St. Mary Lake of unpleasant odours and bad taste.

The ministry has devised a system of aeration. By pumping air into the island lake, high phosphorus levels will be reduced.

The same system has recently been implemented at Langford Lake where phosphorus and algae growth were hindering the lake's uses and quality.

Biologist for the ministry of environment, Colin McKean, explained that the lake is in need of air.

While the warm water sits at the top, the cold water sits at the bottom, he explained.

"The phosphorus comes from the mud at the bottom of the lake where it's cold and there's no air."

With the proposed system installed, oxygen would be pumped

inhibiting the release of phosphorus from the lake bottom.

St. Mary Lake is a productive lake, McKean noted. The high phosphorus levels and subsequently high algae levels cause bad odours, taste, poor fishing, undesirable appearance and a raft of other side

effects.

Some lakes enjoy being phosphorus-free which make them unproductive. They have no fish, are crystal clear but nothing grows. McKean noted that Sproat Lake was recently treated with phosphorus to encourage growth.

McKean explained that improvement of the lake should be visible within a year.

"St. Mary will soon look like Shawnigan Lake," he said, "a beautiful colour, clean, lots of fish and healthy levels of phosphorus."

The fish and wildlife branch will be installing the unit at St. Mary Lake this summer. Two air compressors, maintenance and overall installation will cost about \$50,000. Oxygen is cumulative and each year the lake will require less aeration.

The water quality should improve within the first two to three weeks, fish and wildlife spokesman Shawn

## Holiday

Driftwood will publish one day late next week because of the Victoria Day holiday on Monday.

Real estate and display advertising deadlines will be unchanged. Classified deadline will be 3 pm Tuesday.

## Maypole dance performed

Maypole dance was performed at Salt Spring Island Saturday for the first time in many years when the Fernwood School parents group staged a fund-raising event at the Farmers' Institute building. Fernwood youngsters, under the

direction of Ron Weisner, practised the dance for several weeks before Saturday's Extravaganza, where their colourful performance delighted a large audience of parents and others. More pictures, Page 17.

## Excavation begins

An archaeological dig will take place on Pender Island this month when the canal site will undergo excavation.

Following 10 years of monitoring by the Heritage Conservation Branch the site was recently given the green light for excavation. Extensive erosion threatened the preservation of the midden.

Director of the dig is Dr. Roy Carlson, professor of archaeology at Simon Fraser University. The dig began on Tuesday and involved third and fourth-year students as well as graduate students from the Vancouver university. Assistant in the project is Dr. Philip Hobler, also of SFU.

government property on the north side of the bridge linking North and South Pender. Students will map the site before excavating the area.

The area is believed to have once been the site of an Indian village. All that indicates the buried village is the midden, consisting of broken artifacts and shells. Carlson noted that the village would be around 2,500 years old.

Materials unearthed at the site will be studied by the archaeology department at SFU and possibly remain at the university as part of the archaeology exhibit.

The site will open to the public on June 1, when islanders will be

# Region disbands sewer group

There is no longer a Ganges Citizens' Committee. The sewer investigation group was disbanded last week by the Capital Regional Board.

The decision was reached after long debate when Salt Spring Island director Hugh Borsman told the board that the committee was falling apart while chairman Shirley Wilde remained its fervent champion.

Question of the island committee and the Ganges sewer arose from a series of letters examined by the board. The directors were urged to let the committee stand and to carry out its original terms to the letter. They were also invited to dissolve the committee and to proceed with its recommendations.

Committee chairman Arvid Chalmers reported that the committee had met again and was agreed to complete its task.

Chalmers also reported that a meeting had taken place between himself, as chairman, Shirley Wilde, Borsman, Island Trustee Beverly Unger and Chris Woodward, inspector of municipalities, to consider the future of the committee. Woodward had been most supportive of the committee, wrote Chalmers, and had expressed a desire to see the committee's work continue.

The letter also confirmed that the committee had censured Borsman and directed that future communications would be carried out directly between Chalmers and the regional board.

Michael Hayes of the Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association presented the board with a copy of the April 17 resolutions of his executive committee calling for the retention of the citizens' committee until the engineering terms of reference of the committee were fulfilled.

His letter also asked that the citizens' committee get a full report on the operation and location of the treatment plant from engineer Steve McMinn before proceeding.

The Gulf Islands School Board asked the CRD to take advantage of the months of work by the committee and proceed with the four steps recommended by it: test the marine outfall, complete financial arrangements, hold a public meeting and hold a referendum.

Gulf Islands Pioneer Society and the seniors' accommodation committee expressed impatience with the committee's inaction, withdrawing from its membership.

Signed by F. B. Brookbanks, the letter told directors that "our withdrawal is our way of expressing our disgust with the lack of positive action."

David Mathews wrote for the Ganges Centre Association for Business that further participation in the committee activities would be unproductive. The association supports, without reservation, the eight resolutions already presented to the CRD.

The committee has served its purpose and should be dissolved, said Mathews. His association recommended the formation of another committee, picked from the sewer area, to expedite the sewer project.

Borsman told the board that when the committee reported a month ago with its eight

recommendations, there had been a sigh of relief. The members have since become anxious because nothing has happened.

The Lady Minto Hospital representative has withdrawn and the Greenwoods spokesman is questioning continued membership, said the Salt Spring Island director. The Gulf Islands School Board has questioned the value of naming a new representative and the Pioneer Village and Ganges businessmen have withdrawn, he reported.

The chairman questioned his summary and told directors she knew of only four withdrawals.

Borsman was sharply critical. The committee is losing all those members who are going to pay for the project, he told the board. As for the "tragic split" in the community, which the committee was supposed to heal, it doesn't exist, he said. The split had been organized by the Sewer Alternatives Committee, directors were told, and the community is bored to tears by it.

The chairman had been talking to citizens' committee chairman Chalmers, she said, and had learned that there were still 10 members of the committee.

After some exchange, Ray Nestman of Sooke moved that the motion to dissolve the committee be tabled.

"You don't have a committee left," said Borsman.

"The chairman didn't tell me that," said Wilde.

Pat Crofton said he felt the committee has done its job. It was formed to assess various alternatives to the sewer plan. Dissolve the committee and form one from the affected area, he said.

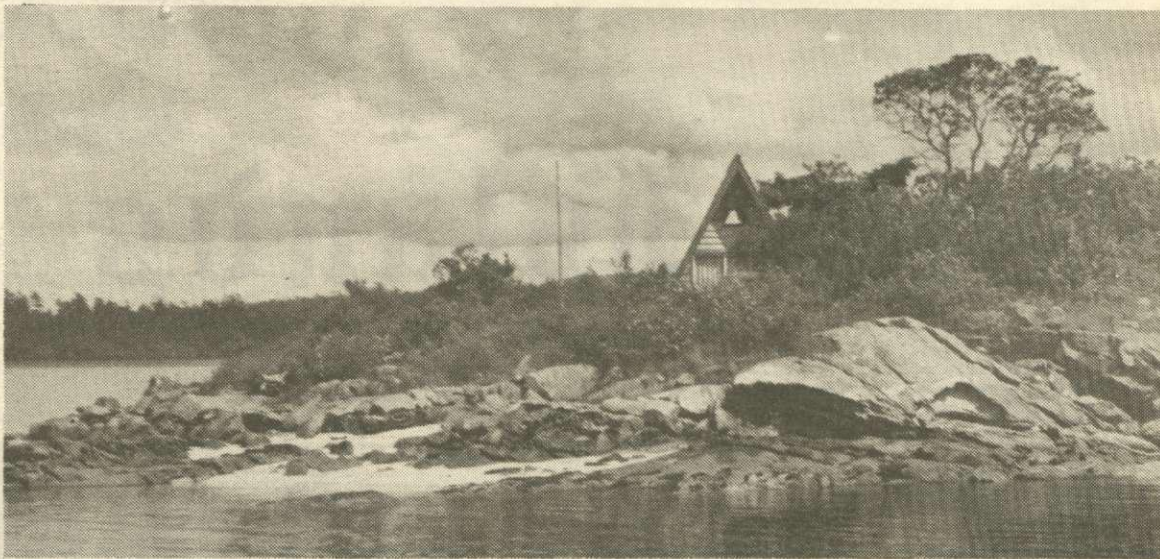
Martin Levin said it was clear that Borsman represents one side in the issue. The chairman says it is still functioning and still has a mandate, he told the board.

With the confusing information the board is in a difficult position: give the committee the opportunity of fulfilling its mandate, he said. Nestman said he did not agree that Borsman did not represent the island.

Nestman's tabling motion was defeated by a 25-24 vote.

With no further debate the motion to disband the committee was approved 40-17.

Voting against the motion were John Cooper, Rich Kasper, Ernie Beland, Martin Levin, Howard Sturrock and Shirley Wilde.



Twilight Island in Ganges Harbour

Driftwood photo by Alice Richard

## Twilight Island is lottery prize

An island in Ganges Harbour is the prize in a lottery being staged by the Islands 86 Society, a group whose goal is to promote Vancouver

Island during Vancouver's Expo 86. Twilight Island is the prize in the lottery, proceeds of which will help fund Islands 86 projects.

There will be 600,000 tickets distributed for sale all over Vancouver Island and in the Gulf Islands.

The island comes complete with a small, furnished A-frame, a dock, a 16-foot runabout with a 70 hp outboard—and no fresh water.

The tickets will be available until September 30 and the draw will be held October 12.

Jeff Kyffin, assistant coordinator of the lottery, said tickets will go on sale June 1 for \$2 each. They will also be sold in books of five, with one bonus ticket, for \$10.

Kyffin said the total value of the prize is \$98,500.

Twilight Island is slightly under half an acre in size (at high tide). A local realtor estimated the island value at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

## Three are cleared

Three Salt Spring Island men have been cleared of charges relating to trafficking in marijuana.

Murray Cyprus and Patrick Dickson were acquitted in a lower mainland court Monday while a stay of proceedings was issued on charges against Bob Homewood.

The three had been charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking and conspiracy to possess marijuana for trafficking. Charges were laid late last year.

## Wrong weekend

First anniversary of Women for Peace at Salt Spring Island will be held this weekend. Last week *Driftwood* reported erroneously that the affair was to take place last weekend.

The group will stage an open house at the Peace Centre in Ganges on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. On Sunday evening musician Bob Bossin will give a concert at St. George's Hall. It begins at 8 pm and admission is \$5.



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The Spring 1984 schedule will be extended for 3 weeks. Summer 1984 schedule commences Thursday, June 21.

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To Be

Frank



by richards

*We couldn't afford to pay!*

Quebec National Assembly: what next? Provinces and Ottawa are all suddenly aware of the hazards of administration. Governments want security. There probably isn't any at the price we would want to pay. We would be protected against any normal irregularity. But security from eccentrics is like protection from unexpected accidents. It is like the Canadian soldier during the war. He was doing sentry duty and asked why the large pair of rubber gloves in the sentry box. After some long enquiry it was ascertained that, many years before, a street car overhead power line had fallen near the box. The sentry had gone to the rescue and had been electrocuted when he touched the hot wire. The demand for security had resulted in the placing at the sentry's disposal a pair of insulating gloves in case the wire might fall again and the soldier be called on to move it. It never fell. Security is like insurance. It is easy enough to guard against the obvious hazards but the cost rises as the hazard is less clear.

*That distinction again!*

Smoking is not a right, said Airspace's Rhoda Kaellis when she addressed the CRD. It is a privilege. In this age of awareness of rights she might well preach the message to a wider audience. First lesson in civics might be to distinguish between the two the second lesson could draw up a bill of privileges. The list would be longer than the course.

*Smoking and courtesy*

Thinking of smoking, and not smoking, there was a time when smoking was less offensive to non-smokers than it is today. Instead of controls, smoking was by courtesy. When I started the filthy habit it was unthinkable to smoke in someone else's house without asking permission. Women's Lib would not smoke a cigarette on the street as recently as when we were married. It was chauvinism in reverse. I can't think back on any sharp change in habits and manners but before World War II smoking was less insinuating than afterwards. At a formal dinner it was unlikely that any enthusiastic smoker would light up before the chairman gave permission and, at the informal table, smoking was postponed until everyone had finished eating. And, incidentally, while smoking after eating may be a pleasure to some, the greatest pleasure of all is eating after you've quit smoking.

*Less pay and less tax to pay*

There was a bus strike and we picked up a couple of travellers on our way into Victoria one day last week. The man from Alberta explained that he was a union man and earned around \$20 an hour at his trade. It was hazardous, he observed, and part of the debt he owed his union was protection against dangerous practices. But he was undertaking a non-union job at near minimum wages. He paid no income tax and enjoyed all he earned. He likes that better; the work is easier, more companionable and he lives on what he gets. But he is looking for yet another path and hopes to become a journalist. I didn't discourage him. I just warned him that he'll never make the money he gets as a journeyman tradesman in a large plant.

*They are debating*

Confrontation is a rational debate between two bigots.

*She lost her voice*

The young island mother had laryngitis and Dad was explaining to the children that she needed care and consideration. "Behave yourselves!" he admonished them, "Your mum has lost her voice and can't shout at you!"

*Now it writes again!*

Too soon the curse on pens! First to get a word in for his favourite was Joe Clarke, at Cubbon's, who was a Sheaffer-writer. Second was the clerk in a Victoria agency who explained that there was a choice of fillers for my non-writing pen. And now it writes! Every time!



*Music workshops for students*

Students of Salt Spring Elementary School have been participating in music workshops in an effort to introduce them to a variety of live music. Through the lecture and demonstration format of the workshop students will be able better to enjoy concerts available to them. Above, some students enjoy the lessons of music teacher Dwaine Prosk and classical guitarist Peter Taschuk, instructors in the ongoing workshop. Next session will be with classical

guitarist Joseph Thompson who will also give a public concert at Mahon Hall Friday night at 7:30. Thompson is a member of the Southern Oregon State College

music faculty and has a bachelor's degree in music performance.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

*Convention details discussed*

The May meeting of the Salt Spring Island Catholic Women's League was held last Wednesday with vice-president Bea Small in the chair.

Details of the provincial convention will be held at Vernon, B.C., June 19 to 21, were given. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Elsa Drummond before May 31.

Installation of the new CWL officers will be held during the celebration of Mass on Sunday, May 27, at 10:30 am, followed by a social hour in the church hall.

It was announced that the closing meeting in June will take the form of a luncheon, at the Golf Club, on Wednesday, June 6, at 1 pm.

The chaplain, Reverend Father Bergin, will be celebrating his 46th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on that date.

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**MAY 19:** Women for Peace Open House, Peace Centre, 11-1. 1st Anniversary Celebration.

**MAY 20:** Bob Bossin, folksinger, in concert 8 pm, St. George's.

meeting, 7:30, Peace Centre.  
Denmark, a NATO country, has decided not to allow cruise or Pershing missiles to be deployed on their territory.

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## No smoking

The successful adoption of the smoking regulations within the Capital Regional District awaits only the approval of the ministers of health and of municipal affairs. Only one member of the board expressed objection to the bylaw.

Purpose of the new regulations is to protect all persons from exposure to the exhaled smoke of tobacco users. For some this exposure is an annoyance. For many, we are authoritatively informed, this exposure represents a serious hazard to health.

Non-smokers, generally, will welcome the restrictions on smoking in public places. Some smokers will see them as infringing on their freedom.

We would recommend those who might feel indignant over the very warmly received controls that there is always a precedent.

In this enlightened year of 1984 we have the regional board enacting legislation to minimize the chances of our succumbing to a fatal puff—ours or somebody else's.

It is only some 350 years since the promoter of tobacco was in deeper trouble. Sir Walter Raleigh was sentenced to death after his failure to find non-Spanish gold in South America. Before his ascent to the scaffold, and the end of his life, history recounts that Raleigh enjoyed a pipe of tobacco.

Now, 350 years or so later, we are urged to abandon tobacco for fear of encountering a sudden and tragic end to our own lives.

## There must be no change

School districts were made for schools. When the present school districts were set up, many years ago, it was established that every community would enjoy the facilities of a high school. Some were near and some were far, but each offered 12 grades of schooling to district students. But the plight of the island child was not recognized. Dormitories were the only answer.

The province didn't look to the day when island student populations would reach the level of needing high schools. Still less did the authors of the report in the 1940's imagine the day when dormitories and boarding out might not be common methods of bringing students to distant high schools.

Pender Island parents have expressed satisfaction with high school attendance at Ganges, provided that adequate daily transportation is laid on.

The proposal is reasonable enough and fair. But when the final decision is reached the costs should be borne by school district and province in whatever proportion is agreed by the province. There should be no surcharge to parents. Education is supposed to be free in this province—not just free for some and less free for others.

## A page of history

The ceremony in Ottawa on Monday morning brought many Canadians together in spirit as they welcomed their new governor-general, Jeanne Sauve.

Madame Sauve has had practice at being first, but her new office, representing the first time in history that a woman has occupied the senior position in Canada, is the most significant. It is also the office which has brought her the greatest reward in terms of the goodwill of her fellow Canadians. The governor-general was the first Quebecoise to enter the federal cabinet and the first to serve as Speaker in the House of Commons.

If the day and the event are gratifying to Madame Sauve, they are a long haul from the day of Samuel Champlain to the day of Jeanne Sauve and never a woman in that office.

Across the nation, the choice of Jeanne Sauve to be first has been warmly hailed and this week the people of Canada will be wishing her well in her new dignity.



Tony Richards

I CAME very close to learning very quickly how to operate a four-unit web offset press recently, out of necessity, not choice.

And it was all because of my golf game.

I spent a sunny afternoon on the golf course a few weeks ago with the man who makes sure this newspaper gets printed every week.

We were on the ninth hole at the Metchosin Golf Club when I almost sent Al Magee to hospital with extensive head injuries.

I'd made my usual drive off the tee, my ball rolling to halt about 15 yards down the fairway. The other three players (who were within a 9-iron of the green already) decided to sit down for a smoke, expecting me to follow my standard routine and get lots of swinging practice on my way to the hole.

(If you take two practice swings for every stroke, and it takes you half a dozen strokes to cover 200 yards, your arms are getting plenty of exercise).

Anyway, Al was standing in what you'd expect to be a safe position, almost directly in front of me as I prepared to swing. The ball missed him by a foot as it shot out 80 degrees off course and landed next to the wrong green.

I've never seen a stroke like it and Al hopes he never sees one again.

THAT COULDN'T possibly have been our well known golfing correspondent poking in the weeds on Lower Ganges Rd. near Baker Rd. a few weeks back.

There was, however, a very strong resemblance to Pat Doherty in the fellow who was rummaging about in a ditch with which I am quite familiar myself.

YOU FIND all kinds of people living on an island and they, in turn, drive all kinds of cars.

You weren't hallucinating if you saw an Austin Mini buzzing around Salt Spring Island last week—in reverse.

A local couple were heading for their Southey Pt. home one night last week when they were stopped dead by the first hill on the route.

They discovered that while the Mini refused to negotiate the hill in the normal direction of travel, it was quite willing to do it in reverse.

But it wasn't long before one of Salt Spring's finest happened along and as one would expect, expressed some interest in the behaviour of the Mini, not to mention its driver.

The latter explained the situation, which likely did not help, as the Mini's malfunction was in some way connected with a battery cable and the tailpipe.

The officer, apparently deciding it was none of his business, said, "I'll leave you to your problem," and departed, and our friends completed their journey without incident.

BEV BYRON'S Grade 5 students at Salt Spring Elementary School have been having some fun writing limericks lately. The result is the publication by the class of *The Guinness World Book of Limericks*.

Meggie Coombes and Jennifer Lloyd came up with this one about a fellow called Watson.

*There was once a teacher named Watson,  
Who came to school in a Datsun.  
He had a flat tire,  
It was made out of wire,  
So he changed his name to Johnson.*

I assume the teacher referred to is principal Tom Watson but Tom drives a Volkswagen bug that needs a new muffler.

*Here's one written by the entire class.  
There now is a teacher named Hayes,  
Who comes to class in a daze.  
He jumps through the door,  
And stomps on the floor,  
And tries to teach us his ways.*

Jennifer Lloyd and Rhonda Guthrie had this to write about their class teacher:

*There was an old lady named Byron,  
Who lived on a great big farim.  
She had six chickens,  
Who always got lickers,  
That silly old Byron on her farim.*

A few pages further on and it looks as if Mike Hayes got a chance to respond.

*The kids in Mrs. B's class  
Are coarse, rude and crass.  
Only one works,  
The rest are all jerks,  
And deserve a swift kick in the ———.*

I ALMOST HAD A CALLER take me up on my invitation for a wager on the Edmonton Oilers-New York Islanders Stanley Cup final.

he had, I would have refused the bet anyway. He wanted me to give him 10-1 odds on a \$100 bet and despite my faith in the Islanders I'm not going to risk \$1,000.

## Prematurely killed

Sir,  
At both the CRD meetings of April 25 and May 9, Hugh Borsman appealed to the Regional Board to disband the Ganges Citizens Committee. The Board has now acceded to his request and prematurely killed the Committee.

Dr. Borsman stated that the SSAC had become the majority on the Committee and was engaging in obstructionism.

Borsman states: SSAC has "firm control of the Committee".

Fact: SSAC had four votes out of 14 at the first Citizens Committee meeting; SSAC had four votes out of 11 at the last Citizens Committee meeting.

Borsman states: SSAC was "stalling the proceedings."

Fact: The Minutes of the last meeting of the Citizens Committee (two days before Borsman pleaded with the Regional Board to cancel the Committee) are summarized as follows:

1. Motion of Censure of Dr. Borsman for lobbying to get the Committee disbanded. Put forth by Ratepayer delegate, seconded by Islands Trust delegate; Passed.

2. Motion to have Engineering Sub-Committee investigate the formation of the Specified Area to be sewerred. Put forth by SSAC delegate. Discussion supported the action as proceeding.

3. Motion to instruct the Engineer to analyze the best site for the treatment plant. Put forth by SSAC delegate, seconded by Islands Trust; Passed.

4. Motion to invite the Inspector of Municipalities to the next Citizens Committee Meeting to discuss the existing problems with financing. Put forth by Greenwood's delegate, seconded by Ratepayers delegate; Passed.

The loss of the Committee now means that the Regional Board, not the residents, will decide:

(a) Where the treatment plant will go.

(b) Who must hook up.

(c) Who will pay and how much. This is another example of significant decisions regarding our lives and our money being taken away from the people of Salt Spring.

**RAY HILL,**  
Ganges.  
May 14, 1984.

## Get on with job

Sir,  
On Wednesday, May 9, the Capital Regional Board, by a large majority, voted to dissolve the Ganges Citizens Committee for Sewers.

This action met the approval of a number of the members of the Committee, especially those who represented the major potential users of the Sewer, who were becoming increasingly impatient and dissatisfied with the direction the Committee was going.

At first, this Committee seemed to be making a lot of progress with good co-operation, until it was proven by the Engineers that there was no practical alternative to a marine outfall, thus confirming the findings of the Capital Regional District about five years ago.

From that time on, it became apparent that those members of the Committee that did not live in the

have degenerated into futile, non-productive nit-picking and witch hunting.

Now that there is no doubt about the direction we must go—let's get on with the job.

Let's appoint a Committee of the major users of the Sewer—people who want to see the sewer brought to life, the Hospital, the School Board, Pioneer Village, Croftonbrook Seniors project, the Downtown Businessmen, a representative of those residents of Ganges that want to participate in the Sewer, and let them get to work under a tight time schedule, so that we can accomplish something after 15 years of kicking this around.

A lot more than \$50,000 of taxpayers' money has been spent in the last year to prove to the Sewer Alternatives Committee that land disposal is impractical—why can't they gracefully withdraw and lend their considerable talents to some other cause—say something constructive!

Now—to all Lions, Legionnaires, Rotarians and Senior Citizens: Our new project for Seniors—Croftonbrook—is bogged down awaiting action on the sewer, or construction of a very expensive ground system that may never be used, and delay is costing us money that will eventually have to come out of the rent paid by our low income tenants.

Please, give us your backing to get the sewer on the road as soon as possible.

**FRED BROOKBANKS,**  
Ganges.  
May 14, 1984.

## Any time is a good time

Sir,  
I would like to thank all the islanders who chanced the questionable weather on Sunday to participate in the "Fitnic" at Portlock Park.

Congratulations to the runners, Girl Guides, gymnasts, square dancers, tennis players and softball players who showed up to enjoy the day. Special thanks to all those who helped organize events.

To all those who didn't make it—remember that National Physical Activity Week continues until Saturday! Any time is a good time to get fit!

**LINDA HOOVER,**  
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.  
May 14, 1984.

## They have improved

Sir,  
It was with great pleasure that we noticed the score that the Galiano Spirits credited themselves with in last week's Galiano News. After the game had ended, we counted up 18 goals, not 22 as stated. If there is tax on final scores, we would like to know, because then the score should be 22-7.33.

We appreciate the mention of how well our goalie (Rod Gideon) played, and we would also like to say that the Galiano Spirits had improved tremendously since we

Brad, Dawn, Sean, Steve K., Tony, Pat, Rob, Derek and Steve W.,  
**SALT SPRING ISLANDERS.**  
May 10, 1984.

# Letters to the Editor

## Report was unacceptable

Sir,  
Last weekend while sitting in the Trading Co. parking lot, I observed a person walk to the creek behind the United Church and dump a bucket of what appeared to be used motor oil. This caused me to consider all the pollutants that could possibly be dumped down the proposed sewer and into the marine outfall. My short list is as follows: mercury, chemical reagents of variable toxicity, cleaning products, cadmium from galvanized piping and drains, pesticides, herbicides, hydrocarbon byproducts.

I don't wish to impugn the integrity of the downtown core residents and businesses, but if one person can be so thoughtless, then others from time to time could do the same. We are already finding marine life in our inlets and straits with higher than normal amounts of toxins that can be traced to municipal and industrial marine outfalls. Why should Salt Spring add to this problem even if it would be in a small way?

In an ideal world human and animal waste would benefit marine life, this has not proven true in the real world of industrial pollutants.

It is unthinkable that an engineer in an age of multiple technologies for sewage disposal would conclude that a 19th century solution was the only one available. It is also unbelievable that an engineer would dare to present a report that did not recommend water conservation technology. As a consultant myself, I would not expect to get paid if I did not follow the terms of reference of my contract and yet this is exactly what happened with the report which was presented to the late Ganges Citizens Committee.

The fact is we've all been taken and the report should have been rejected out of hand as being unacceptable.

**DAVID E. SKINNER,**  
R. R. 1, North End Road,  
Ganges.  
May 14, 1984.

## Bound to get other end kicked

Sir,  
I understand from the Ganges Citizens' Committee Meeting of May 7, 1984; Victoria has suggested that a tax be levied on the whole region to finance high cost sewers.

In other words—they want all of us to pay for something that should be paid for by those who will profit financially, mainly developers. If the sewage of an area cannot be taken care of by those who are developing and using it, then the area should only be used for something it can accommodate.

Magic Lake on Pender Island is a good example of how little you can depend on the costs quoted. Their costs have skyrocketed and they have a problem. It is proposed to solve this problem as well as the Ganges problem by taxing everyone. In these times of recession and unemployment, just how much more taxation can the ordinary

threat of losing their homes because of taxes imposed to help bail out these projects. Our Government officials should be looking for ways

to decrease taxes rather than increasing them.

When do we get a referendum on this proposal or is the right of the people to be by-passed again, as it has so far been on the Ganges Sewer issue.

How long before we have a complete dictatorship? I guess it depends on how much interest the people take in what is happening around them. If you continually hide your head in the sand, you're bound to get the other end kicked.

**S. HUMES,**  
R.R. 1, Ganges.  
May 14, 1984.

## Concert is follow-up

Sir,  
I am writing to encourage the families on Salt Spring Island to attend this Friday's guitar concert at Mahon Hall. The evening is the follow-up to a series of guitar workshops which have been performed for Salt Spring Elementary students.

The idea is to promote live music experiences for the children of Salt Spring, and to encourage families to partake and enjoy musical events together.

Hopefully, the workshops will have prepared the children to more fully appreciate the evening performance. Should this event be successful, it could easily pave the way for a series of such events next year—to include vocal, ensemble and dance performances.

When was the last time you enjoyed a concert with your family? Coming Events has the details.  
**DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,**  
Box 1386, Ganges.  
May 9, 1984.

## Huge success

Sir,  
On behalf of all the staff and students at Fernwood School I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to the Fernwood Parents Group for all the hard work and organization that made Saturday's Extravaganza such a huge success.

A special word of thanks to coordinators Anne Marshall and Donna Regen for all the time they donated to make this event such a fun-filled day for the children.

Over the last few years the Parents Group has donated many items to the school with money raised at events such as this. Thank you from all of us here at Fernwood.  
**GLENN WOODLEY,**  
Principal.  
May 14, 1984.

## Close dump

Sir,  
The Salt Spring Dump, as Eva Temmel pointed out in last week's letter, should be shut down and relocated immediately as an

Located as it is in the Blackburn-Cusheon Lake watershed, highly toxic wastes, as well as Dioxin from burning or smouldering plastics,

filter into the groundwater supply, affecting the health of watershed users over a period of time.

Research into pollution indicates this can be a major problem area; if the CRD and the Ministry of the Environment do not wish to take action, perhaps another "Class Action" similar to the one "Agent Orange" should be started.

**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Ganges.  
May 10, 1984.

## Up to us to decide

Sir,  
Since the publication of my letter in last week's *Driftwood*, it has been pointed out to me that my letter understated the value of the political process. What I meant to say was that politics alone will never raise anybody's standard of living; this can only come about through application of appropriate technology.

However, I do not deny that political decisions must be made as to how technologies will be used, and I believe it is important that everybody participate in this process.

It is increasingly apparent that the technologies now available can be used to liberate people as never before, or enslave and repress people as never before. It is up to us to decide. Thank you for listening.

**DOUG MANLY,**  
c/o Tao Kimble,  
R.R. 2, Ganges.  
May 14, 1984.

## Anniversary celebration

Sir,  
We would like to invite *Driftwood* and your readers to a concert this Sunday evening, May 20, at St. George's Hall, at 8 pm.

Bob Bossin is a well known folk-singer from Ontario. Some of your readers may remember him from the Vancouver Folk Festival, some may remember him from the Stringband. His performance will include exciting details and songs about his recent trip to Russia.

The evening is sponsored by Women for Peace in celebration of our first anniversary. Come and join us for a fantastic musical evening.  
**KERRY CHALMERS,**  
**CHERYL LEVITT,**  
(for Women for Peace).  
May 14, 1984.

## Write letter for peace

Sir,  
Those attending next Saturday's Women for Peace birthday celebration at the Peace Centre will be treated to balloons and home baking as well as something special for the children. Guests will also be given the opportunity to write a letter or card for peace.

The message sent out will be one of hope, hope that we will one day look back on this time in history as the period that led to multilateral nuclear disarmament, the time in which the people of the world let their leaders know that nothing could possibly justify the continued presence of weapons whose use had become an assured mutual suicide and whose expense had been

Come and write a letter!  
**SHEILA REID,**  
Box 689, Ganges.  
May 1984.

not graciously accept the findings of the Engineers, but made every effort to stall and delay action on this badly needed project. The meetings

# Disarmament people saying, 'Let's not build more'

BY ANDY ORKIN

Albert Einstein wrote two things that I know by heart. First: "E = mc<sup>2</sup>." This formula led to the discovery of the atom. Second: "The power set free from the atom has changed everything, except our ways of thought. And thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe."

Alex Houston's articles (*Driftwood*, April 11, 18) initiated a welcome exchange of views about the nuclear disarmament movement in these columns. Some of the articles and letters were just the kind of thinking Albert Einstein had in mind: thinking of the pre-nuclear age.

The everything that Einstein said has changed is this: homo sapiens has finally grasped, with both hands, the ability to extinguish all life on the planet. But what has not changed, simply and sadly, is our way of looking at the world in this awesome new context.

Please consider three statements:

First: There is no such thing as a limited nuclear war. (It isn't hard to see that when millions of people start being vaporized, all reason would depart, and there'd be all-out nuclear war.)

Second: That this inevitably all-out nuclear exchange would leave no survivors. (Hangers-on, perhaps, for a few torrid, irradiated weeks or months. But according to scientific analyses the globe would be fatally

altered, and the living would envy the dead.)

Third: That no survivors means no victors. (Surviving computerized weapons systems perhaps. But no victory for the humans of the US or USSR or wherever.)

## LIFEBOAT EARTH

Where does this leave us? Plainly put, we're in a lifeboat together, Lifeboat Earth. At one end there's Us; at the other, Them. Pre-nuclear thinking would have us measure superiority by the size of the drills in Our or Their toolkit. The side that can sink the boat quickest wins, and down we all go!

Post-nuclear thinking recognizes the inherent *uselessness of the toolkit*. "Deterrence" and "defence" are clearly something else if they also mean mutual suicide.

The ability to defend our way of life against the Russian threat seems to be at the bottom of most people's doubt about the nuclear disarmament movement, such as we've seen in *Driftwood* in the past few weeks. By all means, let's assess any threat to Our Side by Their Side, and then assemble *genuine* means of defence to meet that threat.

But I have yet to hear anyone explain how a shotgun that is guaranteed to blow up in my face if I use it could possibly defend my home from an intruder. Nuclear weapons are just that: it is accepted

in the international scientific community that the detonation of just a small percentage of the world's nuclear arsenal will in all likelihood trigger suicidal global environmental changes.

Many of the people with doubts about the necessity of nuclear disarmament are ex-servicemen and women. It was pointed out at the end of his first article that Alex has a distinguished WWII military record. This was pertinent information: soldiers are experts at assessing the usefulness of weapons systems.

## NO MILITARY PURPOSE

I'd like to mention another distinguished soldier who had an opinion on the usefulness of nuclear weapons. Lord Louis Mountbatten wrote: "As a military man who has given half a century of active service I say in all sincerity that the nuclear arms race has *no* military purpose. Wars cannot be fought with nuclear weapons. Their existence only adds to our peril because of the illusions they have created."

The illusions Mountbatten identifies are that nuclear weapons could possibly contribute in any way to "defence", "security" or "superiority". The illusions are the beguiling thoughts behind the opposition to a nuclear weapons freeze in the U.S., and against the concept of nuclear weapons-free zones in Canada and elsewhere.

Lord Mountbatten was most impassioned and urgent on the matter just before his death: "The world now stands on the brink of the final abyss. Let us all resolve to take all possible practical steps to ensure that we do not, through our own folly, go over the edge. It is up to us."

## MANY PRACTICAL STEPS

The many activities of the Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Group include many practical steps such as Mountbatten had in mind. And while a few nuclear disarmament proponents are pacifists, many are not (including many who have served in various forces). None of them is calling for the immediate unilateral laying down of all arms.

All of them are calling, sensibly, for the slowing down of an insane and costly spiral of nuclear weapons with no military purpose, that will soon be out of control (if it isn't already).

Look at it this way. The awesome explosive power of World War II totalled the equivalent of 3,000,000 tons of TNT. Now imagine all those bombs—that devastated London, Coventry, Berlin, Dresden, Tokyo, Hiroshima, Pearl Harbour—exploding in 24 hours.

Then imagine about 4,000 days like that, one after the other. That's how long it would take to explode all of the world's nuclear weapons at

the rate of one WWII per day. That's the nuclear tinderbox we're standing in.

The nuclear disarmament people may not yet have succeeded in making their sensible, moderate aims clear. All they are saying is, let's not build *more*! If there is one lesson of history worth heeding, it's that if weapons are built, it's only a matter of time before they are used.

In this era of downsizing, why is the only thing we insist on upsizing the one thing that can kill us all?

Let's keep the dialogue going, and some of the detractors may get a clearer idea of what is actually being proposed by this movement of young and old, scientists, politicians, doctors, workers, lawyers, teachers, soldiers and others.

They may even come up with a good idea or two, such as Alex Houston's, for an exchange of young Russians and North Americans. (He may be interested to know it is also being proposed in Moscow by a courageous group of independent peaceniks I had the privilege of meeting last summer.)

A nuclear wag once said, "whether you're against them nuclear bombs or not against them nuclear bombs, all flesh burns at the same temperature." Hopefully, there will be time for them that's not yet against 'em to change their minds.

# Sexual abuse of children cannot be ignored

BY WENDY CASE

One out of every eight children in Canada is or has been sexually abused. This is a formal statistic widely quoted by experts in the field. We on Salt Spring Island do live in Canada so let us not think that we are immune to such problems. It hurts and confuses us to read about this, but I believe we need to confront this issue.

I have just finished reading through the reams of information sent to me by Linda Halliday from SAVA, Sexual Abuse Victims Anonymous. This is an issue it would definitely be much more pleasant to ignore. However, if the statistics are so high, there must be children that I know personally: a thought I cannot ignore.

Some of the statistics I have chosen to share have been compiled after collecting data and compiling facts from files opened on victims of sexual abuse in Campbell River, population 20,000. These statistics are over a period of 32 months beginning in July, 1980 and ending in March, 1983. By looking at one community, it gives us an idea of how high the numbers are, even in small populations.

A total of 241 files were opened by SAVA. The ages and numbers in each age category of the victims were:

0-11 months	20
1-2 years	15
3-4 years	29
5-6 years	35
7-8 years	36
9-10 years	27
11-12 years	27
13-15 years	27
16-18 years	5
19 & older	12
Unknown	8

ages of five and nine and for males between 12 and 16. The average length of time of abuse of these children was between five and 10 years.

Eighty percent of the offenders are known to the victim. The highest statistics range from:

Family friend	70
Natural father	61
Step fathers	48
Strangers	48
Uncles	32
Brothers	29
Grandfathers	22
Babysitters	16
Mother's boyfriend	8

And the list goes on: cousins, teachers, foster fathers, landlord, sisters, aunts, boarders, step brothers. You will notice that there appear to be more offenders than victims. In this study, there were 390 offenders and 241 victims. Therefore in many cases it appears that there is more than one offender.

Sexual abuse to children comes in many forms from exhibitionism, molestation to rape.

## GUARDED SECRET

Generational abuse (within the family) is most common and the "family secret" is generally guarded well by family members. As a result, the child's abuse can be ignored for a long period of time. When the adult is in a position of authority over the child, there exists a difference in age,

knowledge and resources. It is a power issue and we do all have a tendency to teach children that adults are always right.

From a victim's perspective, they feel that they are somehow responsible, that it is their fault and they carry the emotional guilt of the abuse. It is important that the victim is believed, as children do not lie about being sexually abused. It is also important that they are told it is not their fault.

Studies show that if a female has been a victim and it has never been acknowledged or dealt with, she turns her hate, confusion and guilt inward and often becomes self-abusive. She will also tend to be drawn towards men who will in one way or another abuse her or her children. If the victim is a male, the tendency is to turn the anger and guilt outwards in destructive behaviour.

What happens to these victims? An unhealthy majority become further victims of wife abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, family problems, prostitution and emotional disturbance. A more healthy minority now can receive help from people who care like Linda Halliday, who has pushed British Columbians into opening their eyes and hearts.

## VICTIM FROM AGE 6

Linda Halliday is an average person, just like the woman who lives next door. She was a victim of

sexual abuse from age 6 to 16. She has dedicated her life to mobilizing action against child abuse in her community of Campbell River. She began speaking to other women and was amazed that at least eight of the 10 she talked with had been abused as a child and had never talked to anyone about it.

After that discovery, Linda began a long self-education program, consulting local professionals about sexual abuse. She found that she was often angered at the lack of understanding she found so she decided to go public with her story. Within a six-month period 55 victims came to her attention; within 12 months she had documented 91 cases in her community alone.

She founded SAVA, Sexual Abuse Victims Anonymous, in 1981 and since then has never looked back. Linda has written a book called *The Silent Scream—Realities of Sexual Abuse* which has gained national recognition. She has travelled extensively doing talk shows, research, public education

and counselling.

She is truly a dedicated woman and she's coming to Salt Spring to speak about child sexual abuse in a small community.

On Saturday, May 26, from 1 to 4 pm at the Community Centre, Linda will give a presentation and will be available for any questions. Be there if you care and want to learn more.

Wendy Case is a community worker at the Salt Spring Community Centre.

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files and 17 files involved more than one offender. The high risk for females appears to be between the

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# More Letters to the Editor

## Vacancies available

Sir,  
The weekend of June 15, 16 and 17 is fast approaching and there are still a number of vacancies available for all you organizers just waiting to get involved in yet something else—Sea Capers needs you!

Here is our schedule of 7:30 pm meetings between now and that big weekend: Wednesday, May 16, Wednesday, May 23 (most important meeting), Wednesday, May 30, Wednesday, June 6, Tuesday, June 12.

We don't ask that you attend every meeting. We're only interested in hearing from you initially and then we just need updates and reports. Try it! Funny we haven't heard from any businesses out there about wanting to sponsor events. We thought that we'd be overwhelmed this year since it's the first time commercial island sponsorship has opened up.

If you're going to organize, you need participants. This year features several new events including a triathlon and town run for the athletic and sand castle contest and treasure hunt for all you romantics. The parade promises to be great and we are encouraging families, groups, individuals and businesses to enter. There will be a King and Queen Neptune contest.

Get creative.  
Give us a call or come to a meeting!

Jonathan, 537-2752; Leo, 537-5141.

**JONATHAN OLDROYD,  
LEO MARTINEZ,**  
Salt Spring Sea Capers Society,  
Box 645, Ganges.  
May 14, 1984.

## True colours

Sir,  
A year ago the CRD and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs at last did something sensible: they realized that the Ganges sewer question had to be solved on the island, by islanders. Thus was the Ganges Citizens' Committee born.

Last week the Committee came to an end after an energetic few weeks of behind-the-scenes activity by the Regional Director for Salt Spring Island, Dr. Hugh Borsman.

Admittedly, the committee was navigating stormy waters. The

committee had voted to go with the original Ganges sewer. The Sewer Alternatives Committee voted against the decision, which it felt was premature. But like any responsible opposition, SSAC didn't walk out; we reaffirmed our commitment to the process, and began asking lots of sensible questions.

Questions like: Did the responsible representatives of school and hospital boards know what the proposal they had adopted was going to cost their boards? (Answer: No.)

And like: Did anyone know what would happen if the system they had adopted failed? (Answer: No.)

And like: Had we completed the job we had been instructed to undertake? (Answer: No. We hadn't even spent 50% of our budget!)

And like: Are you sure that the verbal promise, reported by Dr. Borsman, of a fancy financing deal involving \$600,000 is for real? (Answer: It turned out to be a pipe-dream.)

Well, these questions were too much for the Regional Director. (The questions we were asking were so persuasive that even the Inspector of Municipalities had said he wanted them answered.) But it was found more convenient to follow a practice common on distant shores: if questions from the opposition are inconvenient, abolish the opposition!

So the Regional Director walked out, and using a campaign of misinformation (and relying on the ignorance and distance of the CRD Board) persuaded Victoria to close down the Ganges Citizens' Committee.

But now for the bombshell. SSAC has obtained a letter from the CRD that is interesting. We thought all of the court rulings had persuaded the CRD that the people of Salt Spring would accept no less than their full rights under the law (meaning a referendum before they get taxed one cent for the sewer). We were wrong, they haven't learned a thing.

The boys are at it again. The letter is another opinion (from one of the firms of Victoria lawyers getting fat at finding ways to deprive us of our rights under the law) that a referendum is unnecessary. (We are reliably told that the opinion contributed to Dr. Borsman's enthusiasm in killing the Committee. The Ganges Citizens' Committee was only necessary if there was going to be a referendum: any proposal, no matter how expensive, can fly if the people don't get to vote on it.)

The Big sewer has always been,

and will always be, ridiculously expensive. So expensive that the plan now is to tax the whole island for it. Hence the thinking: Why risk a negative vote? (And have to put up with inconvenient questions along the way.) It's easier to dispense with democratic process!

Well well well: No more Citizens' Committee: no more Referendum.

Even I am surprised at how quickly our "Prince of Harmony", once elected, is letting his true colours show.

**ANDREW ORKIN,**  
Ganges.  
May 1984.

## Worried about news

Sir,  
I am very worried about the news in the paper about the sewer to be put into Ganges. We were told that any decisions about the sewer would be up to the people who pay to decide on. Now it seems that the government in Victoria is going to make us hook up no matter what it costs and no matter if we have a good septic field or not.

Why can't we have our own septic tanks without paying for the businesses and the school? We already pay property taxes that finance the school and we should have the right to decide about even more money being spent.

**MRS. DORA C. McLAUGHLIN,**  
Box 595, Ganges.  
May 14, 1984.

## Poet's Corner

### Glory of God, fill me with Thy Spirit!

Of want to know Thy Thoughts,  
I respond to Thee in Prayer.  
So I will feel Your Heart,  
I listen for You to Answer.  
In order to hold Your Hand,  
I reach out unto High.  
To gaze upon Thy Soul,  
I open my Inner Eye.  
That I might know Thy Plan,  
I beseech Thee to reveal Thy Word.  
That I may follow Your Path,  
I ask forgiveness my Lord.

—Gary J. Chandler

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## Spring concert given

Contributed  
BY ETHEL MAGNUS

The Salt Spring Singers presented their spring concert April 29 at Mahon Hall. Director Joy Johnsen led the choir with tremendous energy and musical artistry.

Marion Patterson accompanied the ladies sensitively at the piano and Joan Raeside played the glockenspiel for a special effect in *Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening*. Guest artist Peter Taschuk presented contrasting classical guitar selections by Bach and Villa-Lobos.

Choral favorites included three folk songs by Brahms, *Clap Yo' Hands*, *Let There Be Peace on Earth*, *Peter Piper*, and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

The program boasted a pleasing variety of composers and styles and was well received by an appreciative audience.

## Graduate

Violet Burgess of Salt Spring Island graduated from the 18th class in agriculture at Northern Lights College on April 13.

The agriculture program, the only one of its kind offered in B.C., attracts students from all over the province.

## Ginger Tea is race winner

It was a brisk day for sailing, above, as participants headed down Trincomali Channel in the Around-Salt-Spring-Island-Race staged annually by the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. By the time the boats rounded Nose Point, in the last leg of the trip up Ganges Harbour, the wind had died. First over the line, left, was Charles Sutcliffe's *Yeoman of Cestria*. After handicaps were tallied overall winner of the race was Jack Langdon's *Ginger Tea*.

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Mature cyclists arrive at Long Harbour on Monday.

*Senior cyclists are trying out*

## They are riding across the southern world

On Monday afternoon about 70 cyclists arrived at Long Harbour to ride to Beaver Point and gain some experience of cycling together as a team. The cyclists were all elderly, their ages ranging from 55 to 83. Accompanying the large group of riders was a fifth-wheel trailer hauling bicycles.

The riders are the Canadian cyclists who will leave for Australia and New Zealand for the Kiwi Odyssey in August. They will cycle over the two countries.

This visit to Salt Spring Island is part of the training program for the long haul in the southern hemisphere.

And why Salt Spring?

The program tells each participant that the trip to the island is part of the shake-down, when the riders will evaluate themselves and check that they can face up to 50 to 60 miles a day. It is a mental and a physical testing ground with headquarters in Ruckle Park.

### ISLAND VARIABLES

Salt Spring Island was chosen for its variables, team members were told. It offers "sunshine, cold, winds, rain, fog, hills: steep; up-down-up-down (toughies) including some real rough spots."

What's more, the journey is very beautiful, entrants were told.

The test run on Salt Spring has brought the newcomer to long-distance cycling closer to the realities of riding by day and camping by night. It was the first of two evaluation tests.

Some of the participants are experienced cyclists. Others have taken it up and are still learning the ropes. The three-day program on Salt Spring Island is part of the training. Those who took part in the 1983 cross-Canada ride will offer their experience for the newcomers.

Cyclists carry everything on their bicycles—tent, mattress, sleeping bag, clothing.

For three days, the evaluation program has proceeded at Ruckle Park. It is a routine that would put any cyclist to the test and not just an elderly rider. It is the training program for a ride across the world, down under.

The cycling team is leaving for Vancouver on Wednesday afternoon from Long Harbour.

## Steering committee named

The meeting sponsored by the Pender Islands Legion on Sunday afternoon to explore the possibilities of forming a youth activity group was attended by approximately 50 people of all ages. Joy Ridley, Kent Estell, Rob Storrie, Bill Mundy, Joe Billyeald and Doreen Hanson were elected to a steering committee for the project.

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## GALIANO NEWS

# New society seeks funds to purchase Sutil Lodge

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Galiano has a new society, dedicated to the preservation of a unique site in Montague Harbour with natural and aesthetic value suited to heritage conservation, nature study, biological research and enhancement.

Into the bay at the south end of the harbour flows a small stream that might be used for salmon enhancement and the bay and surrounding terrain abound in marine life, small mammals and a 23-nest heronry. The foreshore is a significant archaeological site with a 500-foot Indian midden from which Stanley Jackson made a fine collection of Indian artifacts. Formerly a resort in recent years the property has been a cultural community housing many artists, writers and craftspeople.

The previous owner of Sutil Lodge, Stanley Jackson, died last December, and a relative who inherited the property wishes to dispose of it or subdivide it. The Montague Harbour Conservation and Enhancement Society has obtained an option to purchase the property, but must obtain substantial assistance if it is to complete the purchase.

The society now is seeking government, public institution and private sector funds for the \$300,000 capital cost of the purchase. The society, headed by Christa Weiss, has marshalled community resources in the form of labour and expertise to achieve its purpose. It will have a display table at the School Faire, followed by a slide lecture at Page Drive on Sunday, May 20, from 3 to 6 pm by regional heritage advisor Beth Hill, entitled *Galiano's Indian Heritage*. Bring your artifacts for identification.

On Saturday, May 26 there will be an "Art Show and Sutil Lodge Museum Exhibit" plus music, poetry and pony rides at the Community Hall. Refreshments will be available.

Another island society with a similar aim is the Galiano Cultural and Historical Society, and this has recently affiliated with the Provincial Federation of Historical Societies. This young local society has persuaded the federation to hold its annual convention on Galiano in 1985.

The long-established Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Federation, which includes several Galiano residents among its members, has just postponed its annual meeting on Saturna Island from May to a date in June which has yet to be confirmed.

### Rhododendrons

The Galiano Garden Club was pleased to welcome back David Tarrant, horticulturist, of U.B.C. Botanical Gardens as their guest speaker on May 9. He gave an interesting and lively lecture on the general culture and care of rhododendrons, illustrating his talk with living specimens of the flowers taken from the gardens at U.B.C., and slides of rhododendrons in those and other gardens in B.C., the

U.S.A., England, Scotland and Wales.

We learned of the development, a continuing process, of different varieties from the Asian cultivars, including those which can grow into huge spreading bushes and the small alpine species.

David Tarrant is an informative and entertaining speaker and is a man of many talents in the horticultural world. He is interested in horticulture as therapy for the aged and disabled, and has written and lectured extensively on this subject.

He arranges and leads tours for the U.B.C. Botanical/Horticultural Department, and is currently arranging to take a group to Australia to see some of the gardens and places of botanical interest introduced to us by Dr. Gerald Straley at our March meeting. David Tarrant appears weekly on T.V., each Sunday at 8:30 am, C.B.C. Channel 2, with Bob Switzer, as the Western Gardener.

On June 7 David Tarrant will be conducting a tour of U.B.C.'s Botanical Gardens for members of the Garden Club. Anyone who would like to join the group may phone Edith Wishart at 539-2958 for further details.

The next meeting of the Garden Club is on Wednesday, June 13, at 1:30 pm, when the speaker will be David Bar-Zwi of Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver. He will talk about exotic plants.

### Weavers' workshop

On Tuesday, May 8, members of the Galiano Weavers and Spinners Guild attended a colourful workshop given by Vancouver guild member and Galiano summer resident, Barbara Kinahan.

Several different techniques of sprinkle dyeing, involving commercial dyes, were used to produce multi-hued wool, and Kool-Aid powders dyed skeins of homespun yarn vivid shades of orange and cherry red.

Samples of the results of the workshop will be on display at the Weavers' Show and Sale on Saturday, June 30.

### Notary relinquishes her Commission

For the past five years Mrs. Mimi Wishart has provided a valuable service on Galiano, that of notary public. Operating out of a Vancouver address Mrs. Wishart was able to render a much appreciated service on Galiano from her home on Sturdies Bay Road.

Now Mimi has decided that it is time to retire, and voluntarily surrender her seal so that a younger person may have the opportunity to serve the community as she has done. Unfortunately, this person will not replace Mrs. Wishart on Galiano which is not entitled to a notary. Those requiring this service will have to go to Salt Spring or further afield, or alternatively avail themselves of the services of a lawyer who can act as a

commissioner of oaths.

Mrs. Wishart deserves our thanks for her past service and for her work on the Advisory Planning Commission of which she was chairman.

### Senior Citizens

The Galiano Branch of the Senior Citizens of B.C. decided at their meeting last Monday to organize an outing to Bedwell Harbour on Pender. Details of the excursion and type of meal may be obtained by phoning president Les Woodbridge.

The seniors plan to end their current program in June with a regular meeting on Monday, June 4 and a potluck supper later in the month.

### Lions Club

At a recent meeting of the Galiano Lions Club Jim Scoones was elected president and Ian Hooley senior vice-president. Their big summer event is the Annual Fiesta which this year will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4. Lions Reg Cornwell, Mickey English and Terry Wishart are busy planning an extraordinary lottery, for which the prize is an ounce of gold.

### Golf Club

The executive of the Galiano Golf and Country Club wishes to draw the attention of members to two Saturday evening social events. On Saturday, May 26 there will be an evening with George Griffiths, showing slides of his voyage by small boat from Plymouth, England, to Galiano (at 8 pm).

On Saturday, June 9 the first barbecue of the year will be held at the club, beginning with cocktails at 6:30. Reserve early.

### Spirits triumph again

Galiano Spirits were host to Salt Spring Islanders for another floor hockey game last Saturday at the Galiano activity centre.

The Islanders had obviously done their homework since their defeat to the Spirits two weeks ago, initiating a much more physical response to Galiano's strategy. This was especially effective in the corners and in front of the net, successfully decreasing the Spirits' control of the puck in their opponents' end and allowing the Islanders to gain a three-goal lead early in the first period.

As the game progressed, however, Galiano's counterattack proved to be too much for the Salt Spring team, and the remainder of the game belonged to the Spirits, as once again their disciplined style of hockey shone through. As the final period ended, the scoreboard read 17-7 for Galiano.

Scoring for the Spirits were Larry "Digger" Baines with five goals, Ian Davies with four, Ken Minette with three, John Silvey and Rod Wilson each with two and Ben Maberley with one goal. Additional players for Galiano were Rene Besler and Ronnie Wilson in net.

Responding for the Islanders were Brad Graham with four goals, Rob Messam with two and Sean Kirkpatrick with one goal. Another outstanding performance was demonstrated by Salt Spring's netminder Rod Gideon, frustrating the Galiano forwards throughout the game.

The Spirits would like to thank all those who attended the game and hope they shall continue to do so in the future.

### Summer Traffic

Already traffic on Galiano is increasing, proving that summer is approaching despite the inclement weather. Large groups of cyclists are arriving by ferry, most of whom are unaware of the sad fatality a year ago last August, when a visiting woman cyclist was killed on the highway on her way to North Galiano.

It behooves all local motorists to drive with extreme care, especially at ferry arrival and departure times. Cyclists should be warned to wear helmets, ride in single file, keep to the right, and beware of blind curves and sharp dips in the road where visibility is limited.

### Coming Events

This coming Saturday islanders are reminded of the Annual Fire Sale run by the Auxiliary to the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department at the Fire Hall between 1 and 4 pm. The School Faire opens at noon followed by reunion luncheon at 2 pm for former teachers, trustees and students 10 years of age and over, to mark the school's 90th birthday. Luncheon reservations are in the hands of Mary Harding and Betty Stewart.

This Sunday Jim McAlonan Coastal Missions, Chemainus, will return to St. Margaret's Church lead an ecumenical service at 10:00 am following a praise-sing which takes place each Sunday at 9 am.

Details of the ninth annual Galiano Island Christian Retreat on Pender Island from May 25 to 27 may be obtained from Cliff Coolidge 2534. The feature speaker will be Manville Bedford of the Shantymen's Christian Association. The cost of \$5 per person includes all meals, with no charge being made for younger children.

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From left are district commander George Everett of Nanaimo, with local Power Squadron members Gloria Simpson, commander Peter Vida and Dianna Dickinson at Power Squadron banquet last week. Simpson and Dickinson are the first women to be named to the local squadron's executive.

Driftwood photo by Tony Richards

## Eleven new members sworn in at graduation, change of watch

The recently elected slate of bridge officers of the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron was formally sworn in last week. The ceremony was conducted by District Commander George Everett of Nanaimo at the annual change of watch and graduation banquet Wednesday evening.

In addition to the swearing in of the new officers, 11 new squadron members, graduates of the basic boating course, took the pledge of membership and received their membership certificates from Cmdr. Everett.

Heading the slate of new officers is Peter Vida, commander, with Jack Poole as executive officer, Dianna Dickinson, secretary, Max Fitch, treasurer, Gloria Simpson, supply officer, Morton Stratton, MAREP officer and Frank Leigh-Spencer, PRO and editor.

The creation of the post of port captains in various squadrons throughout the Vancouver Island district is a new venture being undertaken by the district, Everett told the meeting. The names of port captains will be published in the district paper as well as in the membership roster. Their function is to be available in their home ports to offer assistance or guidance to visiting Power Squadron members.

Everett issued an invitation to all squadron members to attend the annual district general meeting at Courtenay during the second week in June. He also announced that the national annual general meeting will be held in Windsor in October and is slated to be staged in Vancouver in 1985.

In concluding his remarks he offered congratulations and a

welcome to the new squadron members and urged them to become active in squadron affairs.

Retiring commander Don Clarkson, in summarizing the year's activities, said it had been an eventful year highlighted by having one of the largest training courses on record, the launching of the squadron newsletter, *The Sounder* and by the sponsoring of a float in the Sea Capers parade.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of merit marks to those members who, during the year, had made a significant contribution to squadron activities. Heading the list was Retired Dist. Cmdr. Harold Helm, accepting his 20th merit mark. Along with the 20th merit mark goes a life membership in Canadian Power Squadrons.

Others receiving merit marks were Peter Bingham, 11th; Edward Coombes and James Napper, eighth; Wolfgang Bassek, Ian

Waterlow, Don Clarkson, sixth; Morton Stratton and Frank Leigh-Spencer, fifth; Barry Pring, fourth; Max Fitch and Oriol Hardie, third; Jack Poole, Lance Hardie, second; Harvard Budgeon, Mel Carrico and Dan Horovatin, first.

New commander Peter Vida wound up the formal part of the meeting by announcing that Ian Waterlow has agreed to again serve as squadron training officer. He also announced that the squadron will again be entering a float in the Sea Capers parade and that plans are under way to stage the annual squadron picnic at Maracaibo in June.



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**Islands are invaded**

# Jack Abbott lived through Falklands war

It is two years since the attention of the world was drawn to the small islands off the east coast of South America, when Argentina invaded the Falklands.

In those two years the islands were British, Argentinian and British again.

Not since December, 1914, had they seen so much naval activity. The Falklands were the scene of a naval battle on that date when only the German light cruiser *Dresden* remained afloat of the eight vessels comprising Admiral Graf Spee's squadron.

Sitting in the midst of the Falklands fighting was a former Salt Spring Islander, Jack Abbott. The second war veteran had gone to live on his late wife's native island and was there throughout the short war.

Ten years ago the cosmopolitan traveller started out a new life at Port Stanley. He spent nearly a year building a bungalow of British Columbia cedar and thoroughly enjoyed living in his new home in his adopted home community.

**EASY-GOING BUNCH**

He found the Falkland islanders an easy-going "bunch" and he had to set the pace when they were helping to build his house. Remote and bleak inland, the Falklands consist of about 250 islands, of which only the largest can sustain a community. The islands are on about the same equivalent latitude as London, England, but their character is more in line with the Outer Hebrides than the English southern counties.

It was a pattern of life that appealed to the former Salt Spring Islander and he was among the

2,000 or so who lived the quiet, gentle life of the southernmost reach of the old British colonial influence.

Everything changed on April 2, 1982.

A radio announcement from the governor of the islands warned that Argentine warships were within 15 miles of Port Stanley and that a state of emergency was likely to be imposed. The next day brought the invading forces.

The 8,000-mile distance from Britain left the islands cut off from immediate help. There was some degree of panic, recalls the island traveller, but mostly the worry arose from fears that the British might bomb the invaders at the expense of residents. Abbott did his best to settle their fears and he assured his friends and neighbours that Britain was more likely to liberate them, not liquidate them.

**DEVASTATING EFFECT**

The effect on the tiny community was devastating. There were some 2,000 civilians on the islands and about 12,000 or 15,000 troops came in from the invaders. The quiet, uneventful life was gone. The people of the islands suffered not only the indignities of an occupied country, but the place now was overcrowded, recalled Abbott when he was visiting eastern Canada recently.

The worst part of the Argentine occupation was not the military aspect, recalled the islander. It was the curfew.

For 16 hours a day the people of the islands were confined to their homes. From 3:45 pm each day until 8:30 the next morning they had to be indoors. This was particularly harsh to a man living alone.

There were other pressures. Some island residents had fled to the hills. They could find shelter and sufficient food far from the invading troops. But Jack Abbott didn't care for the idea of leaving his new house to the mercies of the invaders. He stuck around.

**HE WASN'T MOVING**

Although he didn't tell a reporter the rest of the story, it was not likely that a fighting Canadian soldier in the second war, a soldier who was a sergeant-major in Normandy, was about to take to the hills when an enemy soldier showed up. And he still has memories of incidents which bear that out.

He stuck it out, curfew or no curfew. He left the house for supplies and was away for the shortest possible time. He feared pilferage more than bullets.

Despite his efforts, the troops got there ahead of him. He was away from the house for 15 minutes and he figured afterwards that the soldiers had been waiting for him to go. When he got back the house had been ransacked and a few items had been stolen. He lost a pair of binoculars and a clock as well as a pen and, worst of all, three chocolate bars which he'd kept for emergency. His supply of sugar also went to the invading troops.

**ANOTHER EXPERIENCE**

Abbott had one other experience with the invaders and that was just before the end. The British had already been fighting, but as yet had not reached Port Stanley. First thing he knew was when the back door was shot out with machine gun fire and eight soldiers came into the house. They were backed up by 18

more outside the house.

The homeowner stood in the doorway and dared them to shoot. Fortunately for Abbott, they didn't take him up on the challenge. The only way they would get into the house, he assured the troops, was over his dead body.

The war veteran appraised the invading troops with the expert eye of a sergeant-major. They were mostly unprofessional, teenage conscripts, he explained afterwards. His comment that they were no match for the trained and battle-ready British volunteers was borne out by the results. The day after the invasion of his home brought the Argentinian surrender.

The end of the invasion was the end of the idyll. He was content in his southern hemisphere home. It was quiet and relaxing.

**QUIET NO MORE**

With a permanent force of 4,000 British troops, the quiet was gone and the relaxation was a strain. He sailed to England on the *Canberra* and for 17 days exchanged views with the British forces going back to Blighty.

A Briton from the word "go", Abbott was born in Switzerland. His father was British and his mother American. He grew up in Australia, went to school in the South Pacific and spent his early manhood in British Columbia, mostly on Salt Spring Island. He then lived in England, moved to the Falklands and is now back in England.

In 1929, when he was living on Salt Spring, he met a young woman on the road to Vesuvius. Irene Oswald was visiting on Salt Spring

Island. She was born in the Falklands and educated in England. After three years they were married.

When war broke out Abbott joined the Canadians and enlisted with his friends. Off to war, he met a hitherto unknown aunt who made him her heir and left him half a million pounds.

He never came back to live on the island. In England at the close of the war he sent for his family and they settled on the farm purchased by his aunt.

Nevertheless, he has been back from time to time and hopes to be on the island again next year. And he'll be back here to reminisce about old times and old-timers with his crony Ted Gear and a host of other buddies.

**And the Falklands?**

The war is over. Agreements have been discussed, but the Argentinians still lay claim to the islands which they label the Malvinas. And British troops still maintain a garrison outnumbering the civilian population of the islands.

## Suspensions issued

Ganges RCMP handed out two 24-hour suspensions during vehicle checks at Salt Spring on the weekend.

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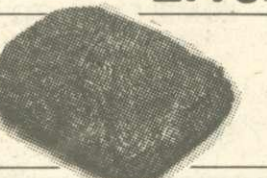
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# Tory candidate appears on Salt Spring Island

**BY FRANK RICHARDS**  
Federal election?  
August 13 or August 20, says Don Taylor.

No election has been called, but the Progressive Conservative candidate for the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands riding was on Salt Spring Island on Saturday to talk to local Tories and to renew old friendships.

And how does he figure the date? He's worked it all out. John Turner will be nominated by the Liberals on the first ballot, says Conservative Taylor.

Turner is shrugging off the present, and past, Liberal administration, he notes. He will be named leader without a seat in the Commons. The first task facing Turner will be to form a cabinet, Don told me. If he wants to show no alliance with the past administration, he'll want some new boys and the easiest way to line up his cabinet is to call an election.

Mind you, Taylor didn't say he really believes it. But it's a good line when he is asked that constant question: When is the election?

changes promised by the Clark administration.

But their chance is coming again. Does he see a Tory government as the end to the recession?

The change will set the pattern. With Canada under a Conservative philosophy the investment climate will improve and the economy will climb. He cited the United States. While the American economy is improving every day, the Canadian employment scene shows almost no improvement over the winter levels.

**NO POLICY SPELLED OUT**

There will be no Conservative policy spelled out when the next election comes, August or otherwise, says Don Taylor. An election is fought over the failures of the government in power, he says, and a detailed policy only provides the opposition parties with ammunition.

Taylor spoke warmly of the proposal to appoint a Conservative forestry minister with forestry as his only portfolio. The federal

government has not been closely identified with forestry, despite the fact that it is a national resource from coast to coast. He visualizes such a ministry as concerning itself with disease control, market research and fire control among other issues affecting more than one or two provinces.

The candidate, who is a Cowichan teacher, was accompanied on Saturday by Clair Nutting, island Tory president. He doesn't find it strange for a teacher to be a Conservative. Indeed, he sees the free enterprise of the Conservative philosophy as closer to the classroom than the structured policies of the socialist. Besides, lots of his helpers are also teachers by day and Tories by persuasion, though he didn't put it that way.

Taylor has kept his happy grin through six good months and four lean years and come what may, he will be here among us when the starter's flag falls and the race gets into high gear.

## Advisory design panel needs new members

**FIRST TO SHOW UP**  
He is the first. No other candidate has done the rounds yet.

Optimistic? You bet he's optimistic. And not without reason. He was the member for the islands during the life of the Clark government. He took the seat from the New Democrats and then relinquished it to New Democrat Jim Manly after the Trudeau recovery. And candidate Taylor is very open about that election. The loss of the government was a blow. The loss of his seat was a disaster. He went off to tour Alberta after that experience.

The Tories had it all set up, he recalls. The budget would be presented and then would come the

New members are being sought for the advisory design panel at Salt Spring Island as the terms of current members have expired.

Function of the unpaid, five-member panel is to advise on the design of all plans involved in rezoning applications, development permits and other proposals referred to it by the local Trust Committee.

The members may have qualifications in landscaping, architecture, engineering, development and community affairs

but are not limited to those backgrounds.

Meetings of the panel take place at least once a month and more frequently when necessary to prevent delays in the processing of applications. The local planner sits with the panel to guide them on technical details.

The group's recommendations, which are passed along to the local trustees, pertain to design, environmental compatibility including exterior colour and all new additions or proposed renovations with respect to siting, landscaping, parking, access, safety and preservation of natural amenities.

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### OTTAWA REPORT

## People shouldn't have to live in poverty

BY JIM MANLY, M.P.

A few days ago, a man whom I will call Sam Johnson got in touch with me. That's not his real name of course but Sam is a real person with very real problems.

He told me he was going to turn 55 this summer which meant he had 10 years to go before he would be entitled to full pension benefits.

However, last year Sam had two experiences which have made him fear that the wait is going to be a very difficult one.

First Sam was laid off by the sawmill where he had worked for the last 20 years. Second, he had a minor stroke—nothing serious enough to qualify him for a disability pension but it left him with a minor limp.

Some of the people he used to work with have been lucky enough to get jobs at other mills, although they had to start at the bottom of the seniority line, doing some of the heavier manual jobs.

No mill is likely to hire Sam for that kind of work and he doubts he could do it, even if he got the chance. Still, there are many jobs Sam could do well. For some of them, he would have to be retrained since as a sawmill worker Sam's skills are pretty well limited to that industry. However, since government programs for retraining already have long waiting lists, a person of Sam's age doesn't stand much chance. In a time of high unemployment, even though there are jobs he could do, he has very few prospects. Quite frankly, Sam Johnson expects to spend the next few years of his life in a state of near poverty.

Although the details of his case are unique, thousands of older workers face the same difficulties. When he talked with me Sam wasn't expecting any miracle solution for his particular problem. He knew other groups of people were also hurting from high unemployment—women, young people, members of minority groups, people with a disability and workers generally have all paid a high price for the government's economic mismanagement.

But he did ask that I press for changes to the Canada Pension Plan which would make provision for people like himself who have very little prospect of ever again finding steady work.

This past winter a House of Commons committee examined the question of pension reform. Unfortunately its terms of reference did not include the needs of people under 65—although it did recommend that Canada Pension benefits should be available at age 60.

Ted Miller, my colleague from Comox-Alberni, was the New Democrat on this committee. In a minority report he went further and said, "The federal and provincial governments ought to conduct a thorough study of the needs of those aged 55 and over, including consideration of a guaranteed

annual income and how it might best be implemented."

A few years ago many Canadians talked about the possibility of a guaranteed annual income. Lately, this talk has been put to one side in our overriding concern about the need for jobs. Many people thought that we could not afford the guaranteed annual income when our economy was so depressed, but perhaps our thinking has been backward.

Perhaps we need the guaranteed annual income more today than ever before. People like Sam Johnson shouldn't have to live out their middle years in a state of hopeless poverty.

Perhaps if people in their 50's could retire with dignity and economic security, a number of them would do so and thus make jobs available for young people.

What do you think? I would be pleased to hear your comments on this or any other topic and invite you to write to me (postage free): Jim Manly, House of Commons, Ottawa.

## Forum on arthritis and other diseases coming to Salt Spring

A discussion on arthritis, a disease that will strike most islanders, will be held at Salt Spring Island next week.

The board of management of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital is sponsoring a public forum at Ganges to deal with arthritis, rheumatism and osteoporosis.

As with similar forums held in the last two years, on cancer and heart disease, the program will consist of short presentations by several visiting specialists in the field, and this will then be followed by questions from those present.

The speakers on this occasion will be Dr. C.Y. Brown and Dr. Paul de Champlain, both rheumatologists; Dr. J. Warren, who is an orthopedic surgeon; Dr. J. Nestman, a local family practitioner; and Mrs. Leslie Gordon, who is physiotherapist to the Victoria arthritis clinic.

The forum will be held on Friday, May 25 at 8 pm in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium. Everyone is welcome, and there will be no charge.

#### A FEW FACTS

Arthritis is not a single disease and its variations will be described.

It is the most common disease in Canada, with about 3 1/2 million victims. It is a serious ailment that usually lasts a lifetime and it is not limited to adults.

About 30,000 children have it, and its victims include about one million young or middle-age adults. Almost everyone over 60 will show at least x-ray evidence of it.

On Salt Spring Island, about half of the residents already have it to some degree, and the other half will eventually get it to some degree.

What does a person look for?  
• Persistent pain or stiffness after

getting up in the morning.

• Pain, tenderness or swelling of any joint.

• Persistent or recurrent pain or stiffness in the neck, lower back, knees, wrists, and hands.

#### CAN BE HELPED

But it is a disease for which something can be done. The forum will help islanders to find out about it.

It would be appreciated if some questions could be submitted to the meeting, although there will be ample opportunity to submit them at the time.

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# Pender parents want children to attend school at Ganges

Parents from Pender Island want their children entering Grade 8 to attend high school on Salt Spring in September.

The Gulf Islands School board received a petition signed by 14 parents calling for the move. The names represent 10 families. There are currently 13 students in the Grade 7 class at the Pender school.

The parents cite the possibilities for the students to take part in sports and band programs as well as the industrial education program as a reason for the request.

The children should travel to Salt Spring from Pender, said the parents, "providing there is a safe, adequate and convenient daily water taxi service."

At a school board meeting last week, the trustees asked superintendent Mike Marshall to look at "the educational implications" of the request and report to the next board meeting May 23.

In February, 1983, the school board caused a furore on Pender Island when it approved a motion which would have eliminated the Grade 8 program at Pender School. The students would have had to attend the junior secondary school on Mayne Island.

The parents informed the school trustees that their children would not attend Grade 8 classes on Mayne. They went so far as to suggest removing Pender from the Gulf Islands School District and joining the Saanich School District. Many of the high school students

from Pender Island attend Parkland Secondary School in Sidney. In the past, students from Pender were required to board in Salt Spring homes during the week while attending school on the island.

The Parkland option allowed them to travel to and from school daily.

The matter reached a head last May when Pender school trustee John Zacharias resigned as chairman of the school board in protest over board action to cancel the Pender Grade 8 classes.

The situation changed earlier this

year when the board decided to institute a daily water taxi service for students from all the Outer Islands to attend high school on Salt Spring.

When that motion was approved, the trustees also voted to rescind the motion to cancel the Pender Grade 8 program.

In the past, students from Mayne and Galiano Islands have had access to daily water taxi service to and from Salt Spring. The students from Pender and Saturna Islands have had to board on Salt Spring to attend high school.

# New APC members meet

The newly elected and appointed members of the North Pender Island Advisory Planning Commission held their first meeting on May 7.

The committee elected Bob Brand as chairman and Kelly Scott as vice-chairman.

The two North Pender Trustees were present, Gordon Wallace and Peter Campbell, who brought the committee up to date on recent

Islands Trust business.

New members who will serve a one-year term are Bob Brand, Gordon Dickin and E. LeBlanc. D. Startin will serve a two-year term. The two members who were APC members previously, Earl Hastings and Kelly Scott, will serve two-year terms.

The commission will be reviewing the North Pender community plan to bring it up to date.

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### Grant sought to investigate incorporation

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