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Sailboat beached

Sailboat owned by Ron Ulansky of Fulford Harbour broke away from its mooring Friday during strong southeast winds. It was later

hailed out with the help of a cat and a crane and taken to Vancouver Island for repairs. No estimate of damage was available at press time

Tuesday. Power outages occurred on all the islands as a result of the storm Friday but most were of two hours' duration or less.

Island schools enroll 1,156

Enrolment in the eight Gulf Islands schools at the end of September was 1,156.

That figure is important to the school board because it is the basis for financing education in the district. The ministry of education uses the end of September enrolment to calculate the amount of money which the school district receives.

But somewhere along the line, six children went missing. The preliminary enrolment for the first day of school, September 4, showed 1,162 young folk at their desks.

As of the end of September last year, there were 1,147 children enrolled. By June the enrolment had

dropped to 1,107.

The school at Galiano Island contains 53 children this year compared to 46 who came last September. The largest class at that school is the kindergarten which has nine children enrolled.

At Mayne Island there are 37 children in the elementary grades and 25 more in the junior secondary classes of Grades 8 and 9. The largest class in the elementary school is Grade 1 with 13 children while the junior secondary class of Grade 8 has 17 Outer Islands children enrolled in it.

The school at Pender Island has 75 children enrolled. That figure breaks down to 63 children in

elementary grades and 12 more in Grade 8. The largest grade in the elementary classes is Grade 2 with 12 children.

The Saturna school, the smallest one in the Gulf Islands, has 14 children in classes with the Grade 5 being the largest with four children enrolled. Last September there were 17 children at that school.

The totals for the Outer Islands elementary grades show 167 children while a further 37 attend junior secondary classes. The 204 children enrolled is an increase over the 200 who were registered last September.

Meanwhile, on Salt Spring, there

Smoking bylaw in effect Tuesday

Watch that cigarette, it could be very costly beginning next Tuesday.

That's the day, October 23, on which the Capital Region begins to enforce its no-smoking bylaw.

Many public places will be off limits to smokers who face fines for the offense. The first time the smoker is convicted, the fine ranges from a low of \$25 up to \$500. The second offense has the fine beginning at \$50 and the third infraction carries a potential fine of \$75 up to the limit of \$500.

And store proprietors will also face problems if they do not post signs telling people which areas are for smoking and which areas are

not. The bylaw sets out a description of what the signs should be like. Convictions of a proprietor for not posting the proper sign "prominently displayed" could lead to a fine of up to \$500.

There shall be, decrees the CRD, no smoking in the following places:

- retail stores;
- such places as barber shops, beauty parlours, saunas and steam baths, massage parlours and tattoo shops so long as the seating capacity is for more than 10 people;
- banks and government offices;
- hospitals and health clinics;
- places of public assembly except in designated areas;

• reception areas except in designated areas.

• taxicabs, school buses or public buses;

• elevators, escalators and inside stairways.

Restaurants have choices. There can be smoking only, non-smoking only or a combination of both.

The non-smoking area, in a restaurant offering both choices, must be at least 25% of the floor area and the tables for non-smokers must be grouped together.

The bylaw became law in July but the CRD offered 90 days of grace so that people could learn where they can smoke and where they can't. As of Tuesday the matter gets serious.

Arbitrary decision possible on sewer—minister

Arbitrary powers may be used to complete the Ganges sewer.

When Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie appeared on Jack Webster's Channel Eight CTV program on Monday morning he promised a completion of the project without delay. Webster, the Salt Spring Island newsman, asked the minister what he planned in respect of the sewer.

"What are you going to do about this incredible botch-up waste of money and damnable confusion over the Ganges sewer?" asked Webster.

"There's no conflict of interest! Now, I'm not on the sewer, I'm not near the sewer. God bless the sewer!" he continued. "What a mess that has been! We've spent over two and a half million or three million dollars on it. What are you going to do about the Ganges sewer?"

The minister promised him that the work will go ahead.

"We're going to fix that up, Jack," replied Ritchie. "I don't have the final answers here, but I can assure you that we're going to fix it up without any loss of time."

Jack Webster pressed the point. **ORDER THE SEWER?**

"Does that mean you are going to

order the sewer to go ahead?" he asked.

"I have ordered my staff to take a look at what is required in order to connect up with the outfall pipe, which I understand has cost two million dollars," responded the municipal affairs minister. "They are working with the people locally and I hope within months we'll have a decision on that."

"Will you make an arbitrary decision if you get no co-operation?" asked the newsman.

"That's normally what has to happen at times," replied Ritchie.

Webster summed up the exchange before leaving the subject:

"Bill Ritchie, minister of municipal affairs, indicated arbitrary powers may be used to finish up with the unholy mess in Ganges on the sewer question."

No welcome for Quinitisa

There was no welcoming party present at Fulford Harbour Sunday to greet the return of the *Quinitisa* to the Fulford-Swartz Bay run.

Instead there were rumbles of discontent among travellers after the *Bowen Queen* was taken off the run after the 5:15 pm sailing from Fulford.

The *Quinitisa* takes about 10 minutes longer than the *Bowen* to make the run and holds 60 vehicles, compared to the *Bowen's* capacity of 70. It holds 394 passengers, four more than the *Bowen Queen*.

The latter is taken off the route every year to replace other ferries that are off for refit. According to the B.C. Ferry Corporation's current schedule, the *Bowen Queen* will return December 19.

Local man rescued in strait

A Salt Spring Island man spent five hours in a dinghy in Georgia Strait early Saturday morning after his 39-foot power boat struck a deadhead and sank.

Cliff Leblanc, an ambulance attendant at Salt Spring, was picked up by the boxcar ferry *Haida Transporter* at 7:45 am and taken to Vancouver where he was hospitalized and treated for hypothermia.

Leblanc's boat, the *Meriroso*, was valued at about \$100,000 and was insured.

Quadra couple win island

A Quadra Island couple have won a piece of Ganges Harbour real estate.

Tom and Pat Wilson have been declared the winners of Twilight Island in the Islands 86 lottery. Number of the winning ticket, drawn Friday, was 728410.

The island is slightly less than half an acre at high tide and has a value of \$75,000 to \$100,000. It comes with a small, furnished A-frame, a dock and a 16-foot runabout with a 70 hp outboard.

An Islands 86 spokesman told *Driftwood* Monday that gross revenue of the lottery was approximately \$688,000. Organizers had hoped to gross \$1 million. The spokesman said it was too early to estimate the net profit of the lottery.

Islands 86 Society was formed to promote Vancouver Island during Vancouver's Expo 86. Its projects will be funded by revenue from the lottery.

Driftwood was unable to reach the winners of the island for comment.

School board delays action on capital grant proposal

The Ganges sewer controversy flushed through a meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board last week when the trustees considered a proposal to help finance the project.

The school board had been asked by the Capital Region to request that the ministry of education supply an up-front grant of \$245,322.

The Lady Minto Hospital board was asked to request a grant of \$549,054 from the ministry of health as its share of the cost of the project.

CRD chairman Shirley Wilde explained in a letter to the school and hospital boards: "It is felt that up-front capital grants would reduce the costs of the sewer project and make the cost-sharing more equitable for the various users of the sewer system."

When school trustees had listened to arguments from those for and those against the idea, they decided to postpone a decision until they could get more information.

Salt Spring CRD director Hugh Borsman spoke to the meeting and stressed that the idea of the grants was only a proposal.

He expressed anger at the tactics of those opposed to the scheme. They had been making false statements about the grants, he said, with the purpose of destroying the sewer.

"A self-appointed, self-appointed, opinionated, arrogant minority have conferred upon themselves the right to decide what this island will have and what it won't have," he said to the trustees.

He went on to explain that the costs of pumping septic tanks at Lady Minto and Greenwood in the last five years came to \$233,368 which works out to \$46,674 each year. Greenwood spent \$108,373 in that time, he said, while the hospital laid out \$124,995.

In her letter, Wilde noted: "The up-front capital grant is proposed as an equitable cost-sharing formula in recognition of the fact that the school and the hospital are exempt from any sewer cost recoveries on a property tax basis."

Mouat resigns

The Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force (GSITF) will be seeking a new chairman.

Ivan Mouat stepped aside as chairman of the group at a recent meeting. He cited other commitments as the reason for his decision.

The group selected Dave Mathews, representing the Ganges Centre Association, as the interim chairman until a permanent chairman can be found.

Mouat had been the chairman of the GSITF since its inception earlier this year. The group was formed to fill the gap of island residents' participation in the sewer issue when the Ganges Citizens' Committee (GCC) fell apart.

Mathews had been on the GCC as vice-chairman.

Mouat represents the Lady Minto Hospital board of directors on the GSITF.

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Wilde also attended the school board meeting and talked to the trustees. She said she wanted to stress the importance of solving the sewage disposal problem in Ganges.

She cautioned the trustees that if the grants from the ministries of education and health did not come through, the Ganges sewer may well be unaffordable.

Murray Reiss addressed the meeting on behalf of the Salt Spring Planning Association.

He told the trustees that the group had several questions about the request for a grant.

They wanted to know if the money from the ministry of education would be taken from

money earmarked for education and whether it would be legal to use operating dollars for an investment fund.

The Planning Association also wanted to know what effect such a grant would have on future requests by the school district for other capital grants.

The last question was whether the school board had considered other methods of disposal.

He cited a legal opinion from the law firm of Brewin, Milne and Morley in Victoria. The lawyers concluded that under the School Act, such a grant would be beyond the authority of the school board if the grant were to be used to set up a

debt retirement fund.

The lawyers noted that the school board, with approval of the ministry of education, could help cover the costs of construction, maintenance or operation of community facilities.

Wilde said in response, "If there's a legal problem in getting money from one agency to another because it's called a grant, maybe we could hang another name on it..."

After the school board had heard from the various individuals who had asked to speak, Salt Spring trustee Ron McQuiggan suggested that the matter be post-poned to allow the trustees time to consider the various pieces of information.

David Williams, Salt Spring school trustee who represents the school board on the Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force, gave a report on the situation.

He made a motion that the school board tell the CRD that it did not intend to request such a grant from the ministry of education but the motion died when it was not seconded.

The trustees agreed to have Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, talk with the CRD staff for more information as well as work out an equitable system of payments for the sewer system.

Williams' report looks at sewer costs

A report on the financing of the Ganges sewer shows that the Capital Region could be making money on the scheme.

David Williams, Salt Spring school trustee who represents the Gulf Islands School Board on the Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force, last week presented the school board with a cost breakdown of the proposed system with figures from the CRD. He also included tentative costing of a separate system for the school complex in Ganges.

The CRD figures, Williams reported, came from the sanitation and water sub-committee meeting of October 3.

The figures show that, to date, \$2,827,773 has been spent on the project. Future costs include \$929,000 for the collection system and \$570,000 for the treatment plant. A further \$80,000 will be required for the post-discharge monitoring as well as \$50,000 for engineering costs.

The total, noted Williams, was \$4,456,773.

The sources of revenue for the system could produce \$6,008,163 which would leave a balance of \$1,551,390 for use as a debt retirement fund.

The revenue broke down as follows: the federal grant, \$2,000,000; Municipal Finance Authority debenture loan, \$2,100,000 with interest earnings and insurance payments of \$457,000. The CRD has the two sums in its possession with the federal grant being forgivable. The insurance money came from the burning of the outfall pipes in Welbury Bay in 1981.

In addition the CRD has approval to borrow a further \$600,000 on the provincial loan. Sewer hook-up fees would generate an estimated \$55,800.

The controversial aspect of potential revenue revolves on the inclusion of a school board capital grant of \$245,322 and a similar grant from the hospital board of \$549,054.

The CRD is pursuing the grants as a proposal to even the costs of the sewer across the community. Both the hospital and the school board would be exempt from property taxes to cover cost recoveries of sewer construction.

Williams listed the cost to service the debt at \$428,167 per year of which \$315,631 would be covered by the provincial sewer financial assistance grant, leaving a net debt service charge of \$112,536.

But the interest earnings on the

balance between costs and revenue would produce \$163,146 which would leave a profit on the year for the CRD or \$50,610.

The figures indicate that there would be no debt requirement costs to users of the proposed sewer.

The CRD accountants, reported Williams, produced four outlines to explain what the figures mean.

Using the extra \$600,000 of the provincial loan plus the school board and hospital grants would mean that users of the system would face no parcel tax for the sewer and a user charge of \$229.50.

If the hospital and school grants were not forthcoming, the users would face a parcel tax of \$243.91 and a user charge of \$338.99 for a yearly total of \$582.90.

If the provincial loan were left out and only the two grants considered, users would pay no parcel tax but a user charge of \$338.99 for a yearly total of \$999.55.

Williams told the school board that he had obtained cost estimates from three firms which could supply the school district with the required equipment for a sewage disposal system for the complex.

The costs varied from \$28,000 to \$45,000 installation with operating costs in the range of \$3,000 to \$3,500

per year.

The school board would have to spend up to \$25,000 for a raised tile field to dispose of the effluent.

Williams also suggested that water conserving toilets, with a cost of between \$17,000 and \$30,000, would help reduce the amount of wastewater being discharged, which would reduce the required size of the disposal field.

Williams offered a comparison between the two proposals. With the school board putting the grant forward and paying its share of the operating costs of \$14,228 per year for the community sewer system on a 20-year basis, the price would

come to \$529,882.

But, he noted, if the school board goes it alone with its own system and tile field, the figures break down to costs of \$140,000 for the system and \$3,500 operating cost per year for 20 years for a total of \$210,000.

He suggested that the school board should call tenders for construction of its own system.

"If we were to do this we would, at little cost to ourselves and without obligation, have sufficient engineering evidence presented to us in short order as to whether such a route is feasible," he concluded in his report.

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...by Richards

It's easier in French

The French have a word for it. The controversial possessive pronoun which has caused so many headaches in recent years just doesn't appear in French. Every diminutive Canadian learns early in life that Canada is a bilingual nation. And every small Canadian learns that this means that some Canadians are like us and some are different.

But it takes the Law Reform Commission of Canada to remind us that when it comes to possessive pronouns the francophone has it on us cold. Each voter will mark his/her ballot...The anglophone has stumbled. But not the francophone. He explains he has a pain in her head and she replies that he is a pain in his neck. Simply because his head is la tete and his neck is le col. It's a poor example, but the message remains: If only we could speak French!

Quite the lad with spuds

Bryan Smith at the piano is a familiar figure on Salt Spring Island. But Bryan Smith in the kitchen garden is a rarity. After all, the social eye rarely rests on the carrots and cucumbers. Nor, in this instance, on the potatoes. He came in with a gaggle of spuds. He grew seven pounds from one potato and the biggest, weighing two pounds even, is eight inches long and 12 inches around. And he grew them in three tires. The system of growth puzzles me because if I grew potatoes in my tires we'd be forever eating mashed potatoes.

Round or square, they're sailors

I'm scared to talk about sailors, still less to write. I started arguing with myself in print over the round rig of a sailor. I should have known better. But we didn't have bell-bottom trousers in the air force. We were squares! John Arnold, who was a sailor, tells me that the able seaman wore bell-bottoms and that was "round rig", whereas the petty officer wore a peaked cap and jacket and more conventional trousers for "square rig".

Empty and hurriedly here

It cost a Toronto company 37 cents to send a letter to *Driftwood* in a large, stout envelope. It was duly opened at Ganges, but the message escapes me. The envelope was empty. But the real tragedy is that it took only four days to get here.

He'd need the boat

He advertised in a Vancouver newspaper at the wrong time. Front-page headline called attention to the plight of Pemberton farmers. Classified advertisement under "Recreation" offered a four-acre property on the river bank in Pemberton Meadows. The owner would accept a cruiser as part payment. But, surely, the purchaser would need his boat?

'Not asking for charity'

When Capital Regional District chairman Shirley Wilde last week approached the ministers of education and health to seek assistance for a sewer in Ganges, she received no assurance of support.

The chairman told her board on Wednesday that she had called on both ministers asking for a grant towards the cost of the Ganges sewer.

The minister of education, Jack Heinrich, had recommended an approach to the Gulf Islands School Board and a meeting had been arranged, said Wilde.

The education minister had also suggested approaching the minister of finance, Hugh Curtis, MLA for the islands.

The chairman asked for approval of the board before she approached Curtis.

Doug Watts remonstrated over the terms employed.

NOT A BONUS
"We are not asking for a special bonus," he told his colleagues. "This represents a grant in lieu of taxes. We're not asking for charity."

The board is asking the two ministers for a contribution towards the cost of the Ganges sewer. The grant is sought in compensation for

the cost to the community of providing schools and hospitals for persons both within the sewered area and those who live outside its boundaries.

There is a moral obligation on the non-taxed properties to contribute to the cost of sewerage hospitals and

schools, said Watts.

The approval for exploration of all avenues was given by the directors. Mel Couvelier suggested that the chairman was empowered to take whatever action might be necessary, without prior confirmation from the board.

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Taxes of little concern

Everybody has an opinion on taxes and taxation. At least, almost everybody has. When Finance Minister Hugh Curtis came to Salt Spring Island last week to hear of his constituents' views on taxation, he met a large stumbling block. Only a couple of islanders held an opinion on this subject.

Had the setting been changed and the question were being asked three years ago the line-up to get into the enquiry office would have been horrific. That was when assessed values were soaring in step with market values. Today, the two have sunk to a pre-indignation level.

It is surprising to find that the chamber of commerce has no opinions on a subject it has long considered. It is equally surprising to find that the vast majority of people on Salt Spring Island have no concern over this vital aspect of provincial government administration.

The minister has played his part. He spent a boring morning waiting to hear from people who failed to show up. It would be difficult to justify any future island concern on taxation.

The only satisfying aspect of the exercise is the discovery that the people of Salt Spring Island are content to pay their taxes and to enjoy the benefits without a murmur.

If, of course, any islander should experience a change of mind, there is still a chance to set down any views or opinions on paper. The minister will be delighted to receive any submissions by mail. But, as he said himself, there is no opportunity to debate recommendations or complaints when they are mailed in.

They deserve more

It's a fact that most organizations, be they duly incorporated societies or informal, loosely knit clubs, rely upon a small nucleus of hard-working individuals to make the organization work.

The same holds true for the Salt Spring Island community in terms of services provided by volunteer labour. Without the nucleus of dedicated volunteers, neither the volunteer fire department nor the Community Society would function as they do.

It is too bad that more islanders didn't give the matter any thought on Saturday when both the firehall and the Community Centre held open house.

The turnout at both was pitiful.

Those two organizations deserve more support from the community.

Smoking? Never!

No more coughing; no more sneezing, wheezing, choking, retching. At least, not after October 23. It will be against the law.

On October 23 the new smoking controls will become law within the Capital Regional District.

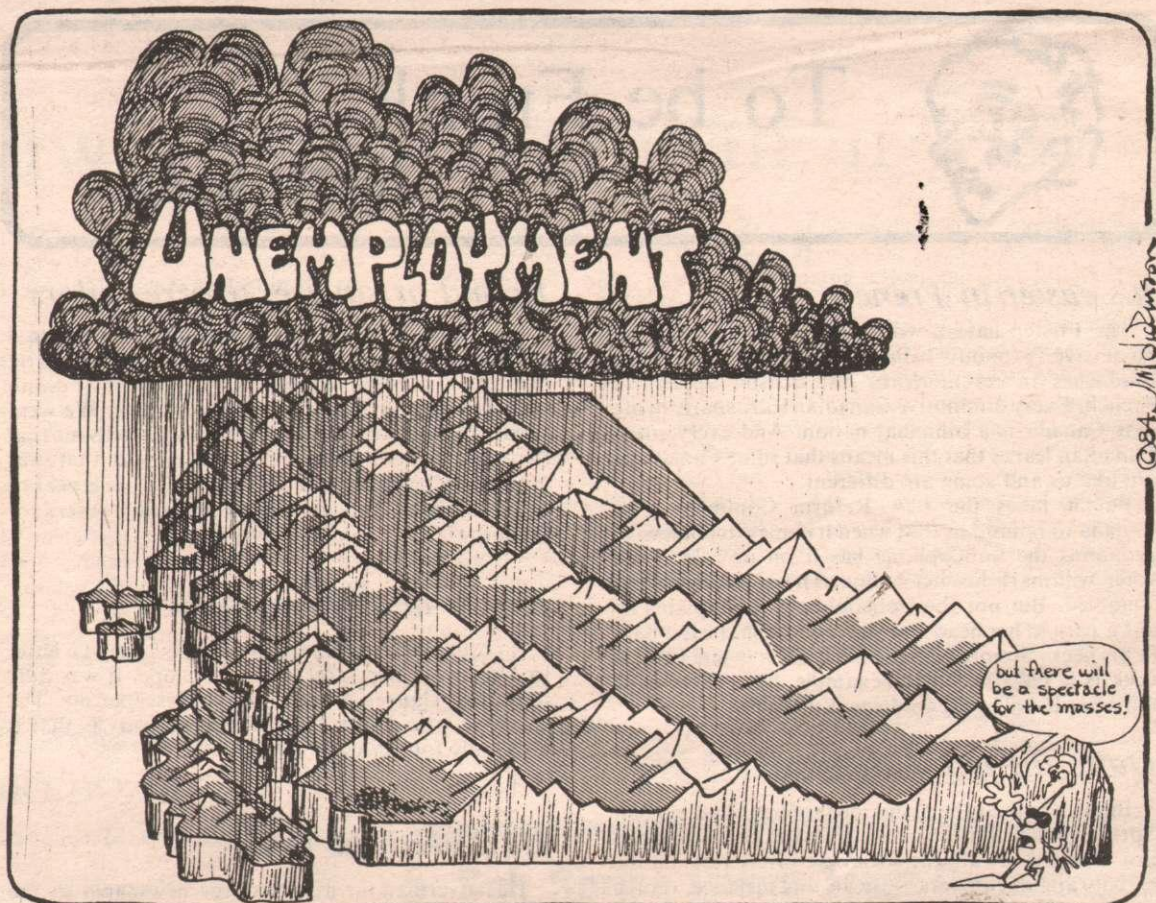
The non-smokers will be delighted to be relieved of the burden of smoke when they shop in the grocery store, although many stores have already prohibited smoking.

The non-smoker is happy to be relieved of the clouds of smoke. The smoker is indignant at the perceived invasion of his rights. The non-smoker sees a relief from the hazard of other people's second-hand smoke. The smoker sees a deprivation of his own smoke.

Lungs will be cleaner and walls will be whiter as a result of the bylaw.

The overall effect of the bylaw is to transfer the indignation from the majority of people in the district to a minority. In the past the mass of non-smokers have resented the puffs of smoke invading their lungs. Now the small segment of the community irretrievably dedicated to the shrine of Nicotina are indignant at being thus singled out.

All we need is a tobacco free of odour, without taste or colour and devoid of effect on the smoker. Until it comes, we shall have to settle for what we have, fresh air.



Letters to the Editor

Sewer grant key item

Sir,

At the School Board meeting last Thursday a key item on the agenda was what action should the school board take in response to a letter from the Chairman of the CRD. This letter suggested that the Ganges School Board request a capital grant from the Board of Education in the amount of \$245,000 to help defray the costs to the private property owners of the Ganges community sewer system. A similar letter had been sent to the Board of the Lady Minto Hospital to request a grant from the Ministry of Health for \$550,000 for the same purpose.

Mr. David Williams, a member of the school board, made an exceptionally clear and well thought-out presentation (using CRD figures) stating why the school board should not request the \$245,000 grant.

My understanding of his principal points were:

1. The CRD, according to their own figures, have in hand now more funds than the amount needed to finish building the Ganges sewer. In fact they have \$101,000 in excess of the requirement without recourse to special grants.

2. School funds should be, and legally must be, used only for the benefit of the school system facilities, teachers and students and not to subsidize local commerce and industry.

3. School funds may not be used for sewer debt retirement (the purpose of the two grants).

4. If the two grants were made then the industrial, commercial and private users who require more than 70% of the sewer capacity would pay none of the costs of the sewer and nothing toward debt retirement. All these costs would be extracted from us taxpayers who are required to support the hospitals and schools.

5. Engineering estimates (three examples were given by David Williams) show that the school can install its own sewage treatment

plant and drain fields for less than half of the proposed grant of \$245,000 with annual operating costs about one-fifth the amount the Ganges sewer would demand.

Mr. Williams' motion that no capital grant be requested from the Board of Education found, to my amazement, no other member of the school board with the courage to second the motion.

A watered down motion to defer action was finally adopted but the matter is by no means settled.

NORMAN F. BEST,

Ganges.

October 13, 1984.

P. S. A discordant note on this basic issue was what I interpreted as a political vitriolic diatribe by our CRD director against unnamed Salt Spring residents whose heinous crime seems to be writing or phoning elected or appointed government people having a direct influence on the welfare of Salt Spring residents. Being one of the unnamed Salt Spring residents I did not appreciate his remarks.

Don't be greedy

Sir,

Apparently it is illegal for our School Board to give away education funds in order to create a debt retirement fund for the Ganges sewer, according to a legal opinion by J. B. Morley of Victoria. They may give their funds towards maintenance or operation but in this case "Expenses...shall form part of the operating expenses of the board". We hope our trustees will not consider taking \$245,322 from other educational purposes for this, if indeed it is possible with its steadily diminishing budgets.

A further legal problem is that a formal agreement is required between the board and the C.R.D., and the C.R.D. is not yet in a legal position to proceed with the sewer. It must first establish a legally specified area by vote or petition by the majority of future users.

If our hospital board approves of giving \$549,054 to the C.R.D. to

create an investment fund for debt retirement or towards sewer maintenance or operation, these funds would also have to come from its budget.

Mrs. Morley also stated in her legal opinion that "the Capital Regional District cannot set aside the moneys it has borrowed for the purposes of a capital investment fund because this would be in contravention of the Sewerage Assistance Act".

Come on, you 90 private hopefuls for hook-up, pay your share of the capital costs. The taxpayers have already paid far more than their share. Don't be greedy and ask them to pay the entire capital cost, especially not at the expense of health care and education.

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Sir,

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MRS. BRIDGET TRERISE,
Provincial Chairman,
UNICEF British Columbia,
October 1984.

Letters to the Editor

Different situations

Sir,
Reluctantly I reply to a letter from Karen Reiss, which appeared in last week's *Driftwood*.

In my report of October 4 I had been reporting on the presentations by Drs. Ellis and Pomeroy. Amongst other things they had studied outfalls, of varying lengths and with outlets in deeper and more active water. These particular outfalls put out up to six million gallons of raw sewage per day, and as I said, quoting the above two speakers, there was surprisingly little adverse impact, with even a few advantages being gained. So far so good.

Then to prove that the above statements were suspect, Mrs. Reiss refers to the recent contamination of the beaches along Stuart Channel. I don't know if the particular sources of trouble have been located. While there may be some agricultural runoff, the trouble is almost certainly originating from poorly functioning septic fields.

As we are all aware, if inadequately treated effluent pours over the foreshore and intertidal area, with very little dilution possible before it contacts the marine animals, there is going to be significant contamination.

Surely Mrs. Reiss is aware that she is trying to equate two completely different situations, i.e. comparing apples to oranges.

HUGH BORSMAN,
Regional Director,
October 1984.

Misuse of money

Sir,
Having attended the last School Board meeting I was shocked to hear the CRD Chairman asking our local school board to spend \$243,000 of education funds in order to pay for the private property owners' share of the community sewer. Apparently the CRD already has over \$100,000 more than it needs to build the sewer. This extra money is being asked for so that the businesses would pay nothing at all.

A local group (The Taxpayers Forum) had requested a legal opinion and passed this opinion around to the board members and to some of us in the audience. This report from Brewin, Milne & Morley said:

"In my opinion, your School Board would be acting beyond its authority under the School Act, RSBC 1979, Chapter 375, if it provided a grant to the Capital Regional District for the purpose of setting up a debt retirement fund for the Ganges Sewer System...As

Priority is given to letters written by Gulf Islands residents and those which are addressed to this newspaper, rather than copies of letters to government departments or others.

Writers are also urged to keep their submissions brief.

indicated above, the capital grant that the (CRD) is proposing would not be used for the construction of that system...I would urge you, therefore, to consider very seriously the legal implications of your complying with the (CRD's) request in this instance."

The lawyer went on to explain that if the money were granted it would have to come out of our own school district's operating budget and even that is questionable.

It seems our school trustees must reject this suggestion of misuse of school money.

CAROL FOWLES,
R. R. 3, Ganges,
October 12, 1984.

Footpaths needed

Sir,
I am writing to tell you of my extreme concern over the lack of footpaths connecting the Fulford School with the village.

The hill at the lower end of Beaver Point Road is one of the most dangerous walking areas on Salt Spring Island. I beg you to look into the question of building a path with a concrete protection on the east side of the road. This, being a proper footpath, would eliminate the children walking as they should on the left hand side as they approach the school where there is no shoulder and only a deep ditch which seasonally has a lot of water in it.

The fences on the east side of the road are on the road allowance line and there is ample room for a path.

Enforcing the speed limit by the police on this hill would also help.

Please act before an accident occurs.

MOLLIE LACY,
R. R. 1, Fulford Harbour,
October 14, 1984.

Incorrect, misleading

Sir,
A letter to the editor was published in the October 10 *Driftwood* that concerned B. C. Hydro. There were a number of inaccuracies that are so misleading that a response is necessary. I will only cover the two major points.

First, the writer claims that there was no public input in the 6.5% interim rate increase that went into effect April 15, 1984 and that the need for the increase was questionable. Before the B. C. Utilities Commission approves any increase, they hold public hearings. Individuals and groups are free to make presentations. In regards to the need for an increase, the first-quarter financial report probably answers that best. There was a 15 million dollar loss for the three-month period, April, May and June of 1984.

Secondly, the letter states that B.C. Hydro is "terribly over-staffed" and that is a main reason for rate increases. The letter claims B. C. Hydro has 100,874 employees compared with 31,223 for Ontario Hydro. The actual number of B. C. Hydro employees at March 31, 1984 was 8,205. There are even fewer now.

Since 1981/82, B. C. Hydro has reduced the number of employees by over 2,000. This has been traumatic and heart-wrenching to employees and management alike. To read such an incorrect and misleading letter is most exasperating.

J. D. LANGSTON,
District Manager,
B. C. Hydro,
Ganges,
October 11, 1984.

OTTAWA REPORT

Time to look at job creation

BY JIM MANLY, M.P.

When he heard about the destruction and chaos caused by war, a youngster asked, "What if they gave a war and nobody came." That hasn't happened yet.

But one recent event was almost as amazing. They gave a lottery and nobody came.

Last spring the federal government launched the Canada Sports Pool Corporation. It proved to be a sea of controversy. Provinces claimed it undercut the 1979 deal which gave them exclusive jurisdiction over lotteries. Then it was revealed that a number of the pool's executive appointments had close ties to the Liberals.

Almost overlooked was the question, are pools or lotteries an appropriate method for a democratic government to raise money? In many ways it seems like another tax on the poor who have no hope in the present economy and often buy lottery tickets for the one in a million hope of hitting the jackpot.

At any rate the federal sports pool failed to capture public interest. It was too complicated and the vendors of provincial lottery tickets did not want to risk provincial wrath by selling the federal tickets.

The pool lost money right from the start and Canadian taxpayers will end up subsidizing this little gamble to the tune of 46.5 million.

Now Otto Jelinek, the new minister of fitness and amateur sport, has cancelled the sports pool. Congratulations, Mr. Jelinek.

Congratulations also to Mr. Mulroney for scrapping the "Canadian Unity Information Office". With a 16.5 million budget for the current year, the CUIO had become little more than a propaganda machine for the governing Liberal party.

In their first week the new government also decided to restore separate uniforms for the three main branches of Canada's armed forces. They say the cost will be 36 million; some in the opposition say it will cost \$100 million.

I am in general support of the restoration of distinctive uniforms because I know how important it is to some service personnel. However, I would oppose any further moves to split the armed forces that would destroy the important economies that unification achieved.

The Conservatives have taken several commendable steps, but now is the time to move on to the number one priority—jobs. Parliament is being called back November 5 and a major financial statement will be issued before Christmas, but the Mulroney government does not need to wait

Bowlers needed

Sir,
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LUCY MOORE,
Ganges,
October, 1984.

that long before taking action on jobs.

Canadians want their new government to act as decisively in

creating long-term jobs as they were in axing the Canadian Unity Information Office and the sports pool.



Bill Webster

Life in the Gulp Isles becomes somewhat complicated what with rules and regulations piling one on top of tuther.

The good folk at the Crippled Region begin to fan the flames of butt controversy with a no-smoking bylaw. But they hedge their bet and call the intrusion "A bylaw for the purpose of controlling the places where people may smoke."

One of the outs of the bylaw comes through in this phrase:

"This bylaw shall not apply to a private social function."

And so Louis Bolivar-Finchley decided that wherever he goes with his pipe shall be a mobile private social function.

"They go," intoned Louis, "too far."

Suitcase doesn't smoke and when Louis is on one of his many lengthy discourses and punctuates his comments with a cloud of smoke from his pipe, Suitcase gets upset.

When the two of them gather at the mansion for an evening of words, Louis sits comfortably in the living room while Suitcase huddles outside the window just to get away from the pipe.

They have been known, those two, to get into heated debate about the quality of breathing space not being stained. On occasion, I agree with Suitcase because the brand of pipe tobacco used by Louis has a distinct odour.

But I have the perfect defence. When the air fills with pipe smoke, I merely remove my boots and prop my feet on a foot stool. Louis has, at those times, joined Suitcase on the deck at the window.

But Suitcase confided recently that while he thinks the bylaw has reasonable intentions, he disagrees with the concept.

"Non-smokers have the right to be about in comfort," he said, "but the government is going a bit far in trying to regulate the conduct of people."

Suitcase explained that for

people to get along with people, they should talk to each other and come to a mutual agreement about what is acceptable and what isn't.

He becomes a tad upset when governments, and people, begin decreeing what others can and cannot do.

The way the miser of municipal affairs is telling rural folk the facts of life as he sees it, is another aspect of Gulp Isles life which catches Suitcase in his indignation.

Rural life is appealing to many people because it contrasts so greatly with the rush of cities, says Suitcase. But for that guy, he goes on, to tell us country folk that we don't need protection against developers is ridiculous.

He and Louis got into another argument about that subject.

"What's wrong with a developer developing his land?" asked Louis blowing smoke towards the window.

Suitcase coughed and said that developers should be able to develop their land but they should have to follow certain guidelines.

The people who have lived in an area for some time should be able to say what they think fits the area.

Those people shouldn't be in a position to tell the developer exactly what he can do but by the same token the developer should be guided by the character of the rural scene, explained Suitcase.

There are times when Suitcase makes a lot of sense.

The unfortunate part of the talks at the mansion is that Louis often dominates the evenings. He expresses his opinion loudly and strongly and feels that what he has to say is the reality of the situation.

Suitcase and I and Rat and Fink sit and smile a lot when he gets off on a tangent like that.

But, agree Suitcase and Louis, governments are getting in too deep when they try to regulate conduct. And that, they agree, is the bottom line.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grants to centre money well spent

BY HUGH BORSMAN

Before I get to the perennial and unpleasant subject of the sewer, could I pay a very sincere tribute to all those whose hard work and dedication have made the Community Centre a bright, clean, cheerful and imaginative facility. I think all of you, had you attended their open house last Saturday, would have been as impressed as I was.

On your behalf I have, this year, given goodly sums of money to the Community Centre as grants-in-aid. I know you would feel the money has been well spent.

To even begin to understand what is behind all the subtle, and often not so subtle, intrigues that go on on this island, certainly where the sewer is concerned, takes more time than most residents have the inclination or patience to spare. So, on your behalf, could I try and explain what is behind this most recent crisis?

We need, in fact have to have, a sewer. The major problem is to make it affordable, particularly since we are dealing with a small area with a relatively small number of users. The local finance committee worked very hard for several months to see how cost

paring could be done. We decided that users might be able to handle the yearly operating charges, but not the money required for debt retirement. We advanced a number of suggestions. Even so, it looked as though we would need some outside help.

CRD treasurer Bill Jordan presented a proposal to the CRD board, for discussion only, that would see the departments of health and education, on behalf of Greenwoods, the Lady Minto Hospital and the school, contributing "up-front" grants to aid in sewer construction.

To me, the principle behind this seemed not unreasonable. There are, however, questions that would need answering. The first would be to establish the essential fairness or unfairness of asking provincial taxpayers to help solve an age-old problem in Ganges. The second, obviously, would be to assure that any provincial government funds would not be allowed to adversely affect the operating funds of school or hospitals. And finally, if the money were available, could the legal technicality concerning a government contribution be overcome?

But also there would have to be a re-appraisal of the local fiscal plan for the sewer, based on water consumption, parcel taxes, development charges, etc., and the CRD proposal based on the old concept of "household equivalents". Mr. Jordan's figures were just to play with, and this has not yet been done. Despite this the sewer opponents got the figures and ran off with them, half-cocked!

So what is required is a further study, plus explorations, not requests, from the respective government departments. Then perhaps we will have something to discuss. So why the present outcry, why were they so fast on the trigger?

There have been sporadic phone calls and letters to the health and education departments from people who are chiefly concerned about the possible impact on operating budgets. There are others who have been encouraged to protest without really understanding what is behind it all. And perusing *Driftwood* you will note various other concerns from cautious and sensible people. But it will come as no surprise to most of you that the sewer opponents, consisting presumably of at least some Sewer Alternates Committee, and some Ad Hoc COALition (now it appears blissfully joined together as the Taxpayer's Forum), are campaigning vigorously against gaining provincial funds since the acquisition of same would make the present sewer proposal closer to reality.

The copious crocodile tears they

are shedding for the B. C. taxpayers is ludicrous on the one hand, and contemptible on the other. Ludicrous because these protesters would not for one minute refuse government money if it suited their purpose. Can you recall having heard people on this island, or elsewhere for that matter, complaining about getting funds from the government; or just not getting them? In fact I can recall that recently the local Sewer Alternates people were speculating about which government department they might approach for funds to do more land studies. Funds additional to the reported \$750,000 already spent for studies!

But worst of all, if successful in discouraging government assistance, they may well destroy not only the present sewer proposal, but any future one including their own. Without becoming involved at present in costing out the coal filtration method with ground disposal, and which method has already been rejected by the CRD, let us at least face the possibility that additional money would be required. What then? Who do we now turn to for funds? We will already have killed the goose that might have laid a golden egg.

Last Thursday, Mrs. S. Wilde, chairman of the CRD board, and Mr. W. Jordan, executive director of the CRD, and myself were given the opportunity of meeting with the school board and later attending part of their meeting. I was chiefly concerned that some of the board might be unaware of the true motives behind the opposition to applying for government funds.

I need not have been concerned. There was no seconder for the motion to reject the proposal out of hand. The board, wisely and cautiously, decided to study the matter further. I would have been very disappointed in them if they had decided either way at such a short notice. The boards of Greenwoods and the Lady Minto Hospital will have met when you read this and probably, because they face a very expensive alternative to a community sewer, will certainly want more information and will no doubt explore the matter further with the ministry of health.

You can be sure that the whole matter will be studied very carefully. And it is quite certain that the government will not consider contributing without ample justification.

Trustees to push for walkway

The department of highways will be urged to ensure the safety of those Gulf Islands children who must walk to school, the Gulf Islands School Board decided last week.

Of particular concern to the trustees is the situation on Ganges Hill on Salt Spring.

The trustees want a walkway up and down the hill as a means of keeping the children and the traffic separated.

Past attempts to have the situation eased had met with no action on the part of the highways department.

But school board chairman Charles Hingston of Salt Spring expressed the mood of the board on the issue when he said, "We've pushed before and we'll push

again."

The ministry of education sets walk limits to determine how far away from a school children must live before being able to take advantage of school bus service.

For children in Grades 1, 2 and 3, the limit is 4 km while for children in Grades 4 to 12 the limit is 4.8 km.

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Garbage brings warning

Litter mars the roadsides of Salt Spring Island and neither the RCMP nor the crew of the highways department are pleased.

RCMP issued a warning this week to remind people not to dump garbage at the side of the road with the expectation that someone else will pick it up.

Such incidents could lead to charges against the people involved.

Littering often occurs when garbage is piled in the back of an open truck for the trip to the dump. Often the wind blows some of the garbage on to the road.

"The department of highways has only so much money," said an official, "and it should go to the crews for taking care of the roads, not for taking care of garbage."

Temporary appointment not feasible

New medical officer of health for the Capital Regional District is Dr. Brian Allen. Appointment was made by the board last week.

Dr. Allen will hold office until such time as a successor is appointed to Dr. A. S. Arneil, who is leaving for Simon Fraser University.

Directors were told that there is no provision for appointment of a medical officer of health on an acting basis and that the acting medical officer has to be named as medical officer.

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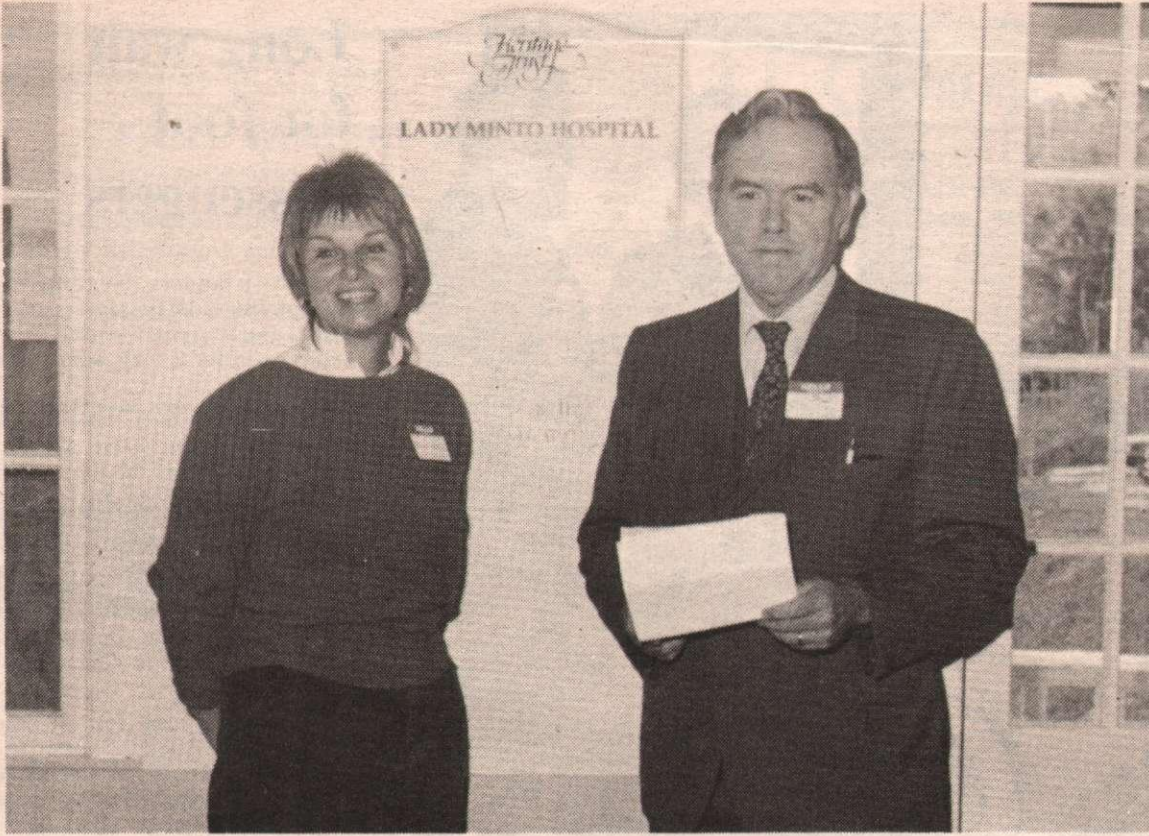
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Chairman of the board of the Salt Spring Community Society is Karen Reiss who introduced speaker Ivan Mouat under the new Heritage Trust plaque commemorating the opening of the building as Lady Minto Hospital in 1914.



As the Community Centre, the building on the hill has many functions. One of them is housing the Achievement Centre for handicapped adults. Eddie Waddell holds one of his handmade garden markers carved during the arts and crafts program held in the centre.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

Open House at Community Centre

Salt Spring Island Community Centre held an open house Saturday to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the building on the hill that once housed Lady Minto Hospital. Visitors were led on a tour

of the building and shown past and present uses of the rooms which have recently been renovated.

Everyone present was impressed with the renovations and the use to which the Community Society has

put the building but the emphasis later in the day was on the past and speaker Ivan Mouat remembered the original hospital's 44 years of service to the community. He himself was born at the hospital in 1920 and also present in the audience was Jessie Wagg, born in the very room in which the gathering was held in 1915.

Cyril and Dorothy Beech were there, descendants of Dr. Lionel Beech who donated the land for the hospital site in 1912. Also present was ex-nurse Winnifred Bellhouse Spalding who now lives on Pender Island. Mrs. Spalding was 17 years old when she nursed at the hospital in 1918.

There was tea and cake to follow the speech by Mouat and a time to socialize and ponder the passing of time.



Just before the cake cutting, ex-nurse Winnifred Bellhouse Spalding, right, chats with Dorothy James, left, and Jessie Toynbee.

Notice to All Veterans



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Long wait for foot passengers

Gulf Islanders heading to Vancouver as foot passengers on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen ferry could be in for a long wait on the other side.

The ferry which leaves Salt Spring at 7 am each weekday morning and visits the Outer Gulf Islands on its way to Tsawwassen arrives there at approximately 9:10 am.

But the connecting bus doesn't leave until 11 am. The bus travels to the terminal at Ladner on the way to the city and arrives in Vancouver at 1 pm.

The other option for the foot passenger is to catch the Victoria to Vancouver bus at the mainland ferry terminal. Each ferry running between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen carries a bus.

Pacific Coach Lines had been considering a bus run to Salt Spring from Victoria but shelved the idea.

The bus company wanted group rates for passengers on the bus from the ferry corporation but B. C. Ferries has a policy for group rates which calls for a minimum of 15 people.

The bus company could not guarantee that many people for each proposed run to Salt Spring and the two sides could not reach agreement, said a spokesman for the ferry corporation.

Two plays open this week

From left are Amanda Wyatt, Pat Desbottes, Gloria O'Hara, David Lavender and Nigel Desbottes in scene from *Hands Across the Sea*,

one of two Noel Coward plays that will open at Ganges Thursday. *Hands Across the Sea* and *Fumed Oak* will be presented by the Salt

Spring Players at Mahon Hall Thursday to Friday, this week and next. Curtain time is 8 pm. Salt Spring Singers will also perform.

Youngsters' 'stupid antics' anger residents

Residents of Park Drive near Gulf Islands Secondary School are upset at the antics of young people in the area.

Ivy Cranswick wrote a letter last week to the school board to outline the problems created in the neighbourhood.

"We should not be plagued by stupid antics of immature young adult students who, while no longer children, continue to act in a puerile manner," she wrote.

GISS principal Bob McWhirter said that many of the young people involved were not students but

others who came there to wait for school breaks.

Cranswick wrote that on one occasion a couple of vehicles parked at the foot of her driveway and blocked it. Another vehicle was parked in the road way.

When she asked to have the vehicles moved, she was met with rudeness. She phoned the high school and the police before she got action.

McWhirter said that no-parking signs have been put up in the area and police are enforcing the ban on parking. The situation, he said, has eased recently.

McWhirter said the parking lot is part of the problem.

It had been put in place as part of the parking plan for the school's complex. The lot is surrounded by a berm of earth and logs around the foot of the berm.

"They should fix that parking lot," said McWhirter. "It's an eyesore and full of mud."

For Cranswick, another problem is the school bus drop-off point in the area which "creates noise as early as 7:30 am contributing to an ever-mounting annoyance."

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Two won't seek re-election to Trust November 17

Electors on Galiano and South Pender will be choosing replacements for two veterans of the Islands Trust wars.

Both Bill Norton of South Pender and Ron Thompson of Galiano have indicated that they will not seek re-election when their terms expire in November.

Thompson has been representing Galiano Island on the Islands Trust since 1974. The retired city clerk from Vancouver has been successful in five elections since then.

"It's time we got some new people in," he said.

Norton was first chosen by South Pender voters to sit on the Islands Trust in 1978. He explained that during that time he had been taking three months each winter for extended holidays and felt that the island needs full time trustees.

Christa Weiss, representing Galiano Island, won election to the Islands Trust in 1982 and said she intends to seek re-election.

And the other South Pender trustee, Stephen Wright, could not be reached for comment but had told his fellow members of the Trust that he would seek re-election to the position he won in the 1982 civic elections.

Gordon Wallace has represented North Pender Island on the Trust since 1973.

He has been a general trustee for six of those years as well as vice-chairman of the Trust.

He said that while he will seek re-election again this year, he will not sit on the General Trust.

Up to 80% of his time as general

trustee, said Wallace, has been spent trying to persuade the provincial government that the mandate they gave the Islands Trust was a mandate to preserve the islands.

While he has been frustrated by many government officials, Wallace did offer praise to Hugh Curtis, MLA for the islands, who he said had remained loyal to the Islands Trust and the constituents in the Trust area.

He looks back on his time on the Islands Trust with satisfaction because, he said, the islands have been planned and they have progressed in an orderly fashion.

Wallace ran for election for the first time in 1974 but lost by a slim margin, coming third in the race. But within a year the man who edged him out, Walter Cunliffe, died.

In the 1973 by-election, Wallace was successful.

Peter Campbell of North Pender Island will also be going for a second term. He won election to the Trust in 1982.

At Saturna, John Gaines said he would go again. He had been a member of the General Trust back in the days when it was appointed. He ran for election in 1976 and won. He sat as general trustee for two years after that.

John Money is the other trustee for Saturna and he could not be reached for comment. Money won election to the Islands Trust in 1982.

George Whiten had been appointed to the Islands Trust by acclamation in 1983 as a replacement for Ed Williams who

had retired for health reasons. He said that he intended to seek re-election to the Trust this year.

Joan Sprague, who also represents Mayne Island, could not be reached for comment. She owns

property on Mayne and spends time there and in Vancouver.

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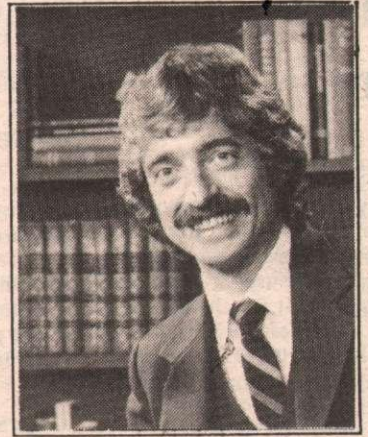
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The School Board meets on Thursday, Oct. 25 at Galiano Island.

School Trustees are: Bert Beitel, Charles Hingston (chairman), Lorraine Campbell, Jeannine Dodds, David Eyles, Ron McQuiggan, Joy Ridley & David Williams.

The Hospital Board meets Tuesday, Oct. 30, 12:30 pm, Nurses' Residence.

Hospital board members are: Gordon Brown, Ethel Davidson, Wes Edwards, John Mouat, Ivan Mouat (chairman), Isabel Goodman & Jack Reed from Salt Spring; and Margaret Fry, Emile le Blanc, Monica Shand & Vic Zala from the Outer Islands.

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Health centre gains support at Galiano

A group of Galiano residents has endorsed the first move towards the

Health centre gets \$1,000

The Mayne Island health centre is the recipient of a \$1,000 donation from the Mayne Island Lions Club. The money will be used to purchase medical equipment for the centre. Recent activities of the Lions have included the 12th annual salmon bake and a bottle drive on the Thanksgiving weekend.

construction of a health centre on the island.

The island Lions Club invited other clubs on the island to join them in the drive for funds to purchase the necessary equipment. At a meeting in the community hall on Thursday last week 22 members of 12 clubs offered unanimous support.

Dr. John Hales summarized the needs of such a service and recommended that the sponsors give priority to the acquisition of an electrocardiograph and a defibrillator.

The island doctor spoke warmly of the project. Part of the charm of Galiano is the manner in which

individuals can come together for the common good.

The meeting appointed a committee to launch the fund-raising drive. It will include Phyllis Linton, Mimi Wishart, Phyllis Stafford, Arthur Wood and Dr. Hales.

NAME CHAIRMAN

The committee subsequently met to elect Arthur Wood as chairman and Mimi Wishart, treasurer.

The health care committee resolved to augment the fund already started by the Lions Club to raise money for the necessary equipment.

Contributions may be made to the treasurer and an interim receipt

will be issued. A receipt for income tax purposes cannot be issued until a tax number has been obtained.

Further meeting of the executive members of island clubs will be held by the Galiano Lions Club on November 15 in the south Galiano Hall to review the progress of the campaign. Later in the fall there will be a public meeting to consider the establishment of a health care society and a health clinic.

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Hallowe'en two nights at Galiano

At a meeting of the Galiano Club executive held on October 10, it was decided to hold a Hallowe'en costume dance on October 27.

The annual children's Hallowe'en party and fireworks will be at the hall on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

People are asked to bring cookies and goodies, and the club will provide juice and coffee for all who attend.

To lecture on Einstein's universe

Einstein's Universe Made Understandable for All is the title of James Scott's lecture and discussion this Thursday at 7:30 in the elementary school library at Ganges. Part of a Continuing Education series called *Exploring a New Consciousness*, co-ordinated by Rich Atwood, this talk will address some new world concepts expressed by Einstein's work and life.

James Scott was formerly chief of Defense Research Communications Establishment in Ottawa and senior representative of the Canadian Defence Research Board in London, England.

Scott attended UBC, did graduate work at the University of Washington as well as the University of California at Berkeley and went on to work in research for Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York. Upon his retirement he and his wife Mary wintered in Grenada where they enjoyed the people and the climate and especially the swimming.

Last summer they moved to Salt Spring and now swim in the somewhat less exotic water at Vesuvius Bay.

For more information on the Thursday evening talk, call Virginia or Ray Newman or stop by the continuing education office in Mout's Mall.

Questionnaire reveals wants of islanders

When 12 Galiano Island clubs were represented at the Lions meeting on Thursday to discuss a health centre, the delegates were provided with a questionnaire.

The questionnaire revealed that many islanders were confused over the availability of health services on Galiano.

While the majority was eager to have Dr. John Hales practise on the island, few were aware of his schedule. The doctor lectures in Vancouver on Tuesdays and visits Salt Spring Island and other islands as a consultant on Thursday afternoons.

Galiano has many services available in the realm of health care, it was noted.

There is an island ambulance, a massage therapist, a public health nurse and a dentist. There is no registered midwife, but a number of island women attend births. In addition, the island has a yoga

teacher, a homemaker and fitness classes. There are also meetings on the island of Alcoholics Anonymous.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The questionnaire revealed a concern for the provision of X-ray facilities, a chiropractor and home nursing. This concern was expressed by 25% or less of the participants.

The delegates were 50% in favour of a health clinic built on the island and 35% were opposed.

There was revealed some desire for improvements in the areas of senior citizens and life-saving equipment. Others would welcome "more tools" for the doctor as well as more extensive services and more medical equipment.

There is already a health centre on Mayne, Pender and Saturna Islands. On Salt Spring Island is the public health office maintained by the Capital Regional District in the school board office at Ganges.

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Jennie Bradford with her prize, a Bickerton folding bicycle

Studies revealed winter conditions would result from nuclear explosion

Nuclear Winter: The Implications for Humanity was the topic of a talk given by Michael Pentz last Saturday at Ganges.

Pentz, of the faculty of science at Britain's Open University, explained how the nuclear winter concept was conceived. Several scientific teams, working independently and unaware of each other's research, were studying the effects of volcanic activity on earth, the demise of the dinosaurs, the

effects of dust storms on Mars and the effects of explosions on the ozone layer of the earth.

Their studies ended nearly simultaneously, were correlated and, combined with computer modelling, resulted in a presentation to a gathering of scientists in Washington, D.C., last November.

Soviet scientists were among those involved in the discussion, some in person and others through satellite communication. Michael Pentz was an invited guest.

Some 30 computer models were set up with conditions ranging from as little as .6% of the world's nuclear arsenal being exploded over cities, to two-thirds exploded over a variety of targets. In all cases, reported Pentz, varying amounts of dust hurled into the atmosphere and soot from fires sent into the troposphere could cause winter conditions, in varying degrees, worldwide.

Sunlight could be reduced to the equivalent of a half-moon on a clear night for weeks or months. Temperatures would drop to -10 or -20, freezing water supplies, slowing growth or killing most if not all plant life.

The combined effects of the initial blast casualties and radioactive fallout, plus the nuclear winter, would indicate an extremely high-risk situation for the human race.

Pentz told the meeting that studies show the nuclear arsenal is useless. It cannot be used in any way without the very high risk of suicide of the species.

"Its only use is by not using it." Pentz concluded his presentation by calling for M.I.D.—Mass Interventionist Democracy, the involvement of all people in the protest against the policies of the superpowers.

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School bus policy being prepared

The trustees of the Gulf Island School Board will be presenting a policy for school buses soon.

While the policy will affect all of the islands, its primary aim is Salt Spring, says Jeannine Dodds, school trustee from Mayne Island.

The bus routes on Salt Spring carry students to the three elementary schools as well as the high school in Ganges.

Most of the routes follow the main roads and almost all routes are on paved roads.

Ron McQuiggan presented the school board with a chart showing the routes as well as the number of school children who use the buses from various areas of the island.

There are 176 elementary school pupils riding the buses and 283 secondary school students.

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Peace Pedallers arrive in Ottawa Thursday

Pedal for Peace cyclists arrived in Ottawa last Thursday, concluding a 4,600-km trip that began in Vancouver August 24. The trip took the 24 cyclists, many of whom are from the Gulf Islands, through 43 cities where some 3,000 signatures were gathered for the peace petition.


Meanwhile, young Bobby Bradford of Salt Spring Island held the winning ticket in the Pedal for Peace draw for a Bickerton portable bicycle. The winner turned around and presented his prize to younger sister Jennie, who had just celebrated her birthday.

The Peace Petition Caravan will arrive in Ottawa on Friday. The

vehicle carrying all the petitions gathered along the way from Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands is being driven by Art and Lou Rumsey of Salt Spring. Caravan co-ordinator Lynn Connell is riding with Mary Williamson, also of Salt Spring, and a third car is from Duncan with Meg Bell and Clarence White.

Peace Centre spokesman Ray Newman reports that the caravan has been received "enthusiastically" at every stop on its tour, and has received good local media coverage.

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On Galiano, the voters will be picking a candidate to fill the vacancy created when Mike Hoebel resigned as trustee to take a job with the ministry of education.

He was elected in 1982 and left the school board at the beginning of September this year. The school board had decided not to fill the vacancy for the final three months of his term.

On Pender, Joy Ridley is seeking voter support for the second time this year. She won election to the school board in an April by-election which had been called to choose a replacement for John Zacharias.

The out-spoken Zacharias had stepped aside for reasons of health.

On Salt Spring, one incumbent has announced intentions to go for re-election while the other incumbent, whose term expires December 1, has yet to announce his plans.

Bert Beitel said he had not yet made a decision to seek re-election

but he had taken out nomination papers. He was first elected to the school board in 1980 and won re-election in 1982.

David Eyles comes to the end of a one-year term and has stated that he wants voter support to go back on the board. He had won election in 1983 to a one-year term to fill in for Charles Baltzer who had retired from the school board with a year remaining in his term.

Eyles had sought and lost election as a school trustee in the 1982 vote. He came third behind Beitel and Baltzer.

Nomination day is October 29 and office-seekers have until noon that day to file their papers at the school board office in Ganges.

Any person listed on the current voters list for the Gulf Islands is qualified to stand for office. To be a candidate or a voter, the individual must be at least 19 years old and also be a Canadian citizen or British subject. The person must have lived in Canada for the past 12 months, in British Columbia for six months and in the Gulf Islands for three months prior to election day.



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Amnesty stages vigil

Local group of Amnesty International held a vigil in the Farmers' Market on Saturday. The vigil was to note Prisoner of Conscience Week and the theme was the plight of women throughout the world who are victims of

arbitrary detention, torture or execution. Cases were read by individual members. In photo, Aba Skye holds his placard and reads the case of Vera Chirwa as other members of Amnesty listen in the

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Women in church is topic of league's guest speaker

The Salt Spring Island Catholic Women's League held its October meeting last Wednesday. The guest speaker was Pat Brady, doctor of theology, on the subject of *Women in the Church, and Canon Law*.

She outlined the historical background and theological aspects of canon law, as opposed to the strictly legal aspect. Since Vatican II and the revision of the code of canon law, the role of women has become more visible in the various ministries of the laity—as chancellors of a diocese, administrative assistants, members of pastoral and parish councils. She advised women to become more knowledgeable about the potential

for women in the mission of the "pilgrim" church, not only in a consultative capacity but also with real authority and decision making.

She pointed out that the Catholic Women's League is a strong organization which is recognized, giving the viewpoints and needs of the women in the church.

Further business of the meeting included finalizing plans for the harvest mini-bazaar on Friday, Oct. 26, to be held in the church hall. A Day of Recollection will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the church and church hall. Adjournment of the meeting was followed by a social hour.

Women's orientation to trades is workshop topic

"It's time for women to forget their sexual stereotypes and take up a career in the trades."

Those are the words of Caitlin Macart who, with Cindy Hale, will present a workshop at Gulf Islands Secondary School Saturday, Oct. 27.

Choices and Options: Women's Orientation to the Trades is for teenagers checking out their options, mothers on assistance, women fed up with their current pay scale and limited opportunities and older women looking for challenging work at good pay.

Macart says that men work in more than 480 occupations while women work in about 20. Women, she says, earn 56¢ for every \$1 earned by men. Seven percent of male heads of households live below the poverty line, says Macart, while for female heads of households the

figure is 42%.

Most women find work in "the pink-collar ghetto" as secretaries, clerks and stenographers, jobs which are being phased out by microchip technology. Part of the workshop will acquaint women with programs that are available and funding sources.

Enrolment can be made through Continuing Education and daycare will be provided at the Community Centre.

More time out for mothers

Mothers will get more time out following expansion of one of the programs offered by the Women's Place at Ganges.

The weekly child care program, called Mother's Time Out, will be offered Friday mornings between 9 am and noon, beginning this Friday. The program is already offered Wednesday afternoons from 1-4.

The service is provided at the Community Centre, is for children two years old and up and costs \$1 per hour per family.

A meeting at the Women's Place next Tuesday will look at arranging a childcare exchange among mothers with young children. The meeting will begin at 10.30 am.

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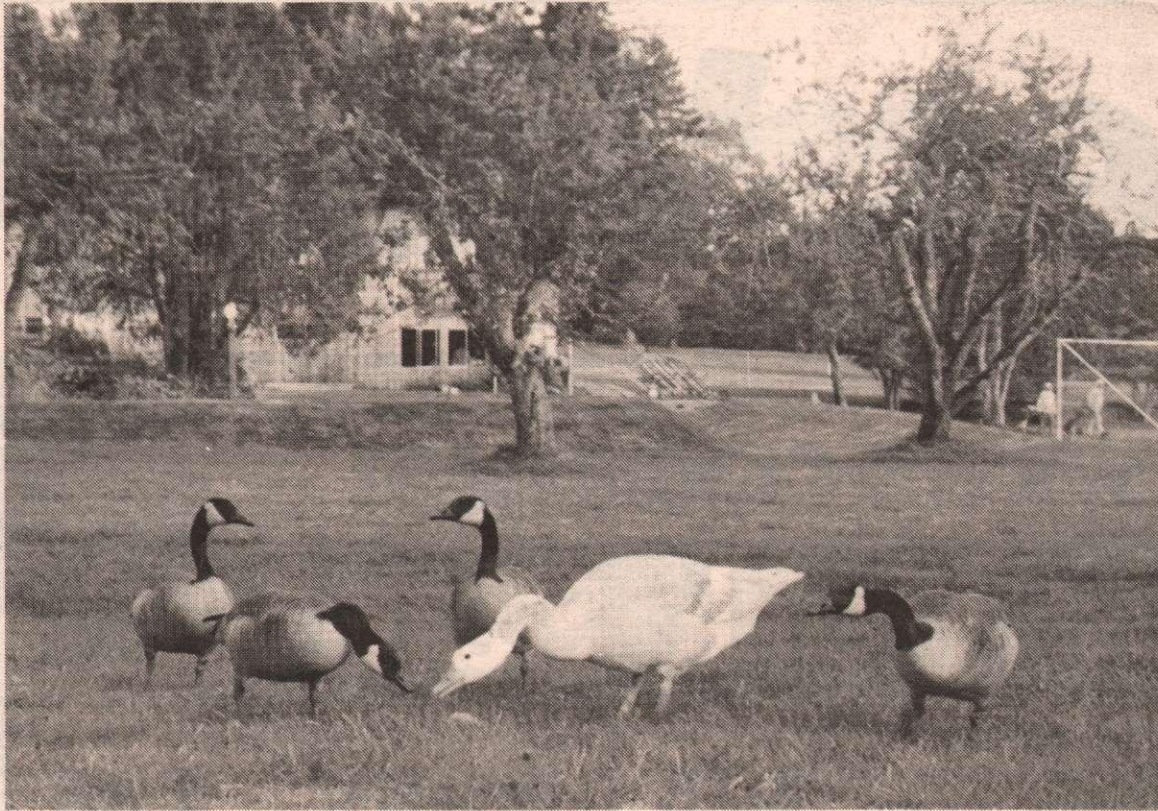
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Resident geese at Golf Club

Anyone who lives near Central on Salt Spring Island is probably familiar with the flock of Canada geese that also lives there. Every morning the geese can be heard honking as they fly from St. Mary Lake to either the golf course or

Portlock Park where they spend the day. And every evening they can again be heard flying back to the lake where they spend the night. The geese are of the same group who hatched and raised their young in Ganges Harbour last spring. They

are led by a goose and a gander and a large white goose who seems to be the appointed grandfather and leader. In the photo, the white goose gets the apple, which seems to be the reason they prefer the orchard at the golf course these days.

Legion forgives society's loan

The regular monthly meeting of the Pender Islands Health Care Society, held last Thursday was attended by members of the Pender Legion branch.

Art Lambeth, president of the Legion, was accompanied by members of his executive, George Sweetman, Peter Campbell and Marjorie Dunn.

Lambeth returned to Bill Norton, past president of the Health Care Society, the promissory note for \$1,500, and advised Norton that the Legion was forgiving the loan and asked him to destroy the promissory

note. Norton thanked the Legion and said he personally had spent some sleepless nights, and the Legion donation lifted a load of worry off his shoulders.

Dr. Anderson advised that the Pender Island no-smoking clinic would start on Saturday and that there is room for more residents to join and learn how to rid themselves of the habit.

A finance committee has been appointed by the directors and this met with the approval of the meeting. Members will be Gordon Wallace, Warren Lane, Dr. Anderson, Ted Madeley and Emil LeBlanc.

The meeting was brought up to date on the generator which will soon be operational and will provide light to the medical part of the building during power outages.

There aren't that many eggs

The number of squid eggs in Fulford Harbour is considerably less than was reported in *Driftwood* September 26.

Two photos of egg sacs were published in that issue, under which it was reported that each sac contained 100,000 eggs.

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Div. 4A: S.S. Selects vs Bays United, Sat., Oct. 20, 1 pm, Ganges.

Div. 5B: S.S. Sounders vs Juan de Fuca, Sat., Oct. 20, 11:30 am, Ganges.

Div. 6B: S.S. Strikers vs Sooke, Sat., Oct. 20, 11 am, Sooke.

Girls: S.S. Cosmos vs Prospect Lake, Sun., Oct. 21, 11:30 am, Ganges.

Intra-Island: Senior, Sat. 10 am: Sharks vs Kicks, Portlock #1; Leopards vs Stingers, Portlock #2; Fury vs Lasers, Portlock #3.

Junior, Sat. 9 am: Wildcats vs Eagles, Portlock #1; Mites vs Devils, Portlock #2; Demons vs Panthers, Portlock #3.

Pre-School: Every Sat. 9:30 am, Portlock Park.

Adult Soccer: Every Friday 5:30 pm, Ganges school grounds.

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Bob will be at the Galiano Golf Club this Friday morning.

Fee for well water testing likely to reduce numbers

Health inspectors will in future charge a fee for taking a sample of water from private wells.

Capital Regional Board was told last week by the community health committee that the fees have been set following a direction from the ministry of health that a charge is permissible. The ministry wrote to explain that as the taking of samples was not a legislated responsibility of the health department, the charge was legitimate.

In the case of new wells, a fee of \$15 is payable for the first water sample and the well site evaluation. If other wells are examined at the same visit by the inspector, a fee of \$5 is payable for each such well. A follow-up visit, including the taking

of a sample, is chargeable at \$10 a visit.

Each fee entitles the applicant to collection of one water sample, "a sanitary survey of the well" and any necessary advice.

There will be no charge levied in the case of taking samples in the course of checking for the source of a disease or infection.

There is no fee in this listing for the laboratory tests of the water samples.

In 1983, directors were told, 475 samples were taken from private wells. The committee anticipates that this figure may be reduced by as much as 50% with the imposition of a fee.

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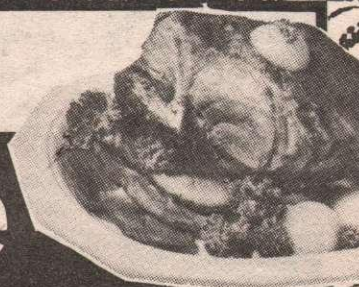
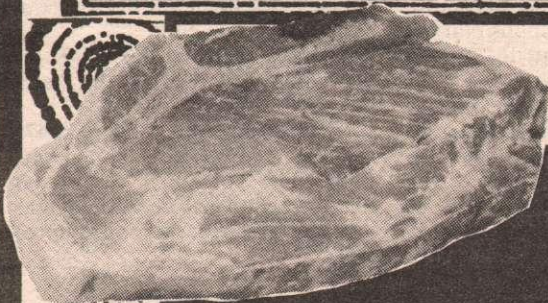
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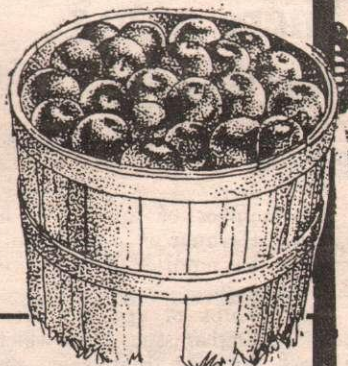
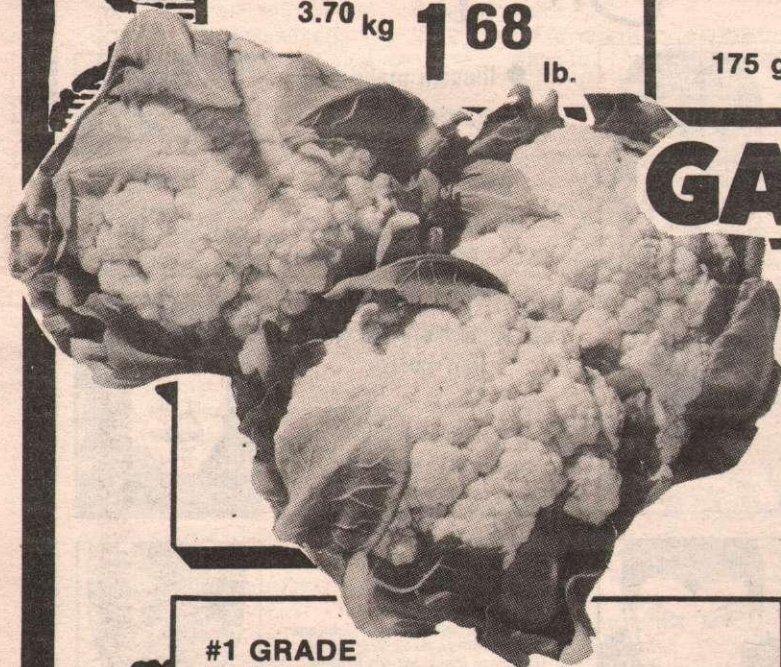
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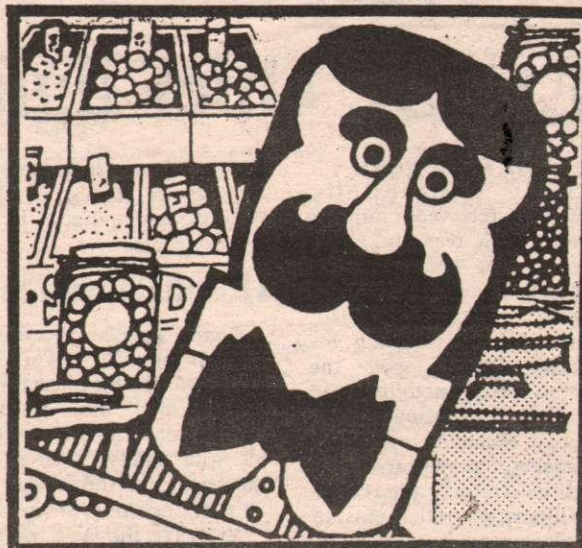
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