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Three alternatives in sewer report use ocean disposal

The second report on the sewage situation in Ganges has been issued to the Ganges Citizens' Committee and they will study it for a week before meeting to discuss the contents.

Steve McMinn, the engineer in charge of the study, came out with four alternatives for sewage disposal for the village. Three involved a sewer system treatment plant and ocean disposal while the fourth option would be to do nothing.

McMinn and his crew looked at Ganges and the area around the village and could find no viable solution for disposing of the sewage into the ground.

As for the village, he noted: "Due to prevailing soil types, poor drainage and high water tables in the study area, individual on-site disposal of sewage using conventional septic tank and tile fields would not be a recommended long-term approach."

McMinn identified four development areas in Ganges and noted the study results and conclusions for each.

The core, or downtown

commercial area of retail outlets, banks, restaurants and others has no opportunity for disposal of treated sewage on site. Many of the properties in this area of Ganges are currently on holding tanks which require regular pump-outs.

In addition, the study looked at vacant land as possible locations for large-scale ground disposal sites.

After checking the vacant lots, McMinn concluded, "There is no opportunity for disposal of treated sewage from the core area to another property within the study area."

He had crews look at land in the vicinity of Ganges for a similar off-site disposal field and came to the same conclusion.

The second development types identified were the institutions such as the school complex, Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwoods and Pioneer Village.

Based on the data collected, the institutions, concluded McMinn, "must look to a central collection and treatment system with ocean disposal as the only viable long-term

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Driftwood photos by Bill Webster

Burns Day celebrations held

Robbie Burns was not at the Legion in Ganges Friday but the celebration of his birthday went ahead regardless. Above, participants in the celebration are, from left, Lucy Moore who cooked

the Haggis, Jock Stewart who carried it, Fred Tarasoff who piped it in, Andrew Currie who offered the address and Legion president Jake Javorski.

The pipes were skirling last week

Valcourt continues challenge

Another challenge to the Capital Region election on Salt Spring has been launched by Yvette Valcourt in the Supreme Court of B.C.

The case was to have been heard before Judge Millward on Monday of this week but Valcourt's lawyer,

Six-month sentence for theft

A Salt Spring Island woman was sentenced to six months in jail this week in connection with the disappearance of almost \$39,000 from Greenwoods, the intermediate and personal care facility at Ganges.

Judy Marianne Goodrich was jailed after she appeared in court in Victoria Monday, where she pleaded guilty to theft.

Goodrich was also placed on probation for three years and ordered to make restitution of \$10,000, with \$5,000 payable in the first 18 months of the probationary period and the balance due after 33 months.

The charge was laid August 16, 1983 and the offence is said to have occurred between June 1, 1982 and April 26, 1983. Goodrich was employed as a receptionist and office worker at the seniors' home, a position she had held since Greenwoods opened in June 1979.

Jonathan Oldroyd, asked for and received an adjournment to a later date because that particular judge was not available.

Valcourt brought a suit against the CRD in December for a recount of ballots and Judge Millward heard that case and ordered the recount.

When the recount had been conducted, the results of the election, which saw Hugh Borsman defeat Valcourt as regional director for Salt Spring, were not substantially changed.

The new court action challenges the validity of the recount and Valcourt is seeking "a reconciliation of the names and numbers of voters casting ballots...as indicated by the three poll books from the three polling stations...with the cumulative names and number of names crossed off the three polling station's voters lists."

Valcourt claims that some people on Salt Spring voted twice. She bases her claim on information supplied by Mary Williamson.

The December court action noted: "Complaints were made by scrutineers for both candidates that duplications of votes were appearing on scrutineering lists and when a request was made to the returning officer to reconcile the poll book, the request was denied."

The court order from the December action ordered a recount of ballots and "that the votes be reconciled with the voters list..."

Dennis Fulton, deputy district

registrar for the Supreme Court, wrote a letter of explanation to Jean Vodden, returning officer for Salt Spring Island.

Fulton confirmed "that the wording in the last paragraph of the order means reconciling the total number of ballot papers cast, whether valid or rejected, with the total number of voters' names crossed off the voters lists as signifying they have cast their vote."

Valcourt claims that the procedure as explained by Fulton was not followed.

The final paragraph of her affidavit reads: "A prolongation and refusal to co-operate only tends to reinforce my suspicion that something may truly have gone wrong, perhaps calling into question the final outcome of this election, however, at the very least I am intent upon pursuing this application in order to impress upon the Capital Regional District and the ministry of municipal affairs, the importance of safeguarding the democratic voting process."

At issue, said Oldroyd, is the lack of specific voting places on the island. There are usually three polling booths but only one voters list with each polling place using a copy of that list.

The recount carried out in December confirmed Borsman's election but with a reduced majority of 131 votes compared to the election night results showing a 138-vote majority.



At Ganges

Remi De Roo to speak Thursday

The Bishop of Victoria will visit Ganges this week as the third speaker in the current Ten Days program, *Central America in Crisis*.

Remi De Roo will speak on the role of the church in Central America and "liberation theology" at a meeting in the Ganges activity centre Thursday at 7:30 pm.

Bishop of Victoria since 1962, De Roo is currently chairman of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Social Affairs Commission. That group released a report on the economy in early 1983, challenging federal government policies by declaring that unemployment, not inflation, was the real economic and moral issue facing Canadians.

De Roo reiterated the findings of that report recently and charged that the government continues to regard inflation as the major concern of the economy.

He served as chairman of the B.C. Human Rights Commission between 1974 and 1977 and was a founding member of the World Conference of Religions for Peace in 1970.

De Roo has visited Central America and written and spoken of



Remi De Roo

his experiences. In 1980 he joined a team from the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America and visited Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala. Since making that trip

he has returned to the region as part of an international team which visited the Salvadoran refugee camps in Honduras.

The bishop's address will centre on the historical perspective of the issues facing Central America and the church's role in the region. However, the public will be invited to direct the discussion towards Canada's economic situation and her role in the armaments issue.

Next Monday Ten Days will stage a luncheon meeting with guest speaker Patricia Hynds, a Maryknoll lay missionary working in Nicaragua.

Hynds works for the Central America Historical Institute in Nicaragua and helps write and publish a monthly newsletter about that country. It is sent to churches, newspapers and universities in the U.S. and Europe.

She calls the newsletter "an alternative source of information" about what goes on in Nicaragua. The luncheon will be held at St. George's Hall at 12:45 pm. Those interested in attending are asked to pre-register with any of the local ministers or contact David Reid.

Sewer report

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Major commercial establishments outside the core area formed a third development type for Ganges. McMinn identified these establishments as having water consumption of more than 250 gallons per day.

The Park Drive Rest Home, H.M.S. Ganges Apartments, Valcourt Centre, Harbour House, Lancer Building and Harbour's End Marina form part of these establishments.

McMinn concluded that with the exception of Harbour House, which should be included in the central collection system, "the potential for serving the other establishments on-site must be assessed on an individual basis."

The final development type is the residential area. McMinn noted that although septic field disposal would not be suitable for the long-term, the majority of septic systems appear to be working.

He cites several reasons why the systems appear to be working.

The guidelines for design contained in the Health Act are too conservative.

If a more complete investigation of ground water were to be carried out, and systems dye tested, more malfunctions would be identified.

Many of the homes have low occupancy with resultant low sewage flow. An increase in use by higher occupancy will lead to problems, he noted.

The final reason offered was that the cost of repairs for septic systems may create a reluctance on the part of homeowners not to report malfunctions and a willingness to put up with less-than-ideal systems.

"The long-term solution for residential properties," McMinn noted, "will be made on a largely economic basis."

McMinn's options include a sewer system to serve the entire area with a central treatment facility and disposal of effluent into the ocean.

He offers two other variations on the sewer and ocean outfall. The

system could be put in place for the core area as well as the institutions and businesses. The effluent would be treated and pumped into the ocean.

The residential area would be allowed to retain ground disposal systems which would be upgraded as necessary.

The third sewer system option would allow the core, institutions and businesses to hook into a sewer with ocean disposal. The residential areas would be brought on to the system as affordability permits or as the systems fail.

McMinn outlined two options for the sewer system with treatment and ocean disposal.

The currently designed system could be implemented with disposal through the outfall into Ganges Harbour.

A new system could be designed with the treatment plant outside the developed area and discharge being directed into Trincomali Channel.

The final option proposed by McMinn is to do nothing.

"This option," he wrote in the report, "assumes that the community and health and environmental authorities are willing to accept the status quo."

The report also recommends possible courses of action.

McMinn would meet with the Ganges Citizens' Committee to review the current report. His group would take the information and develop viable sewage treatment options with capital and operating costs.

He would then aid the Capital Regional in investigating funding options and develop homeowner/user costs.

The final step would have the Ganges committee and the CRD determine a project implementation process.

McMinn also recommends that a study of stormwater management be undertaken for Ganges. The study should look at finding ways to upgrade the storm drainage to generally accepted municipal standards.

Evaluation finds school 'a good one'

Gulf Islands Secondary School will be considered a valid high school for at least the next seven years as a result of the accreditation process which took place last year.

The ministry of education requires each accredited high school in the province to undergo evaluation of staff, programs, facilities and other aspects of the school every few years.

The process followed six steps and involved staff members at the school as well as school officials from around the province and from the ministry of education.

A letter to Mike Marshall, Gulf Islands superintendent of schools, from Paul McMuldloch, assistant director of schools operations branch of the ministry of education, conveyed the good news about accreditation.

McMuldloch noted: "It is clear from the external evaluation team's report that the school is a good one and that it has many fine features."

He also wrote that the evaluation team "noted especially the atmosphere of mutual respect which was so apparent between staff and students."

The external evaluation team came to GISS in late May to check

on the school and see how their findings compared to the staff's self-evaluation.

They looked at each of the programs offered at the high school, at the facility itself, at the school staff and administration and at the resource centre and library among other items.

The check of the facilities, for instance, revealed that the roof leaks in places.

The team felt the school is clean and aesthetically pleasing. They warned against the possible spread of graffiti.

At least 125 recommendations for changes or improvements to the programs at GISS came out of the process. The recommendations came either from the staff or from the evaluation team.

Marshall said that many of the recommendations have been implemented while others are being worked on. Some of the

recommendations cannot yet be addressed because of the costs involved.

The evaluation team was impressed by the professional attitude of the staff and the maturity and industry of the students.

They liked the growth-oriented nature of many school programs as well as the breadth of courses offered.

Another item which caught their attention was the variety of extracurricular activities. In its report, the team commended "the staff for its commitment of extra sessional time to the pupil activities program. Every effort has been made to overcome the geographical restrictions on student travel."

The final item which McMuldloch listed as having impressed the team was the strong support given the school by the district as reflected in the generous staffing ratio.

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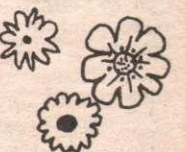
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Trustee proposal to promote excellence

Schools in the Gulf Islands offer excellent programs, says Salt Spring school trustee David Eyles, but he would like to encourage a push for more excellence.

He has prepared a draft proposal, labelled Project Excellence, for consideration of the school board and the district staff.

The objectives of Eyles' proposal are "to challenge teachers in the promotion of excellence....(and) students in the achieving of excellence."

"It is recognized that the pursuit of excellence in our school system is ongoing.

"The suggestion is that we emphasize this with a low cost, high visibility program which would challenge and improve morale by putting in place additional recognition and rewards."

An activity in place in many of the local schools is an annual science fair. Eyles suggested that a change in emphasis take place. In the past, the students prepared their projects and applied for funding after the project was completed.

Eyles suggested that the change would involve the student preparing a proposal for a project which would be checked and approved for funding before the project began.

Project Excellence, noted Eyles, would involve teachers as well as students.

The teachers would be challenged to seek goals which would improve the educational environment.

Students would be challenged to seek a goal which "would demonstrate, on attainment, an achievement of excellence."

The reward for students would be in the form of books or scholarships while for the teachers, the reward would be in the form of money for professional development activities or materials.

The idea had merit, agreed members of the Gulf Islands School

Board last week, but financial restraint could be a problem with implementing it.

Board chairman Charles Hingston noted that excellence in Gulf Islands schools is not tied to the school board putting out money. He urged Eyles to seek ways to finance the scheme.

Dorothy Kyle, representing support staff at the school board, suggested that the idea would be a good project for the various parent advisory committees.

The trustees will study Eyles' suggestion and discuss it at future board meetings.

PEACE NEWS

Feb. 5: Sunday Brunch-Discussion, noon, Community Centre. "Does the situation in Central America pertain to nuclear disarmament?"

Feb. 8: Wed. 7:30, Elem. Library, reg. meeting of Disarmament Committee. L. Beijk will report on recent meeting of Peace Petition Campaign Committee on launching campaign this spring.

FACT: A Pacific Nation. In Feb. 1982, the newly-independent nation of Vanuatu (New Caledonia) refused "port of call" to U.S. warships because the ships refused to confirm or deny the presence of nuclear weapons. On Mar. 29 their parliament voted 24-1 to declare Vanuatu a "nuclear free zone".
—*The New Abolitionist*, 5/83

Cacciatore!

You can see the Italian influence with the federal Liberals. They put Iona Campagnolo in the hitherto men-only driver's seat on the principle of name a chicken cacciatore!

She knew it

It wasn't unknown to Becky Dekker at the Camera Shop in Ganges. A few weeks ago I wrote of the poem I had received without knowing who wrote it. The poem about the problems of growing older and more mixed up was the work of Oris M. Mills, of Vancouver, she reports.

Got a bad cough?

Suffering from catachresis? Join the club! It's a common complaint. It's just getting your words mixed up, but it sounds serious.

Brummet on fleas?

"Brummet says wolf kill is on—and flees" ran a headline in a Victoria daily newspaper. I'm just glad someone is taking a serious look at the fleas. Damned pest they are this year! In fact, if the government minister would switch his attention to reducing the flea population and forget the wolves, I'd go along with him all the way!

There was a link

He thought my name was Smith and I figured he was kidding me along. But then he explained that he remembered I had a twin brother in England. So has he. He added that he goes to Britain as often as he can afford in order to visit his brother. So do I. And he goes to see his aged mother. So do I. He had me figured as working for the Victoria Daily Colonist. Odd thing is that neither of us can remember where or when we met.

When it cost 75¢ for car and driver

Want to have your mouth water? Here's a message from the past. In 1951 you could travel from Fulford to Swartz Bay for the princely sum of 75¢ if you drove a small car. If you happened to favour a larger vehicle the price for car and driver went up to \$1.25. The trip was made, of course, in the Cy Peck and there were six return trips daily. First sailing from Fulford was at 8:15 am and from Swartz Bay at 9:15. Last sailing to Vancouver Island was at 6 pm and from Swartz Bay at 7 pm. The six return trips were on the summer schedule. In winter, when there were few tourists, the ship made four trips a day, starting at 8:15 am out of Fulford and ending at 5 pm from Swartz Bay.

That's \$30,000 on gasoline

This year marks the 50th year I have been driving. I took my first motor-cycle license out in April, 1934 and rode a 1926 BSA 250 cc, two-speed. I figure that I have driven between a million and a million-and-a-half miles in the half-century. That is simply averaged out on 25,000 miles a year. But much of the time I drove considerably more than that distance. If I averaged 25 miles per gallon that's about 60,000 gallons of gas. And if the price was an average 50¢ a gallon I've spent \$30,000 on gasoline alone. When I started driving, in Britain, you could get a motor-cycle license at 16 and a car license at 17. I drove two and three wheels for a year before I was allowed four. I recall taking my first test in a 1934 Standard 10. The license number was AOG 178 and I went down a steep hill with the tester. What would you do if your brakes failed, he asked me. I would hold my hand on the horn, I told him. What else? I might bang my fist on the door, I suggested. He signalled me over to the curbside. I had failed. I should have changed down and used the motor as a brake. But the Standard, like many others, had adopted a free wheel system in the 30's. The car automatically coasted down a hill. So we went down the rest of the hill happily moving the gear shift while the car gained speed. He had never seen one before and I got my license. I wonder where it went!

Conference on peace

Island residents are being invited to attend a conference on peace in Victoria Sunday.

The Baha'i Study Conference on Peace is being held to bring to light the importance of working together to establish peace and unity.

The Baha'i peace plan will be presented by a group of panelists and members of the audience will be asked to contribute proposals. There will be time allotted for questions and discussion.

The conference will run from 2-6 pm in the Begbie Building, Room 159, at the University of Victoria.

Similar conferences are to be held across Canada.

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The Annual Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association (Mary Hawkins Memorial Library) will be held in St. George's Anglican Parish Hall, Ganges, B.C., on Wednesday, February 15, 1984 at 3:15 pm for the following purposes:

1. To receive the report of the Chairman of the Library Board.
2. To receive reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer and others.
3. By a notice of motion from the Library Board hereby given to amend the By-laws as follows:
 - By-laws 5(a) and 5(b) amended to make it possible to make alterations in the Constitution and By-laws at GENERAL as well as ANNUAL meetings.
 - By-law 2(a) amended to provide for a Nominating Committee to present a slate of members to fill the vacancies on the Board at Annual Meetings.
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The Ganges sewer

The end of the engineering survey of Ganges does not mark the end of the sewer debate. It merely narrows the guidelines.

The Underwood McLellan engineering report released this week considers all possible methods of disposing of sewage from Ganges. The recommendations are made on the basis of the studies carried out during the past year.

The first option is to go ahead with the system already envisaged with treatment at a central plant and discharge of treated effluent into the ocean.

This might be considered by proceeding with the present design of plant in its planned location. It might also be considered using a new plant location and another ocean outfall point. The engineers suggest that a treatment plant outside the sewer area with discharge into Trincomali Channel might be considered.

The second option provides for sewers, treatment plant and ocean outfall for only the institutions, the core area and businesses. The residential areas would be retained as on-site disposal areas and the systems would be upgraded as necessary.

The third proposal offers a similar solution but calls for the phasing of residential areas into the sewer system at a later date, either as it becomes economically feasible or as the mechanics of ground disposal indicate the need. Final offering is to do nothing.

If there were any method of spreading the burden of costs, then the attractive alternative would be to serve the entire area as originally visualized and to treat the effluent before discharging it in Trincomali Channel. The channel is adequate in depth and the movement of the water through the channel would be sufficient to eliminate all but the most fearful concerns for a return to the beach of the effluent. That the cost would be augmented by several millions of dollars would put an end to such speculation. On the other hand, if there were sufficient outside support to see some measure adopted whereby the cost was borne by those who are fearful of the present scheme, then this would be the logical path to follow.

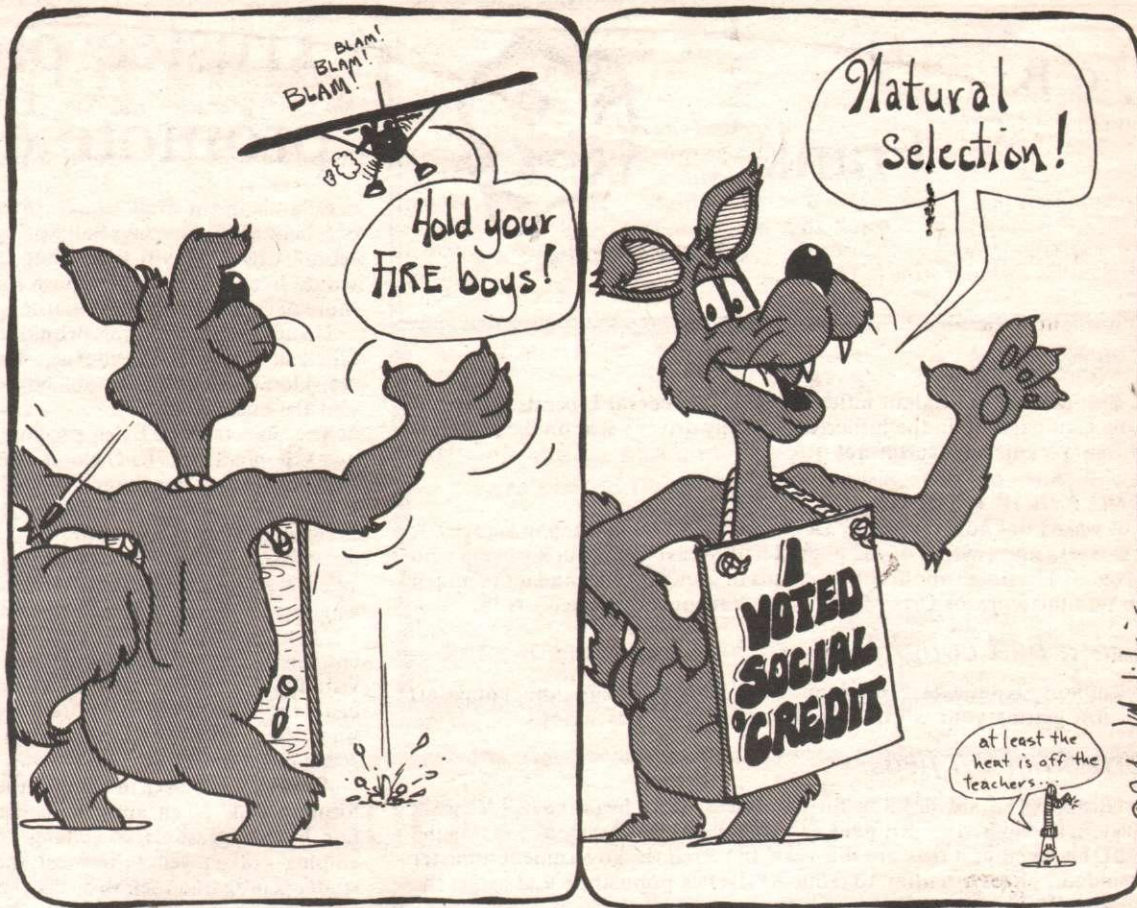
Failing outside assistance, the proposal to serve only the areas in dire need, through the present outfall and with the proposed treatment plant, would represent the obvious compromise. This would ensure a minimum flow of treated effluent into the sea and the concerns of those who fear mechanical breakdowns in the future would be minimized by the reduction of the flow to substantially less than that originally called for. It would only be a compromise, however, to assuage the political concerns and to meet the economic concerns while dealing with the problem. The proposal also leaves out of the scheme the property owners in the residential areas who are confident that they will not need the service.

This proposal has one shortcoming. It requires the approval of the health department for the use of systems which do not come up to the health standards presently demanded. The engineers also note that it would call for a management body to oversee the on-site systems. This body would better be a provincial service and its functions might be extended into many areas outside Ganges and in other parts of the province.

The final alternative of doing nothing is not practical. The needs of the institutions and the ruling out of land disposal as an acceptable alternative would place the onus on the institutions, particularly the hospital and intermediate care facilities. The only feasible method of serving those institutions would be a line to the treatment plant and outfall.

And, although the costs have not been analyzed, the transfer of responsibility for a sewer system to the hospital, if this were feasible under provincial regulations, would simply open the way for a system financed by the entire regional district and then available to be tapped into by needy segments of the community down the years.

Trincomali sounds like the most attractive proposal, but it also sounds like the most expensive. It is up to the committee, perhaps, to evolve a method whereby the funds could be made available. It is not the obvious answer from an economic point of view but politically it could be the answer to a long controversy. The cost of going to Trincomali and abandoning the present outfall might well be the price of island harmony.



Letters to the Editor

Reduce the 20-litre flush

Sir,
If the engineer's assessment showing a lack of land disposal sites as reported by Bill Webster is correct, then the solution to sewage disposal in Ganges will neither be easy nor of great satisfaction to everyone.

In an age of restraint, a traditional collection system with a treatment plant and the already constructed marine outfall seems out of the question on economic terms alone.

Neither of these schemes ever addressed the necessity to conserve water anyway. So what do we do now? Most experts are predicting a major water supply crisis in the near future. One of the simplest ways to conserve water is to reduce or even eliminate the 20-litre flush. There are satisfactory minimal flush and composting toilets that have been available for several years. Use of these technologies could reduce and even eliminate the possibility of septic field failures. Composting toilets are not for everyone, but we need to amend our building codes so that their use is allowed and encouraged for those that desire it.

Governments should become more flexible and creative when it comes to such projects. Composting toilets could probably be purchased wholesale for under \$2,000 per household. Minimal flush systems can be a lot less depending on the type. Both are certainly less than the over \$20,000 hook-up cost of the proposed large sewer system. This solution for residences might forestall or even obviate the need for a major water storage project on the island in the future. It would also make us individually responsible for our own waste, breaking the North American syndrome of shoving it on to government with the inequities and dubious treatment capacities of centralized systems.

We all need to put our heads together and find a creative solution for the business area, the hospital and the school. I don't have one to propose as yet but I will say that a solution that does not include a

substantial reduction of the 20L flush should not be acceptable to anyone and those that propose such a solution will only consign us to more of the same acrimony we have heard for the past 15 years.

DAVID SKINNER,
R.R.1 Ganges.
January 24, 1984.

Special people

Sir,
Thanks everybody. My Driftwood debut! We came to Salt Spring Island in '74 and with a lot of help from our friends it looks like now we'll finally start the house we've been yapping about for so long, in '84.

Thanking every person singularly, publicly, as it were, may not be so nice for the shy "refugee supporters" I now know. So I'll say thank you wholly as special island people and leave it at that. Bite my tongue that I would leave someone off a list that has become so long with individuals.

Our gratitude extends especially to the men in our fire department whose rapid response saved treasures and to the woman driving by who alerted those men.

I think I'll be saying that word for a long, long time.

DIANNE ENGLISH and
NICHOLAS GAITT,
Fulford Harbour.
January, 1984.

Bunker for Big Wigs

Sir,
Well, it certainly warms the cockles of one's heart to know that our esteemed politicians will be able to keep up the business of government, in the event of a nuclear war. I am referring now to that Last Wonder of the World—the Bunker for Big Wigs—one of which was unveiled recently in Nanaimo.

It is true that B.C. is rather close to Bangor, Wash., where the Trident first-strike target is located.

It is true that the Russian nuclear arsenal dropped on Bangor would be a top-priority payload. It is true that the immediate and long-standing after-effects of such a blast would penetrate deep into B.C. (And this says nothing of a Russian attack from our Northern borders).

It is true that the fallout would be so thick that if you were left alive and not blinded, you would not see the sun for weeks. It is true that the implosion of our ecological system due to the destruction of its supplies of oxygen, ozone, water, food, natural climatic warmth and shelter would spell certain death for whoever was so unfortunate as to "survive". It is true that those smart fellows—our government leaders—would emerge to govern a glowing radioactive ash pile in which the only movement would be the slow, agonized writhing of the "survivors".

In short, the "Nanaimo Bunker" is irrefutable proof that our leaders have a pre-Hiroshima fantasy of what such a war would be like. The Nanaimo "Bunker" signifies that our leaders have lost contact with reality, that their reason is slipping into denial and repression of the facts, replacing them with fantasy. The facts are that each side together now have the nuclear capacity to wipe out the entire planet 40 times over. Now this is 40 times over!

Madness is another word, for both the existence of such facts and for the denial of these facts. The Bunker, therefore, is an elitist, simple-minded, schizoid "solution"—about as effective as using a garden watering can to douse a blazing gas station. (Just because the Swiss are doing it, doesn't necessarily mean they will live to emerge from their bunkers someday. They too could be smothered in the deadly winds).

Finally, I would just like to ask Mr. Bennett and co., what about the rest of us? While our leaders might find the children expendable, we, at least, want our kids to live and flourish.

What are you doing, Mr. Bennett, to prevent the outbreak of a nuclear war?

J. HEARNE,
7320 Curtis St.,
Burnaby, B.C.
January 23, 1984.

Trees should be saved

Sir,
The trees across from Kanaka Place should be saved. I believe that they are important because they are the only mature fir trees in the very heart of town. They are also important as a precedent, so that with Mouat's management setting a good example in this case, other trees within the village might also be saved.

My personal objective is to see about 30 of the best trees remain in the village, and have development enhance these rather than levelling everything and then choosing young trees to someday enhance the development.

First let me apologize for any confusion surrounding my vote with the advisory design panel. I had intended that my vote was for a number of minor points, not for the removal of the trees. This had been approved at earlier meetings to which I was not invited. I have since registered my views with the Salt Spring Trust Committee, the developer, and the Credit Union management. I believe that every effort should be made to save the trees, including denial of permits if necessary.

In 10-15 years there will be few, if any mature trees left in the town if development proceeds in the usual fashion. Suburban development, farming and forestry will eliminate much of the rest of the island as we know it. In 50-100 years we will have to go to our provincial parks to see native trees of any stature. Shouldn't we have a few left in the town—the cultural heart of our island? I think that our grandchildren and great grandchildren might applaud our vision if we save them.

It has been assumed by almost everyone concerned that these trees would not survive any development. But no one has consulted with anyone experienced in saving trees. It may be convenient to assume that they're going to die but I do not believe that assumption to be correct. They have suffered a lot of abuse in the past and with a little care should live a long time.

If a number of mature trees are left and complementary landscaping planted, all downtown property values will ultimately benefit. Any extra costs with respect to higher insurance rates and occasional maintenance will be offset in the long run and we and our

It was not news

Sir,
The "old grapevine" is the swiftest if not the most accurate source of news on Galiano. By the time we read of events in *Driftwood*, many of us have already heard. But, for those of us who have not been informed, our "Galiano News" sorts out some of the inaccuracies (not all of them mind you), advises of community projects, coming events and lets us know what we may have missed via the vine.

The major portion of our "Galiano News" of January 25 was not news at all, rather the ranting of Basil Benger. Our Galiano News Page is not the place for Mr. Benger's personal opinions, or anyone's for that matter.

Mr. Benger should keep to facts when reporting the news and voice his opinions to you, the Editor.

I would suggest there are Sour Grapes hanging from the vine somewhere.

KELLY BLACKWOOD,
Box 51, Galiano.
January 27, 1984.

More Letters to the Editor

descendants will have a much richer lifestyle because of our foresight.

I believe that any reasonable concessions by the highways department the Islands Trust or the regional district that might encourage the developer to cooperate should be considered. This might include relaxation of restrictions concerning parking, height of building, sewage, etc., highways providing angled parking on Hereford Ave., of whatever else might be in the public interest as well. We shouldn't be so tied to our regulations and structure that we can't see the light of day.

If you share my concern and wish to help save the trees, please talk to your Credit Union manager and directors, to Tom Toynbee and the Mouat's management, and to your Island trustees. I think that it is most important that everyone take a good look at the trees and know how you feel about them. We really might miss them when they're gone, especially as our village grows to be a large town.

WALTER DAVIS,
Landscape,
Ganges.
January 30, 1984.

Trees will die anyway

Sir,
Go ahead you guys. Cut them down. After all, they're going to die anyway! Oh! But it's all right, because you're going to replace them with deciduous trees. Those will go very nicely with the chain-link fence of the School Board office. It'll give us that truly prison-like effect all winter long. You know: bare trees, chain links, the works!

Come December, when all the fallen leaves have turned to mush we'll be able to go slipping and sliding o'er the sidewalks. Oh! Right, there won't be any mush because someone is going to busily sweep up the fallen leaves all winter long. Well, we won't have to worry about that for another 30 years or so, until the new trees are big enough to drop their leaves.

And by that time there probably won't be any trees left in Ganges (on Salt Spring???) anyway, so it won't make any difference, will it?

I seem to have misplaced my *Driftwood*, but I think it said something about one of the trees being on the Credit Union's new property. So what gives them the right to cut the rest of them down? I gather that the Department of Highways has given permission for the rest of the trees to go. Who is paying the Highways Department to give their permission anyway? Come to think of it, who is granting all this permission and giving all the go-aheads on this topic of trees?

Is it not possible to design a new building to house the Credit Union without removing any trees? I don't believe that it's impossible! What is all the commotion about beautifying Ganges, when there seems to be a movement afoot to make it really ugly!! Oh, Beautification Committee, where are you?

It's really great it is, all these people going around making these fantastic decisions in the name of the community, without once asking the community how they feel about things.

The only thing that tells me that we're not being totally nineteen-eighty-foured to death is the fact that I can still write this and get

away with it. Or can I??

C. LAKE,
Box 1177, Ganges.
January 30, 1984.

Legal aid discussion

Sir,
The Attorney-General has established a Task Force to assess community reactions to the curtailment of legal services. Since 1982, citizens' groups have voiced concern about the steady reduction in provincial funding to legal aid and the Legal Services Society.

Are the poor losing the chance to be fairly represented in court? Will the public be less informed about their rights? What are the services that the Legal Society offers? Who receives legal aid? And who, if anyone, will suffer as a result of cutbacks?

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, Salt Spring lawyers will discuss these questions with Gulf Islanders in the Harbour House Banquet Room at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully the discussion will lead to a submission from our community to the provincial Task Force. We are encouraging all residents to attend to receive and give information.

SUSAN UNDERWOOD,
Box 1023,
Ganges.
January 1984.

Nothing worse

Sir,
There is nothing worse than an incompatible marriage. I should know—I have one. Not that it's both of us you understand, it's my wife that's incompatible. Me, I'm the patible one.

Take toilet rolls, for example. There are two kinds of people in this world, "overs" and "unders". An "over-person" is a sane, normal, patible type who puts a toilet roll in its holder so that the paper unrolls from the top in an outward direction. An "under-person" is an insane, abnormal, incompatible type who installs it so that it unrolls from the bottom and no amount of violent spinning on the part of a frustrated "over-person" can get the damned loose end to appear as it does when installed properly.

Again, the incompatible partner in a marriage is the one who, when doing the laundry, strips all the soiled face cloths and towels from the bathroom rails and doesn't replace them. Then, when the poor, unsuspecting, patible one gets soap in his eyes and reaches for a towel—there isn't one, and he has to use his shorts.

Incompatibles are at their worst when it comes to television. They're the ones who want to watch "Rachmaninoff's Variations" on

PBS while Championship Bowling is on ABC. In fact, television has probably unmasked more incompatible people than anything else. On the other hand, patible people seem to be the outdoor macho type, into football, baseball, fishing—anything that doesn't come on too late to interfere with the movie.

Incompatible types show up best when it comes to entertaining one's friends. As a victim, this is where I've noticed it most. Patible persons (like me), often meet others of the same genre and take them home to meet the wife—an incompatible person. She'll stagger around, put too much salt in the coffee, forget the mayo in the ham sandwiches, turn the volume down on the TV set and go back to bed. For some reason, incompatible people seem to be even more so at one o'clock in the morning than at nine in the evening, and worse still when wearing hair curlers.

I'm sure there was something else but I can't remember what it is now.

Anyway, for the record, if the next 35 years of my marriage turn out to be as incompatible as the first 35, the wife is in serious trouble. I'll be 112, but I'll gladly call it quits even if I have to pay child support. A guy can only take so much.

KENNETH C. GARNER,
6907 Tyne Street,
Vancouver
January 25, 1984.

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Bill Webster

These porkers are special

Take a look in the back page of the Lions' version of the telephone book for Salt Spring.

Read the three pages which list the service organizations and lodges, societies and clubs.

This island is graced with Lions and Rotary Clubs. We have the Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion. The Gulf Islands Shrine Club and the Madrona Club of the Daughters of the Nile are there.

Masons and Order of the Eastern Star.

Also listed are such groups as the Salt Spring Island Community Society and a couple of Old-Age Pensioners' Organizations.

Read the list of groups which offer the community some type of aid or some activity in which to participate.

There are groups to look after the spiritual needs, the athletic needs, the cultural needs and altruistic needs of any in the community who would take part.

For an island as small as Salt Spring, the list is indeed impressive. The community is well served by those groups, and those groups are well served by the community.

The square dancers, who dip and dive to keep alive a peculiarly North American form of dance, have a listing.

Sailors who test the winds on

the waters of the Gulf Islands, the better to improve their seamanship and knowledge of the sea, join the group.

This bustling community has more than 50 active groups as well as four community halls and seven different religious groups from which to choose in order to make the rainy season pass with less notice.

But nowhere in those three pages, indeed, nowhere in the phone book can be found the telephone or postal box number of the most select group on Salt Spring.

This select group of privileged islanders meets in complete secrecy. There is a secret handshake and a secret sign to allow members to recognize each other.

Unfortunately, each member has a different version of the handshake and the sign so there is no way of knowing if a person belongs to the group or not.

The group met recently to hold the 1983 annual meeting. 1983? Yep. The group would also belong to the procrastination society but no one has got around to sending for a membership form.

The group, for sure, is the Salt Spring Swine Society.

SSSS meets to share the finer things of life. To enjoy, moderately, good food and

excellent company.

The recent gathering of the SSSS occasioned the election of a new president. True to form, Swine Bob was chosen but he is moving off-island so Boss Hogg will have to carry the load.

To be a Swine, one must show some distinguished effort in this life. One recent inductee was allowed membership for the piggish way he goes through automobiles and telephone poles.

The collected membership showed appreciation for the offerings of the Swine of Jokes by presenting him with three cream pies, only one of which hit the target.

As the evening wore on, the society became more subdued, and began to show its class. Mark Pig displayed his unique apron, the better to show off his (description deleted).

On normal occasions of everyday life, a Swine becomes an ordinary person. But on those other occasions when a meeting is called, the transformation is wondrous to behold.

As for the listing in the telephone book, SSSS would be there but Boss Hogg forgot his telephone number and no one else in the group will reveal their post office box.

But SSSS should be there. This group represents all of the finer things about life on the island. Burp.

Many people are unaware of the dangers of smoking

BY KEN AINSLIE

Smoking is currently recognized as the largest single preventable cause of premature death and disability.

Today, there is ample evidence to support that fact.

•Smokers are 10 times more likely to die from cancer than non-smokers.

•50-70% of oral and laryngeal cancer deaths are associated with smoking.

•Smoking is a definite factor in esophageal cancer deaths with smokers having a mortality rate four-five times higher than non-smokers.

•30-40% of bladder cancers are estimated to be smoking-related.

•With 200 bursts of nicotine infusing into the bloodstream of the average smoker and the increasing evidence that cigarettes contain substances which directly or indirectly damage blood vessel walls, it is not surprising that smoking relates directly to the development of hardening of the arteries.

•Smoking mothers bear children with significantly lower than normal birth-weight, resulting in slower growth and development.

•Infants of smoking parents have double the risk of pneumonia or bronchitis in their first year.

In the Capital Regional District last year there was almost one death every two days from lung cancer. The vast majority of lung cancers are associated with cigarette smoking, with many deaths occurring at a relatively young age.

A most disturbing trend, however, shows up in the figures for lung cancer among women. Until recently lung cancer in women was considered rare, but figures for 1983 reveal almost one death each week among women in the Capital Regional District area.

The overall effect of these and many other facts on the effects of

smoking on life expectancy translates into an average loss of 3½ hours from every day of a smoker's life. Although these facts have helped millions of people to quit smoking and countless more not to start, there still remains a high percentage who continue to damage their health.

It is interesting to trace the development of the cigarette industry from the first cigarette manufacturing machine approximately 100 years ago. At first, smoking was slow to "catch on" with the habit being almost exclusively for men. But with a lack of detrimental evidence, smoking became increasingly more popular and mass production, cheaper prices and ready availability quickly brought the habit into prominence.

During the two world wars cigarettes became a highly prized commodity. They were identified with all that was good—patriotism, bravery and (in those hard times) relief of tension.

During the 1950's and 1960's evidence slowly started to point out some hazards of smoking. Studies in those years, although few, influenced many people to quit. In the early years of this period Canadian and American magazine articles aimed at the hazards of smoking averaged an annual rate of eight. Between the mid-50's and up to 1963 the average increased to 24 articles a year.

But in 1964 the number increased to 57. That dramatic increase coincided with the endorsement by the U.S. surgeon general that "Cigarette smoking is causally related to lung cancer."

Up to 1964 there were approximately 6,000 scientific studies reporting the ill effects of cigarette smoking. By 1979 the number had risen to 30,000! In that same year Canada recorded 28,700 deaths related directly to smoking or secondhand smoking effects.

That total did not include the infant mortality or lives lost in fires started by smoking!

Why, with all the evidence accumulated to date, do so many people continue to smoke?

Well, believe it or not, there is strong evidence that part of the problem is a lack of public knowledge. I hesitate to refer to figures from studies done in the United States, because we always use the excuse that we are different in one way or another depending on which way suits us best. Nevertheless, a recent study in that country reported 30% of the public are unaware of the relationship between smoking and the elevated death rates from heart disease.

Nearly 50% of all women did not know that smoking during pregnancy increases the risk of stillbirth and miscarriage, and over 40% of all those polled did not acknowledge that smoking causes "most" cases, and nearly 25% did not even acknowledge that it causes "many" cases of lung cancer.

In this country, as well as south of the border, there are a number of government-sponsored and privately-sponsored programs aimed at increasing the public's knowledge of smoking hazards. Some of these involve direct communication with the public through radio, television, publicity in newspapers and magazines. There are programs to reach children at school. There are smoking cessation classes and other health messages to reach adults through the health care system and more recently there is information reaching adults through their employers in connection with non-smoking policies.

What appears to be a fairly comprehensive informational program is lacking in effectiveness without an educational component. Health education programs which

accentuate the positive rather than churn out "hard-to-relate-to" and "never-happen-to-me" statistics are needed, programs that encourage healthy lifestyles with good nutrition, plenty of exercise and show the immediate payoff benefits for those who wish to quit smoking.

The combination of an intensified educational program with a complementary legislative package was successful in Norway. A smokeless Canadian society can be a reality in the future if we wish to follow the Norwegian model.

Historically, the track record of those working in the field of public health in controlling and eradicating some of our major health concerns is an enviable one. But to date we have been satisfied to compile and report statistics on smoking and act as a resource for information, encouraging other

agencies with their programs.

Many of the industrialized nations of the world, including Canada, are giving added attention to what might be done to improve health by reducing the so-called risk factors. In considering smoking they will be wise to fund major health education programs and then follow with the necessary and then more palatable legislation.

The writer is a health educator employed by the community health service of the Capital Regional District.

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Revenue Canada answers some questions on income tax filing

I'll be filing my first income tax return this year. Someone told me I have to have a social insurance number. Is this true?

Yes, you must have a valid social insurance number of your own in order to file a complete and accurate tax return. Without a social insurance number, the processing of your return will be delayed.

To be sure you have your number, contact your nearest Canada Employment Centre and get a copy of form S-1, Application for a Social Insurance Number. Complete the form and return it to the centre as soon as possible so you can have your number to file your return.

This year I want to complete my income tax return with minimum fuss and maximum efficiency. Is there anything I can do to get ready?

First, gather everything you will need to complete your return and make note of anything missing that will be needed. This includes all the information slips you will receive as well as receipts supporting any deductions you plan to claim. Remember to include any receipts or statements for expenses or deductions that you are splitting or have split between two calendar years.

If you haven't received a labelled return in the mail by mid-February, you can pick up a T1 General package at any post office or district taxation office. It contains the forms, schedules, tax table and, where applicable, a provincial tax

credits form. The T1 package also contains a copy of the general tax guide for your province.

Before starting to fill in your return, look over the form thoroughly to see what's new and read your guide as well. By doing so, you should be sure to claim all of the exemptions and deductions to which you're entitled. Mark any about which you have any questions so that you can get supplementary material from the district taxation office to help you determine whether or not you can make the claim.

And when you do start to complete your return, do so on the working copy. That way, after you have carefully transferred the information to the mailing copy, you will have a complete and accurate return to mail and the working copy for your records.

And be sure to fill in the "identification area" fully. If the department doesn't know who you are or where you live (including your postal code), it will be difficult to send you the refund cheque you may be expecting.

I'm a university student. Last summer I worked for a community

newspaper. I didn't earn much money. Do I have to file an income tax return?

It depends. If you had income tax deducted from your cheques and you will be in a position to claim a refund of that tax, the only way to do it is to file a return. Your T4 slip from your employer will show how much was deducted as well as your gross income.

If you moved at least 40 kilometres (25 miles) in order to take the job, you may be able to claim moving expenses on your return provided your employer did not pay or does not intend to pay for any part of the move.

If you live in a province with provincial tax credits, you may be entitled to these. The only way to claim them is to file a federal income tax return because, except for the province of Quebec, the federal government collects taxes for the provincial and territorial governments.

And one more thing, don't forget to check out the exemptions and deductions on page 2 of the General return. By claiming the ones to

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School district will get \$123,000 less

The provincial restraint program means the Gulf Islands School Board will receive less money this year than last, but the trustees will actually have more.

The ministry of education changed the structure of financing school districts and the Gulf Islands schools will have to operate with a budget of \$4,666,167. That figure falls \$123,305 short of the amount allotted for 1983.

But the school district also has a surplus from last year of close to \$200,000.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, told a recent meeting of the board that the surplus will be used to sustain certain programs for the first six months of this year.

The new funding system put in place by the ministry of education is based on a formula involving the number of pupils in the system, the average salary for district teachers and a percentage of the average salary for teachers across the province.

According to ministry calculations, the Gulf Islands schools have 46 children in kindergarten, 673 in elementary grades and 379.25 students in secondary grades.

The average salary for teachers of the Gulf Islands has been calculated by the ministry at \$33,856. Across the province the average wage is \$34,233.

The budget is made up of various categories, labelled functions by the ministry, and each function contains different sections.

The functions cover all aspects of the operations of a school district.

For example, function 1 in the budget covers elementary education and is broken down to sections covering kindergarten, Grades 1 to 7, learning assistance and other categories.

The new system will enable officials to know the exact amount spent on every part of the school system. The old funding procedure gave an overview of where the money went but supplied few details.

The amount of money for function 1 has been set by the ministry at \$1,294,371.

Function 2 covers instruction for Grades 8 to 12. The secondary education for the Gulf Islands will be funded at \$868,056.

Function 3 covers special education for handicapped pupils, those with learning disabilities as well as gifted pupils. The ministry has allotted \$631,694 to the program.

The remainder of the functions in the budget structure cover costs of administration, operations and maintenance, auxiliary services and transportation.

Function 4, the administration account, is calculated on the number of school trustees for the district and factors bearing on wages paid to various officials.

The ministry-set amount for the administration of the Gulf Islands district stands at \$339,656.

For the operation and maintenance account, function 5, the amount is based on floor space in the schools plus the cost of utilities and the consumer price index.

Function 5 will be funded to a total of \$613,822.

The auxiliary account, function 6, covers such items as the district resource centre, continuing education and health services, among others. The school district will be required to put money into this account because there is no money coming into it from the ministry of education.

money for buses, water taxis, boarding allowances and transportation allowances.

The account has been funded to \$333,684.

The school district is allowed funding for local programs, at \$43,249, and a geographic adjustment to account for the dispersion of the schools on the various islands. That amount stands at \$163,301.

Officials of the district had to argue for several months with the ministry to have money placed in the budget to compensate for the geography of the islands.

The ministry held the view that none of the schools of the Gulf Islands was more than 30 kilometres

from the school board office. The local officials argued, successfully, that the water between the islands added to the distance.

Taken together, the amounts for functions 1 to 7 plus the costs of local programs and the geographic adjustments are called the fiscal framework. It is within that dollar amount that the budget for 1985 and 1986 will be calculated.

With the introduction of the restraint program and the new budget formula, the ministry of education has allowed a phase-in factor to be applied to the budgets for this year and next.

The difference between the fiscal framework for 1984 and the budget for 1983 is calculated at two-thirds

of the value. The resulting amount is added to the 1984 fiscal framework total. The amount according to ministry calculations is \$354,710.

Another amount labelled "maximum allowable non-shareable operating expenses" rounds out the budget. The money covers incidental items not covered elsewhere.

The two remaining portions of the budget have no announced amount as yet.

The two accounts cover non-shareable capital projects and capital debt services.

While the ministry sets and monitors the budgeted amount, the trustees have the final say in where the money will be spent.

The ministry has also noted that the "fiscal framework must cover all expenditures of a school district in a given year. Districts will no longer have the ability to raise monies for increased program offerings through local taxation."

The province will continue the practice of covering a portion of the budget while taxpayers of the district will pay the remainder through property taxes.

The funding ratio has been 60% paid by the ministry and 40% paid by local taxpayers.

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Swine pig out

When the Salt Spring Swine Society met for its annual meeting recently, Boss Hogg, otherwise known as Frank Havies, left, made several appropriate presentations to SSSS founder Swine Dennis (Parker). He is carrying the word

about the society to southern climes and the group wished him well, among other sentiments. The SSSS pigged out on a feast of hot dogs and chili and later danced the evening away. A gluttonous time was had by all. Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Club directors re-elected

Directors of the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club were all re-elected by acclamation at the club's annual meeting last Wednesday.

They are: Louie Lorentsen, president; Bunny Lorentsen, secretary; Jack Reynolds, vice-president; Carol Guilbault, treasurer; Ellen Bennett, shooting and hall rental; Johnny Bennett, building and grounds; Val Short, kitchen; and Cameron Cartwright, membership.

Isabel Mouat was named honorary president while Grace Jackson was elected honorary vice-president.

Items of business discussed at the meeting included a reference to the trophy awarded for the largest freshwater fish caught during the year. It was felt that many members had forgotten of the trophy's existence. Freshwater fishermen are urged to weigh in their catch to

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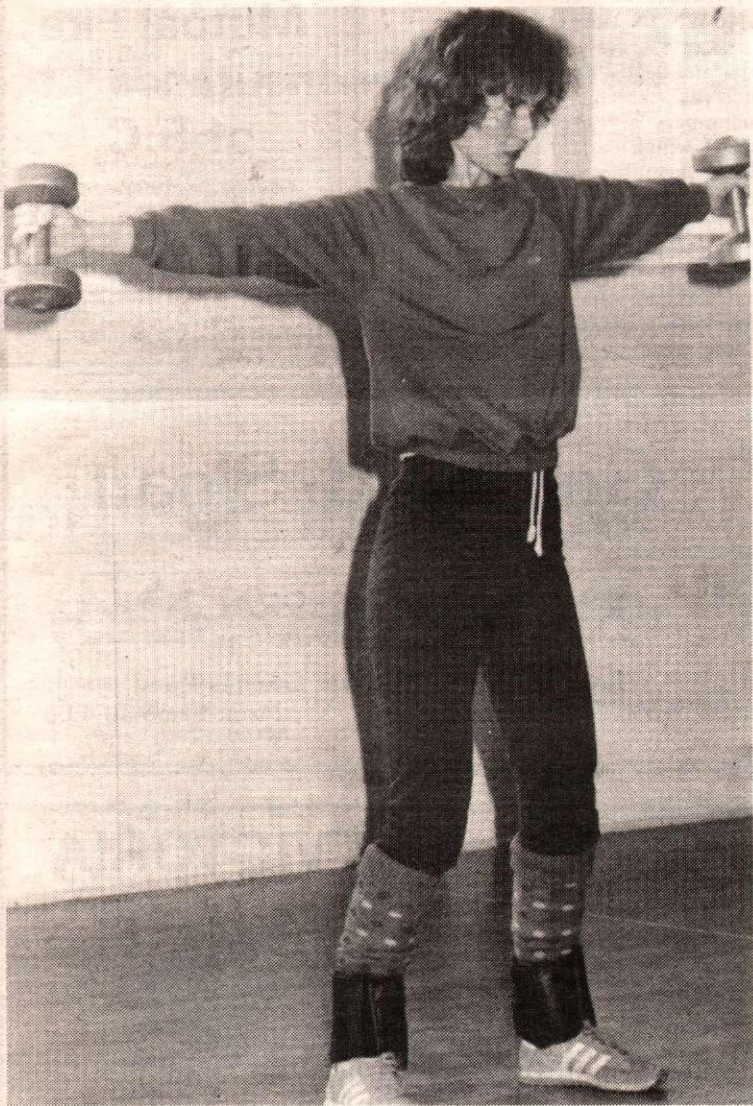
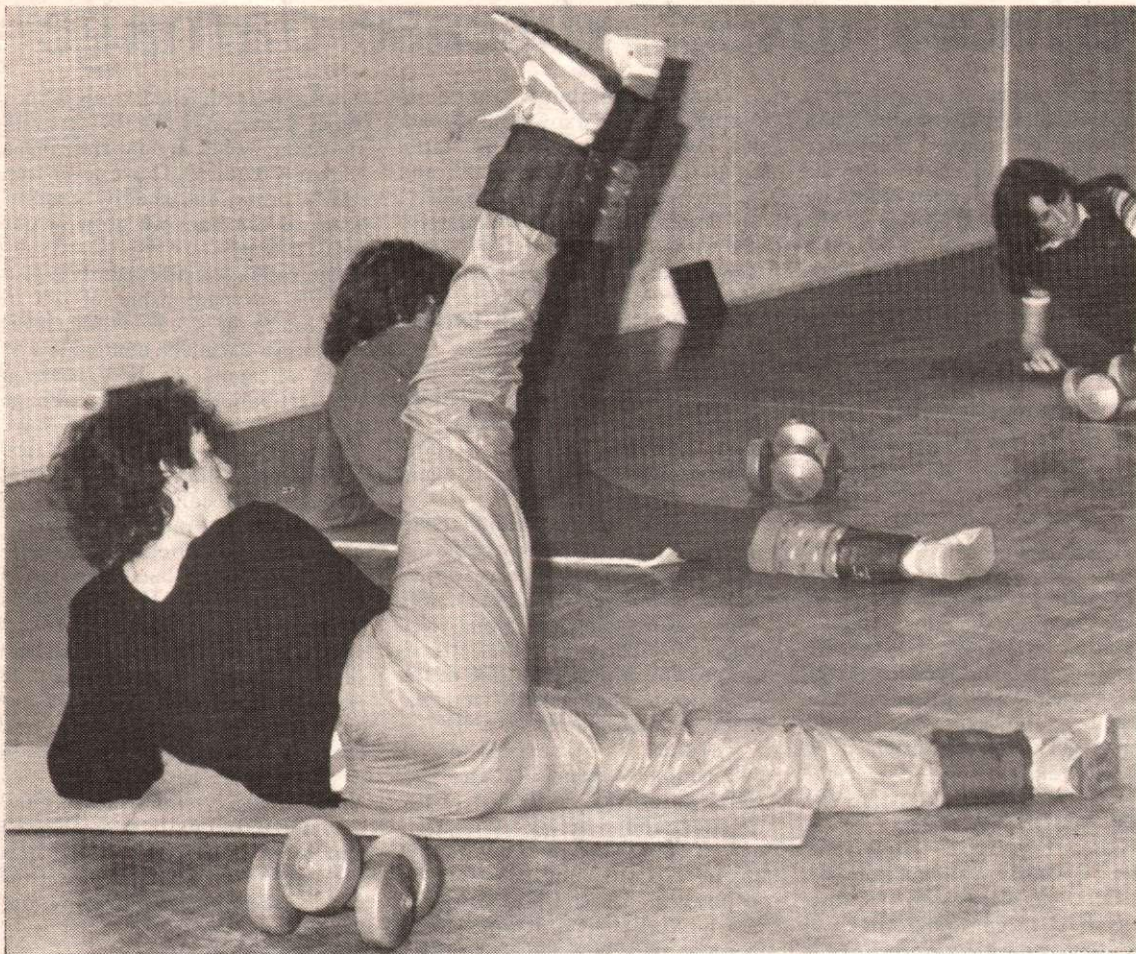
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In top photo Beth Cherneff shows the use of ankle weights while above, Penny George demonstrates hand weights. Light Weight classes are held in Mahon Hall twice a week and at Fernwood School once a week. *Driftwood photos by Alice Richards.*

DOWN THE GUTTER

BY TERRY JENKINS

Carol Kaye was high bowler with 850 (267, 337, 246) 714 (180, 297, 235), followed by Ruby McConnell with 779 (191, 335, 251), Lucille Marcotte 735 (143, 283, 309), Patrick Slingsby 721 (192, 293, 236), Mick Jones 719 (308, 203, 208), Terry Jenkins 710 (228, 253, 229), Ralph Tranter 708 (209, 298, 201) and Val Hughes 701 (247, 238, 226).

Gwen Wakelyn 214, Bill Vickers 209, Jim Cook 208, 206, Dave Slingsby 206, Frank Nichols 206, Bill Harper 203, Lydia Purser 200.

Over 600: Edie Gear 692, Gladys Harper 664, Geoff Baker 613, James Gilson 600.

Golden-Age bowler of the week for the ladies was Edie Gear, and for the men, Geoff Baker.

300 games were bowled by: Carol Kaye 337, Ruby McConnell 335, Lucille Marcotte 309, Mick Jones 308. Most pins over average: Ralph Tranter with 252 followed closely by Ruby McConnell +249, Lucille Marcotte 195, Ed Harker 193, Edie Gear 181, Gladys Harper 172, Frank Nichols 160 and Frank Cullis 131.

Bowler of the week for the ladies was Carol Kaye and for the men, Patrick Slingsby.

GOLDEN-AGERS SCORES

Over 250: Gladys Harper 276, 225, 201, Helen Hopper 258.

Over 225: Edie Gear 247, 231, 214, Art Balzer 242, Ora Lang 240, Helen White 233, James Gilson 233, Rusty Hopper 232, Annie Code 227, 211, Flo Kavanagh 225, 207.

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The first man was taken into custody at Cedarview Court on Fulford-Ganges Road about 8:35 pm.

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Companion planting reduces insect, disease damage

There are two major advantages of companion-planting. The most important one is a positive reduction of insect and disease damage. Interplantings of two crops and a ground cover in the same location, or bed, simply establishes an effective buffer zone among the plants.

In a single-crop situation there are absolutely no barriers to the spread of disease or insect infestation. We actually present ideal conditions for the proliferation of either, or both.

However, as soon as we grow at least two crops in the same location we provide a natural barrier to the unhindered spread of insects and diseases. This much is simple common sense. However, there are additional benefits which, since this is a relatively new approach for us, are not all that well understood.

For instance, Matthew Coleman and myself found that carrots interplanted with parsley ended our carrot rustfly larva problem. These are the little critters which eat intricate patterns of tunnels in our carrots. My interplanting was accidental, purely a result of self-sown parsley, and my inability to distinguish parsley from carrot seedlings without glasses.

Later on, when it became apparent that we had about 10 percent parsley among our carrots, my fondness for parsley led me to leave things as they were. At harvest

time I was prepared, as usual, to sort worm-eaten carrots for immediate consumption from clean ones for storage.

MINIMAL DAMAGE

To my surprise I found only the odd carrot, perhaps one out of 30, to show signs of worm infestation, dramatic evidence that the insect was present, but caused minimal damage.

Later on, my experience was substantiated by Matthew Coleman's, but another curious twist was added to the situation. In my readings about matters green, I came across the exhortation not to plant parsley with carrots as parsley is another host for the carrot rust fly. Yet, it works.

By then it was too late to check the parsley roots for worms, to see if the worms had left the carrots alone in favour of the parsley.

But there it is, an enigma, an indication of our ignorance. Similarly, through observation and experience we have come to know that borage or basil improve the growth and flavour of tomatoes when grown together, and nobody knows why.

Nature has long practised interplanting according to soil conditions and light utilization, but why the blue cornflower benefits grains is still a mystery to us, yet a well known fact of life to any old country farmer.

Space and soil utilization is the

other major aspect of interplanting. Deep-rooted carrots grow well with shallow-rooted onions. They like each other, and have similar requirements. Both require thinning and weeding, and if grown in the

Farming and Gardening

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same bed, will make that labour twice as productive.

This year we will again grow our carrots with parsley, in the same rows at about a 10% ratio, and we will try onions in between the carrot rows. Perhaps we'll plant the odd lettuce here and there since they all seem to get along with each other most splendidly.

KEEP SLUGS AWAY

Onions, beets and lettuce are another excellent combination for beneficial companionship, as onions have been found to keep slugs away from lettuces.

It should be a fine looking bed, lending itself to successive sowings or plantings of lettuces. My favourite beet succession would leave nice spaces for later lettuces.

To obtain an almost year-round supply of beets we sow both a small, fast maturing beet such as "Little Egypt" or "Early Red Ball" and "Long Season" or "Winterkeeper". The latter can reach an impressive size without ever becoming woody. Between the two there is a constant supply of fresh beets from the early thinnings in late May to the last beet in December. And as we continuously harvest beets and onions, nice spaces for lettuce successions become available. As these vegetables also need weeding and spacing, this labour is again used to double advantage.

I suppose the best thing to do would be to obtain a book on companion planting such as *Lettuce Loves Tomatoes* or similar title. These two also get along well together, especially if the lettuces are grown on the north side of the tomatoes as they benefit from the shade of the tomatoes as well.

Parsley is another good companion to tomatoes and this could go on the south side of the tomatoes and in between. Parsley is not a problem in our garden anymore as we let ours go to seed for its powerful attraction to hordes of pest-hunting insects. It pops up all over the place now and we just let it grow where we want it.

GROWN IN WEEDS

All our larger vegetables such as peas and beans, and the transplants such as cabbage, tomatoes and cucumbers are grown in sheared weeds, which are laid over as mulch. Other vegetables, more sensitive to weeds, are mulched as well, to encourage the little black hunting spider, to preserve soil moisture and to enrich the soil with organic material and minerals.

Initially a small space around the young seedlings is kept free of

weeds, but mulched with shorn weeds. Later on, when they are well above the weeds, regular shearing is all that is required. I have never seen such a proud and healthy stand of beans as the ones we grow in our sheared weeds.

Our cabbages and cucumbers also get the companionship of dill in addition to the weeds. White clover is another excellent companion to these, which also requires shearing. We start our dill before the cabbage seeds indoors so that we have transplants to set out with the cabbage seedlings for maximum cabbage moth confusion.

Cucumbers in sheared and mulched weeds or clover are really nice. Initially the cucumber hill is kept clear of weeds. Once the plants start to spread, though, less and less shearing is required as weeds are shaded out. The shearings not only retain much critical moisture but also provide a nice bed for the cucumbers as they ripen, in addition to all the other benefits.

There is an essential, pleasing and valuable harmony in a garden rich and varied in life, for the life below the soil, on the soil and above the soil is the source of our being, our garden of life.

Trail and Nature Club schedule prepared

February program of the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club begins on the seventh with a walk on Reginald Hill and a hiking work party on Kathleen's Hill.

Nina Wichmann will lead the first activity, while Mary Sylvander will conduct the second, for which participants are asked to bring clippers. Meeting places for both are Centennial Park at 10 am and Drummond Park at 10:15.

Val Keys will lead a walk on the north end of the island while Jean King will conduct a leader's choice hike on February 14. Walkers and hikers meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.

A general interest "easy walk" in the Duncan area is planned for February 21, under the leadership of Joan Lott. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 9:30 am to catch the 10 am ferry from Vesuvius.

A regular walk and a hike will be held the same day. Jean Holmes will lead the walk in the Isabella Point area, for which participants will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15. Bob Ball will lead the hike on Three Bobs Trail, meeting at Centennial Park at 10 am.

On February 28 walkers will gather at Centennial Park at 10 am for a beach walk in the Price Road area with Caroline and Wibb

Moore. Also on that day Loes Holland will conduct a hike on Mt. Tuam. Hikers will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.

The club has a special event

planned for February 9, a "star-watch" with John Howell beginning at 7:30 pm. The event will take place at Joan Lott's on Arnell Way and participants are urged to bring binoculars and an outdoor chair.

Professional negotiator costs board \$60 per hour

Contract negotiations involving the Gulf Islands School Board and its employees have taken on a different tone.

The trustees of the school board have hired a professional negotiator to handle their end of the bargaining. In the current round of talks with the support workers, the school board's man faces a business agent from the headquarters of the Canadian Union of Public Employees in Victoria.

Al Keylock of Richmond is handling the talks for the board. He runs a labour relations consulting firm in the mainland city and was recommended to the board when they began contract bargaining with the teachers.

He handled that set of negotiations and is now working on

the contract talks with CUPE.

Across the table sits Jack Hughesman for CUPE. He has handled the extended discussions on a contract for the local workers.

Keylock costs the school board \$60 per hour. If the negotiations last for a whole day, he lowers the rate somewhat. To date, the board has paid him close to \$7,300.

Hughesman is employed by the union in Victoria and does not cost Local 78 of the CUPE any money directly. They help pay his salary through their union dues.

The two negotiators will meet again February 15 in the continuing efforts to reach agreement on a contract for the support workers. They have been working without a contract since the previous one expired January 1, 1983.

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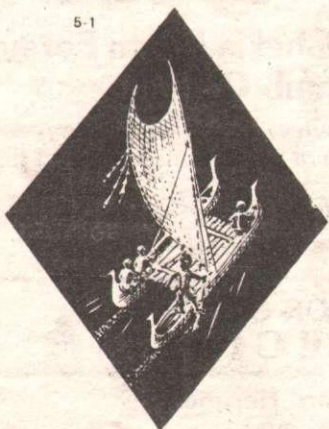
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Teachers keep up with new processes with professional development days

Professional development days are more than just time away from children and classrooms for Gulf Islands teachers.

Last week the Gulf Islands School Board heard Susan Underwood explain what professional development days are aimed at as well as the idea behind them. Underwood is involved as organizer of district professional development days for the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association.

District teachers will gather at Gulf Islands Secondary School on March 2 for a day of activity.

The day begins at 9 am when district representatives of various programs give their reports.

A general session will be held at 10 am when keynote speaker Dr. Don Knowles talks about the theme for the day, the gifted student program.

By 10:30 am, the teachers break off into groups to look at various aspects of the program. In the afternoon, workshops covering such topics as classroom discipline, elementary social studies and other topics take place.

Professional development days allow the teachers to catch up on changes in education, Underwood told the trustees.

The expectations of teaching continually change over the years, she said, and the teachers have to keep up with new learning processes.

Improvements are up to the teachers, she noted, and it is up to them to realize what is needed and to learn what helps improve their jobs.

Professional development days are funded by the school district and the teachers themselves. The school district, for instance, allots \$100 plus \$40 per teacher.

The teachers at Mayne Island will be holding professional development activities on February 6 and again June 1.

Galiano School will be closed for professional development February 17 and for a half day on June 13 and Fernwood School on May 4. Salt Spring Elementary will be conducting professional development days February 10 for primary grades teachers plus another session on May 11 for half the day. The teachers will also hold a professional development day June 28.

GISS teachers take time out on April 13.

According to the School Act, the

teachers are allowed six days each school year for professional development.

The schools on Saturna and Pender Islands have already used the allotted time.


Underwood explained that the March professional development day had been organized to replace the district day which had been cancelled due to the strike by teachers in November. She issued an invitation to the school trustees and the general public to attend the activities in March to learn what goes on.

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Council members invited

In an attempt to provide a better understanding of the aims and objectives of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, the group's directors are inviting members to attend the next board meeting February 14.

Directors are also interested in hearing from members who would be prepared to serve as a director or in some other capacity. The meeting will be held in the board room at Mahon Hall at 7:30. Prior to the meeting coffee will be served at a "get-acquainted" session beginning at 7.

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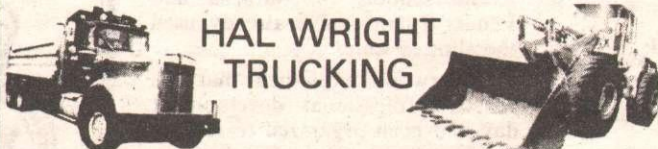
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As long as you have or will have met by March 1, 1984, all of the deadlines and conditions outlined in general guide line numbers 18C and 39E to purchase a "qualifying" new home or "qualifying" new furnishings for a home located in Canada, the withdrawal does not have to be reported as income to the extent it was used for these purchases.

To report your withdrawal on your return, you should complete form T1 RHOSP disbursement certificate which is available from your district tax office, to calculate the amount that must be reported.

You then enter this amount on line 18 of your return.

Copies of the T1 RHOSP, T4 HOSP supplementary slip (statement of registered home ownership savings plan income) and receipts supporting expenditures on qualifying home furnishings must be attached to the return.

I am going to contribute to a registered home ownership savings plan. How much can I put into the plan?

You can contribute a maximum of \$1,000 a year to an RHOSP up to a lifetime total of \$10,000. Your \$1,000 contribution can be claimed annually as a deduction on your income tax return as long as your plan is in effect and you otherwise qualify to contribute. The last day on which you can make a contribution that will be eligible for the RHOSP deduction on your 1983 tax return is December 31.

For more information about RHOSPs, see line 34 of the 1983 general tax guide or ask your district taxation office for the pamphlet *Registered Home Ownership Savings Plans*.

Where would I find information about how to calculate "earned income" for RRSP purposes? I want to make my contribution before March 1.

Information on how to calculate "earned income" is given in the guide line number 33 of the 1983 general tax guide.

For more information on RRSPs, contact your district taxation office for the pamphlet *Registered Retirement Savings Plans*.

I've been hearing a lot of talk recently about instalment payments. What are they exactly and who should be making them?

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Stone-cutter's cabin is found at Southey Point

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

A legacy of Salt Spring Island's heritage was unearthed at Southey Point last month when the remains of a buried stone-cutters' cabin were discovered by property owner Norman Elliott.

For many years the small stone cottage stood abandoned at Southey Point, serving both as a fort for young school children and as a haunting reminder of early island intrigue.

Built in 1860 or thereabouts, the cabin housed two stone-masons who skillfully carved the sandstone that surrounded the cottage. They would prepare the rock for shipping by schooners that would anchor in Stuart Channel.

By 1870 the cabin had been abandoned and the golden years of Southey Point's stone-cutting history had ended. The stone walls soon began to crumble and the shake roof sagged and collapsed. In 1983, over 100 years later, the cabin had become nothing but a nondescript pile of rubble and to the innocent passer-by, no more than a heap of moss-covered sandstone slabs.

Vancouver businessman-contractor Norman Elliott purchased the quarter-million-dollar property last year. It was known that the cottage lay in a heap somewhere in the area but no one knew where until the debris was found last month.

Although the history of the cottage has been well-preserved in the minds of Salt Spring's pioneers, little of that history has been formally recorded by or for the curious archivist.

For local hobby-archaeologist and artist, Simon Henson, researching the history of the stone-cutter's cottage has been fascinating work. Few stories are consistent and the facts are hard to find.

Today, the cottage exists in its original form with half its walls standing following extensive restoration and a delicate piecing together of its history and shape by Henson.

During the 1860's when the newly founded city of Victoria was being established, governments were being formed and laws and industry born while trade prospered from the initial stages of the goldrush. Builders learned that Salt Spring Island had great supplies of sandstone. The stone quarry at Vesuvius provided an active industry on the west side of Salt Spring Island for stone-cutters during the period. The stone was used in the construction of the Empress Hotel and the legislative buildings.

The isolated stone-cutters at the north end of Salt Spring were part of the stone-cutting industry on the island during the mid-19th century. But as Simon Henson points out, the skills of the stone-cutters at the Vesuvius quarry were much cruder than those of the Southey Point cutters.

"I prefer to use the term masons for the stone-cutters at Southey Point," Henson notes. "They had sophisticated tools, their own forge and their work indicates cutting stone was more of a profession."

Evidence of the mason's work can be traced south to a San Francisco opera house where inscribed on the stone wall is the

date and origin of the stone. Shipped south in 1866, the stone came from the cutters on Salt Spring Island.

The cutters at Southey Point might have enjoyed the distinction of being craftsmen while at the Vesuvius quarry, stone-cutting merely involved preparing the stone for splitting at a later date.

The small stone-cutter's cottage at Southey Point housed the two bachelors each summer. The unchinked stone walls, explains Henson, are significant in that the cabin was unheated. The masons would move into the cabin each summer to work the stone ready for shipping.

When their Glasgow-made clay pipes chipped, they tossed them through the seaward window where all things broken were discarded—pieces of shattered china plates, bottles that had once contained spirits and rubbish that would later provide some of the missing pieces of the unrecorded history of the stone-cutter's cabin.

According to Henson, the history of the cottage, with its innocent collection of artifacts and coins, clay pipes and square nails, is inconsistent and tales and legends run wild.

The fate of the stone-cutters is often thought of as a bloody one, rife with the mystery of an unsolved double-murder. There are numerous stories.

When a naval vessel stopped to visit the masons, the captain was met by a tall Negro who told him of the island's current problem with cattle rustlers.

"There won't be any more trouble with cattle rustlers around here," the man is said to have

assured the captain.

But the wary sea captain returned to the stone-cutter's cottage days later to investigate.

He entered the 10x14-foot room only to fall over the half-buried bodies of the stone-cutters. He wasted no time in returning to Victoria to inform the police.

With the law in tow, the captain returned to the cottage. Much to his amazement, the bodies had vanished. and of course, the captain was rebuked for over-indulging.

A small round nautical button has been found in the cottage indicating the presence of a navy man at one time.

Another theory is that one of the early settlers, Willis Stark, discovered the murdered stone-cutters and sought revenge against their murderer. He believed it was the same Indian who had been terrorizing islanders for several weeks. He found him on Kuper Island and dealt with him there, the story goes.

Property owner Elliott hopes to restore the stone-cutter's cottage at Southey Point and one day provide access to the cottage for visitors and historians.

In the meantime, what actually took place in the stone-cutter's cabin and the fate of the stone-cutters remains a mystery.



American coin, minted in 1859, is among relics unearthed at site of cottage.

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GALIANO NEWS

Volunteers dealt with 12 fires last year, reports chief

BY KATHLYN BENDER

At Saturday's annual general meeting of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department Steve Parlee was re-elected president, Ken Hardy vice-president and Marion Williams treasurer and Dorothy Hansom is the new secretary. The current directors are Mike Hoebel, Bill Sashaw, Gordon Hodson, Dora Darling and Helen Hoole.

Fire Chief Chester Williams' report noted that last year, out of a total of 12 fires, four were structural of which two were total losses and two resulted in minor damage. Of the four ground fires two were caused by the discarded ashes of barbecues which were assumed to be cold, the third was thought to have resulted when a campfire ignited a snag and the fourth travelled underground along a smouldering decayed root.

There were three chimney fires all brought under control before there was any structural damage, and one vehicle fire. Ferries reported two fires but these columns of smoke were from approved burns with permits. However, such vigilance from ferry crews or the general public is always appreciated.

During the past year the Women's Auxiliary contributed \$10,000 towards the cost of the new tanker truck. With its capacity of 1,000 gallons the fire crew can now respond to a fire with 2,200 gallons of immediately available water and the potential for augmenting this from stored water.

Last summer a 10,000-gallon tank was installed at the school to protect it and the activity centre. A new 5,000-gallon tank has been obtained and is awaiting placement.

Tribute must be paid to the volunteer firemen who give many hours of time both at practices and call-outs, often in the middle of the night to safeguard property, and to the Women's Auxiliary for continuing to raise money for equipment while providing a useful book service. To show our appreciation it behooves us all to pay our annual dues for membership in the society which operates the department on our behalf.

Please send your dollar to Marion Williams as an expression of your interest and support for the

Lease signed

The lease between the Capital Region and the Salt Spring Fire District has been signed, permitting residents of Fulford to have a tennis court. The fire district agreed to changes in the lease as suggested by the CRD lawyers. A clause making the Recreation Commission responsible for any vehicles parked on the fire hall portion of the property was deleted.

But the fire district officials remain concerned about people who might park their vehicles in front of the fire hall.

The one hurdle left in the efforts to create a recreation area on the property involves an application to gain an exemption from the Land Commission because the land is designated as Agricultural Land Reserve.

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department and the people that run it. The poor turn-out at the general meeting and low membership is very discouraging.

Under Milk Wood

One of the most acclaimed poets writing in English in this century is Dylan Thomas. His *Child's Christmas in Wales* is a perennial favourite at the festive season. Thomas' fame is based on the richness of his language and the vividness of his imagery. Another popular work by Thomas is *Under Milk Wood*—a radio play commissioned by the BBC and first performed 30 years ago.

Under Milk Wood is a "play for voices", not a drama in the conventional sense. There is no action in the sense of movement and plot. The piece is a word picture of a place and a small community—one day in the life of a Welsh village. The picture is like a Brueghel—full of characters, related to and relating to each other.

There is humour and pathos, and although the Welsh are distinctly different from Canadians, the characters are universal enough to have recognizable equivalents in most small Canadian communities.

In nine days Galiano residents will have a chance to both hear and see this entertaining work. Thirty Galiano Islanders have been enjoying themselves preparing this play under the direction of Morris Rees—himself a Welshman with an obvious affinity for the poet.

The deliciously malicious casting has turned up some rough gems of character actors with surprising talents. Anchored by professional performances in the lead roles a series of cameo sketches cannot fail to elicit laughter from the audience.

An added bonus for those attending the performances on Friday and Saturday, of February 17 and 18, in the South Community Hall is the program they will receive as they take their seats. The program has been designed and executed by noted Galiano artist and engraver Renaldo Norden, and Willow Jewell, calligrapher. This, in effect will be a limited edition print in value far exceeding the price of admission.

Tickets at \$5 will be available from Burrill Brothers, Spanish Hills Store and members of the cast. Doors will open at 7:30 and curtain up is at 8 pm.

Attending *Milk Wood* will be the well-known Pageant Players from Bowen Island. Saturday afternoon this group will present in dramatic form Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories* at 3 pm in the Ken Gaylor Gymnasium. There will be free admission for children, the costs being defrayed from the proceeds of *Under Milk Wood*.

Ida New

Ida New, sister of Donald New and member of a pioneer Galiano family, recently celebrated her 90th birthday in Greenwoods intermediate care unit. Miss New is a wonderful example of a positive thinker with an active, agile mind; her days are never long enough. She is more than fully occupied with art work, scrap book making and playing the piano for evening sing-alongs.

Miss New types on the large-type typewriter (donated by the Galiano Ladies Service Club) all the Christmas carols, favourite hymns and songs so that residents can read the word sheets. In addition to taking a full part in all the activities at Greenwoods, Ida visits friends and relatives in Victoria, Vancouver and Galiano.

As an extended celebration of her 90th birthday, Greenwoods is holding an exhibition of Ida New's paintings from Tuesday, Feb. 14 until the end of the month. All Galiano friends are invited to the opening at 3 pm on Valentine's Day, or to drop in any later day in February.

Coming events

The Galiano Weavers and Spinners will be starting their weekly meeting for their 13th year on Thursday at 1:00 pm. The weavers meet at C-vu Gatehouse on Highland Road. Anyone interested in weaving, knitting, crochet and other fibre arts is welcome to attend. New members are given instruction, if needed, and the guild invites visiting teachers for interesting courses. For more information call Helen Reynolds at 539-2793.

Many Galiano citizens are eagerly awaiting 6 pm next Saturday evening for the start of the third annual Burns Night festivities of good food, drink, music and dancing. Those who have neglected to buy their tickets should do so forthwith, because only a few

remain, by phoning Elspeth King at 5340 or Alistair Ross at 2294.


A good congregation welcomed Rev. Wm. Archer as he led the service at St. Margaret's Sunday. Next week, February 5, will see another ecumenical service with Rev. Sidney Bell in the pulpit. Bell is a popular United Church minister from Red Deer, Alberta.

Our rector, Rev. Pocock, will return to Galiano as usual to conduct morning prayer on the second Sunday of the month, February 12, and to administer Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday. On February 19 Jim McAlonan of Coastal Mission will have a busy day on Galiano officiating at St. Margaret's at 10 am and at the North Community Hall at 2 pm.

Winter coats are now at the unbelievable price of \$1 at the Thrift Shop. Hurry to take advantage of this superb bargain Friday and Saturday between 10 and noon.

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Fulford residents will decide on use of grant money

Residents of Fulford will have the final say on how to spend the \$9,000 which the Parks and Recreation Commission holds in trust.

When the final homeowner grants were divided up by the Capital Region, former Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt put \$9,000 aside to purchase land for a recreation area in Fulford.

The South Salt Spring Residents Association has suggested looking into purchasing land adjacent to the new Fulford school site.

The commission will look at costs involved and if the land in question would be suitable.

The CRD sent along a letter to the Commission announcing the grant

in trust and wants to know how the commission will be spending the money.

The CRD also questions whether the land would be used for playing fields or for a recreation centre.

Hugh Borsman, CRD director for Salt Spring, said, "This commission will have to wait until

the people of Fulford can make their needs known."

Phil Hume suggested a meeting be held in Fulford to allow residents of the south end of the island to express their opinions on spending the money.

The matter came up at Monday's commission meeting.

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