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## Grants create 39 jobs

There will be 39 jobs in the islands this spring as a result of Canada Works programs launched to provide assistance to persons without employment.

These are regular Canada Works programs and are open to any candidate without a job. It is possible that the openings listed have already been filled.

Applicants for vacancies on the Canada Works programs must register with an employment office or outreach office and specify that they are seeking such employment.

On Salt Spring there are four programs open to all applicants and two addressed only to persons in receipt of unemployment insurance.

The programs for persons on unemployment insurance are those to redevelop the Centennial Park at Ganges, employing four, and clear hiking trails on crown land at the south end, creating six jobs.

The four other projects on Salt Spring Island are a renovation project at the Salt Spring Island Community Centre, to employ three people; an economic survey by the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Society, employing five; the Salt Spring Centre's major renovations at Blackburn Lake, engaging five persons, and the salmon and stream enhancement program, which will employ four.

On the Penders, the Pender Island Lions Club is engaging four people for building shelters and adventure playgrounds and other projects. Galiano Club's project will engage five participants and the Saturna Community Club will find work for another three.

The entire riding of Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands will provide 184 jobs under this part of the program, for persons not receiving UIC. The islands have been allocated 24 of those jobs.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Five teams play tournament

Invitational volleyball tournament was held at Fulford School gym on Sunday with five teams participating. Play continued throughout the day with two teams from Fulford reaching the finals.

Beaver Point A team won the tournament beating the Fulford Combos 2-1 in the best of three final. Above, during the semi-finals James Scarfo blocks a spike from Shylo Zylbergold as Art Munneke waits for the rebound.

## School trustees vote support for region's efforts on sewer

By BILL WEBSTER

The Gulf Islands School Board offered tentative support last week to the search for a solution to the sewage disposal problems in Ganges.

Ron McQuiggan submitted a motion to the board calling for support for the efforts of the Capital Region in trying to find a solution to the problem as well as confirmation that the school board would take part in the solution limited only by restrictions set by the ministry of education.

The motion passed with the support of five trustees while four voted against it.

The four in opposition were Charles Hingston, David Williams and David Eyles of Salt Spring and Margaret Howell of Galiano.

In support were Bert Beitel and Ron McQuiggan of Salt Spring along with Joy Ridley of Pender, Lorraine Campbell of Saturna and Jeannine Dodds of Mayne.

In introducing the motion, McQuiggan said he wanted to end the debate, among school trustees as well as the public, about the position of the school board in relation to the issue.

He noted that while the sewer debate goes on with no solution in sight, the school district is "dumping

raw sewage on a beach in Ganges, which I don't think is a very good idea."

Williams said he could not support the motion because he had become disillusioned with the method used by the CRD. He made special reference to the attempt by the CRD to have both the ministry of education and health pay an upfront grant to help finance the proposed sewer.

Campbell, on the other hand, said that if the school board had been supporting efforts to find a solution to the problem instead of sitting back and waiting for the problem to

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## Boardwalk, bandshell construction will commence in March

The first phase of the Centennial Park redevelopment project will get under way next month with completion slated in readiness for Sea Capers, reports project spokesman Jonathan Oldroyd.

The current phase, with labour and some capital costs funded by a Canada Works grant, includes the construction of a boardwalk along the Centennial Park foreshore, and a bandshell.

The grant will provide funding to hire four people for 26 weeks as well as \$8,500 to cover capital costs, for a total of \$50,000. Applicants for the four positions must be on Unemployment Insurance to be eligible.

Oldroyd said the construction materials would cost in the region of \$20,000. So far money has been pledged by regional director Hugh Borsman and Sea Capers.

A major breakthrough in getting the boardwalk built came two weeks ago when representatives of the small craft harbours branch and Public Works Canada agreed in principle to undertake up to \$18,000 worth of pile-driving for the project. Locally milled timber will be used to frame and deck the boardwalk, which will be supported by the foreshore on one side and the pilings on the other.

It will run from the government floats to the southwest boundary of the park, while the bandshell will be situated near the midpoint of the boardwalk.

Spearheading the park redevelopment are Oldroyd, Patricia Morgan, Jonathan Yardley and representatives of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Centennial Society.

Final plans for the bandshell have yet to be finalized but Oldroyd indicated that it would be protected

from the southeast and built flush with the ground. Moulded berms will be built up around it to provide space for an audience as large as 1,000 people.

Boardwalk plans are being finished this week for submission to the public works department so the piledriving contract can be let.

Down the road the redevelopment plans call for moving the parking lot on the Fulford-Ganges Rd. side of the park to the side

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## Impaired charges total six in week

The Ganges detachment RCMP spent a busy week conducting road checks on Salt Spring and in that period laid impaired driving charges against six island residents.

Sergeant Mitch Hanks described the road-check blitz as a continuation of the CounterAttack program. During the Christmas period of road checks, only one impaired driving charge was laid.

Included among the six who were charged was an individual who refused the demand to take a breathalyzer test. Hanks said several other drivers were considered "borderline" and were warned.

The road checks, an RCMP spokesman said, are routine and will be continued. The police are also looking for defective vehicles.

## Six teachers may go, new figures indicate

The Gulf Islands School District could lose up to six teachers due to a reduced operating budget.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, broke the news to the trustees at a meeting of the school board last week.

The budget for 1985-86 shows staffing reductions would have to be larger than anticipated, he said. A preliminary look at the amount of money which the school district will receive had shown that the district could afford 71 full-time equivalent teachers, he had said earlier.

But a closer look at the budget shows that the district can afford only 68 fte teachers.

The current staffing for the eight schools stands at 74.

The budget for this year had been set at \$5.1 million. Of that amount close to \$3.8 million went into

salaries.

The school district has been told that the 1985-86 budget would be only \$4.9 million.

The ministry of education is in the process of changing the fiscal year for school funding from the calendar year to match the school year.

The short-term budget, from January to June, has been set at \$2,849,686 with an additional \$14,174 added as non-shareable additions. The school trustees must approve that amount at the next meeting of the school board on February 13.

Marshall indicated that a couple of areas of the budget seemed to be under-funded and that he would be talking with ministry officials in an effort to have the amount of money increased.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

### Nurses collect infant seats

Babies leaving Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring will be protected by an infant seat for the ride home. The Registered Nurses Association is beginning to collect infant car seats and will have 10 to lend out when the program is in high

gear. Karen Davies, left, the head nurse at the hospital, joins Pam MacKenzie, public health nurse and Vonnie Simpkin, president of the Gulf Islands chapter of registered nurses, in admiring an infant

automobile seat donated to the registered nurses by ICBC. Fund-raising efforts, such as a garage sale, will help purchase nine more seats needed for the program being run by MacKenzie.

## Bylaw would require licences, approvals for special events

A special events bylaw being proposed by the Capital Region would offer control over such things as the rock concert held at Walker Hook on Salt Spring last year.

At that time, officials learned that there was no authority to control or stop the event.

The proposed bylaw sets out the steps which promoters of special events must follow in order to obtain a licence from the CRD to hold the affair.

Exempt from the provisions of the bylaw are events which take place in a licensed theatre or other places of assembly licensed or zoned by the authority having jurisdiction.

Other events which take place in any school gymnasium or auditorium are also exempt.

Sea Capers, the fall fair and other such annual events must register with the CRD before the bylaw is adopted in order to gain exemption.

A special event is described as "any public show, exhibition, carnival, fair, concert or commercial performance attended by more than 500 people." If more than 500 people are expected to attend one of those events, the bylaw applies to it as well.

The licence must be applied for not less than 42 days before the event and if granted the licence is good for one day. The fee would be \$25 with a renewal fee for each subsequent day being set at \$25 per day.

The application must include written certification from the medical health officer, the RCMP, the fire chief or forest ranger as well as the building inspection department of the CRD if a temporary structure is to be used.

The medical health officer must be satisfied with toilet facilities, garbage collection and removal, domestic water, food and drink preparation, serving and storage as well as emergency medical facilities. The police must be satisfied with

the internal security at the site of the event, parking of vehicles, traffic control, the location of a police command station at or near the site and efforts to prevent excessive or disturbing noise.

The fire department or forest ranger must be satisfied that adequate fire protection measures will be in place during the special event.

The owner of the property where the event is to take place, or the promoters of the event, must also post a bond with the CRD in an amount which would cover any costs incurred by the CRD as a result of the event.

The licence, if granted, would allow the event to take place between 9 am and midnight but the CRD could allow the hours to be extended.

If the CRD, after issuing a licence, has cause to believe that provisions of the bylaw are not being followed by organizers, the licence can be revoked. In the event of a licence being revoked, the cancellation of the licence must be

advertised.

Violation of the provisions of the bylaw carry penalties, upon conviction, of a fine not exceeding \$2,000 plus costs with a separate offence being deemed to occur on each day the event takes place.

Upon default of payment of the fine, the offender could face a jail term of up to six months. A fine and imprisonment could also go together as the penalty for conviction.

The bylaw at this stage is just a proposal and will be dealt with by the CRD board at a later date. It would apply, if adopted, to the electoral areas of the CRD including Salt Spring and the Outer Islands.

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The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will hold a Public Meeting on February 12, 1985 starting at 7:30 pm in Central Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a detailed explanation, and allow for public discussion of the Channel Ridge development proposal. The proposal involves approximately 1400 acres on the west side of St. Mary Lake.

The meeting will also allow for public discussion of Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 87 which would amend the Subdivision Control By-law for Salt Spring Island to increase the minimum area for subdivision purposes in the Watershed 1 Zone (W1) from the present 4 hectares (9.88 acres) to 8 hectares (19.68 acres).

## Parents express dismay at removal of fence

The tennis court located behind the school district office in Ganges will have a fence, at least along one side.

School trustees discussed the fence issue at a meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board last week.

Joy Ridley of Pender Island and chairman of the building and grounds committee for the school board made a recommendation that a new fence be put up around the tennis court.

The old fence had been removed because the wooden posts holding it in place had become rotten. The court was constructed by a high school graduation class in the early 1950's.

Ridley answered concerns that the court area would be used for a parking lot. She said that the school board would not be ordering that the paved surface be dug up—yet.

The parents committee from Salt Spring Elementary School had

written to the school board expressing dismay that the fence had been removed.

During the discussion of the issue, the trustees decided to order a fence along one side of the court near the Mahon Hall parking lot. The fence would stop children from walking across the parking area.

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# To be Frank

...by Richards

## In an age of tens!

I'm a reactionary in an age of pounds and feet and fahrenheit. I like metric; I find it easier to calculate. I like the 10:10:10 ratio of length, volume and weight. If I weren't lazy I'd be completely familiar with it in everyday use, but I'm getting there.

Metric has always competed with politics. When the first tensman breathed a deep sigh in cubic centimetres there stood a dinosaur breathing cubic yards of foetid air, snapping up the beautiful tens as they came away. And dinosaurs all had feet, but nary a one had a meter.

It is even possible that dinosaurs laid eggs by the dozen, after which they were shipped out to Drumheller, in Alberta, to hatch out by the foot.

I'm just thankful that the federal government didn't destroy what has been accomplished. But like I said, I'm a reactionary from one to ten.

## Six ain't metric

Another thing: I don't mind whether they tell me in English or French. English is easier. But I don't really object to being told in English and French. But when it comes in English-English and French-French, I begin to wonder.

Last message we had, at the office, from the Metric Commission was duplicated. Everything was twice, two envelopes, two English notices. And two French notices. It all adds up to six and that doesn't add up to metric, not in my math. Never did learn to talk algebra good, anyway!

## It's cheaper in Hawaii!

There seems an awful big discrepancy between the cost of cars in one part of the world and another. I was checking travel folders the other day and I noticed two lists of car rental figures.

If you rent a standard shift Ford Escort in Hawaii they'll charge you in the currency of the country, United States dollars. The price per week is \$79. Add another quarter of that to make it Canadian money and you pay just under \$100 a week, Canadian.

But if you take the same airline and fly east instead of west, you find yourself in Britain, the birthplace of the Ford Escort. And what do you pay there for a week for a Ford Escort, standard transmission? The quoted price is \$239 (Canadian) for the same car for the same length of time. Moral is that if you plan on doing a lot of driving, better go the Hawaiian route. The amount of the difference staggered me.

## You get lazy

There's one aspect of growing older that nobody tells you. You get lazy. There are some among my own family who might charge that I couldn't. But I find the spontaneous eagerness to get down to something is lacking in me.

Mind you, it's not only laziness that I'm complaining about. When I first took up residence on Salt Spring Island I wore my own teeth and stared at the island without artificial aids. Now I can't read without glasses and I entertain my many grandchildren by removing my teeth at will.

## But, please, not me!

The Pentz nuclear weapons are not to rest in peace. The bumper sticker on Peter Pentz' car reads, "Nuclear weapons. May they rust in peace!" Last week I reported it as "rest". Only thing is that when I'm no longer around I'd sooner no one piously suggest, "F.G.R.: R.I.P!" How long would I rust for?

## To die with the socks off

It was always colder in winter. Just after the war, working in Sidney, I found the cold very cold.

At the old Sidney Review office we had a furnace that kept most of the staff comfortable in the summer months. When the frost stayed for days on end, the furnace snorted and sucked oil and we froze. We all worked with our overcoats on during the cold snaps.

One morning it was a thick snow and I was wearing sweater, jacket, coat and gloves and I was cold. The mercury fell to six degrees, F., which was 26 degrees of frost. And my feet were sore from the cold. In desperation I took my gumboots off and discovered I'd forgotten to put any socks on.

I guess the cold slows the mind a bit.

## Have I got my spats on?

I was thinking back to dressing in the morning when I was dressing the other morning. I was back in the 30's when I was employed by an advertising company in an English city. My employer weighed some 300 pounds and was unable to drive his own car. I would pick him up in the morning and he would only get out of the car when the pubs opened and at lunchtime.

His last words to his wife each morning before we left his house were, "Elsie! Have I got my spats on?" His girth was such that he couldn't see his shoes.

He's gone to his reward by now. As I recall he would have envisioned his reward as a long, long bar with unlimited supplies of Scotch whisky. He was the son of middle-class parents with a healthy income. He went away to school and then ran away to join the army.

He told the recruiting office that he would join on condition he was out of the country in a week or so. He was. He did his training in India and never returned to England for 25 years.

By that time he held the rank of regimental sergeant-major.

When he then returned to Blighty, he continued to enjoy the taste for alcohol which had carried him through India. He used to boast that when his father died, his stepmother was so drunk she fell into the grave. And he was keeping up the family tradition. It was he who employed my twin brother and then took me on without being aware of it.

Bill and I swapped jobs one day in the pre-war era. I went to his and he to mine. Bill blew it within minutes of going to work, but at the end of the first week I was told that the boss had intended to fire me but my work had improved so much he had changed his mind. When I revealed my real identity he was so amused we had to go and have another drink to celebrate the prank.

I never learned what happened to him eventually, but I'm sure he died fat, tight and happy: probably with his spats on.

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## More government

Paper companies, printing houses and committees fighting unemployment are all rejoicing this week on hearing the news that yet another bylaw governing the people of the Gulf Islands is being considered by the Capital Regional District.

Additional paperwork, new forms and a larger bureaucracy will likely be the immediate effects should the region adopt the two bylaws proposed in as many weeks. Islanders, in the meantime, should be questioning the necessity of having yet more rules and regulations governing the way we live.

Agreed, there are a number of points in favour of the noise bylaw proposed last week. Operating an engine which is noisy due to a malfunction such as a missing muffler would be an infraction of the bylaw, as it should be. It also makes sense to limit the times during which a noisy construction project may be allowed to proceed.

But shouting with such volume as to create an objectionable noise? Who is going to decide at what decibel level shouting becomes objectionable? Obviously, bylaw enforcement officers (or those charged with enforcing the smoking bylaw) will be required to carry noise meters to ensure people don't shout too loudly.

There are many island residents who keep chickens. On the other side of the fence are the people who dislike the sound of a rooster crowing at five o'clock in the morning. Will the keeping of a rooster in such a case leave its owner liable to prosecution?

Following close on the heels of the noise bylaw is that governing special events. While annual events such as Sea Capers and the fall fair will be exempt (provided they obtain that exemption before the bylaw is passed), those such as a concert in the park would require a permit and enough approvals to discourage even the most ardent lover of outdoor concerts.

At this moment we can think of but one special event in recent years that has been the source of concern for local residents, last year's rock concert at Walker Hook. Fears about the outcome of such an event proved groundless. And considering how unsuccessful the concert was financially for its promoters, it would seem unlikely that a repeat performance will be tried in the near future.

Introduction of these new bylaws boils down to one thing: too much government. Islanders should seriously question the need for new rules—we have plenty as it is. Can we not look after ourselves?

## Free enterprise

You don't have to hear all about free enterprise in the islands. You can read about it. Reading and the spontaneous efforts of local residents march hand-in-hand.

On the Pender Islands and on Salt Spring Island public libraries are independent, locally administered projects. In both instances the local lending library was initially launched and subsequently operated by volunteers. The library at Salt Spring Island has long been hailed by users and newcomers as one of the outstanding examples of a community effort that hit the spot. On the Penders the Pender Lender has gained a parallel support.

The two operations are examples of a community getting down to the challenge of its own needs. The islanders needed a library service and the islanders provided that service.

There are two other sources open to all communities in the province. There is a regional library serving the islands and a branch may be opened on any island. But a branch library would be administered almost wholly by the Vancouver Island library headquarters.

Locally donated books would become the property of the region and not of the branch. Local preferences in the operation would rank somewhat behind the policy of the administration.

The two island libraries are a valuable service to island people. They also show very clearly what can be done with the will and the desire for the service.



## Letters to the Editor

### Genuine effort

Sir,  
We recently responded to an ad in *Driftwood* and, as a result, hired Lorraine Hamilton and her workers from the Achievement Centre. We found that they completed their task efficiently and cheerfully.

We feel that this group are making a genuine effort at self-help. We hope that the entire community supports Lorraine and her project.  
**MARGARET THRELFALL,**  
Ganges.

### Authorization received

Sir,  
As chairperson of the Fernwood Parents Group, I would like to respond to the articles on the installation of full-spectrum lighting at Fernwood School, written by Bill Webster.

Contrary to the articles, we do have the written authorization of the School Board to install full-spectrum in designated areas of our school.

The lights are being paid for by the Parents Group because we feel that full-spectrum lighting will help make the areas chosen a healthier place for our children to learn.

On January 10 we were invited to speak to members of the Building and Grounds Committee. The Committee expressed interest and requested help in gathering more information.

We are not the first B.C. school to express an interest in full spectrum. At least two B.C. school districts have already installed this type of lighting in areas of their schools.

Some Canadian universities are compiling research on the subject, including recently completed work by Dr. Paul Munson at University of Victoria.

On Salt Spring full spectrum can be found in doctors' and dentists' offices, and our new Credit Union Building. The Credit Union Board

of Directors installed the lights at the request of their staff, out of concern for their health. Next time you are in town, please drop by the Credit Union and see how pleasant this type of lighting is.

In closing, I would like to invite Mr. Webster to call me the next time he would like to know what our Parents Group is doing. Perhaps then his articles on this subject will carry accurate information.

**DONNA BURGER,**  
Chairperson,  
Fernwood Parents Group.

**Editor's note: Bill Webster replies: according to school district officials, no written authorization had been given at the time the stories were written.**

### A day to remember

Sir,  
The students, staff and parents on the organizing committee wish to thank all who came to join with us in celebrating the opening of our beautiful new school.

It was especially gratifying to see all the "old folks". Approximately 600 people attended—what a send-off! How wonderful that you could all come experience the "feeling" of the Fulford Community Elementary School.

Thanks, too, for your generous book donations to our library and your enthusiastic support of our sheepskin raffle. All in all a day to remember!

**THE FULFORD COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**  
Fulford.

### Surfing on curriculum?

Sir,  
With reference to the four-day ski trip to Mt. Washington for the Grade 7 class of Salt Spring Elementary; I find it a blatant misuse of the education system.

Mr. Marshall, in his urging the board to approve this trip, denies

the responsibility of his office for quality education.

Perhaps in next year's curriculum we will be looking at a recommendation for support of a trip to Hawaii to study the art of surfing.

**LOUISE BALDWINSON,**  
**TED BALDWINSON,**  
Ganges.

### Noise problems

Sir,  
In response to last week's article "Draft of Noise Bylaw Ready": there are a few points covered which I will find difficult, if not entirely impossible, to obey if made law.

I'm not going to stop my watch dog from barking at the deer when they want to snack at my garden. That's his job. We don't need any more unemployment on this island.

I'm not sure I will be able to switch from a chain saw to a swede saw even though I have to admit my chain saw creates a level of noise which a finely tuned ear would find objectionable. I would also like to know what time of day crashing and snapping of a falling tree might be permitted.

I have explained to my neighbour across the draw that we will soon have to use the phone to exchange verbal greetings. It's not nearly as personal, but it's legal.

Perhaps Dr. Borsman will suggest an approved kiddie silencer for my children so the little yard rats won't get me in trouble for yelling like a bunch of kids.

While I'm at it I sure could use the help of anyone who speaks conversational chicken to explain to my rooster why he shouldn't be thanking God for his hens before 8 am or after sunset or 9 pm, whichever comes first.

I have to admit I find little comfort in the knowledge that the authors of this bylaw find the sound of gunfire preferable to a bit of music.

In closing, a word to the few who were crying in the dark last summer

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over the potential noise of a rock concert and raised the issue of a noise bylaw as a device to soothe your paranoid minds.

No more crying in the dark, unless, of course, between the hours of 8 am and sunset or 9 pm, whichever comes first.

P.C. RICE, Ganges.

### Get rid of Trust

Sir, I see in *Driftwood* dated January 30 that the Islands Trust is carrying on its long tradition of harassment and persecution of Salt Spring Island Resort Operators. This goes on every year regardless of the new faces on the Islands Trust Committee and many changes of Resort Operators over the years.

The Islands Trust has never done a thing for the people of Salt Spring Island and only survives by setting one faction against another and scaring people into believing that they are threatened from without, when in fact the real persecution is from within—namely the insidious Islands Trust concept.

I suggest that it's time that the

people of Salt Spring Island get rid of this unnecessary form of government and the money saved from our taxes can be used in some good Christian work at Lady Minto, Greenwoods and our Schools.

In the meantime, instead of nit-picking let us see the Islands Trust address themselves to these enquiries which are of great interest to a number of residents and myself. Insofar as we are required to have permits for this, that and everything and to pay water and property taxes and abide by the local bylaws, we would like to know why:

1. An employee of the BC Ferries has been permitted to live in a travel trailer on the Vesuvius Bay Ferry Parking lot for the past eight months?

2. The same question applies to a travel trailer on the Government Wharf at Fulford Harbour.

3. The same question for a travel trailer used as a residence located on

the road allowance on Sunset Drive.

4. A Workshop about 12 x 20 used as a residence on Tripp Road.

5. Second-floor rooms in the business block at the Valcourt Centre used as apartments.

6. A large workshop under construction about 12 feet from the road allowance on Tripp Road.

It will be interesting to know how these locations are zoned and if their use conforms accordingly and if the appropriate permits have been issued, and by whom.

W. SAWYER, Ganges.

### Harmony not evident

Sir, Dr. Borsman campaigned on a promise to create harmony on our island. Did he hope to produce this harmony by silencing all discordant voices? I have not been actively involved in the sewer debate but I am appalled that those citizens who have been are being singled out for criticism by our Director, first in his annual report and then in his letter to the editor, January 30.

The tone of these two documents I find anything but harmonious. Are we supposed to be as outraged as Dr. Borsman appears to be in his annual report to learn that residents have written letters to the government? Why does Dr. Borsman give us names of individuals who signed letters as if the individuals have been naughty children who deserve punishment?

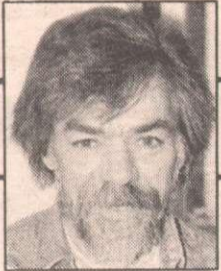
### Throwing rocks

Sir, Dr. Borsman's latest letter to the editor in the January 30th *Driftwood* has prompted me to write.

As Dr. Borsman acknowledges in his letter the current sewer proposal is over 20 years old.

I remind Dr. Borsman that what was thought acceptable in the 1960's (nuclear generating, spraying defoliants, DDT, and marine discharges, etc) is unacceptable to an aware population of the 1980's. Dr. Borsman goes on to say "the Sewer Alternatives Committee had access to \$82,000 of our tax money to hire an engineer of their choice to find alternatives". Untrue! The Sewer Alternatives Committee were only four members of a 14-member Ganges Citizens Committee. A committee which included: the School Board, the Hospital Board, Greenwoods Board, the Pioneer Village Society, the Islands Trust, the Regional Director, two members of the Ganges Centre Association and two members of the Ratepayers in the area to be sewered. All were appointed by the Capital Regional District to study the Ganges Sewer problem.

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### Bill Webster

One of the benefits of residing at the aerie above St. Mary Pond is being able to watch the ebb and flow of the ice while Louis Bolivar-Finchley rants about things political.

The ice sits on the surface, for the most part, as an echoed outline of the high hill which blocks the sun for most of the day.

The scene, as noted, allows contemplations which block Louis for most of his tirade.

He, Louis, is upset these days. Suitcase continues in his secure occupation of attempting to find that elusive endangered species, the Western Liberal, but Louis cannot for the wallet of him find employment.

He had applied to the Stone-Pile-by-the-Harbour in Vic's city but was informed that he, being neither an international exhibition nor a coal field, did not qualify for help from Billie's Bunch.

He, Louis, explained to various minions that the job he wanted was advisor to the restraint program and that to prove his point he would, upon being hired, take an immediate cut in salary.

A minion of sorts expressed high praise for such a proposed example of selflessness while another sort of minion pointed out that the government, in refusing Louis' offer, was setting an example of its own selflessness.

Yet a third minion of yet another sort, wondered how quick the government could get out a memo to the teachers asking them if they wanted to follow Louis' proposed example.

Needless to say when Louis returned to the aerie to rest a bit he was dizzy from the run-around to which he had been subjected.

The entire exercise had taken slightly more than six months, he explained, during which time he had dealt with the assorted minions on a daily basis including weekends.

The cost incurred just for the government to say an extended

no would have more than covered his salary for at least three years, he concluded sadly.

And so began a period of rest and relaxation for Louis at his favourite haunt: the waiting room at the North Salt Spring ferry turn-around.

When he had regained his energy and equilibrium, Louis decided to take on the feds at the Gas-House-by-the-Canal. His one problem with that was getting information.

They, the feds, tell only what they are told to tell.

Brian of B. C., since he has become emporor of all the people, does not want any bad publicity.

Louis applied for a job in the defence machine of the country. He wanted to help redesign the uniforms of the armed forces. He explained to a group of feds that his training in the matter came through a stint in a punk emporium in London.

But they, being good feds, didn't know what or where that was.

They denied that the uniforms of the army, navy and air force were to be redesigned. They denied that the country even had such things as an army, navy and an air force.

Meanwhile a parliamentary reporter, who had become lost while trying to find the press club for the annual mermaid convention, was passing by and heard the denial. But the poor wretch, when being told that the group of feds denied their denial, wandered away.

He, Louis, tried to get a job with finance, but was told that department was broke. He tried fisheries next but was told he would have to apply through Washington, D. C., for a job.

He applied for a position with the unemployment commission but was told they weren't hiring.

Louis arrived back at the aerie in a state of elation and dejection.

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### CHAINSAWS

## More Letters to the Editor

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Yes the Ganges Citizens Committee had access to \$82,000 and hired an engineer.

The money was however not all spent nor was the engineering study ever completed, because Hugh Borsman had the Committee aborted and the engineering study stopped before the engineers could make their final recommendations.

Dr. Borsman goes on to say "I have yet to hear that the owner electors who will be assuming the major financial burden have been complaining of anything being

rammed down their throats." What a short memory you have Hugh!

It was those same ratepayers who passed a motion of censure against Dr. Borsman for misstating facts at the CRD.

This in turn brought about Dr. Borsman's fit of pique and his motion to cancel the Ganges Citizens Committee.

Dr. Borsman ran on a platform of healing the rift in the community.

Of late he has thrown rocks at the School Board, the Sewer Alternatives Committee and all

those fine individuals who took their time and energy to work for a harmonious solution to the Ganges Sewer Problem.

Physician heal thyself.  
**ARVID CHALMERS,**  
Former Chairman,  
Ganges Citizens Committee.

## Planning playground

Sir,  
Centennial Park may soon have a new playground. The Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in insuring that it meet the needs of island children, as well as

safety, maintenance and cost considerations.

On Friday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm at Salt Spring Elementary Library there will be the opportunity for parents to bring their children to the first of three sessions where children's ideas will be gathered and explored. Session 1 will concentrate on "fantasy" ideas, session 2 on the "real space" being allocated, and session 3 will allow for participants to state preference for the consolidated ideas gathered. The results of these sessions will then be submitted to the planners and designers of the playground.

We are using *Driftwood* to notify as many people as possible to share in this exciting project. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting or to send written or pictorial ideas to the Recreation Commission, c/o Tom Hall, Box 1218, Ganges.

We can make our new Centennial playground a unique expression of community co-operation and spirit.  
**DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,**  
**TOM HALL,**  
Ganges.

other guests seemed to enjoy it, perhaps because they poured their whisky over it first).

There are also different ways of treating the beast (and there's lots of legends about its habits)—good ways and bad, such as the time (*horresco referens*) when the chef had not been told what to do with the thing, so he skinned it; and what was brought out in state to the high table to be formally addressed was a pitiful heap of naked haggis, which was embarrassing for all concerned. Mind you, that was in the U.S.; here, with lots of Scottish traditions to lean on, one would hope for better. But "prattle" and "Gaelic"? I hope next year's reports are a wee bit better.

**MURRAY SHOOLBRAID,**  
Ganges.

**Editor's note: It should be kept in mind that the ancestors of most editorial staff members of this newspaper fought in, and won, the Battle of Culloden, in which the English defeated the Scots. However, it is agreed that several errors crept into the Burns Night reports although the final two lines of *Ode to A Mouse*, as quoted by Bill Webster, were correct except for a typo. It should have read, "I was be laith..." rather than "I was be laith...."**

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### By HUGH BORSMAN Salt Spring Regional Director

I must comment on a number of letters to the editor in last week's *Driftwood*. Some of them were from the perennial headhunters and without exception they did not get their facts straight. But I do realize that there is room for misunderstanding on the issue of a vote on the sewer. Also at question is my attitude on that topic. But first of all could I remind the critics that during the election in 1983 I said I was in favour of a vote. I have repeated this on at least three occasions at the meetings of the CRD, including the meeting of January 23 which was reported in *Driftwood*, and which led to some of the above concerns. The Ganges Citizens Committee and the Implementation Task Force, which included myself, unanimously supported a vote. I also mentioned that there would be one when I spoke on the CJOR radio program. How could I make myself more clear?

I make no pretence of being an expert, particularly where the law is concerned, but I would like to present some of the relevant facts. First of all the Municipal Act, Section 611, says that a council (or regional district) may, by bylaw, provide for the establishment of a system of sewerage works. The Capital Regional District passed such a bylaw on February 12, 1971.

This whole exercise is of course based on the necessity of any community to fulfill certain obligations, in this case the adequate and safe disposal of domestic sewage. Sewers are an expensive requirement and for reasons of economy a community may not be keen to meet its obligations. Hence the above regulations.

I repeat this only to remind everyone that consent, or a vote, is not essential. Despite this, the regional board, in 1983, assured that on Salt Spring there would be a vote. There are some people who assume that this would be for the whole island. But if you think about it, it would be illogical for someone at, say Isabella Point, to in effect decide what those in the Ganges core could, or could not do, unless of course they were prepared to share in the cost. This would be possible by declaring the whole island as a benefitting area and all would share in the cost equally except for the user charges, but including the payment for the present debt.

Some have pointed out that since they will be contributing to the costs for the school, hospital and Greenwoods, that they should have a vote. They could be reminded that they weren't asked to vote as to whether there would be a new school at Fernwood or Fulford, nor were they asked when the hospital was expanded or when Greenwoods was built; nor if these institutions had to provide their own sewage

disposal facilities at considerable expense, would they be consulted. The vote then is for the owner electors in the defined area.

This could be in the form of a referendum or a petition. The latter requires a two-thirds majority and is the vote that is considered more reliable from a legal standpoint. Any new petition would of course pay heed to the lessons learned from the last petition. It is therefore the intention of the CRD, the local Task Force, and myself, that a vote will take place. But as we have been repeating ad nauseum, there is no point in doing this until we can give the owner electors some clear idea of what it is going to cost. That, we have so far not been able to do.

The present confusion arises from a report in *Driftwood* January 23 that three of the electoral areas, Colwood, View Royal and Langford, wished to have the SLP amended to have a vote of the people before a sewer could be installed. It should be noted that no decision regarding a sewer is imminent in these areas at the present time. There was no mention of a revision affecting Sooke, the Outer Islands, or Salt Spring Island. There is a rather complicated legal opinion that says that Salt Spring would not be affected by such a change.

But a number of directors, including myself, felt uneasy about opening up a situation where we would again, for the eighth time, be involved in legal wrangling. By a majority vote at the last board meeting the request for a change was turned down, for the present! So contrary to the letters in *Driftwood* the question of Salt Spring having, or not having, a vote was never discussed. When I spoke against the motion two weeks ago I had prefaced my remarks by saying that the owner electors of Ganges had already been assured of a vote!

We now come to the main problem, which is a sticky one. If a vote is held, and if the sewer proposal is defeated, what then? Since the need for a sewer has long since been declared a public health problem, can we walk away from this problem by voting against it? Not too likely. The ministry of environment has the obligation to see that those discharging over 5,000 gallons of sewage a day are not causing pollution. This of course included the school, hospital and Greenwoods. The regional health officer has the obligation to see that

there are no failed septic systems, and may order that they no longer be used, and may order an end to holding tanks, which are at best a temporary expedient.

Both these agencies have held off enforcement waiting for the day when the community could solve its own problem. But if we can't, then these two agencies could literally close us down. I feel that they will almost have to eventually give us a firm deadline.

So while we are certainly going to have a vote, if it is turned down, we will still have to have a satisfactory sewage disposal system. You may then ask, if that is the case, why insist on a vote, what point is there? My own answer would be that I would fervently hope that this community, abundantly blessed as it is, is mature enough to solve its own problem without the humiliation of having someone come in and force us to do what should have been done years ago.

I have attempted to make the above presentation as factual as possible, but obviously my opinion has been expressed. I have done so in the sincere hope that we as a community could establish a calm, rational and reasoned dialogue on this perplexing issue. I would appreciate your comments and your assistance.

A gentleman phoned recently to say that his wife is physically handicapped and that the marked parking spaces are not being reserved, largely because the signs have become worn. I promised that I would see that they are re-marked.

This will have to wait for more dependable weather, but I thought if I listed the places where they should be, some of you may wish to make other or alternative suggestions. From looking around the following would appear to be reasonable areas:

- Two spaces in front of Ganges Village Market (as at present).
  - One space in front of or near the Post Office (new).
  - One space in front of the Bank of Montreal (new).
  - One space in front of the Trading Company, near the parking entrance (new).
  - One space at Mahon Hall near the ramp (as at present).
  - One space at the back door of Island Savings (allocated but not yet marked).
- Any others? Please let me know.

## Scotsman in despair

Sir,  
I didn't know whether to laugh (in derision) or cry (in despair) over the Burns items in last week's *Driftwood*. On Pender Island, we are told, Jock Murray gave the address to the haggis in Gaelic. If this really means what it says, this is quite unusual. I know Burns's verses have been translated into many languages, including Gaelic, but the poem is usually given in Scots. If your reporter means Scots, let her find out the difference.

Dr. Mike Neilson was I hope misquoted; for Burns was not "living at the time of the 1745 rebellion of Prince Charles", since he was born in 1759. Bill Webster's column gets dates wrong too; it says Burns's birth came but four years after the Rising (read "14"). Webster also misquotes the Bard's *Mouse* poem: the "murd'ring prattle" is all his.

Actually, not every true Scot "relishes the haggis", for there are haggises and haggises, as anyone who frequents these ritual dinners will tell you. I had two recently myself, one quite perfect and one quite uneatable (for me at least; the

## Park project

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adjoining Gasoline Alley. Oldroyd said the level of the park may be raised several inches by the addition of topsoil, of which there is none at present.

The planting of additional trees and shrubs is being considered. All the existing trees will remain but it may prove necessary to move some of them.

Power and water facilities will also be upgraded. At present the park is served by a half-inch water line. A new line will be installed and power will be supplied underground to the bandshell.

Oldroyd noted that later phases of the project will require financial aid. He said a tentative agreement has been reached with the Centennial Society to use its charitable tax status.

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# School week 1,500 minutes long

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Superintendent of schools Mike Marshall had been requested to supply the classroom times for elementary and secondary schools as prescribed by the ministry of education.

While the elementary school class time is measured in minutes per week, the times for secondary schools are measured in hours over the five-year period in which students take instruction before graduation.

For instance, in the lower school, children are taught language arts for 715 minutes each week in Grades 1 and 2. The time is gradually reduced until the Grade 7 pupils spend 420 minutes each week learning language arts.

On the other hand, in high school the students must sit through 600 hours of English for the five years of secondary education. That would be 120 hours per year.

But for a subject such as mathematics, the time for

elementary school children begins at 170 minutes per week in Grade 1 and works up to 245 minutes per week by Grade 7.

High school students must take 360 hours of mathematics over three years.

The week for elementary school children stretches for 1,500 minutes with 1,325 minutes devoted to prescribed instruction in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, fine arts and physical education. A further 100 minutes is devoted to locally determined instruction and opening exercises.

The children are granted 75 minutes per week for recess.

The time for local programs cannot exceed the 100 minutes set out by the ministry.

In high school, the locally developed courses are allowed 720 hours spread over the four years from Grade 9 to 12.

The various subjects studied in high school require 120 hours per year from the students. The students are allowed to pick and choose which subjects they wish to study although some are a requirement for graduation.

For instance, 120 hours of consumer education is required in the four years from Grades 9 to 12.

The students can choose to take consumer education 9/10 or consumer education 12.

The principal of the high school can approve "reasonable variations" of time allotments to fit the needs of various students. The same consideration is permitted in the elementary timetable.



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# Dorothy Livesay to give reading on Salt Spring

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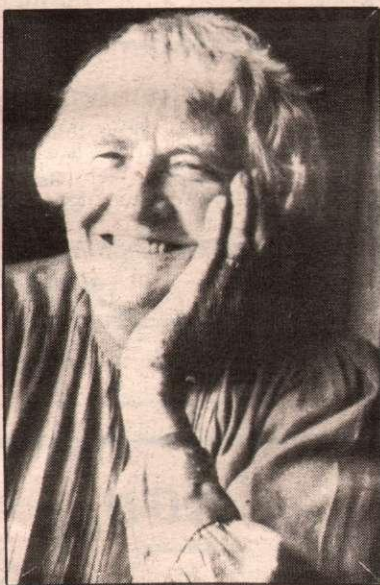
The event takes place this Sunday, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Hank and Maggie Schubart on Old Scott Road.

Livesay has been awarded two governor-general's awards for poetry and was honoured recently by the Status of Women for her contributions to Canadian literature.

Last October, she attended the World Conference of Writers for Peace held in Sofia, Bulgaria, and will share her experience at that event, as well as others she has gained in Canada and abroad, during the evening.

The Voice of Women has combined the work of Livesay and Phyllis Webb in a broadside. Diana Hayes of Salt Spring describes it as "a work of art" which can be framed to be hung on the wall "as a poetic reminder of the need to express and share our concern for a peaceful world..."

The broadside will be available for purchase during the evening of poetry and proceeds will be used by the Voice of Women in their efforts



Dorothy Livesay

toward peace. Jean Knight and the Cappella Sisters will supply music for the evening and refreshments will be served.



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Janet and Randy Severn

## Married Saturday

Janet Anne Gosnell, daughter of Mairi and James Gosnell of Salt Spring Island, was married Saturday to Randall Edwin Severn, son of Mrs. Jacquie Severn, also of Salt Spring.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length satin dress with train, embroidered with applique with a high lace neck. She carried long-stemmed red roses with baby's breath.

Pastor S. F. Hildebrandt officiated at the ceremony, which took place at Ganges United Church. Soloist was Joanne McCallum, cousin of the groom, and organist was Mrs. Shirley Hildebrandt.

Maid of honour was the bride's sister, Donna Gosnell. Bridesmaid was the groom's sister, Wendy Severn. Junior bridesmaid was Deborah Gosnell, sister of the bride. They wore pink and burgundy dresses.

The bride's mother wore a silver grey chiffon dress while the groom's mother wore a pink chiffon dress.

Best man was Gordon Lee and ushers were George Horel and Glen McCallum. Reception followed the ceremony at the Salt Spring Golf Club. Toast to the bride was made by Don Robertson of Vancouver.

The couple are spending their honeymoon in southern California and will reside at Salt Spring Island on their return.



## To speak at two islands

# Nuclear warfare at odds with Canada's traditions says Gifford

Spokesman for a nuclear disarmament organization will address veterans on two islands next month.

Squadron Leader C. G. Gifford of Halifax will outline his Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament when he speaks at Galiano and Salt Spring Island. The Second War veteran is making a tour of western Canada.

Gifford, who was a Pathfinder navigator during the war in Europe, has called on all veterans to work in bringing about a reduction in nuclear arms around the world.

Nuclear weapons, asserts Gifford, are inconsistent with Canada's military traditions of bravery, fortitude, comradeship and protectiveness towards civilians and prisoners.

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He invites all veterans to join him in his aim to increase Canada's security and to work towards the assurance that the nation's children and grandchildren have a future.

In the outline of his organization's stand, Gifford cites the stockpiles of nuclear weapons in the United States and the Soviet Union, whereby each could destroy the other and all civilization many times over. Additional weapons by either side are irrational, he contends, and contribute to the danger of accidental discharge of a nuclear missile.

The only way to avoid nuclear disaster, he asserts, is for NATO and the Warsaw Pact nations to seek a verifiable, mutual nuclear weapons freeze, followed by eventual mutual nuclear disarmament.

Nuclear weapons must, one day, be replaced by political negotiations between nations, he believes. Internal repression is increased by eternal threats, says the pacific veteran, not decreased.

The experience of Canada and the United States in maintaining a peaceful resolution of conflicts might well be adapted to the world scene, suggests Gifford.

All the vast reserves of this earth at present devoted to mutual overkill must be redirected to solving the health, nutrition and security problems of humanity.

Gifford has been engaged in social work in Canada, the United States and Pakistan. He has also been professor of social work at two universities.

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### SASSY offers full schedule of classes

Classes in breakdancing, square and line dancing, drama, music, drawing, painting, pottery, beginner's silver jewellery and cartooning will be offered this month and next by the School of Arts for Salt Spring Youth.

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Classes are being offered at all four Salt Spring schools at noon hour, after school and on

Saturdays. They will run for six weeks, beginning next Monday, until March 23. Parents are urged to watch for the SASSY brochure being sent home with students this week. Students and their parents will have an opportunity to meet SASSY teachers Saturday from 10 am to noon at an open house in the Ganges activity centre.

The school's teachers include Jim Dickinson, Joanne Morris, Ginette Richer, Merv Scoble and Nina Wolf in art; Lynn Quinn, music; April Curtis, Barb Drennan and Nina Wolf, drama; Ron Weisner and Zave Rhinehart, dance; Gary Cherneff, pottery; and Terry Warbey, silver jewellery.

SASSY is sponsored by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council with support from the Gulf Islands School Board and local parents' groups.

### Coast guard helps 153

The coast guard unit in Ganges responded to 153 calls for assistance last year.

By comparison, the crews went out to 139 calls in 1983.

The majority of the calls, 57, involved boats which had broken down with the next largest number of calls, 23, coming from boats which had gone aground.

The previous year there were 49 breakdowns and 22 groundings.

There were 10 fire emergencies which brought attention from the unit and 16 vessels had been reported overdue.

Of the total, 144 of the vessels

carried Canadian registry and nine were from the United States. The crews went chasing five dinghies which were adrift and aided three aircraft.

Of the vessels helped, 66 were pleasure craft, 29 were sailboats, 25 were fishing vessels or commercial boats.

Included in the total were four false alarms and one person lost in fog.

The calls for assistance took the crews as far north as Gabriola Island and south to Victoria. They also travelled into the San Juans on a couple of occasions and went as far as the mouth of the Fraser River.

### Named to court

Two islands directors of the Capital Regional Board will serve on the court of revision for 1985 on matters of frontage charges and parcel tax.

Dr. Hugh Borsman of Salt Spring Island will serve with Vern Roddick of the Outer Islands. Frank Bell of View Royal and Rick Kasper of Langford are the other two members.

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# Meetings will gather opinion about public school system

A series of public meetings will be held this month by the Gulf Islands School Board to gather public opinion about a review of the B. C. school system.

The review, *Let's Talk About Schools*, initiated last year by Education Minister Jack Heinrich, is intended as a first step in a revision of the School Act. It was last revised in 1958 as a result of the Chant Commission.

Heinrich said in an explanation of the review, "Changes in social and economic conditions have important implications for schools and, because of this, it is necessary from time to time to review how well school systems meet pupil needs and community expectations."

When the review process was begun, Heinrich rejected a call for a royal commission on schools in the province.

A task force was put to work to determine the scope of the review and came up with a series of questions covering aspects of the education system. Copies of the

discussion paper can be obtained through the school board office in Ganges or from the school trustees themselves.

In order to hold the public meetings, dates of which will be announced shortly, the school board has been given a flat grant of \$500 plus 20¢ per student in the district to help cover costs of the meetings.

The Gulf Islands School District would receive approximately \$735 to pay for at least six meetings.

The minister of education has put together an advisory committee which will hold meetings in various parts of the province to gather information from the public and those involved in the education system.

The members on the committee have been drawn from school districts as well as from the ministry itself. Teachers had been asked to participate in the work of the committee but declined the offer. They will submit papers and briefs

to the process on their own.

The original committee worked last summer to compile questions about aspects of the education system in B.C. They prepared 41 questions which covered 13 portions of the system.

For instance, under the heading "goals of education and schooling," the question is posed: "Do today's goals for education accurately reflect our society's beliefs?"

The discussion paper is divided into two parts with the first half dealing with questions and board issues pertaining to schools and society. The second portion looks at issues pertaining to the structure and operation of the system in such matters as management, teacher and administrative professionalism, rights of parents and pupils, as well as school district finance and budgets.

Each item bears an explanatory preamble setting out the views of those who compiled the document before offering the questions on the subjects.

The advisory group began by defining education and schooling. The terms are used interchangeably to describe the process of learning within schools.

But, noted the group, such use of the two words is misleading.

Education is defined as the total of life experiences while schooling is only one part that is planned, organized and structured and takes place generally at a particular period of one's life.

The material available for participation in *Let's Talk About Schools* includes a brochure setting out the particulars of the discussion paper and an accompanying response document to allow people to answer the various questions raised.

The ministry has set a timetable for the holding of public meetings during February with briefs and responses to be received until March 15.

The address of the advisory committee is *Let's Talk About Schools*, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Y2.

the office is "not satisfactory." He explained that supervisor of works Frank Sutherland had been talking with officials of the Capital Region about the space being used by the public health workers.

The public health offices are situated at the rear of the building and take up about half the wing which also includes the meeting room for the school board.

Those negotiations have been going on for a couple of years. The health people have indicated that they would like to find other space for their office but as yet have been unable to find a suitable location.

Hingston said that if changes are to be made, work should begin soon.

Sutherland is to make a recommendation to the school board.

The board had included a request for \$45,000 in the capital works budget submitted to the ministry of education in January.

## Space still a problem

Lack of space at the school district office in Ganges continues to be a problem but something will be done about it soon.

School board chairman Charles Hingston told a meeting of the board last week that the situation in

## They are not dirty at Fulford

School trustee David Eyles last week expressed satisfaction for the new school at Fulford but noted it lacked one thing: soap in the washrooms.

"The washrooms," he told a meeting of the school board, "were uncontaminated by soap. There is no soap and no soap dispensers."

Supervisor of works Frank Sutherland responded, "There's no dirty people in Fulford."

Sutherland later explained that the soap dispensers had been purchased but when workmen were to install them, the dispensers had been misplaced. Soap and dispensers will soon be in the washrooms, he said.



## Appointments confirmed

Six members of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission were confirmed in their appointments by the Capital Regional Board last week.

Directors approved the appointment of Irene Fewings to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Edith Sacker. She

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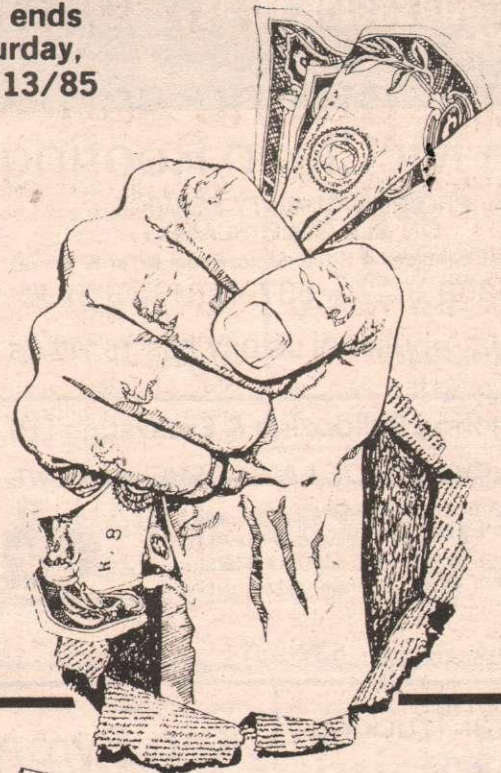
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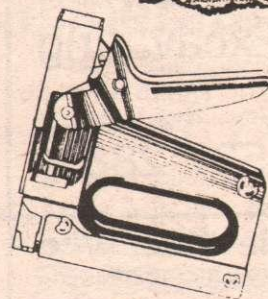


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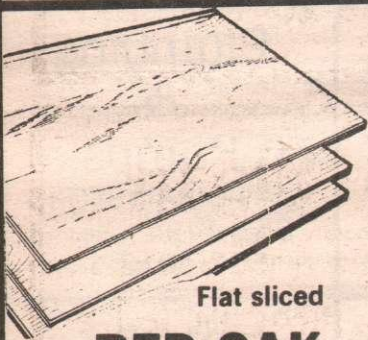
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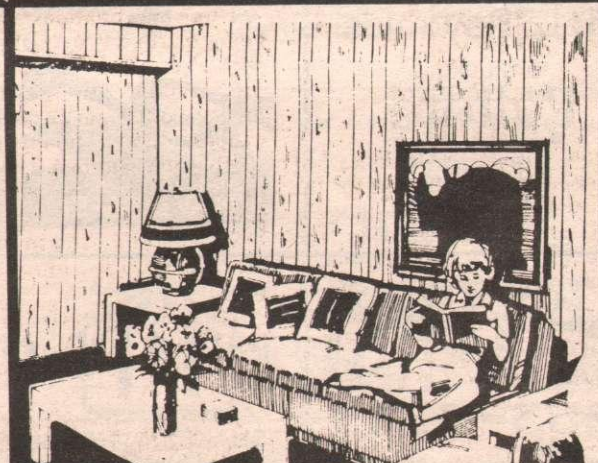
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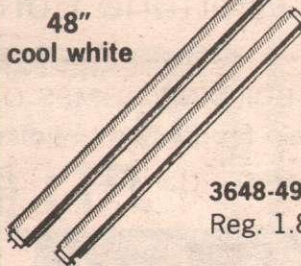


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# Merits of disposable, cloth diapers to be considered?

By KATHY SHARP

Basil and Kathlyn Benger are taking a well-deserved sabbatical from the post of Galiano's newshounds. Instead, I will be trying to keep you apprised of island happenings. I am new to the job and to Galiano, so please be patient.

Some of you have already promised to pass on reports from various clubs and organizations. I urge anyone else with news of any kind to contact me at 2406 or to drop in to our house at the end of Robson Way, an off-shoot of Gardner Rd. Otherwise, you may be subjected to columns on really important topics, such as the relative merits of disposable and cloth diapers!

**Scots and British**

To use a cliché, well deserved, a good time was had by all who celebrated the birthday of Robert Burns Saturday at the North Galiano Community Hall. Despite some disappointing setbacks—a stove that didn't work and a piper struck down by the 'flu—the evening got off to a rollicking start with the piping in of the haggis (by recording), presented with energetic aplomb by Allister Ross, who proposed the toast to the Queen.

He was followed by Robert Currie who gave the appropriate grace and tribute to the haggis in the Scottish dialect intelligible only to Scottish Lowlanders, but appreciated even by the uninitiated. Harry Stewart then lauded four "lassies": Margaret Robson, Jessie Bellhouse, Nan New and Elspeth King, all well-known for their contributions to Galiano.

Basil Benger, an unashamed Sassenach, made an irreverent effort to explode some cherished myths, reminding us that the kilt

was introduced by a Lancashire Quaker in an effort to clothe his workmen more appropriately. The mind boggles at the thought of what they were wearing before this intervention! Basil continued his speech with a tribute to Scottish Canadian pioneers, and the reading of a Burns poem.

An excellent meal was organized by Elspeth King, supported by Donna Marren and Alison Stafford. The Rosses, Edith Wishart, and Aini Haksi pooled their talents to deck the hall and tables in elegant finery. After dinner, singing was led by the Haggis Skins, while dancing was highlighted by Helen Stephen with the Cairngorm Dancers from Vancouver, and Allister Ross with Jane Edwards and Wyn Stephen in a creditable Threesome Reel.

In between this excellence, everyone participated with energetic enthusiasm and varied skill in reels, jigs, strathspeys and other dances. The organizers are to be congratulated for a most satisfactory and enjoyable evening. Thanks to Margaret Edgar for this report.

Meanwhile, the Hummingbird Inn became a bit of Olde England with the visit of Her Majesty the Queen (nee Carolyn Sadowska). Her Royal Highness entered in a grand manner, accompanied by military guard Morris Rees. Processional music was provided by Paul Hawbolt on the conch and Jackie Besler on the "bagpipes".

Despite her formal dress, the queen conducted one of her famous walkabouts before dining royally on roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. It seems that Her Majesty met George and Vera Harris while she was

vacationing in cognito in Mexico, and promised to check up on their empire for them. Obviously they discussed the local populace, because Her Majesty deigned to make several personal references in her after-dinner speech. A photograph of the queen and the well-dressed staff of the Hummingbird Inn will commemorate this royal occasion.

**Spicy talk**

John Edwards addressed the Gulf Islands Branch of the B. C. Historical Federation last Wednesday on the "Pepper Theory". This interesting talk gave the historical background to his recently published book, *Roman Cookery*, a translation of what may be the oldest existing cookbook.

As the book shows, spices had become very important in western European cookery. The subsequent closing of overland trade routes provided an important impetus to exploration by sea, as Europeans sought renewed sources of these valuable and toothsome condiments.

**Church News**

Padre Pocock appears to be recovering well from his recent emergency surgery, and is expected to lead morning prayer as usual this Sunday at 10:30.

The annual vestry meeting has been re-scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 pm at the church. All church members are urged to attend this important meeting.

**Heart-a-thon**

A Heart-a-Thon will be held this Saturday from 1-5 pm at the South Community Hall. The event is

sponsored by the Galiano Health Care Society, and will serve the triple purpose of raising money for the society, informing the public on health matters, and celebrating Valentine's Day.

There will be something for everyone, from kissing booths to CPR demonstrations. You can buy candy, baked goods, or hand-made cards for your loved ones, or take a chance on a raffle ticket. Tea and food will be served. Donations of time or goods would be much appreciated. Please contact Marianne Bennett at 2228, or Mimi Wishart, 5337.

**Baby Boom**

Galiano acquires new residents all the time, but perhaps the most important are the eight who have just seen their first New Year. They are Caroline Buttery, Felix Geizer, Christopher Landmark, Devin Lupton, Sheehan Mergaert, Tristan Sharp, Matthew Wilson and Star Wilson. (Apologies for any omissions).

Apparently five more children are on the way, so Galiano should be able to field a mean soccer team, complete with spares, sometime in the 21st century!

**Chimney Fire**

A chimney fire at the Hooley Sr. household was extinguished by the prompt action of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department on Monday the 28th. Only smoke damage was sustained, and it was fortunately covered by insurance.

Readers should be warned that this was the second chimney fire this month, and that regular chimney maintenance is an important preventative.

**Casting Call**

The Galiano Players will be producing the musical, *Annie, Get Your Gun*, on the first two weekends in May. Male and female leads and a chorus are required.

Anyone who is interested should contact Anny Bobak at 5315 or Enid Gaylor, 5468.

**Coming Events**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Service Club will be held Monday, Feb. 11 at 2 pm at the home of Eva New.

The Garden Club will have its regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 1:30 at the North Community Hall.

## Film nights for women

Tuesday evenings are film nights for women at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill for February.

The Women's Place is sponsoring the films.

The first showing, February 12 at 7:30 pm, consists of two videos produced by Women in Focus.

The first film, *A Respectable Lie*, examines the imagery used in pornography as a connection with violence against women. The second film, *Fashion as a Social Control*, looks at the history of women's fashion in Canada to measure the attitude women have toward their bodies.

On February 26 the offering will be *Daughter Rite* by Michelle Citron. This film studies the dynamics of women relating to other women in various contexts.

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# Standing room only for service to dedicate plaque at Pender

There was standing room only in the Church of the Good Shepherd at South Pender Island January 20 for a dedication service of a plaque in memory of Gerry and Tessie Parkyn, island residents between 1919 and 1939.

Seventeen members of the Parkyn family arrived the day before the service and hosted a dinner at the Pender Lodge. Hosts were Peggy Evans and her three children, Mr. and Mrs. John Parkyn, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parkyn and daughter Tanya and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Kim and their three children who performed on the piano and sang.

Won Ok Kim was sponsored by Gerry and Tessie Parkyn through the Save the Children Fund and was later brought to Canada and

adopted by the Parkyns.

After Sunday's service a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deryck Christy, which was the location of the home of the Parkyns.

Gerry and Tessie Parkyn arrived on South Pender shortly after World War I and settled on the property at the south end formerly owned by Dr. and Mrs. Aldridge. Gerry served with the Canadian Forces during the war and returned minus a leg.

According to Pender Island resident Art Pender, Gerry Parkyn showed energy that amazed everyone despite his disability, building chicken houses, fencing, digging a 20-foot well and tackling the jobs necessary in operating a chicken farm.

Transportation in those days was strictly horse and buggy or Shanks' mare, along a wagon road up to the valley, over the causeway to the wharf at Bedwell, then east again to Higgs, with the Parkyns at the end of Gowland Rd. Art Pender recalls that Gerry Parkyn's Model T was needed to deliver his eggs to the CPR boat which called every week and soon proved of great value for people requiring emergency transport.

"Some of the best memories of those days," says Pender, "were the musical evenings at the Parkyns, when many of us were first introduced to Gilbert and Sullivan, Gerry at the piano playing entirely by ear, while Tessie sang, in fine soprano, many of the favourite songs from those light operas...In the winter it was a long, dark trek home, but who cared? In those days such affairs were meaningful in a close-knit community."

One of the public services tackled by Gerry Parkyn was the building of the Church of the Good Shepherd. While Andy Georgeson helped with some of the work, the acquisition of sufficient materials and most of the construction was started and finally completed by Gerry Parkyn in the years preceding the second world war.

Art Pender will remember Gerry Parkyn with "admiration, affection and respect." He recalls Parkyn trying to teach him arithmetic when he was 14 so he could pass the examination at Ganges.

"This was really mission impossible—his patience and self-control during these daily sessions were something to wonder at!"

## Ronald McDonald House to benefit by garage sale

Proceeds from a garage sale to be held Saturday at Mahon Hall on Salt Spring will be sent to Ronald McDonald House.

The sale is set to begin at 10 am and runs to 1 pm.

There is a Ronald McDonald House on Angus Drive in Vancouver located adjacent to the Children's Hospital.

Ronald McDonald House offers temporary residence to families of children who must be in hospital for treatment of cancer or other life-threatening diseases.

There are currently more than 40 of the establishments in Canada, the United States and Australia. Plans are in the works to open one in Victoria.

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Together with some of his teammates, Hill established what became the first Ronald McDonald House.

The Salt Spring group holding the fund-raising garage sale also plans to put together a quilt which will be raffled later in the spring.

## Ex-islander stages show

A Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate and former Salt Spring Island resident is staging his first one-man art exhibition in Victoria.

Bruce Cobanli has been attending the University of Victoria for the past four years and is currently completing the final semester for a bachelor of fine arts degree in visual art, primarily studying printing and sculpture.

Cobanli's show, entitled *Big Figures*, consists of large figure paintings in oil paint on tarpaper.

In his words, the paintings are full of narrative, characters and situations and read like stories.

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