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Gulf Islands construction boom could result in a lengthy wait for some building projects

People hoping to have homes built on the Gulf Islands — particularly Outer Islands such as Mayne and Pender — may have to wait a long time.

And those who are hoping to get any kind of smaller job done are almost completely out of luck.

By NANCY VAIL
The Driftwood

On Salt Spring Island, builders are describing this as their busiest year ever. And builders on the Outer Gulf Islands say construction projects are backed up almost

two years.

Architect Rob Irving, of Mayne Island Design, says those interested in getting a project underway this fall had better book now. He says a shortage of builders on Mayne Island means most cannot look at taking on anything new in the next several

months.

Irving already has six projects waiting to be built and five more in the conceptual stage.

The problem, he says, is finding someone to build them.

On Mayne Island, as elsewhere on the Outer Gulf Islands, local builders are booked and others in the building industry are already being paid top dollar to work in larger centres such as Victoria and Vancouver.

Bringing off-island builders to the island — if they will come at all — could end up costing a potential homeowner more money. Builders are not prepared to come here unless the project and the move is worth their while.

"Basically, to get someone to come to Mayne, you have to get them to move here."

Irving says he hasn't even tried to bring builders over from the larger centres. The good ones, he says, already have their hands full.

Five of the eight builders contacted on Salt Spring Island say they are not attempting to bring in off-island help either. Instead, they are choosing to take on only the work their existing crews can do.

One of the problems related to bringing in outside help, they say, is the possibility of leaving workers without work next fall. They don't want to bring in people if it means those people will be unemployed here six or seven months from now.

Kent Villadsen of Villadsen Construction Ltd. says he brought in one semi-skilled worker from off-island, but does not

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Salt Spring Island stonemason Richard Dakin works on retaining wall at the Ganges creek site. In the background is a Ganges-centre development -- just one of many construction projects underway on the Gulf Islands.

Report indicates wilderness areas could be set aside

All the British Columbia wilderness areas identified by a coalition of environmental groups could be set aside without serious economic dislocation, says a report by Simon Fraser University researchers.

The report is the result of an exhaustive year-long review of the 103 areas compiled by the Valhalla Wilderness Society in a map published in December 1988. The map includes contentious wilderness areas in the province, such as the Carmanah and Stein Valleys. The Valhalla proposal was endorsed by the Western Canada Wilder-

Industry and wilderness system can coexist

ness Society and many other groups.

"I think that the basic conclusion of the report is that a healthy forest industry and a much expanded wilderness system can coexist," says research project supervisor Dr. Michael M'Gonigle, a professor of natural resources management. "We can really have our cake and eat it too."

The report found that the 103 areas

would affect 6.5 per cent of the provincial land base, but only 4.7 per cent of the forest land base used for logging. Excluding these lands would reduce the allowable annual cut by 3.5 per cent province-wide.

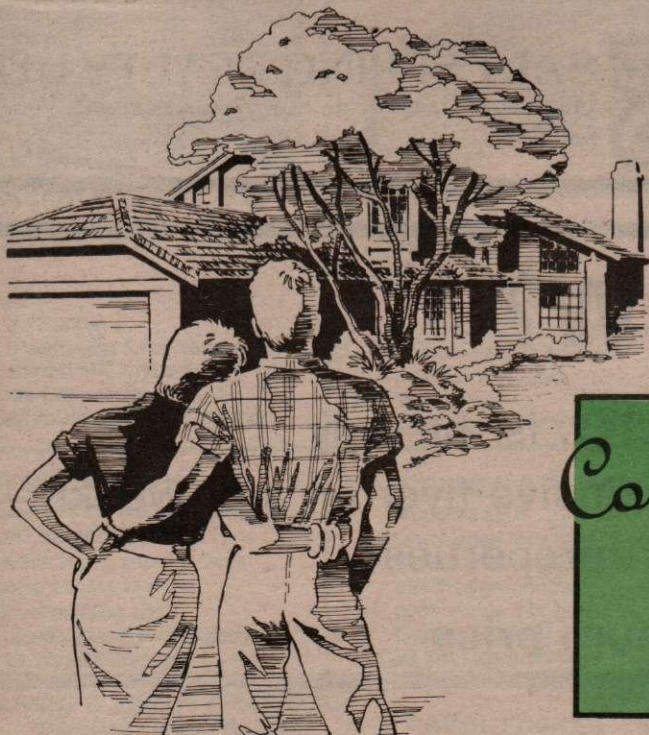
Researchers found major regional variations in the impact of the preservation proposals. The Cariboo region would experience the largest reduction in cut at 5.2

per cent, compared to the Prince George region, with the smallest at 2.1 per cent.

"Overall, the impact is not as great as one might think because much of the land sought for protection is not good forest land," comments M'Gonigle. "Glaciers and high alpine areas are mixed in with far more productive river valleys, so that, overall, the economic impact of these set-asides is diminished."

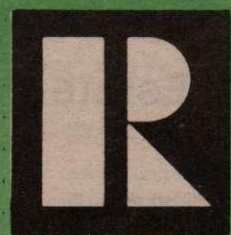
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By Rick McConnell

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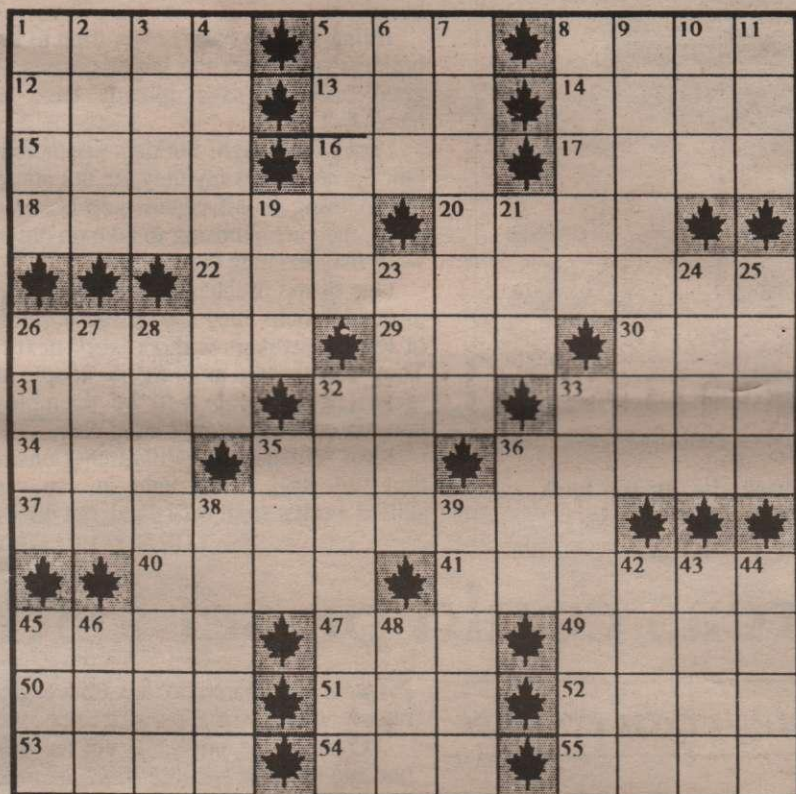
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- 3. Bones
- 4. Nocturnal marsupial
- 5. Domain
- 6. Biblical lion
- 7. Woodsmen
- 8. Singletons
- 9. Adam's and Gibson's
- 10. Outer prefix
- 11. Down
- 19. Continental prefix

- 21. Hockey's Bobby
- 23. Iron or copper
- 24. Challenge
- 25. Stares
- 26. Table scraps
- 27. Cabbage in Cabano
- 28. Pianist Burton
- 32. Suspension coils
- 33. In sequence
- 35. Repair clothes
- 36. Picnest pest
- 38. Gold loving King
- 39. Meat garnish
- 42. Walking aid
- 43. Lunch or tool
- 44. Narrow opening
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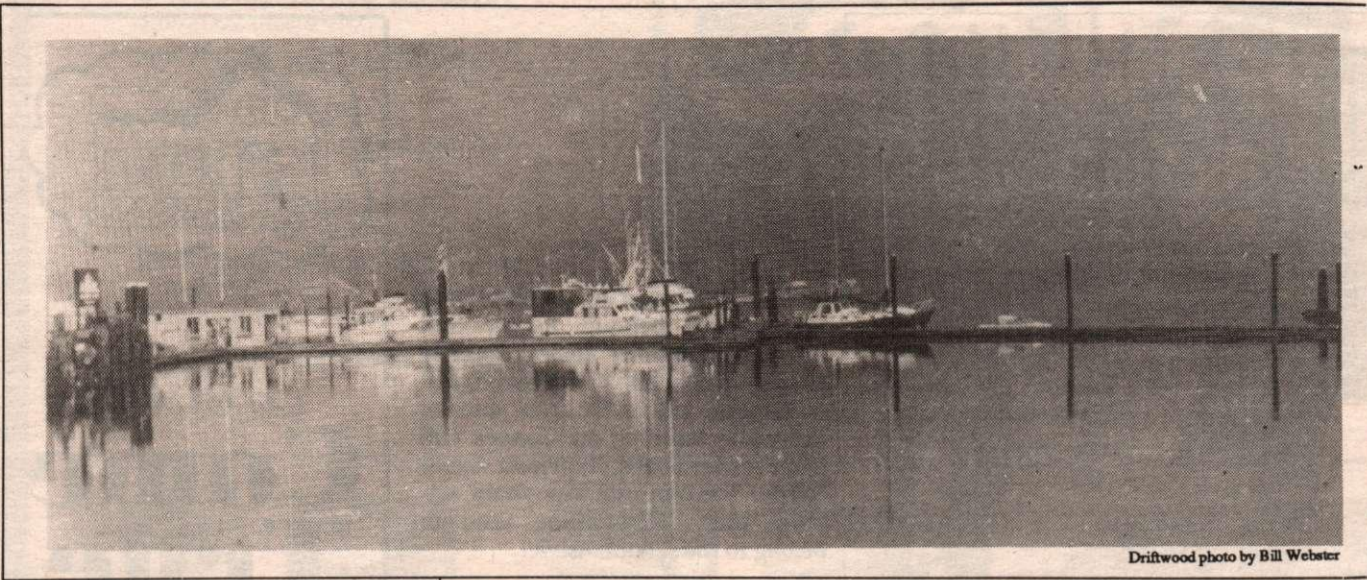
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Boats at a Gulf Islands wharf are shrouded in fog

Negative effects would be shortlived -- report

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the natural resources management graduate program. They used extensive computer modelling incorporating up-to-date data from the provincial ministry of forests and several affected forest corporations.

Many of the negative effects would be short-lived, the report states, with the economy adjusting quickly. Moreover, the severity of these impacts could be moderated by phasing in reductions in cut.

In addition, the study notes there are readily available improvements in silviculture, timber utilization and value-added wood processing which could be implemented to offset the severity of impacts.

For example, researchers found that good growing sites which have not yet been replanted, the so-called "priority backlog, not satisfactorily restocked land," exceeds the volume of comparable land in the Valhalla proposal by over 300,000 hectares province-wide.

Off-island builders not the solution

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plan to bring in more.

He also expresses the concern there are no guarantees work will be available several months from now. He says that on Salt Spring, like elsewhere in the Gulf Islands, the builders who come here, generally plan to make the Gulf Islands their home.

For some of the local sub-contractors, such as Brian Little of Salt Spring Interiors — one of the few dry-wallers on the island — the demand has meant extra long hours and working weekends to get jobs done.

He says that although there seems to be a general understanding of the backlog on the island, contractors and homeowners still want the work done at specific times.

Little has been having trouble finding any qualified and experienced helpers at all. He notes that one of the few people he has been able to call on is a journeyman dry-waller out of Victoria who does the work more as a favour than anything else.

On the down side, the heavy demand has caused some property owners to turn to people without the experience and training to do the job.

The result of this, concludes Irving, is somewhat ironic. On the one hand, he says, people wanting to have homes built in the Gulf Islands are those that want better-quality, upper-end homes.

Replanting these sites would increase the allowable cut by as much as the wilderness set-asides would reduce it.

The report proposes the provincial government preserve the disputed areas from industrial development while launch-

ing a comprehensive planning process.

"The choice is not between wilderness and forestry, but between efficient and inefficient forestry practices," says Chris Fletcher, a forester and senior member of the study team.

"If the provincial government takes the correct initiatives in wilderness preservation and industry modernization, the seemingly endless conflict between these two groups could be resolved to the benefit of all."

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Salt Spring boating course aims to prevent repeat of a local tale

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The story: a 10-year-old boy and his grandfather of retirement age went fishing. While cruising the Gulf Islands waters, the grandfather suffered a fatal heart attack. The boy did not know how to use the radio to call for help. He was unsure of how to guide the boat to safety. He was not familiar with the use of flares for emergencies. Eventually, the boat and the frightened boy were discovered floating helplessly and taken back to shore and safety.

To avoid a repetition of the story, the Salt Spring chapter of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron is conducting a course, "Let's Be Boatwise," for children from 10 years of age and up to the late teen years.

Max Fitch of the Power and Sail Squadron said no one is sure if the story is true but "that sparked the idea of teaching children."

Lisa Cherneff is a Grade Seven student at Fernwood Elementary School and she took the course in boating safety last year.

"I think it's great," she said. "It teaches you a lot of things about everything you need to know about boating."

With help from the Ganges Coast Guard crew, various members of the Power and Sail Squadron will be passing on knowledge of various aspects of boating safety to the youthful students. Classes run for an hour and a half, one day each week for five weeks.

Included in the course will be two field trips to apply what has been taught.

Simon Henson, also of the Power and Sail Squadron, explained that knowledge of boat safety is needed regardless of whether the young salts cruise under sail or in

power boats.

"The thing is, they're out on the water in a vessel," he said.

The course will also focus on reducing any fear of water which the youth may

have. Hensen noted that with proper awareness, boating is as safe as most other activities.

"The safety course also teaches that it's fun time out there, not fear time," he said.

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Also, the February 14 issue of the *Driftwood* refers to Diane Harris as an architect. In fact, she studied ar-



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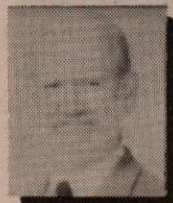


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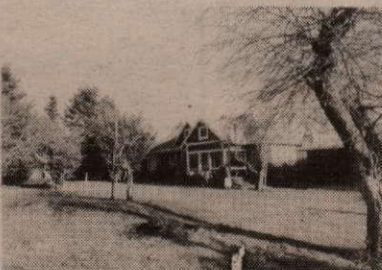
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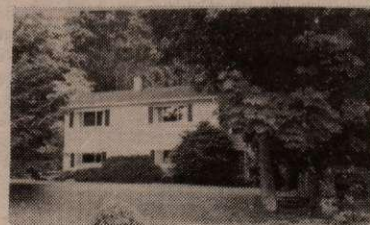
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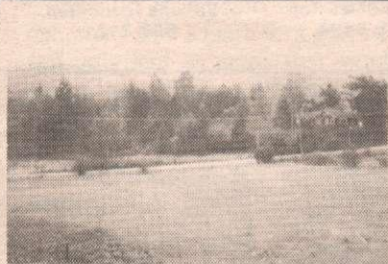
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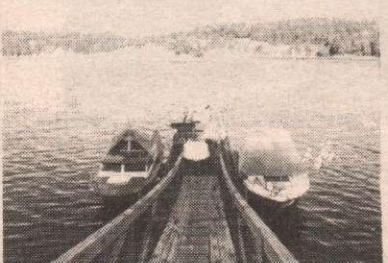
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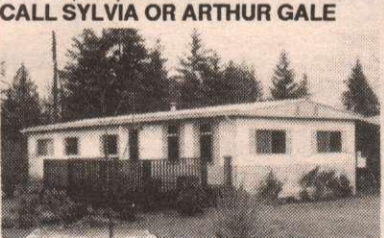
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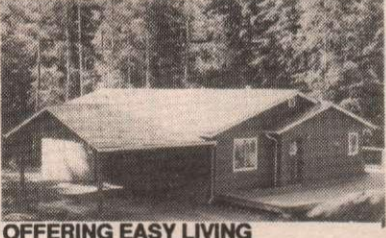
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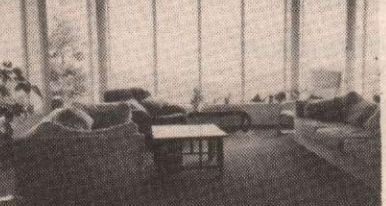
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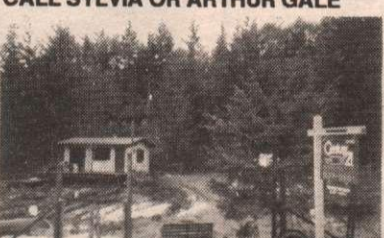
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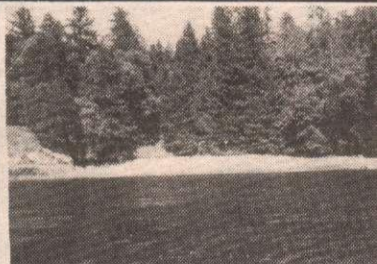
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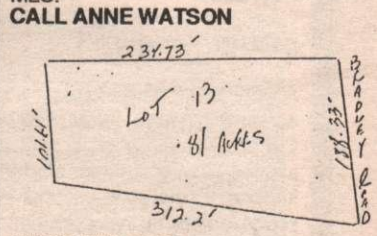
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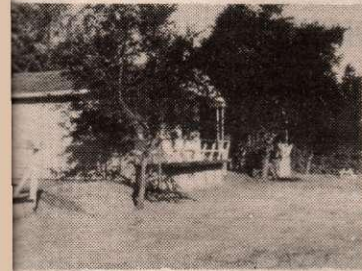
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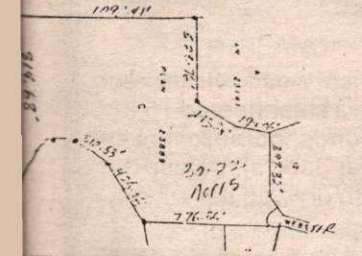
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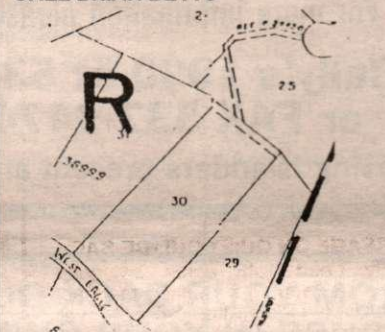
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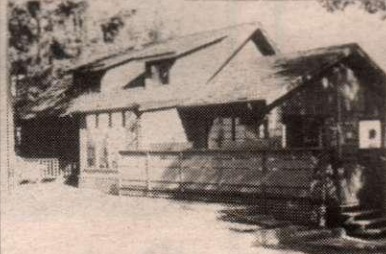
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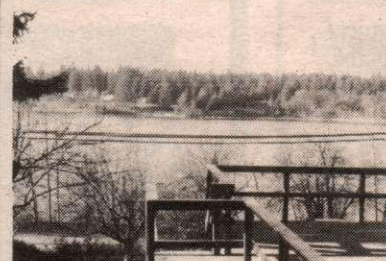
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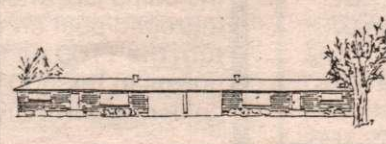
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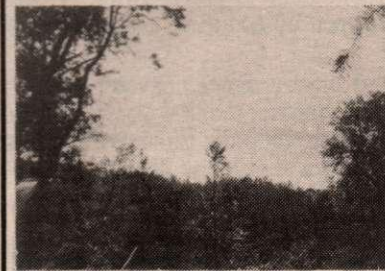
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Opinion

Your Garden

CHRIS SCHMAH



The buds of the flowering quince are swelling to the point of showing a hint of colour, and the peach blossoms are flashing a bit of pink, so it appears that spring is in the air.

The snowdrops, crocus, cyclamen, early daffodils and narcissus bulbs are in full bloom, and our primulas are starting their floral displays.

The honey bees are working over anything they can find, and we likewise, are all drawn out into the garden to see what the winter has left us to work on. As we go about cleaning up and breaking ground, each and every one of us starts to get visions or see things; a new flower bed here, a low stone wall there, an extra path going to a new garden yet to be built, and on and on.

I think I have more unfinished "spring dreams" than a lifetime of gardening could get caught up to, but for some reason, the spring creative fervour (fever) always wells up again to inspire another "fun job". As a result of my many furtive efforts, I feel compelled to comment on some of my best and worst experiences, in the hope that you will avoid the pain and indulge the "easy" projects.

Since it is the start of vegetable-growing season let's start with fiasco number one, the 4,000 square foot garden carved out of wilderness, with five million stones and only half as many tree roots to pull. After two weeks the billion weed seeds start to grow and the deer arrive to eat only the veggies.

First to address the size, plan to spend almost an hour a week (on average), for every 100 square feet of ground you intend to cultivate, tend and weed. If you want to do it right and well, the job will take all of this time and maybe more for the first several years.

Start with half that ground

Consider how much you will want to eat fresh from the garden, and how much you will want to freeze, can, preserve, pack, dry, or give away, and then calculate back from that to give you your maximum needed area. Start with half of that ground, in a location which will allow for future expansion and then get underway with the job of breaking ground.

Our first garden is now wilderness, and we grow our few veggies in box beds, as they require much less time to tend. The soil in the box beds is very loose, rich (30 per cent chicken manure and sawdust), and relatively weed free.

As we don't walk on it, the soil doesn't get compacted, and each five by eight box can be forked over and manured in less than an hour. If you start with one or two box beds you can build additional ones as your time and needs dictate. The deeper soil (16 to 18 inches) supports a denser planting and results in less weeding effort. To simplify things even further, we have lined the paths with black polyethylene (6 mil thickness) and covered it with a few inches of bark mulch.

While we still water by hand or use a sprinkler to do overhead watering, the raised box bed system permits easy installation of a drip system which assures minimal consumption of water.

Deer are persistent opportunists

At the same time you should get going on the fences, so that the deer are excluded before the seeds germinate. For deer fencing, we've tried stock fencing with posts and paige wire, which worked quite well until they got hungry and started jumping higher and higher.

Adding on bits of two by fours and extra wire detracts from the overall look, but eventually yields a secure compound. Remember to put a spring or self-closing device on the gate so that it can't be left open by accident, as the those persistent deer are opportunists.

Other deer fencing approaches such as electric fences haven't worked as well, since the dry soils which develop during the summer months won't conduct the high voltage jolts required to deter the deer. Using alternate ground wires in the fence set-up works better but by the time they get a shock, the deer are already into or going through your fence and may well jump into the garden as a response to the shock.

What was the easiest to build and the most effective was the suspending of fish-net or fine garden netting around the garden compound. By using corner posts and taut berry wire, the netting goes up easily, and can be taken down or up in a few minutes.

Certain parties refuse to weed this area

Leaving the veggie garden, heading for the rockery, I find a rewarding project that was a small rock grouping with a mixture of shrubs, groundcovers, and bulbs. Little or no effort in maintenance is due largely to the fact that a concrete sidewalk and a lawn border the display.

On the other side is a fiasco where the rockery runs up against the wild ground of a field, with the resulting invasion of dewberry, blackberry, broom, salal, and snakes. Now the snakes are significant problem for me here because certain parties refuse to weed in this area unless I catch and relocate them; easier said than done.

For rewards in the flower department, count on the joy of a splash of accent colour in pots, planters, half barrels, or hanging baskets, as weeding is minimal, and the display is located close in to the decks and leisure areas where the plants are appreciated more. They also stand a better chance of getting more weeding, watering and feeding care, invariably resulting in a better show.

Skip the distant beds which you only travel to work on and rarely enjoy, as the slug and deer are the main beneficiaries of such efforts.

Plant a tree or large scale shrub in such locations for along term reward, but save your tiddly intensive energy for the boxes, planters and beds close in by decks and entryways.

Well I really do have to run, as I've got a half-baked idea about putting in a few fruit trees down back by the forest edge.

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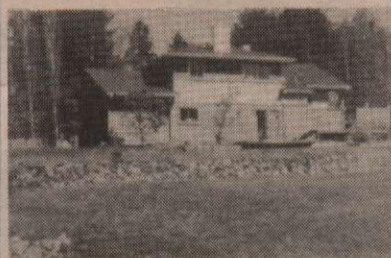
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Islanders, corporation look at different schedules

March certainly came in like a lamb, or so the expression goes. Having just about finished lambing I sometimes wonder where such a saying comes from. At feeding time around here some lambs are pretty ferocious.

By LYNNE PIPER
Driftwood Correspondent

The Community Club Fourth Quarterly and Annual meetings will be held on Monday, March 19 at 8:00 pm. Tenders have been called for repairs to the hall foundations on the west wall and for the old tar and gravel roof.

The forms about the Lamb Barbecue sent out from Dr. Couvelier's office have been collected and returned. We will just have to wait for the results.

Transportation meeting

After a two week postponement, the Southern Island Transportation Committee met with the Ferry Corporation on

February 28. Captain Grey had provided the committee with a schedule for the members to study, well in advance of the meeting.

At the meeting discussions of scheduling got underway. Apparently, there was some confusion when Captain Grey and the three other officials were considering yet another schedule to the one the committee had studied.

Here is a quote from our representative Jim Campbell: "I found to my distress that the meeting was a waste of time because the officials of the Ferry Corporation had failed to tell us anything about the new schedule that they had planned to discuss with us that day. They did not even have copies of these new schedules for us to look at when we got there."

Eileen Anderson

Sadly Eileen Anderson, Jon Guy's mother, has recently passed away. She will be remembered by many of the new friends she made while living on Saturna last summer.

SATURNA ISLAND *Scene*

Watercolour sandstone

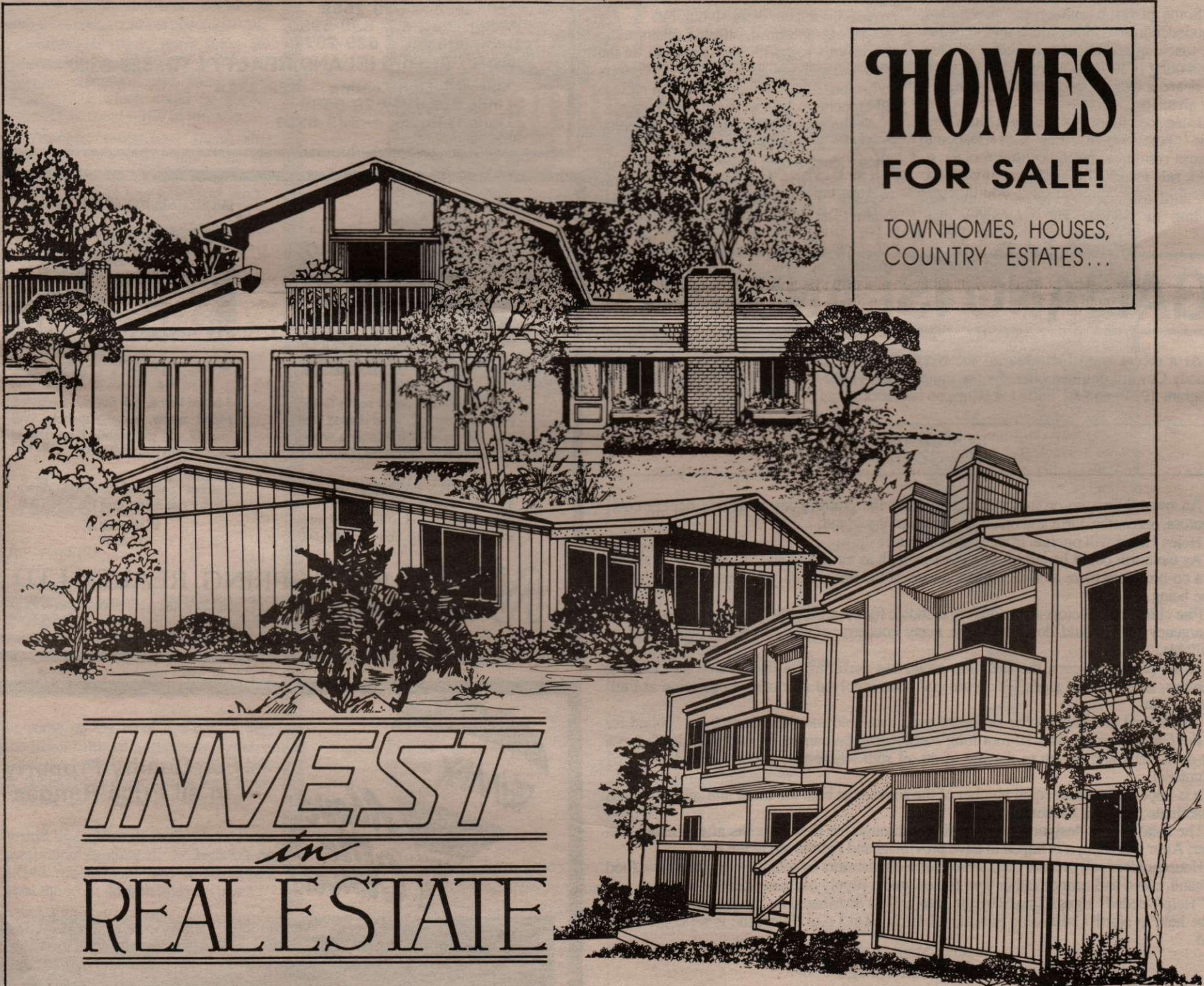
Anne Popperwell is showing some of her watercolour sandstone paintings at a

group exhibition of Gallery Artists at the Fran Willis, North Park Gallery on Store Street in Victoria.

Till next time....

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Islands

Galiano Garden Club "extra event" presents data on pruning ornamentals and fruit trees

With her down-to-earth approach, Betty Fenton provided about 20 Galiano gardeners with much useful information on pruning ornamentals and fruit trees at a recent Garden Club "extra event".

By ALISTAIR ROSS
The Driftwood

According to Fenton, ornamentals are usually pruned back after the flowering is over. As a general pruning rule, you take out weak growth, old wood, and cross-over branches and attempt to shape the bush or tree. Pruning usually induces more and larger flowers.

For fruit trees, the pruner cuts out all diseased wood and cross-over branches and opens up the tree so light and air can reach inside.

Some plants bloom on the new wood (rhododendrons). Here you prune very little, touching no new growth unless you are attempting to reshape the bush. If so, do it by degrees over a period of three years — not all at once.

Lilac too should be pruned a little at a time. Japonica, weigela, forsythia and spireas can stand more severe pruning. A quick rule for pruning such shrubs is to cut one third away and leave two thirds, according to Fenton. The hydrangea also

should be pruned after the blooms are over — when they begin to go greenish or red. The hydrangea blooms on the end of its cane. To prune in the spring will remove the flower buds.

Clematis are pruned according to variety; montanna needs little pruning, the jackman varieties much more. These varieties will need thinning and inner mats removed.

Tea roses should be pruned hard in February and early March. Climbing roses and old roses must be done after they bloom, but much more carefully. To encourage an all-over bloom in a climbing rose, alternately cut some canes long and some to about three feet. Cut old and weak canes out. Tie the canes in a fan shape to your fence or wall.

For fruit trees, the pruner cuts out all diseased wood and cross-over branches and opens up the tree so light and air can reach inside.

Pruning gives larger yields, larger fruit and usually less June drop. Although water and effective pollination has a lot to do with the latter. Over-pruning encourages the development of water shoots. To slow down the development of this sterile growth, do not cut them all out.

Cut out one third, shorten others more and leave a few with strong growth. In the third year, these should produce flowers and some fruit. Eventually they can replace old branches which no longer bear well.

As the cherry bleeds badly, never prune it after the end of February. Pruning the cherry encourages more and larger fruit. Apply tree wax (not paraffin wax) to the cut ends of the larger pruned branches. For best results, a fruit tree should be pyramid-

shaped.

The pear tree tends to shoot skyward, so cut back its upper branches and open up the middle to light and air. Weight the lateral branches down to let in light.

Peach trees in this climate are difficult to grow because of leaf curl. Fenton recommends they be grown in a protected area — next to a building, preferably with an overhang.

In her talk, Fenton also gave advice on bringing back old trees, the creation of candelabra, fan and cordon-shaped trees for small gardens, and a method of removing forked branches which tend to produce poorly.

Pruning saws and secateurs were put to work in many Galiano gardens after her visit.

GALIANO ISLAND *Scene*

At a recent annual meeting of the North Galiano Community Association, director Woody Coward outlined plans for the organization of the Provincial Emergency Services Program (PEP) and the initiation of rescue operations.

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

An overall area co-ordinator is required for the group along with two deputy coordinators, one in the north and one in the south of the island.

Helen Houle will operate from South Galiano.

As the north could be cut off in a disaster such as an earthquake, it is felt there should be a co-ordinator there as well. Ellen Coward of the fire auxiliary is doing the job for the time being.

Fire chiefs and doctors are not the first choice for co-ordinating positions because in an emergency they would doubtless have many concerns of their own and would not be available.

In the past two years, the fledgling group has performed a land search and two sea searches, taken part in a gas leak scare and been involved in a rescue operation at Philimore Point.

The federal government has oil boom units available and these have been applied for by the Galiano group. The 10-foot long sections can be carried by two men, loaded in a flat-deck truck and driven to the site of an oil spill where they are assembled — all by volunteers.

It is hoped to store an equal number of the sections at both the north and south firehalls to facilitate their quick assembly.

The local PEP is designed to get islanders through the first 72 hours after a major disaster. After that time, it is hoped to have provincial and federal aid at the site.

Householders can prepare themselves for such disasters by making sure they have food on hand, cured and canned rather than frozen, and a supply of fresh water.

"Help Needed" signs to place by the gate will be distributed by the group at a meeting to be held in North Galiano on Saturday, March 10 at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Other meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Galiano Garden Club will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the North Hall. Speaker is Susan Dickinson whose topic will be organic gardening.

On Sunday March 11, at 7 p.m., Bob Nixon, publisher of the magazine "Forest Planning Canada" will be at the North Hall to speak to the Elderhostel group and interested Galianoites.

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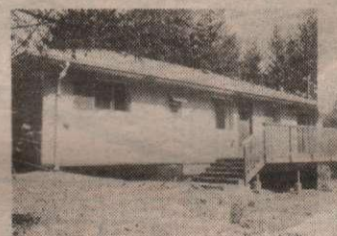


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PROVINCIAL ROUNDUP

By Hubert Beyer

Quote of the week

Shortly after the release of a report by Comptroller General Brian Marson which described Bill Reid's role in a controversial GO B.C. grant award last year as "irregular and improper," the former cabinet minister indicated that he's happy with the result.

"I'm anxious to get back on stream, and I can tell you I'm looking forward to getting back at the big table with the rest of the cabinet colleagues and working with the premier and others," Reid said.

"I want my job back. I deserve to have it back. I didn't do anything wrong, and that's what the report says. And I think I'm the hardest-working MLA in the province, and I want to get to work.

Guno out

Atlin MLA Larry Guno announced last week that he will not seek the NDP nomination in the new riding of Skeena. Guno, who had earlier declared his intention to go after the Skeena nomination, said he changed his mind because of personal and health reasons.

Guno said he will continue serving as MLA for Atlin until the next general election, at which time he intends to actively campaign for the NDP. Guno was elected to the legislature in 1986.

Group upset

Share Our Resources, a lobby group supporting logging of the Carmanah Valley on Vancouver Island, is upset over Forest Minister Claude Richmond's decision to

turn over government studies of the Carmanah Valley to the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.

"It's outrageous that a lobby group with its own political agenda is being allowed to dictate to cabinet," Dorothy Nickell, one of the group's directors said last week.

The issue, Nickell said, is of special concern to residents of Duncan and Port Alberni, who stand to lose 300 jobs if the valley is preserved as a wilderness area.

Kick 'em again

As long as there's a smoker left out there, governments seem intent on going after him for revenue. Last week, the provincial government announced another tax increase on cigarettes.

Effective March 1, the provincial tax on a package of 25 cigarettes will be \$1.55, up 11 cents. On a carton of 200, the provincial tax is now \$12.40. The tax on packaged tobacco is 4.8 cents a gram, compared to the previous 4.4 cents.

Cigarette tax is indexed and subject to review twice a year. The next review is due Sept. 1, and it's a good guess that the price won't go down at that time.

New ferry technology

New high-speed ferries could be plying Georgia Strait by the summer of 1992, if a former cabinet minister and B.C. Ferry Corporation chief has his way.

Sam Bawlf, a cabinet minister in the Bill Bennett government, unveiled plans last week for a \$90 million aluminum ferry that would not only solve ferry congestion

problems, but be a shot in the arm for B.C.'s work-starved ship-building industry.

The light-weight ferry would be able to make the crossing from Vancouver Island to the Mainland in less than an hour, compared with one hour and 35 minutes for the traditional vessels. The capacity would be 1,100 passengers and 350 cars. That's slightly less than the super-ferries promised by the government recently, but construction cost would also be 25 per cent lower.

Bawlf is hoping to interest the government in his scheme. He says the Australian-designed ferries will soon be

built in a number of countries. By getting in on the ground floor, B.C., he adds, would provide much-needed work for its shipyards.

Where's Winston?

"Where's Winston," a video meant to inform youngsters about the dangers of joining youth gangs, has been nominated for an International Television Association Award, Attorney General Bud Smith said last week.

BRIDGE REPORT

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 26 were as follows:

NORTH-SOUTH

Helen Shandro and Bunny Jordan; Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest; Bill and Betsy Minton.

EAST-WEST

Boyd Siemens and Gordon Hutton; Kay Javorski and Mildred Gurney; Noel Fowles and Isabelle Richards.

On Tuesday afternoon, winners of our North American Seniors Championship were: Bill and Rosemary Hook; Pam and Gerry Foard; Bob and Althea Morrisette; Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; Dick and Fran Tipple; Reta Bastick and Stan Stewart.

Tuesday night winners were:

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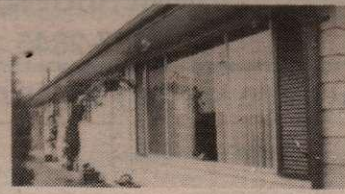
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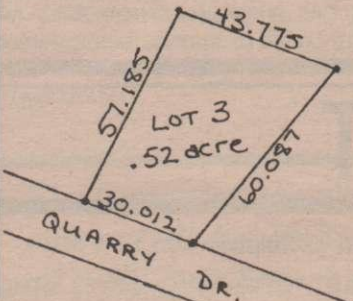
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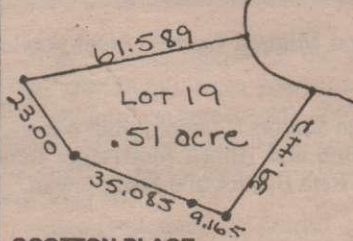
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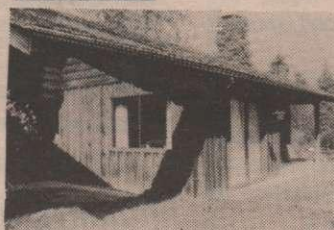
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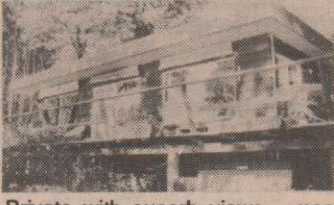
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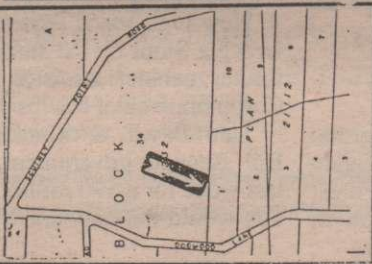
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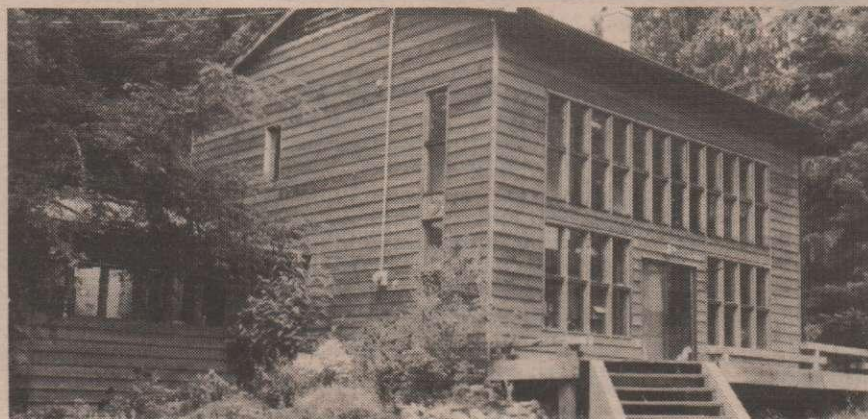
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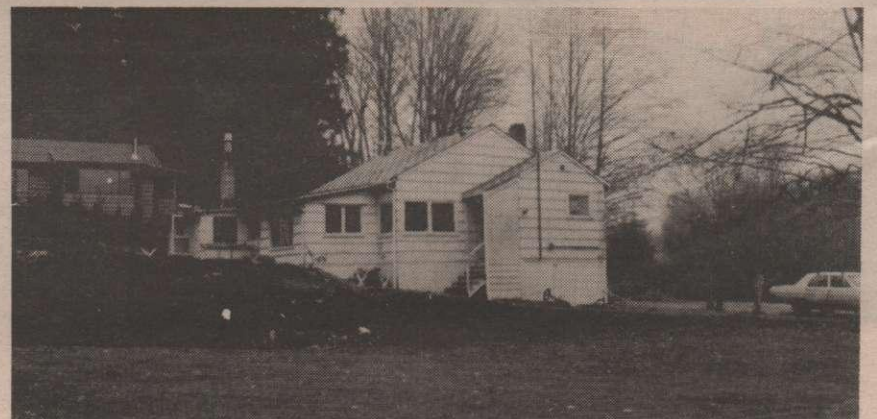
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