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Driftwood

Building activity drops marginally in 1990

Recession bordered on the edges of Salt Spring building activity as 1990 wound down.

In the first month of the year, the Capital Regional District issued 68 permits covering a variety of building activities, in-

cluding 13 permits for dwellings. Work covered by the permits held a value of \$1.3 million.

In December, the CRD issued 62 permits, including 12 for dwellings, but the dollar value slipped to \$791,236.

According to CRD information, various island projects were put on hold. A planned office expansion in Gasoline Alley, a townhouse project at the end of Crofton Road, Phase Three of Kingfisher Cove, plus a commercial building at Grace Point were some of the projects which ground to a halt as the year closed.

Overall, the year held promise for construction workers. In total, the CRD issued 837 permits with a value of \$14.8 million compared to 669 permits issued in 1989, covering a value of \$15.9 million.

Housing starts in the first quarter of 1990 stood at 43 while in the previous year, 26 homes were initiated. However, the expected increase in activity for the summer months did not materialize in 1990.

For instance, in the third quarter of 1989, workers began construction on 63 houses. But last year, the total stood at 45 new starts. Throughout 1990, quarter by quarter, housing starts hovered near 40-per-quarter mark. The total housing starts for the year amounted to 169.

In 1989, housing starts peaked at 63 for the third quarter from a slow start of 26 in the first quarter; 1989 housing starts increased to 44 in the second quarter and slumped to 37 for the last quarter.

In 1990, February, March and April marked the peak construction months on

the island. During those three months, the CRD issued permits for 55 new dwelling units. A total of 253 building permits of various kinds went out for work valued at \$4.3 million.

Activity slowed slightly in May with 55 building permits issued including 14 for new homes. Values for the month stood at \$1.8 million. Work in June increased with 74 permits issued; however, only 12 were issued for new housing. The value of work for the month dipped to \$1.1 million.

Only 192 permits were issued (including 44 housing starts) in the normally busy months of July, August and September. The three month total value sat at \$3.9 million with a September low of \$989,000.

The down-trend continued for the final quarter with 195 permits being issued for work valued at 2.9 million. Housing starts for the quarter stood at 38.

Optimistically, several projects being proposed for 1991 should give construction workers a boost. A new high school is in the design stage along with ArtSpring, a new art centre.

Building is expected soon on a townhouse project on Valhalla Drive in Ganges, and Texada Logging is expected to build a 57-square-metre (2,000-square-foot) office building at Burgoyne Bay.

Outer Island statistics increased during 1990

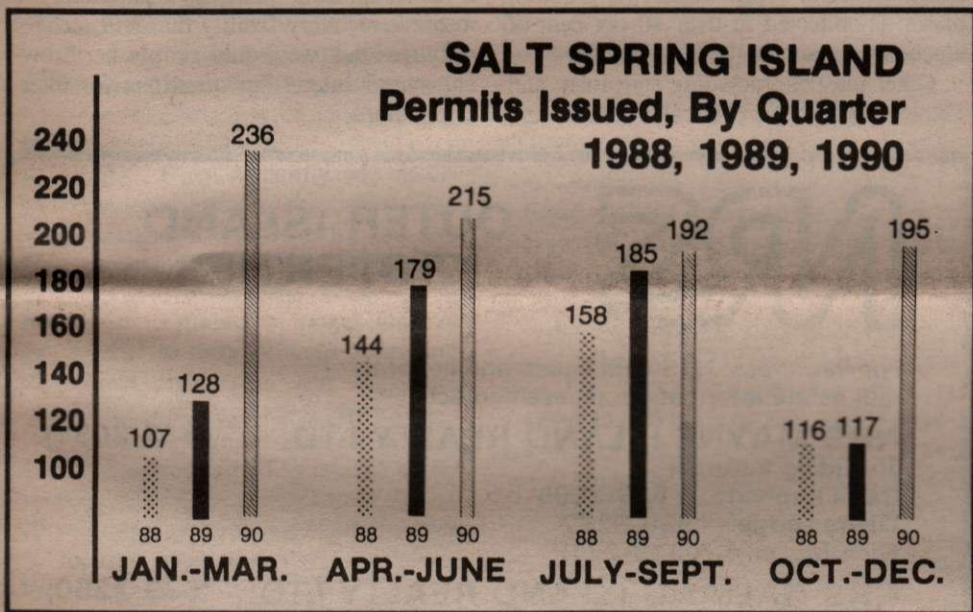
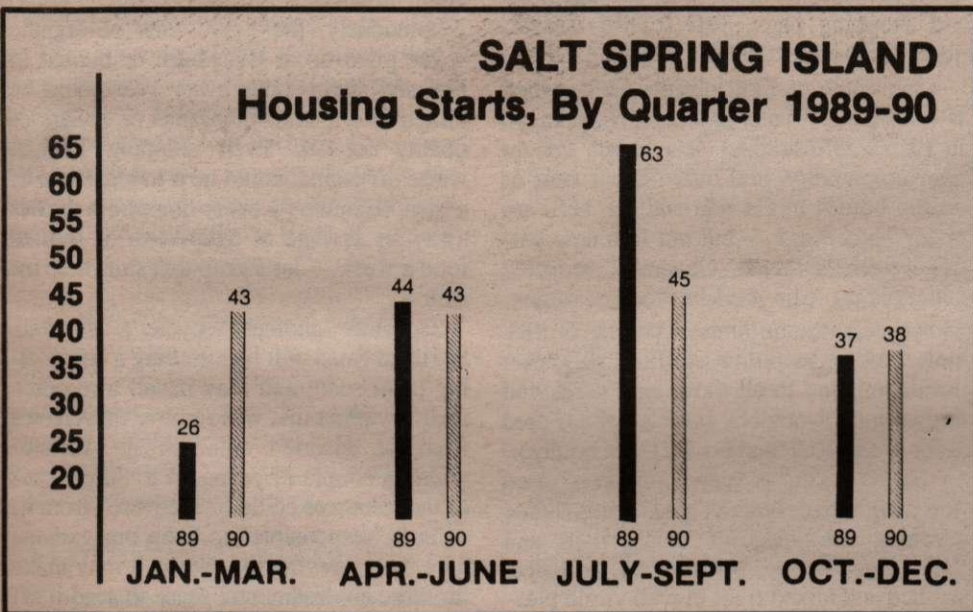
The bottom dropped out of Outer Gulf Island housing starts as 1990 rolled to an end.

The Capital Regional District issued no more than four permits for new homes in the Outer Gulf Islands last December. A total of 23 permits were issued for various phases of construction work which held a value of only \$204,061.

Year-long totals, however, show an increase over last year's figures. The CRD issued 665 building permits in 1990, including 133 for houses, with a value of \$14.9 million. These figures compare to 1989 when 519 permits were issued with 103 of the permits designated for new homes. The value of work that year came to \$7.9 million.

In 1988, the CRD issued only 374 permits including 66 for housing starts with a value of \$4.8 million.

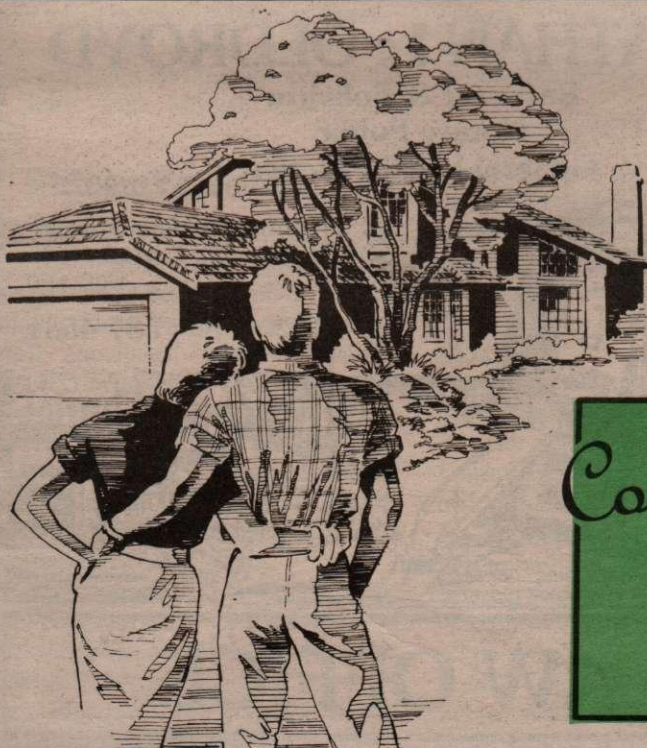
Last year, activity peaked on the islands in April when 121 permits were issued. There were 18 permits earmarked for houses and the total value in April came to \$7.1 million. Most of the activity centred on a subdivision on Pender Island where 11 housing permits were issued with a value of \$6.6 million.



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ISLAND LIVING

Is keeping garbage here a responsible option?

Last in a series of three articles.

One might infer from Salt Spring's November 1989 referendum that islanders want to keep their garbage on island. Because four of every 10 households participate in our drop-box program, it is also fair to say that four of every 10 householders want to send our sorted recyclable garbage off-island. Both these decisions may seem to be "environmentally sound" on the surface — but are they?

By RANDY HOOPER
Special to the Driftwood

Household garbage is mostly packaging, plastic yogurt containers, styrofoam egg crates, boxboard cereal packages, blister pack bologna containers, etc. Some of this packaging is a resource (and believe me, you pay for it) and some of it is unrecoverable garbage.

Thirty per cent of one's grocery bill goes directly to throw-away packaging. This seems like a waste — but to throw away that investment (which amounts to \$2-3,000 per household every year) is equally as great. By looking at where our recyclables go, and what they're used for, one can make some changes in the way he or she looks at packaging and shopping.

Paper is available to us in many forms, and is recyclable — the only types of paper not re-usable are waxed paper and waxed boxes. White paper (letter and photocopy paper), white envelopes (windows removed), computer paper, etc., can be sold for between \$200 and \$200 a tonne (about one-third the price of new paper), and made back into office paper.

Coloured paper, being everything else (including most recycled paper) except for magazines, bags and newspapers is also a valuable resource, but can't be used for stationary. Instead, it is shipped off for use as low-grade construction paper, cake boxes and egg crates.

Newspapers could easily be converted back into newsprint, but there is not one company in Canada doing this, and very few in the U.S. In California, law dictates that newspapers must be recycled newsprint. Newspapers are now used as packing material, compressed into car dashboards, or shipped to the Orient where it is recycled into newsprint and shipped back to the U.S.

Cardboard and paper bags are re-pulped into brown kraft pulp and made back into cardboard boxes or shopping bags. It costs three times as much to ship cardboard off-island is it worth as a commodity — although it makes sense environmentally.

Clearly, there is only real profitable

Resource recovery facilities are an alternative

value in white paper. In Seattle, 60 per cent of the city's drug and alcohol rehabilitation program is funded through white paper recycling, a project carried out by the people being rehabilitated.

Many factory farms in the U.S. use shredded newspaper as animal bedding — it is far cheaper than straw, far more absorbent and composts as easily as straw. Newspaper is also used as an animal feed in factory farms in Canada, England and the U.S. There is an operating loss in recycling newsprint, especially in a place like Salt Spring, where it costs far more to ship, even to Victoria, than it's worth.

By far the best environmental and economic choice for Salt Spring would be to keep all our newspaper, including all our junk mail, and shred it up for the hundreds and hundreds of animals on-island that require bedding. Boxboard can also be used for bedding.

Only about 15 per cent of all glass that is recycled across North America ends up as glass containers. Most of it is contaminated with mixed colours, light bulbs, broken stemware and china. Recycling glass only saves about 30 per cent of the energy required to convert sand to glass and a lot of that energy is consumed in the transporting of glass back to the factory.

Salt Spring Island glass goes as far away as Lethbridge.

Recycled glass is used for many other things, however. Many highways across the continent are paved with "glassphalt" — a combination of asphalt and glass. Drain tiles are being replaced with sausage shaped bags of glass cullet, which can't compress or break like drain tile. Reflective highway sign paint has ground up glass in it. Glass can be ground back into sand and used as fill — and for Salt Spring, this takes a product that is only marginally effective as a recyclable resource, (where we lose money shipping it off-island) and turns it into a product that could provide a profit by leaving it here.

Tin cans are not recovered for the tin (which is only a coating on the outside of the cans), but for the steel, and tin cans go back through a foundering process to recover the steel.

Aluminum cans are by far the most profitable recyclable item known, because only five per cent of the energy is required to create new items. Unlike tin/steel cans, the smelting process can be bypassed. Window makers on Salt Spring could be the

biggest beneficiary of aluminum recycling on Salt Spring. Cans, foil and old aluminum lawn furniture frames could all be melted and re-extruded. To throw away any of these items is stripping a raw material from a local secondary industry.

Soft plastics, like bread bags and shopping bags could be collected on-island and shipped to PCL in Delta, which melts them down and uses them to make garbage bags and shopping bags. Soft (LDPE) plastic fibers are expected to have 11 lives.

One grade of rigid plastic, PET, which is what bottled water and soda is packaged in (the 2 litre bottles) is a highly sought after commodity, and over 30 per cent of all the bottles in Canada and the U.S. are now re-processed — but not into new bottles, which is illegal. Generally, recycled materials can't be used in food packaging. However, those millions of pounds of PET now turn up as pillow stuffing, ski jacket insulation, and in all those ugly green and brown indoor-outdoor carpets (which used to be green 7-UP and brown Coke bottles).

HDPE Plastic is very common — used for automotive product packaging, home cleaning solutions, ice cream pails and milk jugs. It can be chipped or baled, washed and mixed right in with virgin plastics to make new products. This grade of plastic is collected in over 40 per cent of bluebox programs in the U.S. already.

Other plastics, including styrofoam and Tetra Paks, can be collected, ground and

compressed, using SuperWood, or Future-Wood technology, and made into road guards, house siding, fence posts, playground equipment, etc. Plants in Mississauga and soon in the lower mainland are doing this now. Tetra Paks are being picked up in blue boxes in Markham, Ontario, in a test project.

Plastic recycling, although it's possible, will never affect small communities like ours, because every plant operating, under construction, or opening before 1993, right across North America, will only be able to handle three per cent of all the plastic packaging produced.

Obviously, the 2,500 tons of organic waste piled up at Blackburn or burned in leaf and stump piles every year could be turned into tens of thousands of dollars of quality topsoil. Even shipping kitchen waste off-island would be a tragic waste of a great resource — every household throws away an average of \$20 worth of spoiled food a week — let's keep that stuff here for sure.

Consider another recycler's dilemma. Hartland Road will be installing a composting plant soon, and may install a resource recovery plant that will remove recyclables from the unsorted waste stream. Perhaps within a couple of years, 50 to 80 per cent of the resources could be recovered from it.

Is it "responsible" to keep our garbage here, in a new landfill, when it may make far more environmental sense to send it off to a composting plant and potentially a resource recovery facility that will recover resources that we would simply be throwing away? Interesting questions for interesting times.

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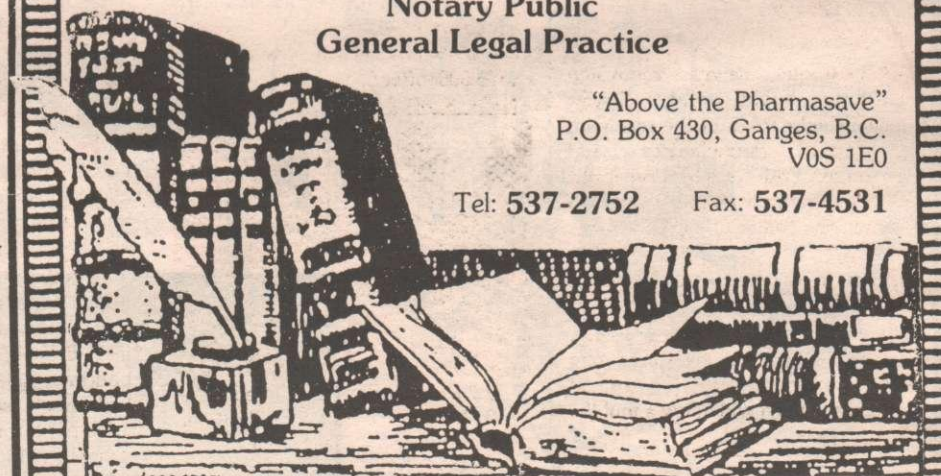
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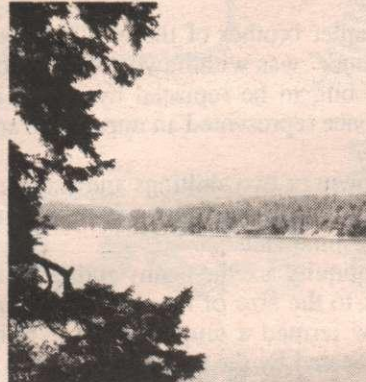
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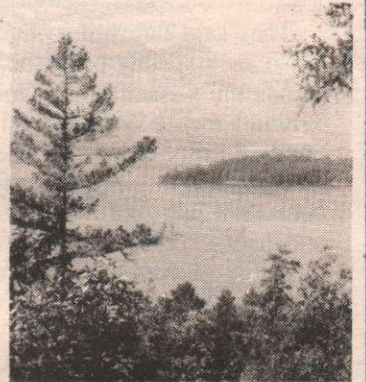
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To be Frank

RICHARDS



BRITAIN -- The death occurred on January 1, in London, of one of Britain's ancient coins. The shilling was formally withdrawn from circulation and is no longer legal tender.

To the mature Britisher the loss is enormous. To the youthful Brit there is no loss.

They said farewell to the smaller brother of the old "bob" some years ago when the sixpenny piece, or "tanner" was withdrawn. The pound note has gone as has the Canadian one-dollar bill, to be replaced by a coin of many sides. Within a metric system the sixpence represented an impossible amount, two and one-half pence of a new value.

Similarly, the ancient half-crown, or two shillings and sixpence, disappeared because it was worth two and one-half new pence, or 12 and one-half "pees" and the half-penny was of infinitesimal value.

Only coins remaining from antiquity are the penny and the florin. The penny is still in bronze and has shrunk to the size of the now forgotten farthing. The florin remains because it is now termed a tenpenny piece. Something of the changing value of coinage is indicated by the fact that the florin was originally worth 30 pence and now it is valued at 10 new pence.

Two other coins have gone from the British markets since the Second World War. The crown, originally five shillings, or a quarter-pound, is occasionally minted for special purposes, while the silver threepenny-bit or "joey" would have come back as a penny and a quarter under the new valuations so it didn't bother.

These reminiscences have little value to those who were never familiar with the British Coinage beyond the simple reflection on a difficult and unwieldy coinage of great age.

The now-swallowed shilling was in use from the time of Henry II, who reigned from 1154 for the next 35 years. This shilling had been in circulation in Saxon times, or before the 11th century. It was Henry who brought it back with its nominal value of 12 pence or one-twentieth of a pound.

It was Charles II who introduced the milled edge of the modern coin. This prevented Brits of the day from paring the edge of the coin to accumulate silver, thereby debasing the coin.

The interesting aspect to this change in coinage is that further changes are imminent with the approach of a European common coinage, when young and old will have to forget the tradition of pounds, shillings and pence.

One final observation to keep readers completely in the picture: the pound was originally 5,760 grains of silver, or 12 ounces.

Theh thingamabob has shrunk

One of the most useful words in the English language was once thingamabob.

"Pass me the thingamabob!"

It was simple, easy and saved thinking. I used to employ the expression all the time.

And now the thingamabob has been simplified. Instead of occupying four syllables, it now occupies but two. It is a "thingy"; with a hard "G" at the end.

"Pass me the thingy!"

See the time it saves?

It's in keeping with the trend over here today. Everything gathers a final "Y" in a burst of economy and affection. It runs parallel with the Spanish "ito," in chiquito, a little chico. Warm, friendly, same as mosquito that dear little fly which might have been known as the English gnat if its endearing qualities had not resulted in the affectionate diminutive.

It's like the diminutive of names. John to Johnny; Jack to Jackie. The list is endless: William to Billy; Anthony to Tony; Margaret to Peggy. And thing to thingy.

It goes into every-day living. A pullover is a pully and a cardigan is a cardy. I'm almost getting used to it, but before you know it I'll be boarding a planey at Heathy and crossing seay and landy I'll be back in Vancy.

You know, this could easily get to be a disease! Kind of sickY!

In the news

Reading the news here is just like reading the papers back home.

Schools are constantly appealing for more money, health and hospitals need more help and facilities. National industries sold to the private sector are "union-breaking." The weatherman says worse is yet to come!

The trend of threading the reports together is so familiar!

Vicious dogs? Of course they are around! Best story was a recent sad tale of the owner of a trained house-guarding Rotweiler. The dog's owner had to appeal for outside help when his guard dog chased him into a room and then stood guard outside his door, snarling his plans for a hefty bite at the boss's pants once he came out that door.

Less amusing are the reports of increasing crimes of violence: recession, bankruptcies. All so familiar to the British Columbia reader.

It's the same old world in a different setting.

Lots of weather

It snowed and the highways were plugged with snow and snowbound traffic. I found a pair of boots and stayed home as much as possible. It rained and rivers burst their banks to flood many acres. The wind blew and we shivered in fear of a 100 mph blast. (Died-in-the-wool British Columbian metric adherents might better recognize those winds as blowing at 180 km/hr.)

I looked out through the windows at the IC outside and wondered at the ferocity of nature. And I neither shivered nor wept. I was merely miserable.

Then I spoke to daughter Val. In Vancouver.

"There's a foot and a half of snow outside," she reported. "Another foot is

Island groups benefit from realtors' account

Two Salt Spring community groups received a financial boost last week from Pemberton Holmes Gulf Islands Ltd. realtors.

The Gulf Islands Handicapped Association was given \$3,115.26 and Seniors for Seniors received \$3,115.25 from Pemberton Holmes' nine island real estate agents.

A portion of each realtor's commission cheque is deposited into a "community funds account" which is periodically distributed to island non-profit societies. Similar donations have been made by Pemberton Holmes for the past two years.

Company spokesman Ann Foerster said the two beneficiary groups were chosen because realtors "wanted to contribute to groups that help right across the community," instead of those concerned with a single issue.

She said they felt Seniors for Seniors and the Gulf Islands Handicapped Association "make a major contribution" to island life.

Foerster said grants are awarded on the stipulation that funds be spent on capital rather than operating costs.

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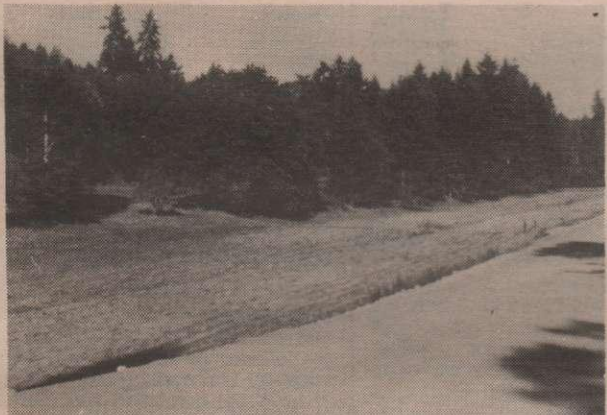
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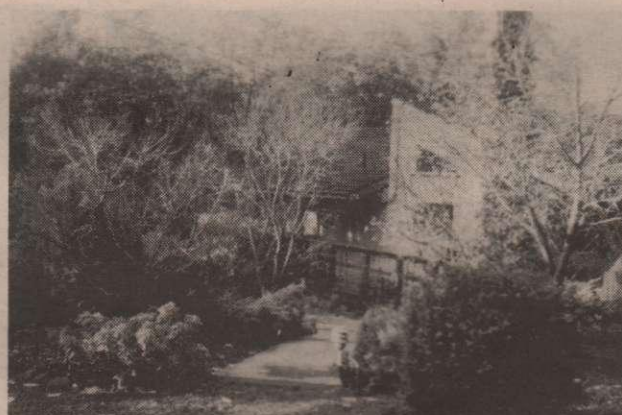
THIS WEEK'S FEATURED GULF ISLANDS LISTINGS



DOGWOOD ESTATES

Come and choose your 10 acre parcel now. Vendor financing available, 30% down for two years. Call Eileen for further information. Starting at \$69,500 MLS.

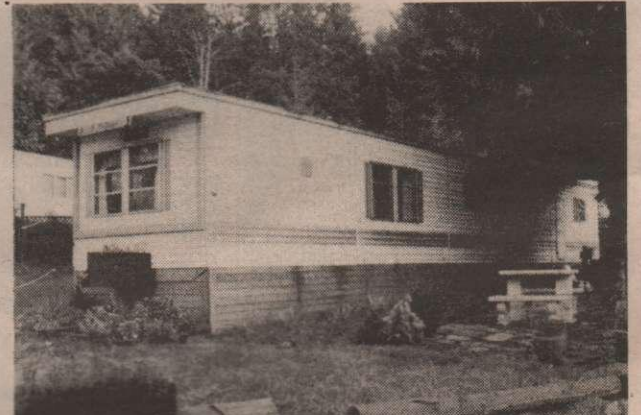
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GREAT RETIREMENT HOME

One level easy access home with wonderful lake and ocean views. Three bedrooms, spacious living room and dining area, workshop and carport. Easy care private lot, beautifully landscaped with automatic watering on computer timing. \$175,000 MLS.

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TIRED OF RENTING?

Talk to us about financing possibilities to put you into this cosy, comfortable 2 bedroom single-wide situated in mid-Island park. Pad rent is \$185/month, realistic price \$16,000 MLS.

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MAYNE ISLAND HOME

On quiet street a minute's walk from beach. Includes sundecks, fireplace and family room. This is a large 3 bedroom home for a modest price. \$99,500 MLS.

CALL FLYNN & VIRGINIA MARR
539-5527 (Mayne Island)



TRY YOUR OFFER!!

This three bedroom home, close to Ganges, is CMHC approved and also approved by MAP. Great starter home on 1.47 acres at the end of a cul-de-sac. Asking \$109,000 MLS.

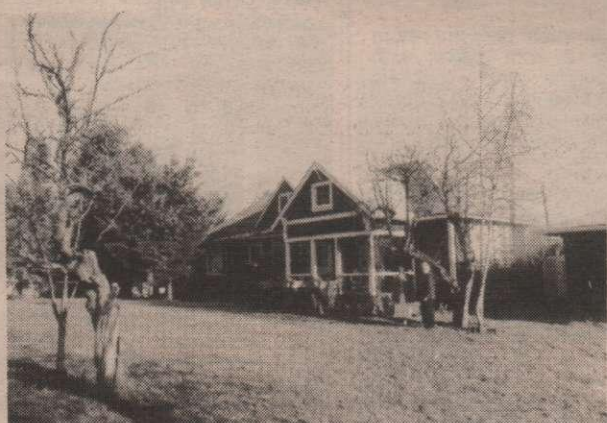
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ONLY ON PENDER!!

This 2 bedroom 1560 sq. ft. bungalow overlooks the park and Magic Lake. It's finished to lockup and is on community water and sewer. Just \$79,900.

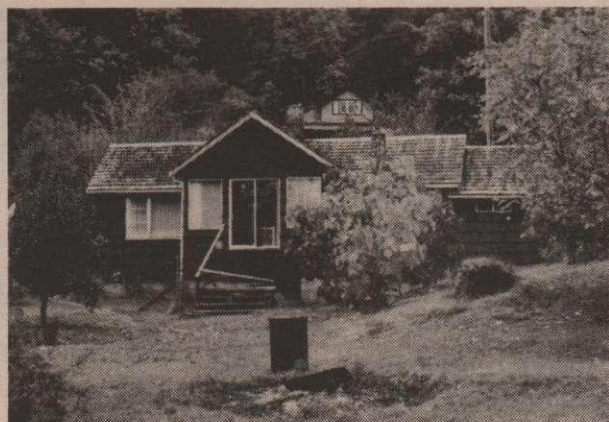
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PERFECT RETIREMENT HOME

This is the perfect retirement home with great kitchen, fruit trees, private yard and farm view, and near the waters of Bennett Bay! What more can we say? \$129,000 MLS.

CALL R.F. MARR (Mayne Island)
539-5527



BEAUTY ON BOOT COVE

Lovely cottage on sunny, level lot with 250' of low bank waterfront. A variety of ornamental trees and excellent garden site. Just a 10 minute walk from the ferry. Good beach for small children. Good value at \$155,000.

CALL DON PIPER
539-2121



THE PRIDE OF PENDER!

This exceptional 4.5 acre oceanfront property has over 450' frontage on Plumper Sound and a comfortable 1 1/2 storey home with attached carport and workshop. \$239,000.

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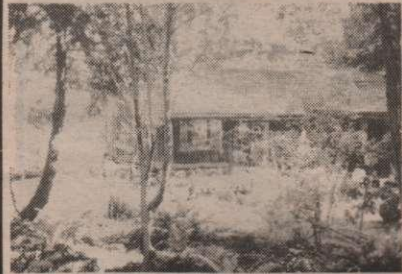
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SALT SPRING ISLAND PROPERTIES



SUNNY OCEAN WATERFRONT
 Feed the swans and ducks from your front yard. Level and low bank access to ocean in a sheltered waterway. Three bedroom, 2 bath home with income producing buildings and zoning. \$179,000 MLS.
CALL GEORGE PUHARICH



SUNNY TWO BEDROOM HOME
 In a quiet, sunny cul-de-sac on a pleasant .61 acre is this two bedroom home with daylight basement. Fruit trees, paved driveway, lots of deck area and carport are some of the features. Please call today for an appointment. Reduced \$110,000 MLS.
CALL ANNE WATSON



A WATERFRONT DREAM
 Charming spacious residence, 1.15 acres, breathtaking views extending forever, encompassing Mt. Baker and Islands. Well-maintained attractive grounds, greenhouse, workshop, delectable supply of fruit trees, boatramp, mooring buoy, beachhouse, peaceful quiet area, and chickens are included!! \$369,000 MLS.
CALL FELICITY ANNE GRANT



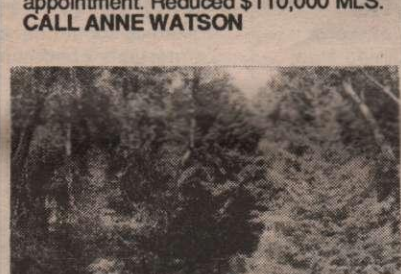
WHISPERING CEDARS
 Looking for a well cared for 3 br home on a private, wooded 2+ acres? Full daylight basement for further development PLUS a super workshop for Dad or the craftsman. Don't miss out! \$149,000 MLS.
CALL AILSA PEARSE



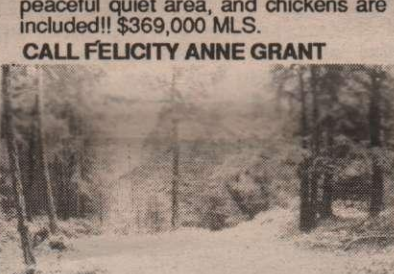
ROOM TO ROOM
 2.97 acres holds alot of trees, field and gardens. A 3 br rancher plus a br cottage, gives room to breathe! Location! Location! Location! So close to town yet quiet and peaceful. Call me, Sara Fee. \$199,000 MLS.
CALL SARA FEE



SUN FLOODED ROOMS
 Luxury waterfront townhome at exclusive Grace Point. Southern exposure, sun filled decks, well designed layout and exceptional architectural features. Private moorage available at your doorstep. \$325,000 MLS.
CALL PAUL TANNER



DRIVE BY AND APPRECIATE!
 .48 acre in sunny Vesuvius on cul-de-sac in tranquil area of good homes. Municipal water, hydro to lot line, driveway in and property prepared for building. Drive by Lot 13, Graham Drive. \$49,900.
CALL FELICITY ANNE GRANT



DO YOU WANT SUN & PRIVACY?
 We have 10 acres on a southwest slope with an excellent high building site. Valley view potential and old driveway on part of property for easy access. \$69,000 MLS.
CALL SYLVIA GALE



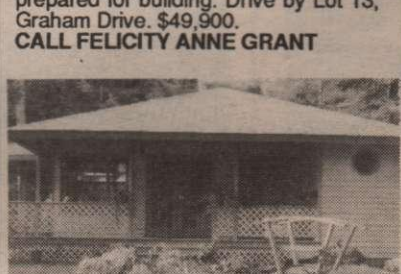
PRICE REDUCED
 Interesting interior design with vaulted ceilings, open staircase & upper hallway overlooks living room below. Freshly painted interior with new carpeting. On 1.82 acres of natural landscaping with a bridged seasonal creek. Only \$99,900 MLS
CALL BECKY LEGG



WHY WAIT ANY LONGER?
 Start building your dream waterfront home on Scott Point now. Move or sell the present immaculate double-wide from this ideally situated deep moorage waterfront property. Easy access to ocean dock. On \$239,500 MLS.
CALL GEORGE PUHARICH



KISS THE LANDLORD GOODBYE
 Light filled 3 bedroom home sited on a very sunny, usable .88 acre lot. Plenty of lawn and woods for kids to play. Conveniently located near Ganges, this is a great starter or revenue home. \$90,000 MLS.
CALL PAT JACQUEST



CHARMING HOME TUCKED AWAY ON PRETTY ACREAGE
 This two bedroom quality house has so much to offer. French doors, hardwood flooring, heatilator fireplace, five appliances included. 12 x 20 storage shed, arable 2.36 acres with pond. \$169,000 MLS.
CALL FELICITY ANNE GRANT



ROOMY HERITAGE HOME
 Roomy 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom classic home on sunny 5.29 acres. Central location close to golf, tennis, St. Mary Lake and ocean beaches. Organic garden, spring water and St. Mary Lake View. Rare! \$289,900 MLS.
CALL JANET B. MARSHALL



THE COUNTRY GOURMET'S HOME
 A really charming and very attractive home. Warm, comfortable reception rooms. Three bedrooms, one on the main floor and two upstairs in the loft. Situated on nearly two acres at the south end of the Island. \$155,000 MLS.
CALL PETER BARDON



LIVE LIKE A QUEEN
 High quality custom home with southern exposure and exceptional seaviews. Easy care exterior landscaping leave you time to bask in the sun, soak in the hot tub or enjoy the sauna. For the discriminating purchaser! \$285,000 MLS.
CALL SARA FEE



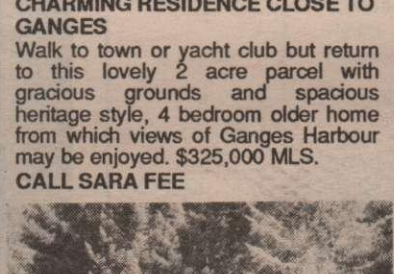
VALUE PLUS!!
 Don't overlook the value! Large 3 bedroom home with very open floor plan. Excellent location, within short walk to Ganges. Very private back yard contains inground pool and sauna. Plenty of sunshine also. \$125,000 MLS.
CALL TOM PRINGLE



SENSE SATIONAL!
 Come to Maracaibo - private marina, swimming lagoon and numerous other amenities. Over 6 acres of SW facing park-like property forms the private setting for this uniquely designed one level home. A serenely beautiful pond is the focus, with 200 ft. of glass doors opening to the surrounding deck. \$375,000 MLS.
CALL SARA FEE



PERFECT FAMILY HOME
 Located in sunny Vesuvius, this 4 bdrm, 2000 sq.ft. family home is situated on a .94 acre, fully landscaped property with paved driveway and single car garage. \$139,500 MLS.
CALL EILEEN LARSEN



TAKE YOUR PICK
 Of these two choice parcels. Heavily treed, level, mostly fenced. Desirable, quiet north end location. +6 acres - asking \$65,000, +7 acres - \$69,000. Offered subject to registration. MLS.
CALL SYLVIA OR ARTHUR GALE



FREEDOM FROM THE CITY
 Lots of opportunity on this 5 acres for your homestead. Sunny exposure, plenty of soil for gardening and a quiet setting just a few minutes from the village. Driveway and building site in place. Vendor may carry! \$55,000 MLS.
CALL PAUL TANNER

AFFORDABLE CHANNEL RIDGE
 1.33 acres of parklike property on quiet country road in an area of quality residences. Close to Vesuvius, St. Mary Lake, golf and tennis. Enjoy great walks that will take you meandering for hours. \$63,500 MLS.
CALL FELICITY ANNE GRANT



ACREAGE NEAR FULFORD HARBOUR
 Very pretty 5 acres, beautifully treed with stream through corner. Road roughed in to sunny, cleared & seeded area with pond. Located in quiet area near 2 lakes. \$59,000 MLS.
CALL DARLENE O'DONNELL

A RARE INCOME OPPORTUNITY
 Four "neat as a pin" seaview cottages in fabulous Fernwood. Delightful area, walking distance to store, school, government wharf and beach. \$159,000 MLS.
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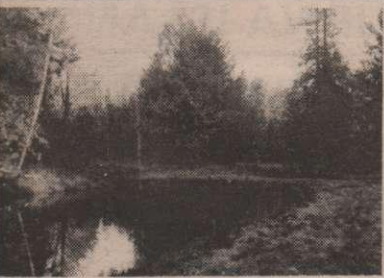
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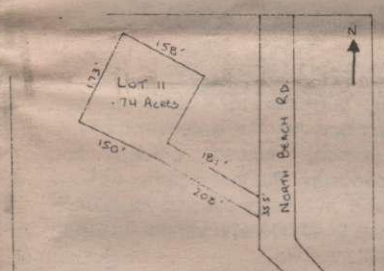
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SALT SPRING ISLAND PROPERTIES



PERFECT PARADISE
This exceptional acreage is ideal for the gardener. Excellent solar home site, beautiful ponds in a meandering creek, lots of soil, cleared & seeded areas, mature woods, & good driveways & fencing. A very beautiful & functional 5.72 acres. The tough work is done! \$79,000 MLS.
CALL PAT JACQUEST



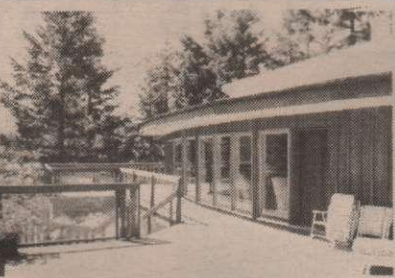
A MUST SEA!!
Gently sloping building lot with seaview located only minutes from ocean access. Nicely treed for privacy. Driveway roughed in, hydro at lot line. Make an offer today! \$35,500 MLS.
CALL TOM PRINGLE



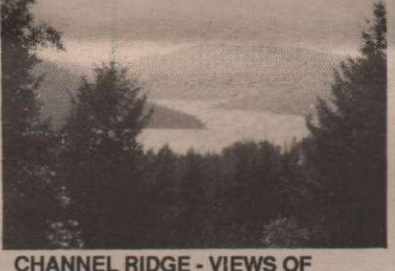
WATERFRONT INVESTMENT
Your best real estate investment could be a waterfront lot at Musgrave Landing. These lots include a water system and sheltered moorage. Impressive scenery and good fishing. Attractive vendor financing for five years. Prices start at \$69,800 MLS.
CALL BRIAN BETTS



UNIQUE WATERFRONT EXPERIENCE
Sitting quietly on a very enjoyable 2.94 acres with 350 ft. of low bank waterfront is this gracious open plan three bedroom home. For further intrigue there is a lovely garden and an older two bedroom guest cottage. \$325,000 MLS.
CALL ANNE WATSON



OVERLOOKING FULFORD HARBOUR
This ocean view home is packed with features such as hot tub with a view, heat pump, solar heat storage, huge sun decks, wet bar, rock garden, paved driveway, and minutes walk from Fulford ferry. Call now. \$249,000 MLS.
CALL BRIAN BETTS



CHANNEL RIDGE - VIEWS OF SANSUM NARROWS
1.96 acres of view property in this distinctive subdivision of quality homes. Wind up the driveway to spectacular building site with adjacent level garden area. Sunny and quiet lot. 18 Teale Place. \$69,900.
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SUNNY TRIPP ROAD
Lakeviews from the living and dining area, agricultural land reserve from the kitchen. 3 bedrooms, den or family room, workshop. Well cared for property with a selection of shrubs, fruit trees and bulbs. \$133,900 MLS.
CALL FELICITY ANNE GRANT



AFFORDABLE ACREAGE - SUNSET DRIVE
An attractive 5.42 acres on lovely western slope. Some seaview, level area for orchard or vegetable garden, and best of all, fully serviced with water, hydro, and cablevision at road boundary. 79,000 MLS.
CALL SYLVIA GALE

CUTE & COZY
Great recreational property with .71 ac., seaview, 2 room cabin, workshop, garage and outdoor shower. Site to build main dwelling. A must see! \$69,500 MLS.
CALL JANET B. MARSHALL



TRY YOUR OFFER!!
This 3 br home, close to Ganges, is CMHC approved and also approved by MAP. Great starter home on 1.47 acre at the end of a cul-de-sac. Asking \$109,000 MLS.
CALL JANET B. MARSHALL



SUN LOVER'S PARADISE
West Coast contemporary open living design home on 2.40 acres. Unique woodwork and finishing throughout. 1500 sq.ft. of new sundecks. Sunny southwest exposure. Ideal for artist retreat, expansive mountain views. \$139,900 MLS.
CALL EILEEN LARSEN

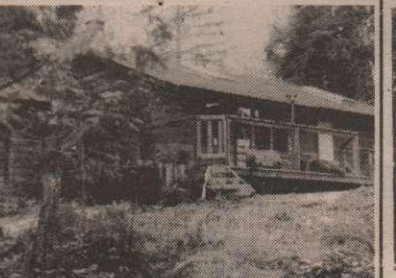


QUALITY & COMFORT ARE YOURS
Newly built quality home, privately sited on 5 acres of sunny, arable land. Enjoy evenings by the fire, or soak in the luxury of a jacuzzi tub. Pine ceilings, tile flooring, custom cabinets, the latest appliances, and a super family room. \$192,500 MLS.
CALL AILSA PEARSE



WOODSY COTTAGE
Cute & cosy brand new 2 bedroom home located close to Ganges with cablevision & water system. 0.87 acre is ready and waiting for landscaper's touch. A great starter home with good value. \$99,500 MLS.
CALL BECKY LEGG

PRICE REDUCED
Great little business located in the heart of Ganges. "Matt's Meats" is a well established business specializing in quality imported cheeses, meats and Salt Spring Lamb. Very good pedestrian traffic. \$34,900 MLS.
CALL BECKY LEGG



TWO BEDROOM HOME ON FIVE ACRES
Sited at the south end, not far from Fulford. This is a nearly new home, spotlessly clean with 1100 sq. ft. Bright rooms throughout. The kitchen is wonderful. Priced to sell. \$129,500 MLS.
CALL PETER BARDON



REMOTE, BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE
Only a 30-minute drive up Musgrave Rd. from Fulford Harbour will take you to this remote, unserviced property featuring south exposure, excellent ocean views towards Vancouver Island, beautifully treed, with some selective clearing, 20 acres to "get away from it all" and listed at less than \$3500 per acre MLS.
CALL D. O'DONNELL

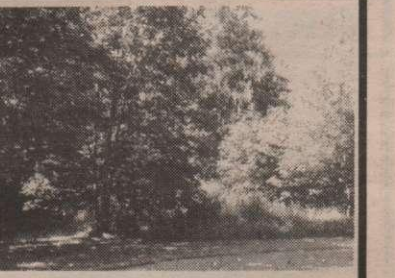


LAKESIDE RANCHER
Only the road separates you from the beach and boat launch on St. Mary Lake. Two bedrooms, carport and a wood stove to keep you warm. A variety of fruit trees.
CALL GEORGE PUHARICH



PERSONALITY PLUS
Beautifully cared for older home with outstanding seaviews sited on 2.5 acres of spectacular gardens, orchard and wood. All the luxury of today combined with yesteryear's charm. \$325,000 MLS.
CALL PAUL TANNER

CHANNEL RIDGE - PHASE 1
Build your dream home on this exceptional 6 acre view property, located on prestigious Sunset Drive. Vendor financing available. \$95,000 MLS.
CALL EILEEN LARSEN



THE NATURAL LOOK
1.82 acres on quiet cul-de-sac. Private parklike setting. An ideal spot for a permanent residence or seasonal cottage. Water system to lot line. Desirable area. \$55,000 MLS.
CALL PAUL TANNER



WANT TO BE ENVIED?
Scott Point waterfront, immaculate home, dock, workshop, good well plus water system. Boats, seals, deer! A wonderful place to live! The hardest thing to do is to tear yourself away for outside commitments. \$330,000 MLS.
CALL PAT JACQUEST



SUPER NATURAL OCEANVIEW PROPERTY
This picturesque 1.77 acres of very sunny property, lies in a very unique setting. Very quiet area on a cul-de-sac. Expansive southwest ocean views. List price \$75,000 MLS.
CALL TOM PRINGLE

PEACEFUL SOUTH END
Top quality acreages - 6.07 and 5.66 acres. Asking \$69,000 each. Treed and easy to develop. These properties are magic! Try your offers. MLS.
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MAGICAL MUSGRAVE
The only south facing waterfront lot for sale in this spectacular setting at Musgrave Landing. Ownership includes sheltered year round moorage at the private marina. A rare opportunity to own one of the best lots at Musgrave. \$150,000 MLS.
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OUTER GULF ISLAND PROPERTIES

GALIANO ISLAND



RESIDENCE PLUS REVENUE

1.79 private, treed acres with a 3 bedroom residence and a 2 bedroom rented or guest cottage. Woodshed, chicken house and fenced garden. Sea glimpse. \$150,000 MLS. Call...

PAUL TANNER or JANET MARSHALL
at 539-2002



BLUFF PARK NEIGHBOUR

Bordering Bluff Park with views toward Mayne Island and Active Pass. Wooded private 2 acres. \$55,000 MLS. Call...

PAUL TANNER or JANET MARSHALL
at 539-2002



WISE ISLAND WATERFRONT

.42 acre with 100 ft. of lowbank beach with views toward Galiano. Water system, private, and ready for your building plans. \$45,000 MLS.

PAUL TANNER or JANET MARSHALL
at 539-2002

SEMI-WATERFRONT LOT

1.64 treed acres on Whaler Bay and Sturdies Bay Road. Stores and ferry within walking distance. Court approvals on offers. \$55,000 MLS. Call...

PAUL TANNER or JANET MARSHALL
at 539-2002

"PARK-LIKE ACRE"

Wooded and close to ocean access on a water system. Beautiful arbutus and cedar trees on a gently slope. \$45,000 MLS. Call...

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at 539-2002

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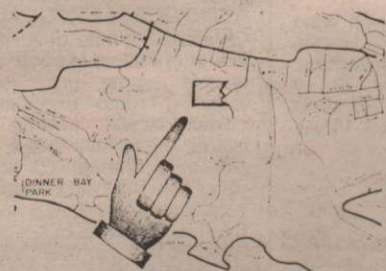


SECLUSION AND VIEW!!

\$165,000

This three bedroom basement entry home with 1680 sq.ft. upstairs and 721 sq.ft. downstairs is located on an acre of land with seclusion and ocean views. Modern kitchen, large bedrooms with ensuite in master bedroom, three decks, large windows to view from living room, dining room and kitchen. Roughed in central vacuum system, new carpeting throughout, large family room, this is an excellent buy for those looking for a larger home with seclusion and ocean view.

VIRGINIA & FLYNN MARR 539-5527
Pager (24 hrs) 253-7596 #5073



FOREST HOMESTEAD

\$160,000 MLS

This is an opportunity to have a true forest homestead in a marvellous island setting. Located in the center of Mayne Island this level ground is covered in second growth forest. Walk through this wonderland of fir and cedar, step over fallen trees covered in green moss, listen to the thousands of birds that abound on the property and imagine this as your home. These large island properties are becoming increasingly rare and this is an opportunity not to be missed. Its kind will not be along again for a long time if ever. Call...

VIRGINIA & FLYNN MARR 539-5527
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OCEAN VIEW HILLSIDE

\$120,000 MLS

10 acres of incredible ocean views to south west and sweeping around to the north! This is forest land accessible by private road with hydro across the lot. Owner is anxious to sell immediately. This is an opportunity to own incredible view property. Make an offer! All reasonable offers will be considered. Call...

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PENDER ISLAND



PANORAMIC VIEWS!!!

\$259,000

...OCEANS, ISLANDS, & MOUNTAINS!
Spacious 2 bdrm contemporary home, separate den & large master suite with access to hot tub on the full length sundeck. Sea this with John & Sue. Call....

JOHN & SUE at 629-6417,
or 655-3411 toll free from Victoria



ONE OF A KIND!!!

\$595,000

2 acres of OCEANFRONT, with over 700' of accessible walk-on beach on Colston Cove & Navy Channel. Two homes, PLUS a charming summer cottage on this delightful, private oceanfront acreage. Call...

JOHN & SUE at 629-6417
or 653-3411 toll free from Victoria

PENDER PROPERTIES

We have a great selection of affordable lots UNDER \$20,000, VIEW properties from \$27,000 and acreages starting at just \$39,000 for 2 acres! Call...

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or 655-3411 toll free from Victoria

VIEW PROPERTIES

Mountain & valley view, with driveway...\$24,500

Ocean view, on quiet cul-de-sac...\$27,000

Ocean view with easy access...\$29,900

Ocean view, driveway in, house site...\$35,000

Ocean & valley view, driveway, cul-de-sac...\$37,500

All these lots are on municipal water. I also have non-view lots for under \$25,000. Call...

ALEX FRASER at 629-6494

COZY COTTAGE

Private log cottage on .98 acre with separate sleeping cabin and garage/workshop. Ocean glimpses, large trees, and abundant wild flowers highlight this property. \$79,900 MLS.

ALEX FRASER at 629-6494

SATURNA ISLAND

RARE WATERFRONT

For the person who wants "The Best". This unique lot has 400' of waterfront. A very private secluded sandy beach with water access only, south west exposure with views to Pender, Mayne, Saltspring. The 3 acre lot allows a full home plus separate guest cottage, several excellent building sites. \$350,000. Call...

DON PIPER 539-2121



EQUESTRIAN'S DELIGHT

This home not only has over 4 acres with barn foundation in place, buy has water view, private moorage access, fenced garden and south-west exposure. Put that together with a 3 bedroom home on 5 years old and you have a real bargain at \$149,000 with vendor financing available. Call...

DON PIPER at 539-2121

GREAT BUILDING LOTS

- 1/ Five minute walk to ferry, hydro & water. .41 acre, \$17,000
- 2/ Boot Cove view, water, hydro, driveway. .34 acre, \$23,000
- 3/ Lyall Harbour, level, close to beach. .60 acre, \$22,500
- 4/ Well treed seclusion, level, hydro. .49 acre, \$18,500
- 5/ Tumbo Channel, close to water, hydro. "Offers". .39 acre, \$21,000
- 6/ Ready to build, water, driveway, site prep. .39 acre, \$28,000

DON PIPER at 539-2121

CHANNEL VIEW

Beautiful level lot with excellent view over Tumbo Channel. Sunny location ready to build. Hydro connected. Well & pump installed. Driveway cleared. .88 acre for only \$49,000.

DON PIPER 539-2121



BOATERS HAVEN

Excellent moorage in front of this 3 bedroom cottage with 135' waterfront. Put in your own dock. After a days boating, put your feet up in front of lovely stone fireplace, sit back and enjoy. \$145,000. Call...

DON PIPER 539-2121

ISLAND LIVING

Your Garden

CHRIS SCHMAH



After having had a bit of a break from the keyboard, I've just realized how much water, and snow, has gone under the bridge. Christmas and New Year's have come and gone, and hopefully, so has the unkindly weather. The mantle of snow is all but gone, and as it withdraws from the landscape I find myself drawn out into the garden to see what's been going on.

Some damage from low temperatures is already evident, and snow-loading is responsible for some breakage as well. As has been said before, don't do anything irrational with suffering plants other than regularly scheduled pruning and cleanup.

Especially hard hit this time around are varieties such as New Zealand flax (Phormium), Oleander, most palms, ceanothus, escalloniae, and a few other marginally hardy trees, shrubs and vines. As the first short cold snap was the most damaging in terms of low temperatures, some of the blackened tissue, and dropped foliage is already visible. Many of these plants will make a recovery by sprouting from living tissues lower down on the stems, or by sending up new shoots. Since the freeze didn't last too long, it is highly unlikely that the crown tissues and roots were killed.

Must make hard decision about broken branches

For those plants sat upon by heavy snows, and flattened or broken down, there are several choices to be made. Many plants show no broken stems and for most, the bent condition will right itself. For those which won't rebound, many new shoots will arise from newly-exposed wood.

Where broken branches or splits have occurred, it is time to make some hard decisions. Without getting too involved, it's safe to say that no repair effort will make for a long-lasting joint or branch junction. Splits or breaks will always remain inherently weak and will usually be the first place to split or break again when the next storm comes. It is generally advised that you prune out the more severely damaged stem, or cut back to correct and balance the form.

Using a pruning paste or wound treatment is only advised if the cut is larger than an inch in diameter and needs protection. For torn wounds or long splits, use a pruning knife to clean up ragged edges and make the opening in the bark into an elongated, pointed ellipse, as plant tissues heal from the sides, not the top and bottom.

Endeavour to complete orchid pruning tasks

During the weeks ahead you should endeavour to get all of your pruning done in the orchard and the rest of the garden. Try to remove the prunings from the site to reduce the spread of disease. Dormant season spraying with lime-sulphur and dormant oil should be undertaken when the temperatures are above 40 degrees F, when there is little or no wind, and when the spray will have the opportunity to dry fully before any rains come and wash it all off. This spray will help to control disease and insect problems.

At the present time, spots of bright cheery colour are pretty hard to find out in the garden. The snow and freezing cold have stopped almost everything, except the winter-blooming heathers, winter-blooming jasmines, and Chinese witch hazels. Primulas and winter-blooming pansies are struggling to keep up a happy face, but as soon as the sunnier, warmer weather shows up they'll start up again.

Ground too wet for digging

In a couple weeks you should feed your fruit, nut, shade, and ornamental trees with a near-balanced fertilizer such as 13-16-10. The general rule is to apply a pound of fertilizer per inch of diameter. If you're broadcasting it on the ground rather than placing it into spaced out holes in the drip-line area, you should increase the application rate by 15 to 20 per cent to compensate for what will be consumed by the grass or ground cover.

Another important consideration during the next few weeks is the need for boron applications. Coastal soils are generally considered to be deficient in their supply of boron, an essential element for plant growth. If you have not made any applications over the past four years, then you should apply boron at a rate of a tablespoon of boron, dissolved in a gallon of water and sprinkled out over a 40 square-foot area.

There isn't too much to do out in the vegetable garden at this time of year, except to plan selections, layouts, and to buy seed for the spring which is just a few short weeks away. For now these seem to be ideal activities, as the ground is simply too wet to permit digging, so until next time, Happy dreaming and gardening.

Five-day long outages create pioneer spirit

Snow, snow, snow, and more snow describes the past week here on Saturna. Close to half a metre of white winter covered our homes and gardens, clogged our roads, and brought down over a hundred trees on our power lines.

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Power outages that lasted up to five days in parts of the island brought us home to our pioneer roots. The majority of residents were homebound. It seemed odd not to be able to pursue the usual quiet home activities like vacuuming, sewing, laundry, computer work and television watching. Saturna instead became a very economical health spa with residents shovelling paths, carrying wood and water, and leading a spartan existence centred around the wood stove.

As if Len didn't have his hands full with downed trees, the heavy rain and rapidly melting snow caused an avalanche which washed out East Point Road between the store and the school. At the time of writing there is still one lane of traffic open which comes perilously close to a 33.5-metre (110-foot) drop off.

Many people have parked their cars at the top of the hill in case the continuing rains cause more damage and completely close the road.

Saturna children thoroughly enjoyed the chance to toboggan, skate, build snow forts and snowmen, and have snowball fights. School was closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday because power outages left the school unheated. The only disappointment was that a field trip scheduled for Thursday was cancelled.

School excursions

Saturna parents will be travelling to Victoria with the school children on the 8 a.m. ferry and returning on the 2:45 p.m. sailing every Thursday for the next nine weeks. Since there is limited space on our winter ferry and the school requires several vehicles, if it is possible to reschedule your activities and avoid travelling on this day it would certainly be appreciated.

Continuing Education

If you managed to get through the snow to the post office you have probably picked up your copy of the Continuing Education brochure. A good variety of interesting activities are offered. Two fitness programs directed by Marilyn Curtis begin immediately. Phone Pam Lind at 539-5592 for details.

Presentation

January 25, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Marie Elliot will be presenting a lecture and slide show on the history of the Gulf Islands. Please pre-register since a minimum of 20 people is required or this presentation will be cancelled. Registration forms are included in your brochure.

SATURNA ISLAND NEWS

No doubt many folks curled up under a blanket with a good book and awaited the thaw.

New York trendy hair was the fashion statement of many residents who lost their water when the power went out. It was comforting to think that what couldn't be helped here is high fashion in another part of the continent.

Highways maintenance worker Len Sohler offers a card of thanks to all the volunteers who helped clear fallen trees and open roads. Even with the help of Yanik Ropars, the overwhelming amount of damage would have taken days longer to clear without volunteers.

As it is, Len expects to spend the rest of the month cleaning up limbs from the side of the road.

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DOWN THE YEARS

Thirty Years Ago

- Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Society would consider allowing the Salt Spring Lions Club to take over ambulance service on the island.

- Member of Parliament W.F. Matthews gave the main address at a Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting. The thrust of his speech concerned his experiences at the Inter-Parliamentary meeting held the previous year in Tokyo. He said Canadian people can do anything the Japanese people can if we are willing to work together as a nation.

- Island recreational groups were said to be "fighting to keep their programs alive." They struggle for financial support and they struggle for moral support, said the *Driftwood*. One of Salt Spring's two soccer teams played every Sunday afternoon but drew "a crowd of about one-tenth of what attends the dog obedience trials. If as much enthusiasm was generated for our kids as there is for the dogs, this would be better place to live," said the paper's editorial.

- In protesting an increase in ferry fares, Gulf Island Ferry Company president Gavin Mouat was quoted as saying "if our department of highways had to be operated on a profit basis, I'm sure we'd have no highways worthy of the name."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

- Installation of cable television service was announced for Salt Spring Island. Residences between the terminal on Cranberry Road and Lady Minto Hospital and Churchill Road were the initial areas slated for service. Construction of facilities was set to commence in March.

- The B.C. Ferry Authority was reportedly considering moving the Swartz Bay ferry terminal to Deep Cove for the *Salt Spring Queen* run and relocating the Salt Spring terminal to Isabella Point. Local Chamber of Commerce representatives wrote a letter to ferry officials approving the Isabella Point plan and suggesting reconsideration of any Swartz Bay move.

- *Driftwood's* high school correspondent Heather Warren reported "a relaxed week" in school. "The girls were allowed to wear slacks because of the cold, and attention was focused mostly on the work of the snow plow and power commission," she wrote.

Twenty Years Ago

- Nine inches of snow fell suddenly overnight on the Gulf Islands, accompanied by high winds. Driving was treacherous in many areas.

- An Ottawa resident intending to relocate to Salt Spring was a victim of new building regulations. Bill Arnold bought a mobile home to establish on an island lot, but soon discovered the unit did not conform to the new national building code for the new site. He had to either leave Salt Spring or move the mobile home to a park.

- Saturna Island's new post office was under construction and due to open in the spring with Jean Morgan behind the counter.

Fifteen Years Ago

- Capital Regional District board chairman Jim Campbell urged Premier Bill Bennett to reach an agreement with the federal government about anti-inflation measures. Campbell anticipated future difficulties over contract negotiations presently underway throughout B.C. as a result of the government's anti-inflation legislation.

- Virginia Newman was named director of adult education for the Gulf Islands School District. She assumed the post formerly held by Olive Layard.

- A feasibility study to investigate Ganges Harbour water conditions in the area of a proposed sewage outfall was approved by the Capital Regional District board of directors. The study was expected to cost \$7,000.



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Continuous snowfall last week turned the Gulf Islands into a winter wonderland

Ten Years Ago

- Salt Spring residents circulated a petition asking the attorney-general for increased police patrols. Tom Gossett of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply said his business had been broken into three times in four months.

- Results from the December 1980 bird count indicated 1,000 fewer birds counted than in 1979. Twenty-one observers spotted 11,000 birds on Salt Spring from a list of 115 species. The Beaver Point area was included in the count for the first time.

- Safety of Galiano School was questioned when a fire marshall's report found a charred junction box in the school. The report also recommended \$17,000 be spent on fire safety improvements.

- New parking facilities at Fulford ferry terminal were under discussion. The ministry of transportation and highways was reportedly planning the purchase of two houses and other property in the village. Extensive fill would also be required to extend the shoreline into the small bay behind the wharf.

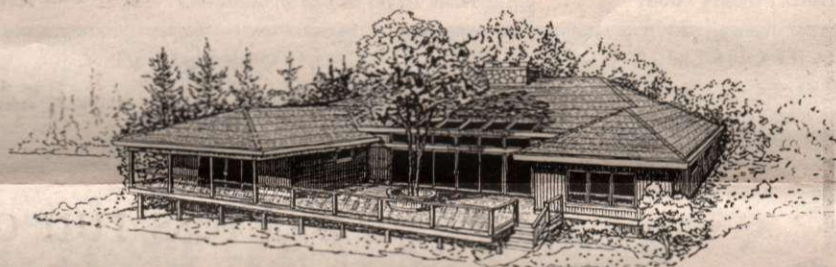
- A spokesman for Vancouver Island-based K & R Food Stores confirmed that Robinson's department store would be a tenant in the shopping centre expansion planned for just north of Park Drive in Ganges. The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee had granted a partial development permit, allowing site work to begin.

Five Years Ago

- Ferry passenger rates would not increase due to B.C. Ferry Corporation's purchase of the province's highways ministry ferry fleet, said company spokesman Bill Bouchard. The corporation acquired 13 ferries, 10 routes and six charter ferries worth \$55 million.

- Representatives from only two Salt Spring groups attended a meeting to discuss an appropriate project for an Expo Legacy Fund application. Library Society and recreation commission delegates showed up, with the library hoping to use legacy funds to construct an addition to its existing building.

- Local business operators reported no problems for customers adjusting to the Capital Regional District's no-smoking bylaw. After one year of implementation, most people had become used to desig-



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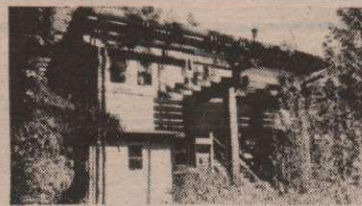
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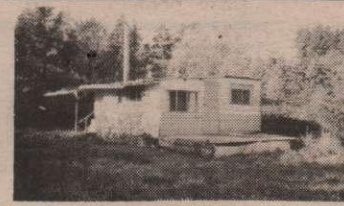
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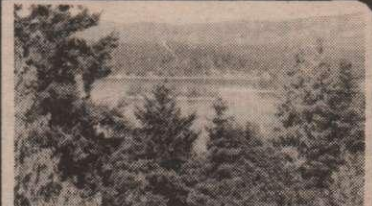
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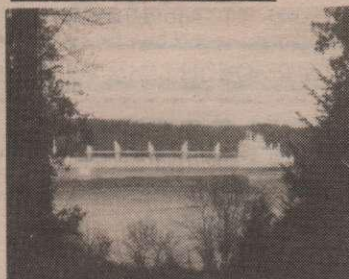
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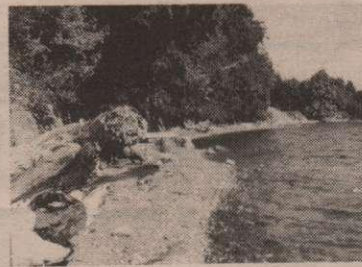


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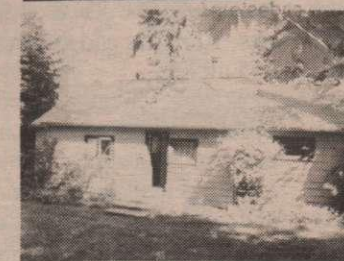
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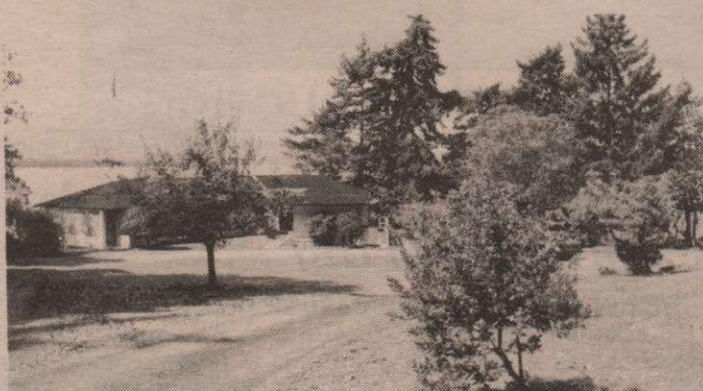
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