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Housing sample pending

A questionnaire on the housing needs of local senior citizens will be distributed next week on Salt Spring Island.

Scheduled to be published in the September 7 edition of *Driftwood*, the questionnaire is the work of the Salt Spring Island Housing Committee, which functions under the umbrella of the Health Care Planning Group formed recently to examine and co-ordinate the island's long-term health care service needs.

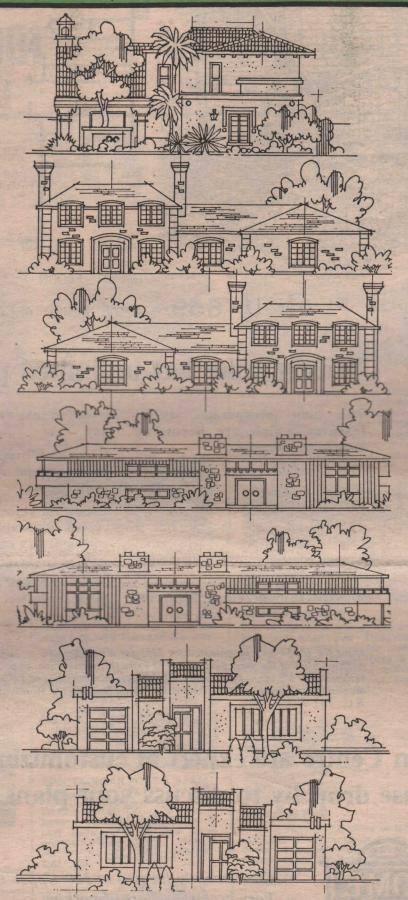
The questionnaire seeks anwers to a variety of queries about he type of housing seniors would prefer. Results will be tabulated and may form the basis for an application to the B.C. Housing Management Corporation for funds to assist the construction of a conventional or an Abbeyfieldstyle housing project for seniors.

Sue Mouat, chairman of the housing committee, said need must be established before any thought can be given to applying for funds for a housing project. The Housing Management Corporation, she said, requires each housing unit built to represent five people in need of such housing. Since the minimum number of units to be built is eight, the questionnaire would ye to identify at least 40 people need.

"Although we seem "questionnaired" to death, it is six years since the Croftonbrook development put out a questionnaire on housing needs," she said.

If a need for accommodation is established, Mouat continued, the committee can launch formation of a non-profit society to apply for funding to build the housing units.

If launched, the project would construct housing units for seniors with limited incomes. The individual tenant would pay no more than 30 per cent of total household income towards rent.



Interest rate rise may spark flurry

Rising mortgage rates could cause a short-term "flurry" in the local real estate market, followed by "more creative financing," says one local realtor.

Arvid Chalmers of Pemberton Holmes feels that in the short term, rising mortgage rates will enhance the local market. The most recent rates, set between 11 and 11.25 per cent for a one-year mortgage, have increased from 9.25 over the past year. Chalmers believes the increasing rates will cause buyers "to get their purchasing out of the way" before rates go any higher.

In the longer term, however, he suggests things may slow down.

Chalmers estimates four out of every five buyers who purchase real estate on Salt Spring are doing so with cash from the sale of another house. While higher mortgage rates will not directly affect those buyers, he said, the rates will affect the sale of their other home.

About one in five purchases, Chalmers continued, are contingent on the buyer arranging financing. Those transactions will be directly impacted by higher mortgage rates.

For the individual with a \$50,000, 25-year mortgage, monthly payments would average \$438 at 9.25 per cent. At 11.25 per cent, monthly payments rise to \$489.

When the mortgage rates get too high, Chalmers says, realtors look at putting together "creative financing" packages. For example, they might suggest the vendor carry the financing.

Salt Spring real estate trends tend to follow about six months to a year behind the Vancouver market, he says, indicating changes here may occur at a slower pace.

Plans proceed to rezone land for multi-family use

The Islands Trust has given first reading to an application by local developer Eric Booth to incorporate a third phase into his Park Place Estates project on Park Drive.

Booth has requested a rezoning from Residential to Multi-Family status for a .9-acre property adjacent to his present housing project site.

Approval of the rezoning application will allow Booth to build an additional eight units in the third phase of the project. Phase one, already under construction on the 1.28-acre Park Drive parcel, will see completion of four housing units. Work on phase two — which will see another eight units built on the same property — is to begin shortly.

Booth told the Trust the single-

level housing units are geared for the retirement market and will "alleviate" currents needs within the community. He said the Sewer Commission has suggested there will be no difficulties extending sewer system service to the area, and that a supply of water for the additional units has been arranged.

The Trust told the public hearing that no written responses to the application had been received.

One member of the audience, Rene Bourget, said the housing project "is one of the most positive things that has happened to that piece of property."

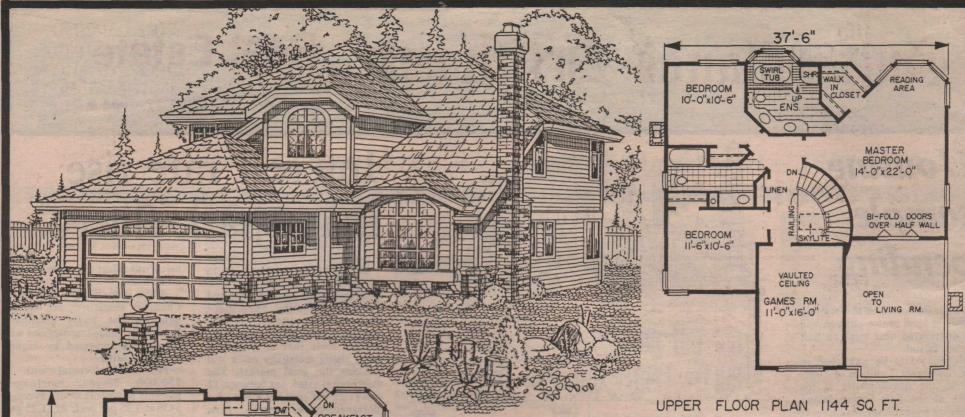
Second and third reading of the application are expected to take place within the next month, Trustees said.



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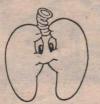
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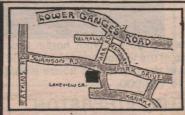
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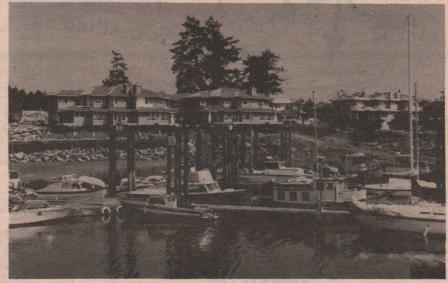
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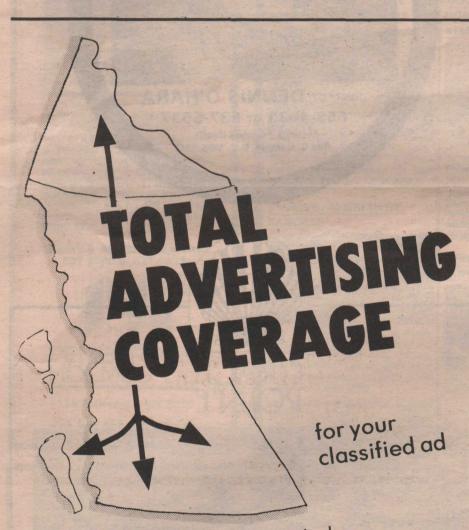
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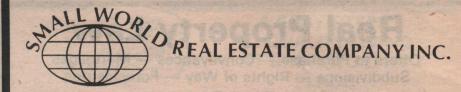




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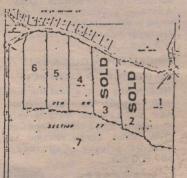
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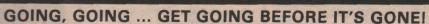


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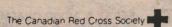
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1887 - 1988 — 101 years as your good neighbour! — 1887 - 1988

ALDERCROFT - is one of the few large acreages available today. This beautiful property consists of over 50 acres of southwest facing

 Zoned rural - it allows for the development of several smaller parcels (up to 10) without compromising the prime building site and farmland.

 Buildings include a comfortable 4 bedroom cottage with all amenities and a well built barn adaptable to a variety of uses.

Up to 3 houses can be built on the property without subdivision (group purchase?) Excellent well at 7 gpm.

About 15 acres of cleared pasture and hay land.

 Seasonal creek and storage pond.

Some timber. Totally secluded yet not isolated - 3 miles from Ganges.
For those interested in a property

which can be developed into an island holding of outstanding quality, this must be seen. Well priced at \$265,000.

DAVID WILLIAMS 537-5568, 537-9510 or 1-384-0230

NEW WATERFRONT LISTING

1.42 acs. in sunny Vesuvius. Sweeping views from this high bank property over Stuart Channel. Road roughed in to building site. Septic field for 3 BR. home. Approx. 175 ft. of waterfront on Vesuvius Bay. \$125,000.



YEAR ROUND SWIMMING!

Large family home centrally located on 21/2 acres with many special features including beautiful indoor pool. Now only



VENDORS ANXIOUS TO

RELOCATE

Traditional elegance & maximum privacy are yours in this handsomely appointd custom home in St. Mary lighlands. Enjoy the december views of St. Mary L. from the Master Bedroom or distant views of Porlier Pass from LR, DR, kitchen and family room. No stairs to climbl Now only \$139,000.

WATER GALORE

Incredible water supply for all your farm or market garden activities! Ideal 5 acres parked out & cleared, sunny & private yet close to village. Considerable development including 2 attractive building sites (home & cottage), driveway roughed in, 2 ponds, etc. Only \$43,000. Bring offers!

SUNNY OCEANVIEW ACREAGE

10+ exciting secluded acres facing south down Stuart Channel. Very private yet close to village. Trail marked to one of two prime building sites on a level plateau well treed with arbutus. Rocky outcroppings add interest to the contours. A special place for your special dream home! Water & power to property line. Just listed at \$85,000.

ANN FOERSTER 537-5568 or 537-5156



INTERESTED IN SELF-SUFFICIENCY?

Then this 17 acre farm may just be right for youl Cultivated for more than 100 years, this charming homestead has produced the finest market gardens and the healthiest livestock on this island. Modern pig barn qualifies for govt. subsidy. Fenced pastures and a huge, deep trout pond complete the picture. And, of course, there is a cosy 2 BR. home too. This whole package can be yours for just \$159,000 mls.

CHARACTER HOME JUST LISTED

This 12 year old 3 BR. home is located just 2.5 m. from Ganges. Situated on an idyllic 1.5 acre lot with many mature trees, it provides fine mountain views and some ocean glimpses. There is an excellent garden, and a very good water supply. Really nice and differentl \$89,000 mls.

VIEW LOT ON DONORE

A specially cut view corridor on this fully serviced lot reveals its truly magnificent potential. Once cleared, a vast panorama will unfold before your eyes. Lots like this one have become a rarity don't miss it! Priced to sell at \$36,900 mls.

> WILF BANGERT 537-5568 or 537-5692



SPARKLING VIEW HOME

2 bdrm. plus part basement finished. Astonishing value. Look south facing with view across

Cusheon Lake.

- beach access across the road for SWIMMING, FISHING, WIND-SURFING, CANOEING.

mature GARDEN in place with raised beds in fenced areas.

several fine outbuildings 1056 sq. ft. of clean, wellmaintained and comfortable home

Owner is anxious and wants action. Asking \$75,000 mls.

HOME & 3 RENTED CABINS PRICE REDUCED-\$134,900 mis

3.12 acs. with 120 ft. of waterfront

across the road. Home with seaview and 3 revenue producing cabins. Beach access easily developable.

FLAT CLEARED MARKET GARDEN - ORCHARD SITE

61/2 acs. of market quality soil presently in pasture. Easy stroll to sandy beach. Piped water available and permit for septic tank disposal field is in place. Owner wants action. Asking \$64.500 mls.

Call me for more information or to inspect these items.
WYNNE DAVIES 537-5568 or 537-9484



DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED BY A 'SOLD' SIGN

Excellent family home with 2500 sq. ft. of living space. Nicely landscaped gardens. Potential duplex. Also ideal for bed & breakfast. Superb ocean view from living room and sundecks.



FARM WITH A VIEW

9 acres of panoramic ocean view property in pasture also has rustic older deal hobby farm location close to Ganges. \$90,000 mls.



COUNTRY LIVING WITH REVENUE

you love flowers, a wide selection of fruit trees, and landscaped gardens then this 3bedroom house on 3.5 acres is for you! A self-contained, wellestablished Bed & Breakfast brings a year-round revenue and several small outbuildings will house sheep, chickens and ducks if you so desire. The seasonal pond and creek add to this pastoral setting. This estate offers a little of everything! Don't pass this opportunity! \$129,000. \$119,000



COSY COUNTRY LIVING

2 bdrm. home with ocean views on 3.57 acres of and a ture land. Ideal for the sunny area. Only minutes to shopping and schools. \$75,000 mls.

SUNNY ACREAGE CLOSE TO GANGES

2.27 acres in parklike setting. Driveway in to level to ding site. Strategy between recreational lake, tennis, soccer, theatre and Ganges paved road. \$33,000 mls.

NEW LISTING

Cottage with acreage. This charming custom-built cottage offers 2 BR., beamed, vaulted ceilings, arched and leaded stained windows, hardwood floors, 2 woodstoves. 7.25 acres within walking distance of Blackburn Lake. \$89,900 mls.

> FINN RONNE 537-5568 or 537-4072



CHARACTER HOME IN **GANGES CORE AREA**

Ideal for commercial-residential mix, this 2 bdrm house is an ideal holding property. Long frontage on the Ganges bypass. \$115,000 ...

LOTS & ACREAGES:

Next to Sailing Club, this 1.08 acre gently sloping property has path to ocean. Fruit trees, superb ocean view and deep moorage Hydro and piped water available. \$109,500 mls

 All day sun! Great value. Over 5 acres of seclusion and just 5 minutes from Ganges village. Well treed acreage is perfect for hobby farm or hideaway. Zoning RR1. \$21,900.

 Southend 4.97 acres enjoying views of Outer Islands and Mt Baker. Property has drilled well, hydro and phone at front lot line. \$59,000 mls.

 Acreage with lots of sun and timber! This 3-plus acres had view potential and is easily accessible from road. Close to town and ferries. \$28,500 mls.

• 10 acre retreat — outstation on Prevost Island just off the tip of Salt Spring Island, at Long Harbour. Seclusion, great moorage for boaters. Don't miss it! \$145,000 mls.



CUTE & COSY COTTAGE-FULFORD

This cottage was built to move. If you have a lot and can't afford to build then this may be the answer. \$12,900



WELCOME HOME!

Log home finished in traditional style, open plan living and family style kitchen with wood cookstove This three bdrm charmer sits on 11/2 secluded acres with fenced pasture. First time offered, be first to inspect it. \$89,900 mls



LOADED WITH PEACE & QUIET ...THE SOUND OF THE BREEZE

Sunny, southend 3.38 oceanview acres with spacious home. 2 level. 3 bdrm home has a 3-car garage, workshop and a garage for motorhome. Waterfront and beach access tool \$174,500 mls.



THE CHARACTER OF OLD -THE CONVENIENCE OF NEW

This delightful home is almost 2000 sq.ft. on two levels. There are many features in the home like ensuites with dressing room, centre hall plan, private family area and more. All services and it's close to beach and lake - great family area. Full price \$99,000.



ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN

This secluded acreage boasts a 2 bdrm home, greenhouse, decks, carport all finished to a "T". If you want privacy, gardens, seclusion and sunshine all on 3.26 acres this is your answer. \$81,900 mls.

RETREAT TO YOUR OWN HIDEAWAY

Here is 2 acres of sun and woods surrounding your private retreat. A cute and cosy cottage finished in wood with a loft bedroom - a great starter or hideaway. Just \$53,000 will take it away.

PRICED FOR A QUICK SALE -SO DON'T BE A SLOW POKE

New listing just a few minutes walk from St. Mary Lake. Wood has been used extensively throughout this 2-storey Cape Cod style home. Large wooded lot ensures privacy. Call today. \$67.900 mls



THE TIME TO BUY IS NOW!

Waterfront home with open plan living and dining. Beams, cedar, skylights and more is tucked away on a secluded dead end. See this 2 bdrm beauty with its sand and shell beach! \$175,000 m/s.



WANT BREATHING SPACE?

Sweeping seaviews are enjoyed from this large home on private acreage. Would be perfect for family with live-in help, or suitable for a private clinic or group home. Come and look at the possibilities! \$179,000 mls. ...

KERRY & ARVID CHALMERS 537-5568 or 537-2182