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Driftwood

Coombes travel the world via radio waves

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Ted and Doris Coombes can travel around the world without leaving their armchairs or hardly spending a penny. The two are mad about their fascinating hobby: amateur radio.

By GEORGE CLOGG
Driftwood Contributor

Ted and Doris each have a radio transmitter which they guard zealously. Visitors to their north Salt Spring home are greeted by a complex, yet tidy, array of aeriads capable of being directionalized, north, east, south and west, across the world.

From his basement "ham" shack, Ted operates in the high-frequencies — 80 through to the 10 metre band — both in voice and morse. His call-sign is VE7FND.

Doris is a VHF, two-meter, addict. Her call-sign is VE7TND. Theoretically, her transmissions go "as far as the eye can see," but with the help of beams set up across Canada, and the magic of satellites, she can reach many remote countries.

Since writing her exam two-and-a-half years ago, Doris has received about 1,000 QSL cards. These are station identification cards sent out by amateurs confirming contact with each other.

The QSL cards prove contact with faraway lands such as Antarctica, Australia and New Zealand, and balmy islands like Pitcairn. She has talked to the Christian family, descendants of sailors of *Mutiny on the Bounty* fame.

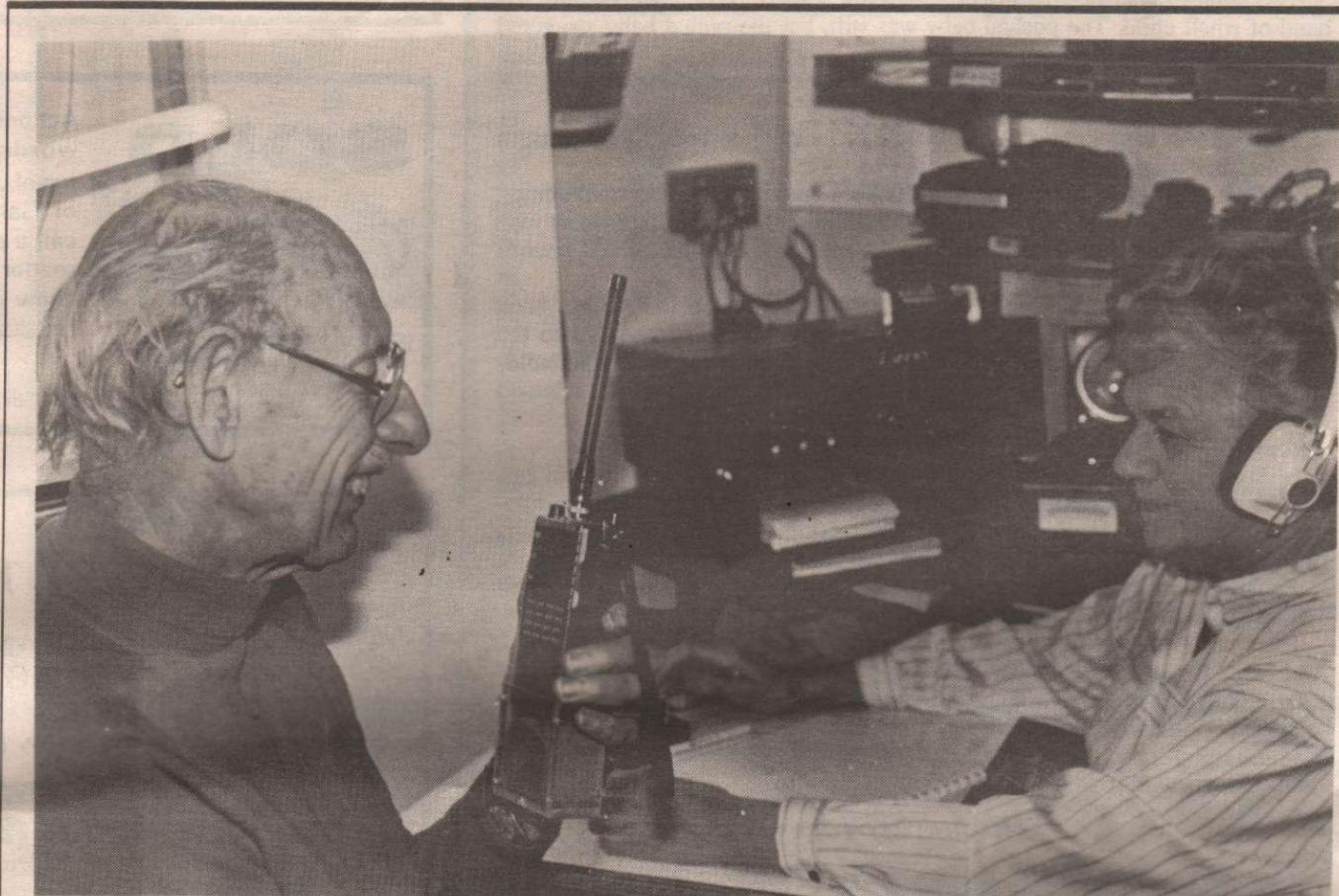
Ted was an RCAF Armaments officer for 27 years. Retirement was too dull and premature for an active mind, so he taught in high schools at Chemainus and Ladysmith for some 13 years. He retired for the second time nine years ago and began looking for a likely hobby.

When Ted sat for his amateur radio licence, it was a complicated affair. Anxious to recruit a younger breed, the government recently made the exam easier.

Does Ted believe radio "hams," as they have been dubbed, contribute to making better relations between nations?

"People are what they are and how do you change them? But we do have worldwide contacts with whom we talk more or less on a regular basis and others, occasionally. You know their call-signs and certainly their interests," he said. "Very frequently if they are coming to Canada they drop in and say *hello*."

Ted and Doris have made friends "from all over the place." They have "big con-



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Ted and Doris Coombes — seen at their Salt Spring Island home — are amateur radio enthusiasts who have interesting stories tell about their hobby.

tacts" with the Commonwealth countries, with the single exception of India, where there are few amateurs.

Both the Canadian and American governments have laid down strict rules, governing amateur radio operations. Operators are regarded seriously, however. Governments know that in an emergency, hams can swing into action, supporting police, fire, ambulance and numerous agencies needing immediate help and support.

Explained Ted: "the government has allocated wide, magnetic spectrum frequencies, recognizing that one of the amateur priorities is to become a major communications service during an emergency."

When an amateur hears a call for help on land or sea, his first task is to determine if an amateur closer to the casualty, has answered the SOS. Immediately, "phone and fax lines will buzz, and amateurs all over the world will keep glued to their

communications sets."

There is currently a vigorous campaign to recruit young people to become radio-amateurs. Unlike when Ted joined the ranks, amateurs are not asked intricate technical questions. Neither do they have to make their own radio sets which can now be chosen off the shelf.

While some operators still make their own sets, most of the creativity occurs with aerial adjustment.

"Most amateurs are continually trying to improve their aeriads and are never happy for too long at the performance . . . and so the experiments go on," Ted said gleefully.

A new communications set costs between \$2,000 and \$6,000. But the price tag should not deter beginners as there is a reasonable measure of used material available.

Ted voluntarily holds radio classes, coaching would-be amateurs for exams. Just before Christmas, Ted broke his hip

horseback riding. After some time in Duncan hospital and with the aid of crutches, he struggled back into class to lecture and demonstrate on his blackboard, refusing to let down his pupils.

Doris caught the radio bug from Ted.

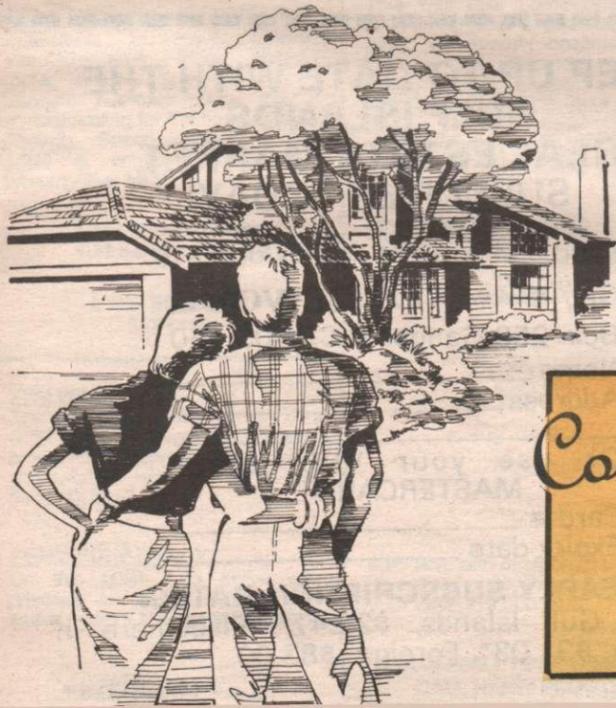
"Until then, Ted and I had sailed together. But somehow I wasn't able to keep up, leaving Ted to sail alone around the Gulf Islands or wherever," explained Doris.

She added: "So I sat for my exams and bought a transmitter enabling me to work the VHF two-metre band, and at the same time keep in touch with Ted, making certain he was safe."

Doris realized there were amateurs sailing the seas equipped with VHF, who had no idea where they were or who would provide help if they met trouble.

"I have intercepted medical emergencies

AMATEUR RADIO B2



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Canine mischief

The young father-of-a-family was pushing a baby buggy and holding the hand of small child. The pushed baby was still, but the pulled baby staggered and fell headlong on the sidewalk.

"Look at 'er!" pleaded the harassed Dad, "Fell on some dog dirt and fell headlong onto another lot!" He didn't say "dirt."

The problem is mounting. While the minor incident described took place in Greenwich, it might have been anywhere else.

A street sign, small but compelling has been erected in another community. On the side of the road in a Powys town stands a warning that dog owners who permit their animals to befoul the sidewalks are liable to a fine of 100 pounds (\$250).

In Harrogate in North Yorkshire a share-and-share-alike routine has been adopted. First thing in the morning hundreds of dogs are released on to the Stray, a dedicated parkland in the town, to relieve them of the inevitable build-up of a night in an apartment. During the afternoon schoolchildren are released to play on the same grass.

And this is England; but the offence is not English.

In days gone by, when almost every family lived in a home with its own garden the average dog would perform his "doggy" functions in reasonable isolation. But with the world moving into apartments the plight of the dog is frustrating.

Equally, in an age of violence, the presence of a dog is reassuring and particularly so to the elderly and lonely who are the more in need of a watchdog.

Paris has been identified by many visitors as the dog-dirt capital of the world. And why? Because Paris houses more people in apartments than, perhaps, any other city in Europe. Mind you, it is also probably alone in its operation of the "elephant," a mobile vacuum cleaner that sucks up the detritus abandoned by Fido and Fifi.

It's a dog's world!

The murder-ram

There was no light side to a recent news report over here when a young and powerful male sheep attacked and killed an elderly man.

He was an experienced rambler, a trail and nature man with all the time in the world to follow his enthusiasm.

Crossing a field where a ram was grazing he was attacked by the animal, knocked to the ground and butted consistently. His injuries proved fatal.

The story was notable for the very fact that it was so rare.

The inquest attributed the aggressive nature of the animal to the fact that it was the mating season and the instinct of the ram is to attack any creature challenging his status.

AMATEUR RADIO

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and on one occasion was able to direct the occupants to Fernwood from where we got a man's seriously sick wife taken to Lady Minto Hospital for treatment."

Ted carried out repairs to their craft and radio. The family stayed with the Coombes for three or four days until it was able to proceed on voyage. The family had come from Mexico.

"You see, our aim is not just to play around with radio, but also to be constructive."

A small group formed a radio club on Salt Spring which will soon have two rooms fitted with radio — one at Greenwoods, and one at the ambulance station.

Ted and Doris believe it is important to encourage young people into this unique hobby.

Doris said, "the word is spreading. There is a 10-year-old boy radio-amateur operating in Victoria and, here on Salt Spring, two Grade Eight students will probably get their licences soon."



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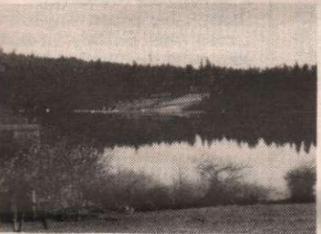


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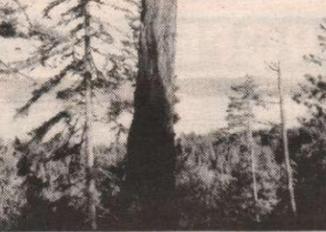
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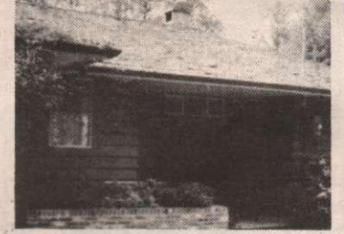


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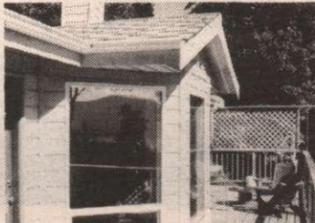
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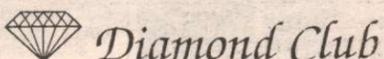
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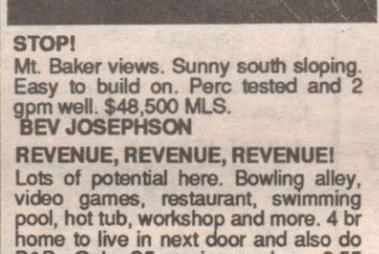
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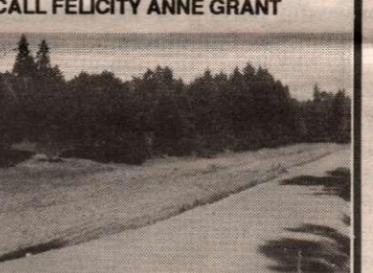
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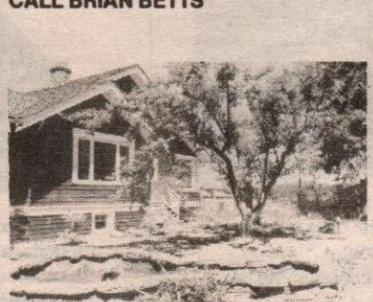
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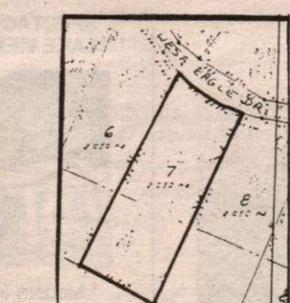


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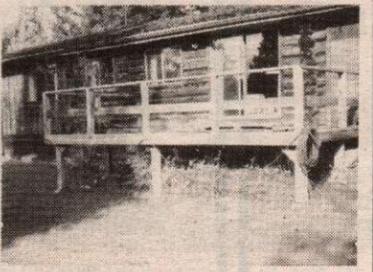


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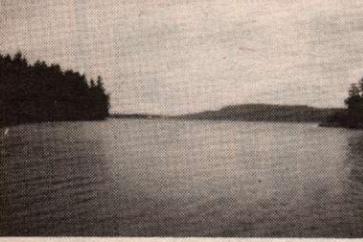


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ISLAND LIVING

North Galiano group holds annual meeting

The North Galiano Community Association held its annual meeting on Saturday, February 23.

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The only truly North Galiano organization amongst about 30 active island groups, the association's aims include: care of the community hall, operation of the fire department and sponsorship of other activities beneficial to all island citizens.

According to the association's retiring president, it was in this vein that members organized the Galiano Garden Club 10 years ago. With the same aims in mind, the Scottish Country dance classes and later the dart group were formed. It is not requisite that members of the community support all the groups, but their support is appreciated when it comes.

About 30 householders attended the meeting.

Rental money received for the community hall throughout the year barely covers hydro costs, let alone other expenses incurred in its operation.

Annual reports outlined the year's many successes. The president commented on the successful passing of the referendum on fire funding last November and of the many meetings and negotiations which preceded the vote. He especially noted the efforts of Ted Waterman, Walter Roots, Nick Francis, Woody Coward and of Miriam Bings and the fire auxiliary in the effort.

The need for more storage room at the community hall was a priority for the executive last year and a start has been made to prepare the ground behind the hall for an addition. The president thanked member Frank Basarab for the backhoe work he recently completed. A plan for the addition is now being drawn up and construction will begin as soon as funds are available.

It was noted that rental money received throughout the year barely covers hydro costs, let alone other expenses incurred in running a community hall. Therefore, to save money for the new addition, for building repairs and maintenance, and for general hall supplies and services, it will be necessary to continue money raising activities such as the craft fair, the Burns supper and the Jamboree.

Up to this time, it was noted, funds have not been spent on cleaning and upkeep, all this has been volunteered. The hall was used on 203 occasions during the past year according to the association's activity report and by a variety of groups from all over the island.

Joan Waterman in her financial report noted a successful year for both the hall and the volunteer fire department. The latter's appeal for funds last fall has provided enough money to cover the group's requirements until such time as taxation money becomes available next August. The fire auxiliary's money raising events such as the modern antique sale, the summer barbecue and the Oktoberfest have, over the past year, provided funds for equipment purchases at the fire hall. They have also provided funds to support educational seminars for volunteer firemen both on and off the island.

Miriam Bings of the fire auxiliary was quick to share credit for that group's successes with her many assistants.

Fire chief Waterman reported a busy year with several fire calls including one which could have been serious had it not been caught in time. Monday evening practices are held weekly at 7 p.m. at the number-one hall, and on-site practices all over the fire district are frequently part of the training program. There are currently 13 volunteer firemen: a full complement is desirable, so new volunteers are always welcome.

This year, for the first time, the nomination committee (Bill Stafford and Dorothy Ross) were unable to present a complete slate of officers to the meeting. No volunteers were forthcoming from the floor for a number of important offices. Without a president and a vice-president, the group elected to carry on and attempt to fill the positions from within the group of elected directors.

Elected were Brian Cowperthwaite, Nick Francis, Arne Haksi, Walter Roots, Alistair Ross and Norman Russell. Nancy Davidson was elected treasurer and Phyllis Stafford will act as secretary it is believed.

With two years as president and as a 16-year veteran of the committee, out-going president Alistair Ross thanked the retiring officers for their hard work on behalf of the community association.

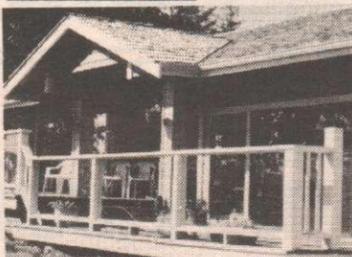
Named were vice-president Al Chambers, treasurer Joan Waterman, and director Woody Coward. The latter, as auditor for many years, was thanked for his expertise and coaxed into doing the job once again in February 1992. Coward was quick to compliment treasurer Waterman for her preparation of the financial statements, something which made his job as auditor "a snap."

The meeting closed with refreshments and time to talk over current island events. Photo albums of North Galiano activities and the association's archive albums were available for members to look over.

Memberships in the North Galiano Community Association are now due and payable at \$2 each to membership chairman Mollie Colson, phone 539-5950. Support memberships from all islanders are welcome as always.

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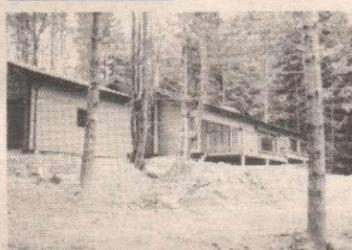
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Jean Herring and Ann McConnell; June Knowles and Joan Conlan; Dorothy Sneddon and Blanche Poborsa.

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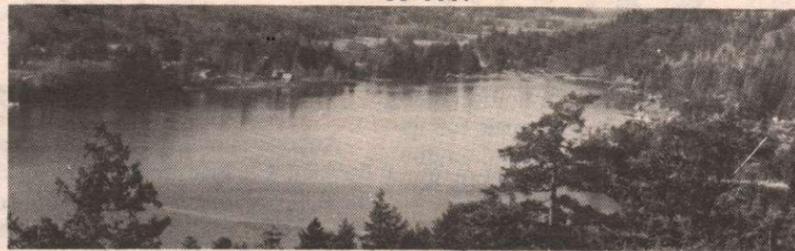


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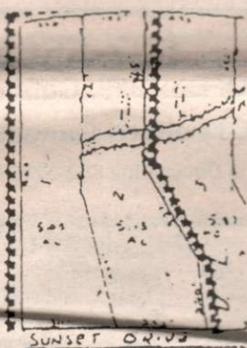
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PROVINCIAL Round-up

Federal arrogance

Eight provincial and two territorial ministers responsible for policing raked Ottawa over the coals last week for its "callous and inflexible attitude" in the proposed cost increase for RCMP services.

By HUBERT BEYER
Driftwood Columnist

The federal government wants to increase the cost of providing RCMP services to municipalities by about 25 per cent a year. The ministers agreed at a meeting in Toronto that Ottawa's insistence on such a large cost increase was a "gross example of federal high-handedness" in dealing with Canadians.

"The ministers also agreed that this appeared to be yet another example of the federal government's willingness to sacrifice a great Canadian institution, like the RCMP, to short-sighted and high-handed views of management," the ministers said in a news release.

The eight provinces — Ontario and Quebec have their own provincial police forces — and the two territories have asked Ottawa to reconsider its position.

The shrinking CLMA

The Cariboo Lumber Manufacturers' Association announced last week that its annual general meeting will be scaled down this year from the usual three days to one.

Van Scoffield, general manager of the CLMA, said the move was a direct result of the current economic malaise gripping the forest industry.

The CLMA represents large and small

forest products manufacturers from Quesnel to Boston Bar.

Beer can windfall

Anyone holding empty beer cans doubled his investment last week, after the B.C. brewing industry announced that effective February 27, the deposit on beer cans will be doubled to 10 cents a can.

Gerry Kristianson, president of the Brewers Association of B.C., said the move was "part of the brewing industry's commitment to the environment."

The return rate on beer bottles has been better than 97 per cent, according to Kristianson, while only about 77 per cent of the cans were returned for a refund. The industry hopes that making the refund for cans the same as that for bottles will result in a higher return rate for cans.

Hagen heads council

Education Minister Stan Hagen has been elected chairman of the Council of Education Ministers, Canada, a national consultative body for provincial education ministers.

Hagen is no newcomer to the CMEC. He was a member of the organization when he was minister of advanced education.

New highways contracts

Highways minister Rita Johnston announced last week that proposals have been called for the first three of 28 road and bridge contracts that expire this year. The first three contracts to be negotiated for the next three years are South Island, South Okanagan and North Cariboo.



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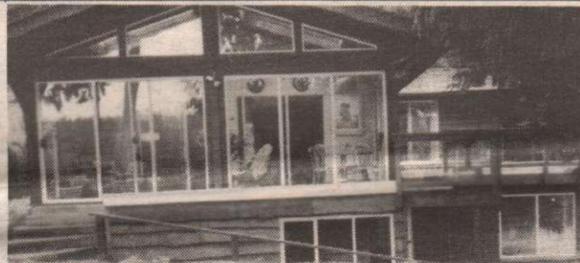
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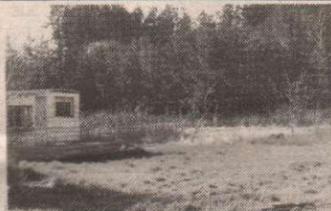
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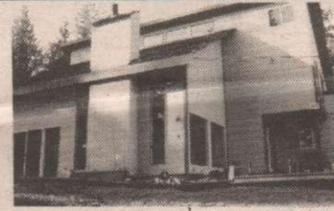


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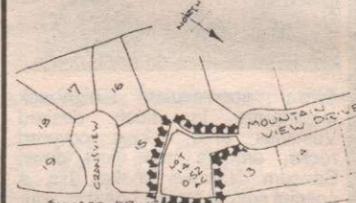


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