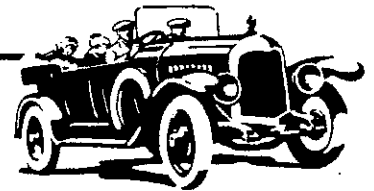


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Roads Report



As everyone is probably well aware, the court date for the trespassing charge against Mark Twamley and Joan McCandless has been changed once again and is now slated for September 22nd, 1987. The reason for the postponement was to allow the B.C. Advocacy Centre in Vancouver time to finish compiling their data. They have been working very hard lately, and have researched some very interesting material. We will keep everyone posted but as of right now that is all there is to report. Joyce Manzies and I will be meeting with some members of B.C. Rifle club soon, and I hope this meeting goes well.

Dianne Twamley

COMING EVENTS

DERBY DAYS!!!

Break out the old buggy wheels, grab your crash helmets, and toughen those nerves...

Announcing the First Annual

"WILLIS POINT DOWNHILL
SOAPBOX CHALLENGE"

Saturday, August 15th

...complete day of activities for the whole family. Including FISHING DERBY, SPORTS DAY, BEER GARDEN, and more!!!

SEE YOU AT THE TRACK!
(more details to come)

Ken & Kathy Ilott
652-4893

THE HILLTOPPER AUCTION

Lock up your daughters and first-born folks! Bob Scott is on the prowl for auction donations! All contributions for the June 21st Hilltopper Auction greatly needed and appreciated. Let's make this year even better than last. All proceeds to go to support our Willis Point Rate Payers Assn. Please call Bob or Karen at 652-2130 with details of your donations.

Remember some from our past?
(New Zealand dinner, Flying Lessons, Window Washing, Sunday Bruch and Boat Trip, A Will, Viennese Dinner, 4 Hours Backhoe Time, Babysitting, A Rare Book, A Beautiful Afgan, A Rolf Harris Painting etc.)

Karen Scott

HILLTOPPER

Hilltopper time is almost upon us once more, and for the benefit of our newer residents, here is a rundown on why we have this event.

Why? Well first let me tell how it started - I remember it well! We used to have an annual Strawberry Tea in June. In 1982, there was a sad lack of volunteers to run this event. Bob Halsey decided that he would run it having had various discussions with Gary Butchart about having a foot race out here. So the heat was on. We left all the race organizing to Gary and Annabella and concentrated on what else we were going to do. Well, Bob does not think small, and as most of Willis Point got recruited, the work went on apace. The Saloon Bar, that we have every year, had to be designed and made. Food was a major consideration. We wanted to have a draw card, so we decided to have roast pigs. Unfortunately, in May, the price of pork skyrocketed, but as printing announcements etc were underway, we went ahead with the pork anyway. We lost money on the food that year but learned a lesson. Lord, what we did't have as well! Used book stalls, plants, white elephants, games for the kids (fish pond, beanbag throws etc), helium balloons, popcorn (or did we fade on that?), ice cream, pop, bake stand, raffles, casino, waitresses in the Saloon, PLUS the Race and a Country Auction. And Bob rented tables galore and Big Johns to keep the beer flowing. Well, by 10:00pm, everybody was just wiped out. We made \$2,800.00, the best we ever did, but totally exhausted the whole of Willis Point!

The next night we took a good look at the figures to see what was really profitable, and what wasn't. A Hilltopper Appreciation Night was held up at the Hall to thank our major volunteers and to get their suggestions and criticisms for next year. The upshot was the format we've followed for the last few years - with race costs pared, food costs honed down (our Hilltopper hamburgers and weiners are the only foods that have shown a profit, anything else is just too costly). The Casino has started to lose money and we're not having it this year. Pop & icecream are profitable and the Auction is our greatest source of revenue. The bar used to be good, but rising costs have hindered that. A raffle is always good - any suggestions would be welcome. The Bake Sale is another popular moneymaker.

We now feel the Hilltopper is run along manageable lines, the bottom line being that what we do makes money for our community. The 10K race is the excitement event, always well organized and a draw card. We usually get about 100 runners and are always looking for more. Entry forms are now available.

Why do we have the Hilltopper? My figures are approximate, but I believe it costs in the region of \$3,000.00 per year to run the Hall. The Hilltopper has become our one big event to raise these funds and it is a great fun day for us Willis Pointers that doesn't

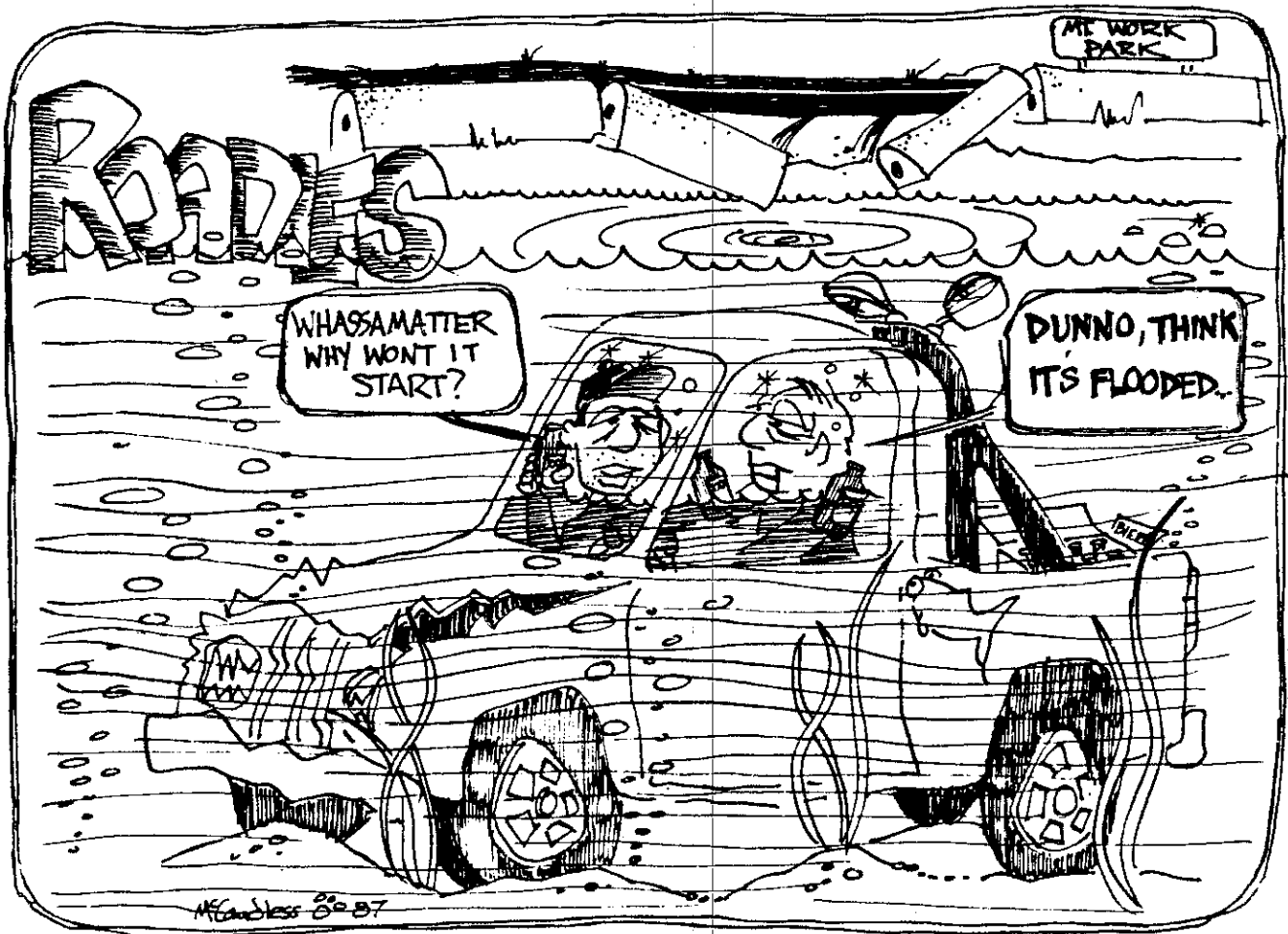
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Hilltopper, cont.

kill us completely! We have never reached the dizzying heights of our first \$2,800 but the lowest amount was \$2,000 in 1985, recession year. Last year we cleared \$2,587, which was excellent. Our community is just so generous with time, effort, and money. It is most appreciated. (By the way, we need 6 people to cook this year!)

See you there on Sunday, June 21st and I hope you have as much fun as we do. If you can persuade friends and relatives from outside the area to come, even better! Let's hope 1987 is a good one!

Gaybrielle Halsey.



Firefighter News

It was really great to see 40 members of the community out for the one night C.P.R. course, but it would have been even better to have seen another 40. Maybe next year - remember the course is offered for free, and your knowledge may help to save a life out here. I would like to thank our tireless instructors - Ann Schweitzer and Irene Gagne - and their able assistants. So what if we did lose a few instructors to the smooth talking "Evil Ian" and his big red fire truck - out for a drive eh Ian?

We are sorry that we have lost a new member of the Department. Alison Wooff has heard the call of the wild and has headed back to the big city. We do miss that laugh and your smile Alison!

If you noticed the school bus on the side of the road a while back, with what seemed like large ants climbing in and out the doors and windows, it was the Dept. holding a mock bus accident with the able assistance of Marlyn Dea of the Saanich School District Transportation Dept. and her capable driver, John Walls. The horde of ants were the local students without whose aid we couldn't have done it. Thanks to everyone who took part. By the way, one of the firefighters was heard to ask an unconscious bus driver for the loan of his flashlight.

From the Chief's helmet, the red box in the Hall, and donations from the firefighters, we donated \$26.00 cash to Muscular Dystrophy. The donation from the Fire Dept. of \$200.00 to the "Hats and the Honeys" of the 10th Anniversary Party fame went to the burn unit at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. As well, most members of the Dept. were seen hanging around street corners and the front of stores in town soliciting...change for Muscular Dystrophy.

Three members of the Dept. have acquired their St. John Ambulance certificates with the result that the entire Willis Point community can sleep better. Pat Sloan has had several patients already where she works and Bill Wright attended the scene at a car accident at Mayfair Mall. Now it's Fuzz's turn to use his so don't stand in one place too long or he'll bandage you up for practice!

Three members of the Dept. paid a social call on the Central Saanich Fire Department one evening recently. Dave, Ken and Fuzz brought back a lot of good information from watching training films on fishing. Sure, we believe you guys.

Your Fire Department requires your assistance at the Fire Department Sports Day (evolutions) to be held at the North Saanich Fire Dept. Hall on Wain Road. If you can, come on out and cheer your team or

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Fire Department News Continued

harass the others. You know we are trying to uphold the honour of Willis Point. If you can make it, it's being held on June 6th at noon and is bound to be a good time. Part of the team has been practicing with North Saanich F.D. on Thursday nights. It's either a long way to North Saanich, or they got lost, or they practice mighty late up there, because would you believe it, it was four in the morning when Brain, Fuzz, Bob W. and a civilian Gary Butchart got home.

The Fire Department is sponsoring the Fishing Derby this year. For information, see Ken Ilott (652-4893). There will be a soap Box derby included as well, the first Willis Point "Derby Days". As the Fire Fighters Association has acquired the Department's original 1948 Mercury Mini Pumper, some money and expertise is needed to maintain and repair this priceless antique. The money raised from the Fishing Derby will be used for this purpose. This will ensure that a little piece of Willis Point history will not slip out of hands forever.

Two final things:

#1. Burning permits are required for ALL OUTSIDE BURNING. (and that includes the burning of garbage, Christmas trees etc. on the side of the road. It is unsightly, inconsiderate to your neighbours, dangerous, and illegal.)

#2. Finally, I would like to thank Pat Sloan for doing a really bang-up job with the Pointer. I'm sorry to see our newsletter lose its editor and guiding light. Without her pushing, prodding, cajoling, good humour, and on my part, corrections, you wouldn't know what was going on in the community or the Fire Department. Thanks Pat.

Bill Wright
Deputy Chief

PS. I have to put this in one more time - Fire Practise Wednesday nights at 7:45. We're not a closed shop, come on out and give us a hand.

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AND NOW, WE HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR A SONG, DEDICATED TO BRIAN M'CANOLESS, FROM THE DAYS OF WW II. BY MISS VERA LYND. CALLED "WHEN THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN ALL OVER WILLIS POINT"

BILL WRIGHT



WPRRA News

WPRRA EXECUTIVE MEETING : MONDAY APRIL 27th 1987

Present: Carmen Moore, Pat Cracknell, Dave Carley, Sydnie Bonner, Lois Lovo, Joan McCandless, Rita Russell, Joan Wright, Diane Twamley, Gill Jackson, Gary Butchart, Gloria Graham, and Anne Young.
Guest: Bud Bunyk.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm. The minutes of the January 16th and March 23rd executive meetings were read and accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Solid Waste management. Public information sessions are still being held.

2. Petition and development of a local community. There were over 150 signatures which is more than the 2/3 required and also more than the 50% total assessment value required. Bud will be taking the petition to be validated tomorrow. Diane will take the by-law and petition to the CRD meeting May 27th.

Gary explained what happened to the proposed by-law and how any amendments would be made. Dave was concerned that the Recreation portion of the existing by-law is not mentioned in the proposed by-law. Gary indicated that it was an administrative error and that it would be amended by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Diane has phoned some of the CRD Directors and they were all supportive of our position. It was suggested that Diane continue to phone the Directors.

Gary reported on the Langford Committee for Local Government meeting that he and Barry Peeke-Vout attended last week. They have approved \$8000 for an independent study and report on the area considering incorporation, updating the previous study, calculating the tax base, and also to look at the two areas wishing to be excluded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Statement April 27th 1987

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Bank Balance 9/22/86	\$5881.64	Registrar of Companies	\$ 10.00
New Members	35.00	C.R.D.	3000.00
Grant in Aid	300.00	B.C. Heart	75.00
Pub Day	561.77	Foto-Print <u>Pointer</u>	117.60
Happy Hour	219.50		
Whist Drive	81.67		
Interest	128.81		
Transfer from Float Fund	<u>170.00</u>	Bank Balance 87/4/27	<u>4175.79</u>
TOTALS	<u><u>7378.39</u></u>		<u><u>7378.39</u></u>
		Petty Cash	<u>26.83</u>

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POINTNER REPORT

The next issue will be late May, early June so have articles in by Mid May. Pat Sloan is resigning as Editor after this issue.

RECREATION COMMISSION - no report

FIRE COMMISSION - no report, but a meeting scheduled soon

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A reminder of the CPR course being held on May 5th, and again on May 6th.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - no new members

NEW BUSINESS

1. Court date for road trespassing case is May 5th. Mark Horne has more information on road usage prior to 1913. Diane has phoned Major Ratz re the latest problem with the road.

2. Boat Ramp. Art Moore has phoned for names of volunteers and has given the names to Mark Twamley. Dave is willing to phone highways to inform them that we wish to build a fire access road.

- 3. Calendar of events: May 22 - Happy Hour, Beavers & Cubs
- June 7th - 10:30 am, Hall yard clean up
- June 21st - Hilltopper
- August - Fishing Derby & SoapBox Derby

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Gill Jackson

WHIST PARTY NOTES

The revival of the Willis Point Whist Party was a success - both financially and spiritually. Ivy Blunt was the grand Winner. Is she a skilled player or just lucky in cards? Rumour has it that she's played Whist before. Bob Scott won "High Man" - is he a skilled player or did the fact that he helped organize the party affect the outcome? Jane - are your pansy seeds planted yet? Many thanks to Charlie and Sydnie Bonner. They did a great job of bartending and catering. Thank you also to those who donated food.

Karen Scott

Hall Yard Clean-up: Sun. June 7, 10.30

Time again to lend a helping hand in doing our yearly grounds beautification at the Hall. We need it looking good for the Hilltopper. It won't take long, especially if lots of people turn out to help. We are all busy at this time with our own yards, but a few hours on Sunday will help us all. So bring your rakes brooms, clippers, weedeaters etc. and we'll see you at the Hall for our gardening blitz. Thanks in advance for your community efforts.

Dianne Twamley

Letters from Beavers and Cubs (some spelling is original, some has obviously been parent-corrected!)

"Last Friday, Ian, Andrew and I went to cub camp. There, we did a lot of activities like building bridges, cumpas work, relay, fireliteing, building catapults and a lot of other things. This time the food was O.K. except for the vial wich looked disgusting and the plastic prosses chees slices wich I don't think were even 10% real cheese. I really enjoyed that camp and hope that there will be a lot of scout camps."

Justin Boydell

"I have been in Prospect Lake Brownies for a year. I went camping in March at Kingswood Park. It was fun. We went for a long hike. We got 3 badges. I had to wash dishes and set the table with some other kids. We slept in a lodge on the floor. And learned lots of things. One was if you get lost in the forest make sure you have a food survival kit and then get some branches and make a bed if you think that you are staying the night. Have a can lid and shine i if you hear a helicopter. It was a fun week-end."

Janine Twamley

"I went with the Willis Point cubs to Camp Bernard. The best thing was canoeing because I learned the most in that station. We learned what size paddle to use, the different kind of cannons there are, and then we got to paddle one. The second best thing was backwards cooking because we got to start with flour and water and make a doe out of it. Then we had to cook it. After that we got to eat them. The least exciting activity was brige building because the notches didn't fit together. Our group did not even finish because we put a main support piece in backwards. On the whole the camp was fun and we all had a good time."

Andrew Twamley

BEAVERS & CUBS (and soon SCOUTS) NEWS

The Beaver colony is coming to a close, as there doesn't appear to be enough boys of the right age in the area. If there are any that would like us to keep the colony active, please contact us as soon as you can, so that we can get a new leader lined up. The present leader, Sarah Bonner, is leaving Willis Point to become a wife and world traveller. Good Luck and thank you Sarah from all the Beavers. And as they say in Beaver closing "Good night Rusty, busy building for tomorrow".

We have a new group committee executive with Joel and Katie Cotter taking over as Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer from Bill Haley and Lorraine Pommen. To Bill and Lorraine, our thanks, and to Joel and Katie, welcome and good luck.

The Beavers and Cubs have been busy making plaster casts and painting them. I don't know which had more paint, the Cubs and Beavers, the tables, or the plaster casts - it was a toss-up. The Cubs have been hiking all over Willis Point, with one evening hike up Mount Work. The Cubs were out to a weekend woodsmans camp put on by the Boy Scouts for Cubs moving up to Scouts. What was that really for breakfast, Ian, pancakes or french toast?

The Cubs and Beavers will be having a combined meeting, with the Beavers swimming up to Cubs, and it will end with a hot dog roast. The Beavers will be taking part in the annual outing at Camp Barnard, as well as the weekend jungle camp reserved for Beavers going up to Cubs.

We have a person willing to start up a Scout troop, with lots of hikes, camps, crafts, badges, and fun. There are many boys out in the community of scout age. If you are interested, call Bob Wooff at 652-0172 or Bill Wright at 652-3254 and we'll get a troop started in September. Bob needs an assistant or two to help out, so if you are a former scouter or would like to help, let us know NOW!

Ian Blaney has taken 3rd prize in the design category in the regional Kub Kar Rally held at CanWest Mall. To get that far, he had to compete against over 300 Kub Kars at the local level, and then against more at the regional tests. Way to go Ian Senior & Junior!

Thanks for the support in our bottle drives and Happy Hours. The next bottle drive will be held in September. If you can't hold your bottles till then give me a call and we will pick them up.

The Cubs and Beavers will be holding a family picnic again, so all you Cub and Beaver parents get into practice for the wild games!

Have a safe and happy outdoors summer.

Bill Wright
Cub Master

MUSCULAR
Dystrophy

LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS

CENTRAL SAANICH
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OAK BAY
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WILLIS POINT

14 May 1987

Chief Dave Carly,
Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department,
c/o W. Ian Blaney,
6665 Mark Lane,
Victoria, B.C.
V8X 4M6

Dear Chief:

On behalf of the Lower Vancouver Island Firefighters I would like to express our personal gratitude for the help and support of your volunteer fire department in manning the "History of Firefighting in B.C." display at Mayfair Mall, and some of our canvassing spots during the drive itself.

Since Willis Point became involved under our Lower Vancouver Island Firefighters Muscular Dystrophy umbrella, you have shown greater and greater interest each year in helping to conquer this crippling disease. We greatly appreciate your interest and hope that your support continues.

We would also like to express our thanks to our committee member from Willis Point, Ian Blaney, and his predecessors, for their great job in motivating and organizing your members. It has been a job well done!

We truly hope that we can count on your again next year.

Thank you.

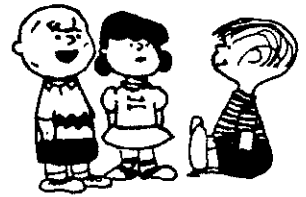
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Neil Aldous,
Chairman,
Victoria Firefighters
Muscular Dystrophy Assn.



Special Events for Kids

HILLTOPPER KIDDIES KORNER



CATEGORY 1 - 4

3rd ANNUAL BAKE-OFF

Are there any happy cooks out there? It's important that you kids - boys as well as girls - enter to make this contest a success. So why not enter the fun and let us be the judges? Just fill in the entry form and send it along to Jan McConnell by June 14th (so we can obtain prizes for everyone). All baking entries should be up at the Hall by 10:00am June 21st, so that our "world class" judges can bite into these special works of culinary art. All entries will be sold off later in the day.

CATEGORY 5

1st ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION CONTEST

Have you made something you are very proud of? Any age group welcome. Examples of materials you can use: Lego, Construx, Mechano, wood, stone, clay, paper etc. Longhouses, a special category (Dads, get recognized for all that work!) Entries to the Hall by 10:00 June 21st.

CATEGORY 6

1st ANNUAL KIDS LUNCH-BOX CONTEST

To consist of one sandwich or substitute, one dessert and one drink. Who's is the most nutritious, unique, or colourful? Entries to the Hall by 10:00 am, June 21st.

CATEGORY 7

1st ANNUAL COLOURING CONTEST

Can be from any colouring book. Entries to the Hall by 10:00am, June 21st.

TICK OFF THE AREAS YOU WISH TO ENTER AND HAND IN TO JAN McCONNELL
BY JUNE 14th (No entries accepted afterwards) 6817 Mark Lane, 652-2996.

OFFICIAL *** ENTRY *** FORM *** KIDDIES *** KORNER

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| #1 Category : JELLO FACE | Age 3-6 |
| #2 Category : 13 COOKIES | Age 7-10 |
| #3 Category : 13 CUPCAKES | Age 11-14 |
| #4 Category : 1 CAKE/PIE | Age 15 plus |
| #5 Category : CONSTRUCTION | |
| #6 Category : LUNCH-BOX | |
| #7 Category : COLOURING | |

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Phone _____

File

Joanie

DATE: April 14, 1987

Willis Point Ratepayers Association
 Research Carried Out in Victoria, March 30 - April 2, 1987

I met with Mark Horne and reviewed his files to ensure that we had copies of all relevant documentation.

I met with Lieutenant Commander Todd Slaughter, at the Judge Advocate's office, Department of Defence. I reviewed the documents they have which are only documents pertaining to titles such as Certificate of Infeasible Title L49845, the composite of the various sections which comprise Heal's Rifle Range, namely Lot A, Sections 53, 53A and 54, Highland District, Sections 81, 82, 124, 125 and 126, Lake District, Plan 37449, and Lot B, Section 125, Lake District, Plan 37449. I also perused Plan 37449. There were also title documents pertaining to the conveyances of individual sections to the Crown. I have a note that Certificate of Infeasible Title L49845 dated August 30, 1982 with Plan 37449 has been superseded by Title R81463, which would simply indicate that the area owned by DND had expanded or that the latter Certificate was more up to date. I also obtained a copy of the deed transferring title of Section 53 to the Crown and the original Certificate of Infeasible Title No. 9233 filed at Victoria LTO, Volume 9, Folio 413, No. 9233. I also obtained DND maps showing the Range Safety Template which indicates the so-called danger area extends far beyond the land comprising Heal's Rifle Range. It may be useful to consider whether a private nuisance action should be commenced by a landowner within the Range Safety Template area. The most obvious candidate is the owner of Section 47, Highland District.

I met with Mr. McSween from the Department of Highways and took notes of his comments regarding the research conducted by the Department of Highways in 1979 with respect to the Ross-Durrance Road. McSween also gave me photocopies of the Departmental report, a supplement thereto, and certain correspondence reproduced from microfilmed documents. These are in the file. McSween also discussed in general terms the legal problems which he, as a non-lawyer who has nonetheless been an expert witness in highway cases, saw in establishing that Ross-Durrance Road was a public highway. Notes of this discussion are in the file.

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I also looked in the newspaper file under "Corry" and "Durrance"; there was nothing helpful. There were too many Ross files to conduct searches thereof. I also looked through the rest of the microfiche offerings in the Department of Highways finding aid/index; there were other microfilms which might be relevant but ultimately I was unable to review them; microfilm 129 entitled "Saanich District - Roads Generally", which I did look at, contained nothing. Microfilm 251, "Section 1 - Esquimalt District - Bamberton Road" and microfilm 840, "Section 1 - Esquimalt Municipality Roads" might be worth looking at but I didn't have an opportunity to follow up on them.

In Archives I also looked at the British Columbia Sessional Papers from 1885 to 1890, reviewing the Reports of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works which reported on expenditures for road work done each year; I looked for expenditures pertaining to Durrance Road and Millstream Road. I must finish reviewing the reports through 1916/17, which reports are available at U.B.C. I also think it would be helpful to check the B.C. Legislature Gazette from 1980 to 1913 under "Lands and Works" notices, which would indicate if highways were established and gazetted or cancelled and gazetted in the Saanich and Esquimalt Districts. These gazettes are also available at U.B.C. I did find in the Sessional Papers that there were a number of expenditures for Durrance Road. Unfortunately, I speculate that expenditures were made on the portion of Durrance Road which ran through the property of Durrance, namely Sections 124 and 125, Lake District. It is this land which is referred to in the gazetted highway notice that I have been able to locate in the 1895 Gazette. It appears that this road was built and gazetted very early on, and expenditures by the government were made thereon, but the gazetted portion only runs to the boarder of Section 53, Highland District and stops there. Durrance Road seemed to turn north and continue upwards to Todd Inlet. This is evident when looking at early maps although there is no indication of such a major road on a present-day map, except an short line called Rudy Road which goes northward towards Todd Inlet at the approximate juncture of Section 124, Lake District and Section 53A, Highland District.

In the microfilmed correspondence, there was a letter from Fredrick Corry and five other people dated April 19, 1923 stating they had all used Ross-Durrance starting as soon as the B.C. Electric Railway was completed in 1913: Murial, Alice and Winnifred Corry, Mrs. Mary Ross, Margaret Ross and Fredrick Corry. Following up on this lead, I looked through old newspaper clippings and established that the B.C. Electric Railway opened for business on June 18, 1913. I made photocopies of the newspaper clippings.

I also attended at the Maps Department of Archives and reviewed maps which were catalogued under the chronological indexing system in the files (there are two sets of files, "old" and "new", I reviewed both), and as well under the key word "Saanich" in both the new and old files. I located several maps which were dated prior to 1910 and which indicated the existence of Durrance Road as or approximately as gazetted and running through Sections 123 and 124, Lake

I attended at the Land Title Office in an attempt to get a sense of the line of ownership of Section 53, Highland District prior to the conveyance to DND in 1913. I thought it might be helpful to establish that people had lived on the property and used a road to obtain access thereto. I traced titles back to the Crown grant which was dated February 25, 1897 from the Crown to Joseph William Webb. On the same day, Webb transferred title to Edward Cooper Arden. There were subsequent transfers as follows:

May 4, 1901 from Edward C. Arden to Henry R. Hopkins
 February 14, 1904 from Henry R. Hopkins to Innes Hopkins
 January 6, 1909 from Innes Hopkins to Clement H.A. Goss
 January 7, 1909 from Clement H.A. Goss to William Head
 March 16, 1911 from William Head to Ronald A.C. Grant and Arthur Lineham
 Grant and Lineham were the vendors to the Crown in 1913

I learned subsequently from archival material that there was talk of a road having been built by a Mr. Webb, but I was unable to place him in any of the sections of land surrounding Section 53, Highland, although I later returned to the Land Title office and tried to locate as many Crown grants of surrounding sections as possible. Although it might be quite difficult to search back title for all the surrounding sections of land, it would be helpful to know if Webb did buy land and live in the area.

I went to the public library to look up Grant and Lineham since the conveyancing documents stated that they were residents of Victoria. I determined from an old public directory that they were in fact residents of Victoria and that they had a real estate partnership. This synchs with the deed of conveyance made between Grant, Lineham and Mrs. Lineham as vendors and the federal Crown as purchaser, which deed was registered under No. 92331 in the Land Title office in 1913, since the vendors conveyed a block of land which was comprised of Sections 53, 54, Highland District and part of Sections 125, 126 and 82, Lake District. It appears that Grant and Lineham bought up land to assemble a block to sell to the Department of Defence: the selling price was \$101,423.00, obviously a significant chunk of money.

In Archives I looked in the Department of Highways finding aid/index GR1585 and located a microfilm cassette entitled "Ross-Durrance Road". This microfiche turned out to contain close to 600 pages of documentation in 3 sections. We have ordered copies of all of this. It covered the period from around the turn of the century to approximately 1953 and a lot of the documentation was correspondence between Mr. Corry and the Department of Highways. Mr. Corry built the road that exists today, and alluded to the fact that he had built on or near a prior-existing road.

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District. I also located a map dated 1862 which showed the Crown grants and Crown grantees for the Lake District, which indicated that Durrance was the Crown grantee for Sections 86, 122, 123 and 124.

Map CM/D76 is a blueprint of Saanich Peninsula by S. Weston, the annotation states it is probably made between 1912 and 1914 and it shows Durrance Road going through Section 123 Lake District, and going into Section 53A. This map is available at half scale for \$8.17. I also reviewed map CM/W60 which is dated 1895, it is a map by Lands and Forests and it shows Durrance Road halfway built through Sections 122 and 123 coming off of West Saanich Road. It also shows Millstream Road built up to Section 59, Highland District and Millstream Lake Road built up to Section 26, Highland District. The map showing the Crown grants is No. CM/C715. No other maps were particularly helpful.

I have asked Gloria Graham to follow up in the present Surveys and Land Branch of the Forest and Lands Department and to attempt to locate a Crown grant map for Highland District. Hopefully, using this means, we can locate the elusive Mr. Webb.

I also tried to telephone as many people as I could locate who lived in the Saanich Peninsula area at the turn of the century. I have extensive telephone notes from a dozen people and subsequently called two more people who live in Vancouver. Although I got a lot of historical information, some of it was contradictory since, for example, Jack Durrance, who is now about 83, stated that when he lived in the area (this would be Sections 122-124, Highland District) the road going through Section 53, Highland District was simply a trail made by cows. He stated that it was not really a road although if people wanted to go fishing or hunting they would use it.

50. Need to confirm whether Weston's survey in section 52-
 section 53.

Need info on road usage from 1935 to date
 i.e. was it blocked or could you pass
 at own risk etc.

* Highlands Update *

NEWS FROM THE REST OF THE HIGHLANDS

The Easter morning egg hunt led off the spring Highland social events. With the verdant season in full swing and city sophisticates seeking the quiet simplicity of the countryside, plastic Mac packs, straws of many colours, soft drink bottles and beer cans pop up among the Easter lilies, shooting stars and deep blue camas. In roadside ditches are plastic bags bursting with the past year's accumulation, bed springs, auto parts & plaster board - middens worthy of a civilized people. This is the signal for the archeological event of the year, the annual Highland spring cleanup, which took place Saturday, May 9, followed by a potluck lunch.

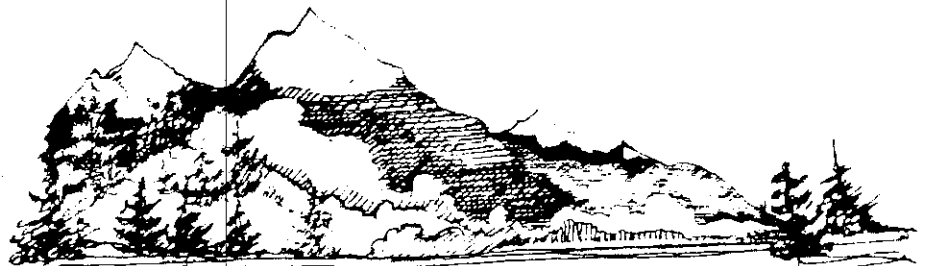
Exterior restoration of the old Pike Homestead dairy, a small, square, hewn log building which dates from the last century, is complete, and renovations to fit out the interior with a kitchen and washroom are moving ahead.

Volunteer firemen are being recruited for the new firehall due for completion on upper Millstream Road by July or August. Bearded persons need not apply. Service will be extended to cover most of the west Highlands.

With raffle day - the annual Heritage Fair, August 23 - fast approaching, the craft group is working in high gear on the community quilt, a charming compendium of 16 native wildflower panels.

Once again the monthly farm garden and kitchen markets are being held at the Pike House. At the season's first, May 31, offerings included bedding plants, perennials, fresh herbs and herbal preparations, rhubarb, honey, eggs, homemade Hungarian sausage and bacon, wool fleeces, baking and preserves. Markets are held from 10 am to noon on the last Sunday of each month until September. All buyers and sellers are welcome.

Nancy McMinn



APRIL, 1977

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP now number 115.

THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to praise all those who helped prepare for our New Years Eve party. It was both financially successful as well as being a successful party. My thanks also go to Glen and Beth Twanley for their hosting of our Spring, Whist party.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

BOX SOCIAL AND DANCE

Place: Community Fire Hall

Time: 9 pm - whenever

Date: April 30/77

Admission: Each Lady, is to supply a cold supper for two, which is to be box'd and decorated. The suppers will be bid on and purchased by the Gentlemen present. The high bidders will then in the company of the Lady, whom prepared it, enjoy the meal.

Prizes: Most attractive packaged meal.
Spot Dances

Door Prizes
Raffles

All proceeds will as usual go towards maintenance of your Fire Department and Community Hall. For further information contact your Social Directors.

PROJECTED SOCIAL CALENDER FOR 1977.

- Box Social.....April 30/77
- Strawberry Tea and Flea Market.....June 5/77
- Car Rally and Barbecue.....July 10/77
- Fishing Derby and Picnic.....September 18/77

Thanks to the generosity of CHEK T.V., your association now possess a film projector. This is available for use by members or groups for a nominal rental. N.P. Anyone interested in organizing a film club are asked to contact Bruce Wilkinson. I would like to add that considerable interest has been expressed in this and all that's needed is some one to organize it.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

ROADS REPORT:

Willis Point road will be paved to Mark Lane this year as soon as weather permits. This has already been started. If there is any money left over from the paving it will be applied to paving part of Melody Place.

Mark Lane, will continue to be maintained as at present grading and occasional oiling, with no budgetted funds for paving or changing of existing grades.

HUNTING

In response to our petition and questionnaire, as well as support from BACH, your association has petitioned the Provincial Government for closure of our fire protection district to hunting. All membership response was for closure with no negative response at all. We have had no reply to date.

DURRANCE LAKE PARKING:

After communication with both the Capital Regional District and the City of Victoria, both of which were very non committal, I was able to ascertain that negotiations are still going on for the transferral of the park to the C.R.C.D. Victoria has conceded after a study, that a long term lease will be negotiated. This will see improvements to the park. All we do not know is when.

REMEMBER WHEN... ?

**WILLIS POINT FIRE PROTECTION
AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

40 DURANCE ROAD (BOX 55)
RR 7, VICTORIA, B.C. V8X 3K3
7 April 1977
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TRUSTEES:

George Pears, Chair
Paulette Peeke-Vout, Sect.
Earle Pallister, C.R.D.
Dave Carley
Bob Halsey
Helen Shaw (x)
Doug Forgie (x)
Patrick Cutts (x)
(x) Term of office expires
Sep 77, others 1978

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Dave Carley, Chief
Ken Blunt, Deputy Chief
Vera McConnell, Capt. (Training Officer)
Ian Blaney, Capt. (Vehicle Officer)
Bob Halsey, Capt. (Equipment Officer)
Charlie Bonner
Ed Blunt
Wayne Rutherford
Gerry Verhaegen
Bruce Wilkinson
Bill Wright

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Now that the nucleus has been organized and the members have received basic training Fire Chief Carley would like to enlarge the force to 20 plus the Chief.

Any man or woman (husband and wife teams permit dual use of a pager) interested in joining is ENCOURAGED to attend a practice session any Wed. evening - 7:30 to 10:00 - so they can find out for themselves what is entailed in membership. In addition to local training the Dept. is taking some special instruction from Central Saanich and North Saanich Fire Depts.

The enthusiasm in the Department is terrific and additional recruits at this time would ensure it stays at a high level.

Remember: This is a volunteer organization dedicated to:

SAVE LIFE
PROJECT PROPERTY
REDUCE FIRE INSURANCE RATES
GOOD FELLOWSHIP

The Dept. is now in a position to answer emergency calls. Any resident who has not received a sticker for their telephone with the EMERGENCY FIRE NUMBER should phone Chief Carley at 652 3207.....dont delay.

It is strongly recommended that everyone should practice on the emergency phone equipment at least ONCE by calling the Dept. between 7:35 and 8:30 pm ONLY (siren will be shut off) on the evening of Wed 13 April or Wed 20 April '77. This is so everyone will be familiar with the alarm system. When you dial you will hear a recorded message giving you instructions. After the message, FOR THE PRACTICE CALL ONLY, you should give your name and say "practice only". This will inform the Dept. you have made a test call and are familiar with the procedure.

Burning Permits, when required in the summer, will be obtainable through Chief Carley or Deputy Chief Ken Blunt on Wednesday nights only at the Fire Hall.

BUILDING: Now that the construction and the equipping of the Centre has reached the final stages it is gratifying to know that this has been accomplished within our budget. Volunteer hours worked totals 3521! Future insurance premium savings should more than offset the entire cost.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC

TELEPHONE AT THE HALL 652 1932

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LANDSCAPING:

Is proceeding on schedule and it is hoped that by the end of June when our Local Initiatives Program terminates that most of the site will be tidy and useful for many events and occasions and be a credit to the Community.

CUSTODIAN:

Ivy Blunt is the custodian, phone 652 2190 for information, bookings, rates for private functions, etc. Ivy also handles our Petty Cash Fund.

ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY: Ladies' Exercise Group

10 a.m.

Lois Burton 652 2880

WEDNESDAY: Childrens' Play Group

A co operative Play Group for children up to the age of five has now been started at the Community Centre. The service is run by the mothers in a Co op basis and the basic aim is for the children to develop relations with persons other than their families through the Playgroup Program.

The Group meets on a regular basis each Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM and the cost is \$5 per child per month.

Any interested parents are asked to direct their enquiries to either:

Lesley Blunt 652 3502 or
Lois Burton 652 2880

Fire Department Training

7:30 PM to 10:00 PM
Dave Carley, Chief, 652 3207

THURSDAY: Childrens' Badminton & Games

3 to 5 PM

Sydney Bonner 652 1588

Adults Badminton Club (& other games)

6:30 to 11:00 PM

Janet McConnell 652 2996

Sue Tribe 652 3700

G R A M D O P E N I N G

Our new Community Centre will be officially opened:

SATURDAY 18 June 1977

2:30 PM

WELCOME INVITED