

MORE FUN TEXADA HISTORICAL FACTS !

= Texada's Woodland Cemetery has been a "resting place" for over 130 years. The first occupants were deceased Chinese workers whose bones were ultimately exhumed and returned home by Vancouver's Chinese Benevolent Society.

The random distribution of gravestones, stumps and picket fences was improved in 1958 by a volunteer work party.

The most famous resident is Charlie Anderson ("the lucky Swede"). He became widely-known for striking it rich in the Klondike gold rush (1898) but dying penniless as a prospector on Texada in 1939.

= In November, 1982, hundreds turned out in Van Anda to greet and picket a bus transporting a delegation from the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Texadans were protesting Genstar's plan to dump Vancouver's garbage in abandoned Blubbrer Bay quarries.

Islanders had sprung into action in previous weeks, signing petitions and garnering support from all local governments, businesses and other BC regional districts.

Fortunately Texada's unity of purpose shone through and the councillors voted the project down.

= Van Anda's Turtle Lake is officially known as Emily Lake, named for Texada's first school teacher, 20-year old Emily Raper. In 1898 Miss Emily taught at the Texada's "Honeymoon Cottage" at the head of the government wharf. It was the log-built home of newly-weds Harry and Olive Treat.

Emily married John Lawson, editor of the *Coast Miner* newspaper, and the couple departed by Union Steamship for their own honeymoon.

= Dismantling Texada's infamous 3-storey Pocahontas Bay Whiskey Still provided lumber for Haddon Burditt to build his impressive 2-storey farmhouse in 1928. The house still stands at the highway's tight S-bend curve and reminds us of Texada's rich and varied history.

A SPECIAL NOTE ; Further info re last month's article on the Sunday Market. The efforts of Brian Walker and Dave Opko should be acknowledged. They were responsible for clearing the alders to prepare the site of the current market buildings.

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