

THE BAMFIELDER



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February, 1976

Covering the news from Pachena Lighthouse
to Copper Island

FURTHER DELAYS IN CBC VISIT

CBC technical staff were scheduled to visit Bamfield before Christmas to discuss poor radio & TV reception here. When they were unable to make this date, Sgt Jessup, CBC Information Officer for B.C., planned to arrive in Bamfield in mid-January.

On January 22, in a telephone interview, Mr. Jessup said that because of CRIC hearings scheduled to begin February 2, the CBC team will have to postpone the Bamfield meeting once again.

The CRIC hearings will be over by the middle of February, but Mr. Jessup said that he could not estimate at the present time when he could come to Bamfield.

He did say however, that he would be in touch next week to set up a firm date for a meeting.

SEARCH AND RESCUE CHANGES RECOMMENDED

The Federal Government is being asked to consider turning over all Canadian search & rescue operations to the Defence Department.

A brief asking for this consideration was submitted recently to the Prime Minister by the Naval Officers' Association of Canada after a 1 1/2 year study by the organization's Vancouver division.

A Victoria Daily Times article on January 15 states, "While the NOA researchers stress they have never found coast guard personnel wanting in the way their tasks are performed, they insist coast guard cutters and other vessels should be operated by armed forces personnel and come under the aegis of the defence department.

(see SEARCH & RESCUE
page 5.)

by C. E. Whaley

The successful launching of a worthwhile newspaper in Bamfield revives memories of many years ago when a poor, flacke thing entitled the "Creek Weekly" crept into existence due, mainly, to the efforts of the Lifesaving and Cable crews of the period.

As many copies as the staff could summon energy to type were issued free to readers. These were a harshly critical lot who would have hooted with derision at the thought of payment for a sheet they habitually referred to as the "Creek Weekly".

The bulk of the news was supplied by the Lifesaving crew consisting of reports of wrecks and rescues but, the population being small, other items of interest were not easily come by. The editors, therefore, were forced to search for other means of filling their few pages.

They established a Poet's Corner, placing in charge a gentleman who, week after week, delivered verse of outstanding quality until his final offering of "Ode to a Grecian Vase" sounded a familiar ring in editorial ears. Investigation uncovered the unpleasant truth that he had lifted the whole of his output bodily from the pages of the "Oxford Book of English Verse". His immediate dismissal prompted him to remark that he considered this to be a very shabby reward for a job well done.

A cartoonist of merit was discovered whose work, it was hoped, would be of great help to the paper. Unfortunately much of his material was of a nature regarded by the stern moralists of those days as not being "quite nice", an opinion that caused very reflections. A milder sample of his offerings depicted an unpopular Cable General Manager seated upon a toilet, his trousers draped round his ankles, gazing bleakly in seeming horror at the thought of an uprising of a whole infuriated cable system. This also, the editors felt compelled to refuse. (Cont. next page) ↗

An author with more ambition than talent next offered to produce a weekly serial. This was to be a tale of high adventure and hair-raising escapes involving one "Hiko and his dog, Yack". However, the first instalment caused so much hilarity among the before-mentioned critics that the thing swiftly degenerated into a kind of weekly comic strip profusely illustrated by the cartoonist.



With the approaching issue of the fifth edition, the paper suffered a series of staggering blows. Its editor was transferred to other spheres of activity; the cartoonist, his suitcase bulging with rejected masterpieces, departed on leave for his native New Zealand and the lifesaving Department found itself wholly unable to deliver a sufficiency of news since the demand for reports of harrowing wrecks and heroic rescues far exceeded the supply. Finally, the substitute director of the Post's Corner resigned, almost in tears, overcome by the insults hurled at his efforts to produce poor but honest verse.

It became obvious that the fifth would be the last in face of such a succession of calamities.

It only remained to wind up the affairs of the serial. This was neatly accomplished by killing off the dog, Yack, in a furious battle with the unlikely alliance of two black bears and a cougar. Hiko was saved from a similar fate by the arrival of a band of boy scouts, from whom, naturally, the animals fled in abject terror.

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by Cathie Greengrass

This month, Dave Zitten has contributed his recipe for cheesecake -- the same cheesecake that went for \$15 at the fall fair auction.

Although Dave has altered some of the ingredients, the basic recipe originated from a San Francisco fireman's cookbook which featured men's recipes.

Dave Zitten's
\$15 Cheesecake

Crust

1. Mix 1 1/2 c. graham cracker crumbs, 3 T. sugar, 1/2 t. cinnamon, 2 c. melted butter or marg.
2. Press into a pan (preferably spring form).
3. Bake at 300°F. for 5 min.

Cheese Filling

1. Fluff with a fork 2-8oz. pkgs. cream cheese. (Soften at room temp. for about 1 hour.)
2. Mix with 1/2 c. sugar, 1 t. grated lemon peel, 1 T. lemon juice and 1/2 t. vanilla.

3. Add 2 egg yolks, one at a time, and beat well after each addition.
4. Beat 2 egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold into cheese mixture.
5. Bake at 300°F. for 55 mins. or until golden and set.

If you want a topping, here's a two-stage one that's delicious.

Topping I

1. Mix 1 c. sour cream, 1 T. sugar, 1 t. vanilla.
2. Spread over hot cake and return to 300°F. oven for 10 mins.

Topping II

1. While cake is still hot, spread a thin layer of thickened fruit sauce over Topping I.
2. Refrigerate cheesecake and serve when chilled.

Bon Appetit!

Remember

Er Port,

It's WOODWARD'S For Value

Thus the "Creek Weekly" died -- its passing unnoted and almost unnoticed. All through the years following, no further experiments in journalism occurred until the arrival of "The Danfielder". The community possesses a newspaper which, with the wealth of material at its disposal and with enthusiastic support, appears to be destined to enjoy a long and successful life.

Saitor's note: In 1915, Mr. Whaley came to Banfield to work for Pacific Cable, forerunner of CPTC. He still manages to visit Banfield from time to time although he is now retired and living in Ladysmith. His Banfield friends will be pleased to see the evidence in his article that his sense of humour has very definitely not been retired.

SEARCH & RESCUE (Cont. from page 1)

"...The brief also recommends a stronger stand be taken against pleasure boaters and pilots who waste taxpayers' money through carelessness or failure to obey the law.

"...Modern trends of employment, leading to a high turnover of the coast guard's labor force lured to more remunerative employment, is another reason why the coast guard should become a quasi-military force, the brief says."

The Times report adds that Prime Minister Trudeau has replied to the brief saying that "Cabinet is making a survey of the relationship between the armed forces and the Canadian Coast Guard, the agency now responsible for marine search and rescue."

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DOES ANYONE OUT THERE
HAVE A COPY OR COPIES
OF THE CREEK WEEKLY?

Please send them to
the Editor.
We would like to
reproduce one or two
items, if possible.

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returned.

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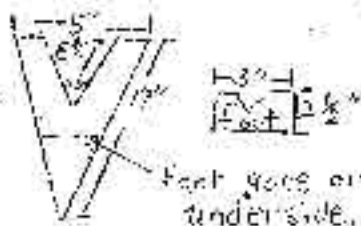
CHEAP & EASY

by Cathie Creengrass

A few ideas that have come to light may help make winter living in Bamfield more comfortable and simpler. For instance ...

1. Rubber boots fit better if you wear a pair of knitted slippers inside them. They also keep your socks from slipping.

2. If your boots are hard to remove, try this. Set your feet on top of a boot jack with the heel of the other foot in the V. Below is an illustration of a jack that can be made of wood scraps and a few nails. The foot on which the jack rests is set at a 25° angle so that the narrow end of the jack rests on the floor.



3. Mild laundry soap in the children's bath helps them soak clean while they play. Lots of bubble for a little soap, too.

4. Wool scraps, 2" or longer, can be saved for rug-making friends.

Contributions welcome. Please phone Cathie at 725-3226.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Jan. 21, the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Dept. held their annual meeting, equipment display and election of officers. The results of the election are as follows: Fire Chief - Dave Christney, Asst. Fire Chief - Bill Mather, 1st Capt. - Roger Demontigny, 2nd Capt. - Peter Greengrass, Sec'y - Treas. - Linda Mather.

During the question period, Dave Christney said the Dept.'s first priority is a fire hall. "We would like to have the building up and closed in this year," he said, "but land clearing and fill will be our biggest problem. If a chance to get a good fire coat came up though, we'd put our money into that."

The BVFD would like the letter that was attached to the constitution and given out at the meeting to be filled out & returned by February 16. The fee for an Associate Member is \$1 per year. Paid up members of the Ladies Auxiliary are automatically assoc. members of the Dept. (This was decided at the Feb. 19, 1975 BVFD monthly meeting.)



a c v u r t i s e m e n t

Dear Constituents:

I wish to thank all those in Alberni Constituency who supported me during the recent Provincial Election.

I also pledge to represent all residents of this Constituency honestly and to the best of my ability during the term of the next legislature.

As an opposition member, I intend to work constructively and cooperatively with the new Government to achieve the best possible standard and quality of life for all citizens of British Columbia.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Skelly

THE WEATHER REPORT

by Peter Savitis



December 1975 was not an unusual month. There were a few blows and some ice -- A typical December.

The total precipitation amounted to 18.66", including 1" of snow. The total precipitation for the year 1975 was 125.69" which didn't top 1974's record of 142.33".

Temperature

The lowest temperature in December occurred on the 12th with 25°F. We had a high of 54°F. on the 20th and 21st.

The mean maximum was 46.20°F.

for Dec/75 and the mean minimum was 35.20°F.

The mean temperature a year ago in December was 43.29°F. while Dec/75 was a colder 40.7°F.

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ROOF FIRE FOUGHT
IN FREEZING TEMPERATURES

At 12:15 am on Dec. 12, in below freezing temperatures, the Kenfield Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a roof fire at the home of Louis Druchl in Port Desire. The only occupants at the time were John Boon and Dar Thorslakson.

John Boon said that when they first spotted the fire they phoned Peter Janitis, but before he arrived, they called the Fire Dept. to ask for fire extinguishers.

A few minutes later, when the fire seemed to be out of control, they called the Fire Dept. again, but the number was busy. (Darlene Sommerville was on the line alerting the firefighters.) They then called the Lifeboat Station and reached Asst. Fire Chief Bill Mather.

In the meantime, as people began gathering, a bucket brigade was organized to pass water up to the attic inside the house.

When Bill Mather arrived, he ordered everyone out of the attic area. A ladder was extended to the roof where the flames were coming from between the snakes and inside wall. Two dry chemical extinguishers were used here as well as a 30 lb. CO₂ extinguisher.

Wally Sommerville arrived

on the scene with the fire barge in an estimated time of 10 minutes from the first call to the Fire Dept.

Because of the cold, the main pump on the barge had frozen solid and it took 15-20 minutes to get it working. This pump is capable of 650 gals. per min.

In the meantime, the fire was being fought with the Austin auxiliary pump which delivers 200 gals. per minute.

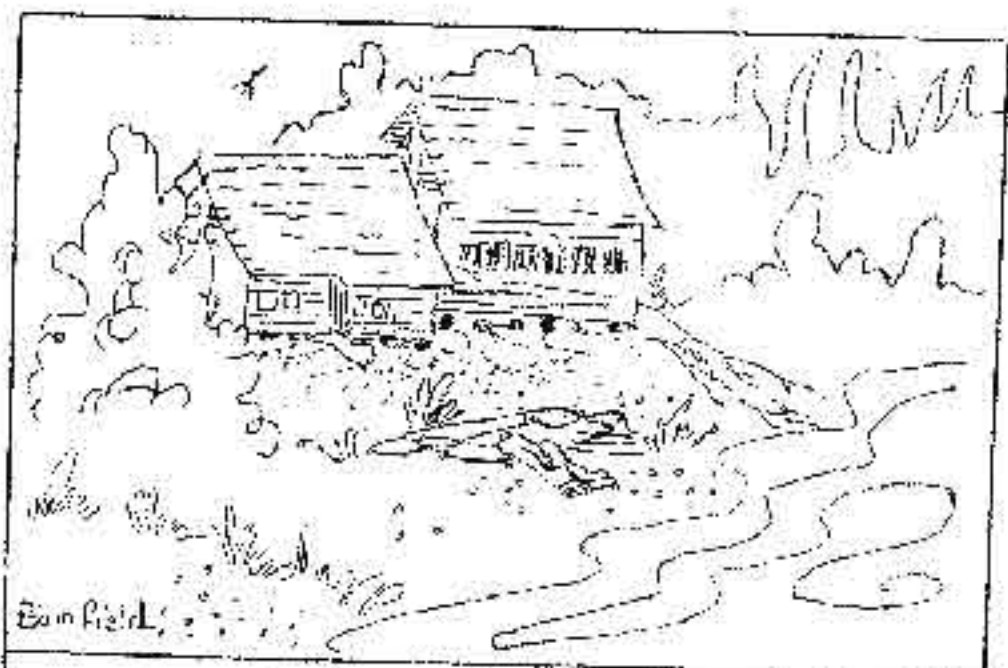
The freezing temperatures also made the float and ramp at the Druchl residence icy and there was a constant danger of slipping.

It was approximately 2 1/2 hours before the fire was completely out.

There were a few injuries as a result of the fire, but these were not serious. A member of the Dept. was overcome by smoke and chemical inhalation as well as suffering minor burns to the hands.

After the fire, John Boon said, "The Fire Dept. turned out very quickly. They did an incredible job and I'm convinced the place would have burned to the ground if they didn't show up when they did."

"I think Bill Mather's judgment is to be credited," he added, "and I'd



Reproduction of drawing
by Debbie Ferney of
Camp Ross

PHC (Cont. from page 8)

also like to thank Wally, the polar bear, who was out there in his shirt sleeves for more than 2 hours."

Asst. Fire Chief Mather said, "After this fire, I feel we can effectively respond to a call in Grappler Inlet and control and save a building. But, people shouldn't waste time before phoning in a fire. Even if it appears to be under control, phone. The first 5 minutes is crucial. Fire can get completely out of control in that time and we'd like to get there when it's still controllable."


Special Note: After witnessing the icing problems with the pump on the fire barge, Chuck Green has donated a float and cover to house the barge. The Fire Dept. extends a warm thank you to Chuck.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR 1957

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.
<p>1 Church services every Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>2 Community Hall Members meeting to discuss agreement between Hall and Church 8 pm</p>	<p>3 VOLLEYBALL every Tuesday 7 pm 9 years & up Adults welcome.</p>	<p>4 U.C.W. meeting 1:30 pm - - - Pine practice every Wed. 7 pm</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9 Red Cross Work Bee</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Annual Congregational Meeting and Pot Luck Supper 6 pm. Followed by pictures of the Arctic by John Doon</p>
<p>15 CORE program starts this week. See page 13</p>	<p>16 Chamber of Commerce 8 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 U. C. W. Work Bee every Wed. 1:30 - - - EVPD MONTHLY MEETING</p>
<p>22 No Service Presbytery at Hanoimo</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>28</p>			

MAY 1916

THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<p>5 BANNINGTON every FRIDAY. 8 - 10:30 AM ADULTS ONLY</p>	<p>6 MOVIE! "It's a Mad, Mad World" COMEDY 8pm General Category</p>	<p>7 Church Report every Saturday 7:50 - 8:30</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 FIREMEN'S BALL </p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Chamber of Commerce Pot Luck Supper & Speaker Everyone Welcome.</p>

Please
 keep
 this
 Calendar
 handy



By Roy Getman

During the past year, Roy Getman has worked with members-in-training at the Shantymen's Christian Association camp at Pachena Bay. During the spring of 1975, he designed and built a 20' vessel called "The Shantymen" and equipped it with a 70 hp outboard. This boat was to be capable of extended cruises, be seaworthy, fast and beachable. The design combined simple boatbuilding techniques with reasonably priced materials. Reinforcing strength was added in the form of a heavy fibreglass sheathing.

The following are excerpts from Roy's account of the boat's maiden voyage -- a missionary endeavour he undertook with Ken Menzies from southern Vancouver Island to Alaska and return.

In the morning of September 5, we headed out to cross Queen Charlotte Sound. The farther we went, the greater the ocean swells grew. Fearing fog, we headed toward the northerly shore. Navigation was difficult among the dotted reefs and wind-swept islets. Eventually we encountered a fogbank which completely obscured the navigational landmarks. This prompted us to go into a rock-strewn area to wait for it to lift. A great ocean swell added drama to the difficulty of gaining entrance into sheltered waters.

When the fog lifted we passed Cape Caution where Queen Charlotte Strait meets the open Pacific. The wind was blowing from the northwest and waves, ever increasing in size, caused us to slow to a snail's pace. Crests would send our little bow high into the air, then we'd plunge deep into the trough beyond. Again and again we were picked up and thrown down. Before the seas showed any sign of diminishing, they became worse. Yet, with all the motion, the little boat did not visibly suffer. No more than spray came above the decks. I marvelled to see such performance. For about two hours we continued battling towering waves; then, they began to take a different shape. They grew longer and more rounded. We began to speed up and before long we were able to go regular cruising.

speed, racing over mountains and through valleys of swells past Cape Calvert and into more protected waters.

As we continued our journey to the north, there were various homes scattered here and there on the beaches. We landed at each one to visit. At the north end of Grayling Island, we came to a little floating home complete with floating greenhouse, anchored just off a rocky outcrop. We were welcomed in by a lady who was joyous to have someone come to talk to her about the Lord. She told us of a tragic experience of the past where she had desperately cried out to God. She said that He had helped her in her time of need. She anxiously jotted down each reference as we spoke to her of the Lord from the Bible. The little cabin was charmingly decorated with interesting pictures and handicrafts. In one corner was a piano and on a post inside the door was a leather ball stuffed with bullets and a big 44.

The following day we headed south.

**CONSERVATION AND
HUNTER SAFETY COURSE
OFFERED AGAIN**

Because of community interest in last spring's course in Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE), it will be offered again starting the week of February 15.

Those interested are asked to register by Friday, February 6 so that the instructors can order films and slides.

There are
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for Valentine's Day
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The course fee is minimal and is charged only to cover the cost of CORE.

For more information, please contact Roger Dextrigny.

The following questions were asked of a number of people in Bamfield:

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW AUTO INSURANCE RATES?
WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THEM?

Responses:

They stink. In spite of the 25% reduction for pensioners it still means we have to pay \$100 more than we did last year. But I don't think the ordinary citizen can do much, although I heard that taxi and truck drivers are planning to surround the Legislative Bldg. so MLAs will have to walk 2 or 3 blocks to work. Social Credit's been in before and we should have known better.

McGeer said that if we can't afford the insurance, we'd better sell our cars and now it looks like Bennett agrees with him. I guess all we can do is write letters.

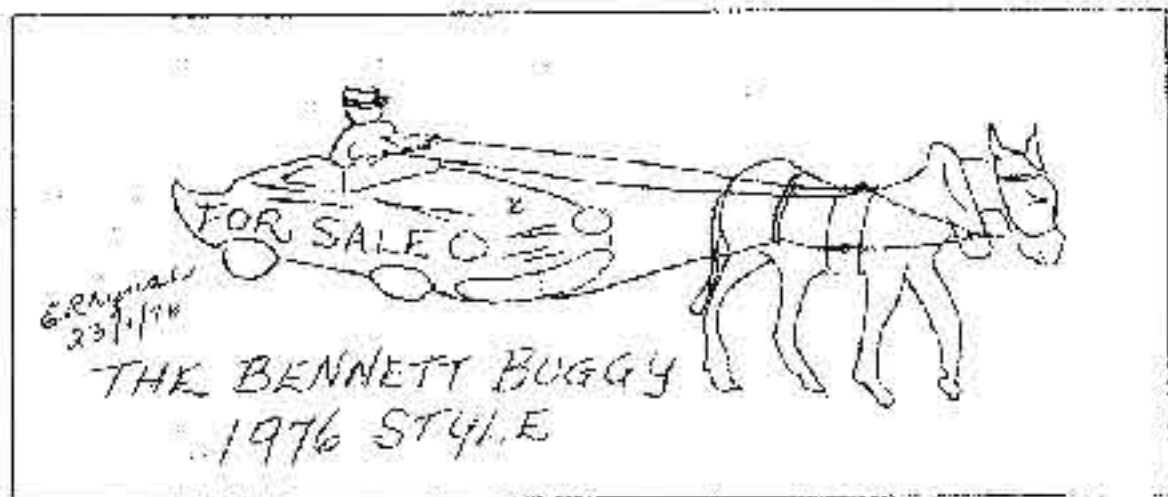
I think they're rotten. The Government should sit down again and reassess the position they're taking. They shouldn't exclude general revenues as a means of paying off the deficit. They could even offset some of the operating costs on a continuing basis. All we can do is write our MLA, the premier and McGeer.

Nobody likes them but we have to pay for the last Government's mistakes. There's nothing we can do about it, but I'd like to see the whole rate structure in writing so you can understand what you're going to have to pay.

We're thinking of selling our truck. It'll be cheaper to go in on the Lady Rosa and rent a car.

If everyone in B.C. would stop driving for a month and people in cities would use public transportation instead, the Government would not only lose badly-needed gas revenue, but the whole transportation system would break down. I think then, the Government might listen to what people are saying. They just can't afford to have all of us selling our cars.

Editor's Note: If you feel like protesting the insurance¹⁵ rates, why not send Viewpoint, along with your own comment and your signature, to Premier Bill Bennett, Parliament Bldgs., Victoria, B. C.



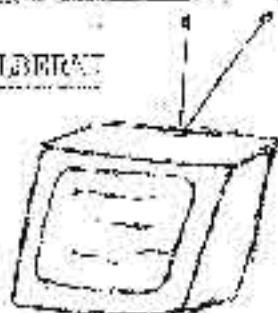
PRESS RELEASE FROM HUGH ANDERSON, MP COMOX-ALBERNI

Hugh Anderson is pleased to announce that arrangements have now been completed with the British Columbia Telephone Company for the relaying of CBC television service to the northern part of Vancouver Island.

Under the CBC's accelerated coverage plan, CBC television transmitters will be established at Waukeas Lake, Gold River, Woss Mountain Camp and Ishia.

Separate television projects proposed to replace existing rebroadcasting include Newcastle Ridge, Alert Bay, Port

Alice, Fort McNeill, Port Hardy, Coal Harbour, Holberg and Mimpkish.



Lack of communications on northern Vancouver Island has been a sore point for many years and I am personally pleased that the added facilities will do much to make community life on northern Vancouver Island more viable.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MEETING
JANUARY 26, 1976

16.

** Pat Garcia, Regional Board member reported that the Board voted at their December meeting to send a letter to the Minister of Health requesting that the 4' topsoil regulations be reconsidered.

** At the Board's January meeting, George McKnight was re-elected chairman.

** The Board was also asked to support Campbell River's request to the Federal Government for a review of search and rescue operations. The Board voted to support this request.

** A provisional budget has been prepared for the Regional District in the amount of \$585,615. The Board has until Mar. 31 to make any changes.

** Ann McDonald, Pat Garcia's alternate to the Board for the past 3 1/2 yrs. has resigned. Joyce Wather has agreed to become the alternate for the next two years.

** B.C. Hospital Insurance Service, along with the District Building Inspector, have looked at the Nurse's Residence at the Outpost Hospital and have agreed that it needs extensive repairs. The cost of repairs will be considered against the alternative

of replacing the building with a mobile unit.

** Vancouver Island Regional Library catalogues are now being kept at the Coast Guard Station.

** Grappler Creek residents are meeting with Mr. Harrison of BC Hydro on Jan. 29. Residents of the area must sign an agreement that they will take power at the minimum rate of \$10 a month for 5 years.

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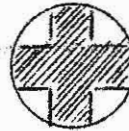
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CHRISTMAS DANCE REPORT

Pat Garcia reports that 46 people attended the Christmas Dance.

Money collected totalled \$73.50; expenses were \$51.32, leaving excess monies of \$22.18, which will be given to the "Sam's Fund".

The Dance Committee thanks all who attended as well as the disc jockeys.



by Margaret Pardy

A Flouride "Brush-In" will be supervised at the school, as in the past, every three months.

Parents wishing their children to take advantage of this free service, please provide a toothbrush for each child, to be kept at the school, and please encourage him or her to use it!

In the beginning, most of us were given perfectly good teeth. They can be kept that way with care.

1. By daily brushing after meals and at bedtime.
2. By the use of dental floss, if your dentist has shown you how. The improper use of floss can cause real damage.

3. By reasonable eating habits, less candy, pop, and potato chips and more apples, raw carrots, celery, etc., especially in school lunches.
4. By regular visits to the dentist.

Daily care will result in better teeth and prettier smiles.

Daily neglect will result in cavities, toothache, extractions, bad breath and digestive troubles, just to list a few of the ills we can bring upon ourselves by neglecting our teeth.

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Signal Report

Those who so kindly donated to the Planned Famine Campaign of 1975 will be interested to know that by early December \$378,858 had been receipted, with \$20, - \$29,300 yet to be processed.

Just a few of the projects receiving aid from this money are: Costa Rica & Haiti - Provision of milk for TB, malnourished and nappy children. Pakistan - A well for a hospital. Bangladesh - Rice for Families in a refugee camp for "boat" victims. Korea - To assist cured leprosy patients to rehabilitate themselves and become self-supporting by silkworm raising and pig breeding. Taiwan - Provision of an X-ray machine for a hospital serving mountain people.

(We are especially interested in this because one of the little girls that Dick and I sponsor lives in a mountainous area of Taiwan and her mother died of TB.)

Hunger is an ongoing and growing problem facing mankind today. Individually we can't do too much to help the millions facing starvation, but as the above report proves, together our donations can help many survive and once again help themselves. (Cont. page 19)

To the People of Bamfield:

A simple "thank you" seems so very little for the abundance of help we have received from so many of you since our bringing in the New Year with such a "bang". We are very grateful for the excellent care and treatment accorded to us by the Raynes family, the Bachs, the crew of the Lifeboat (David Christney, Martin and Clifford Charles) and of course, Bamfield's special "angel of mercy" Margaret Paedy.

A very special thank you is also due to the Hegstrom family for looking after our Polly and Aguilar House.

The continuing flow of prayers, good wishes as well as nutritious food from Joan and Russell Ross and many others to help us on our way back to good health and spirits are received in gratitude and humility and after our sojourn in Port Alberni amongst the many kind folk, both professional and otherwise, we can only conclude that Bamfield is a great place to come home to.

Thank you all from
Florence, Bob and
Polly Peel

Happy Birthday to Us

Birthdays are kind of nice. They are a good excuse for celebration, for reflection and sometimes, even for making well-intentioned resolutions.

Although we're going to avoid the resolutions, we'd like to indulge in the first two, because January 24, 1976 marked our birthday -- the Bamfielder's first.

In the past year, we've grown from a one-person operation to a paper that includes regular columnists such as Gathie Greengrass, Margaret Parry and Peter Janitis. Several artists like Bruce Kookeris, Cecil Joseph, Floy Zitten and Debbie Forney have made a great contribution with their original work. Along with these people, the community has provided a good share of articles and ideas, comments and opinions.

Such participation makes those of us at the Bamfielder feel that we have a pretty solid reason for celebration.

We'd like to thank all of you out there -- our readers, our advertisers and bless 'em, our subscribers.

And a special thank you goes to the Regal Committee who have given us a birthday present of \$25. It's very welcome.

M. Parry letter (cont.)

I want to thank each one who donated to the Help the Hungry Campaign last Easter and I hope that you will stand with me again this coming Easter.

Sincerest thanks,

Margaret Parry

QUILT RAFFLE RESULTS

Billy McDermaid won the quilt donated to the Red Cross by Kathy Gale. Holly Fullerton made the winning draw.

The raffle produced \$36 for the Red Cross and grateful thanks is extended to Kathy Gale. Appreciation is also given to Gwyer's for displaying the quilt and selling tickets.