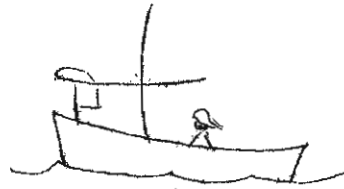


THE BAMFIELDER



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September, 1976

Covering the news from Pachena Lighthouse
to Copper Island

ROWBOAT RACE A REAL SPLASH

With a skirl of bagpipes, Bamfield's 3rd Annual Across-the-Creek Rowboat Race held Saturday, August 7 got off to a fine start in spite of a day that threatened fog and rain.

Approximately 30 people entered the race, gathering at the Marine Station float in an assortment of containers, as the strains of the pipes played by Dale Yee, a student at the Station, stirred the spirits of the racers to a fever pitch.

Along with a kayak, skiffs, whalers, inflatables and other floating devices in various states of repair, there was one stalwart swimmer, and one water-walker -- Yogi Carolsfeld whose floating "skis" were made with material he had beachcombed.

(see RACE p. 2)

UNIVERSITY COURSES FOR BAMFIELD AVAILABLE IN FUTURE

Now that School District #70 has joined North Island College, Bamfield residents should, for the first time, have the opportunity of taking University credits within their own community.

This won't happen overnight, of course, but at least potential students can look forward to continuing their education while remaining resident in Bamfield.

In a telephone interview August 9, Ron Lyon, superintendent of School District #70, said that by September at the latest, an administrator of the College should be working along with the District's Continuing Education Division.

Asked about the benefits for Bamfield residents of being part of a College district, Mr. Lyon replied, "North Island College probably has a real advantage for communities like Bamfield." (see COLLEGE p.2)

The combination of an outgoing tide that attempted to carry him out to sea and the wash from nearby boats made it pretty hard slogging for him and he was finally forced down, and out.

The object of the race was to paddle from the Marine Station float to the other side of the Inlet where entrants had to down a bottle of their favourite beverage, circle the Government Wharf--preferably in their boats--and then head back to the Marine Station.

As usual, however, the object of most of the participants was not so much to get from one side of the inlet and back themselves, but to prevent the neighbouring crew from doing so.

One group, well-supplied with balloons, did a fine job of waterbombing all of the entrants and most of the spectators. Veteran spectators at this annual event have learned that they need to be fleet of foot.

In spite of swappings and assorted skullduggery, a fair number of hardy types made it back to the finish line. In the Junior Division, Geoff McInerney was first. Mary Lee "Dredie" Broderick, a Marine Station student from Vancouver, boat tip rest of the pack in the Senior Division.

The Coast Guard boat piloted by Tony McDermid and Ron Mitchell was second. Canadian Benthic and the Grappler Group tied for third.

COLLEGE (Cont. from p. 1)

"They are one of the few colleges," he said, "that have an Open College approach." He went on to explain that the Open College system is based on home study with packages of self-instructional material for the individual student. Unlike traditional correspondence courses however, tutors will be available at regular and frequent intervals. Another advantage is that students may proceed at their own rate.

At present, the College offers only three courses in the Open College system, but Mr. Lyon said, "These courses are expanding rapidly."

If anyone in the Bamfield area is interested in obtaining further information regarding the College, please phone Elinor Kynas, after 5 PM, at 728-3215 or write:

College Co-ordinator
North Island College
c/o Continuing Education
10th Avenue
Port Alberni, B. C.

The following question was asked of a number of people in Bamfield, long-time residents, newcomers and those in-between.

"WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR BAMFIELD'S FUTURE?"

Here are some of the responses to this question:

Well, there are two things I don't want to see. First of all, we shouldn't have a pub here. If we have a pub, that'll bring in a bad element. And if the Crown land is subdivided, there'll be ten times the population in a few years. I'd like to see a beauty salon and barber shop here though. Many of us don't have cars to get in to Port to get our hair done.

I hope Bamfield won't get too big. You know, it's changed so much in ten years. We used to know everybody whenever we went to the Hall, but now it's not like that and it's kind of sad. In the future, people will probably be even farther apart.

I think it would be nice if we could retain the remote flavour of the place. We need facilities and services to meet the demand that's already here and coming in the future, but I don't want to see Bamfield turned into a summer resort.

I'd like to see some of those elephant memories in Bamfield disappear. We've got to start with today and not constantly be referring back to how things were done in the past.

I'd like to see more families in Bamfield. There are people here who have large parcels of land and if we can't get public land, maybe some of the private land could be sold. We also have too many absentee landlords. We need to get away from the summer-cottage type of resident, and get more permanent families here.

At the top of my list is the need for someone to be a unifying force among the people here, someone who can make Bamfield more than just a collection of houses scattered here and there.

My hope for Bamfield is that it will remain a nice little village, just as it is.



by Margaret Pardy, R.N.

To conclude your Medical Supply check list ...

Pick out the items that your family needs from time-to-time and keep an adequate supply on hand:

- a pair of blunt scissors
- a small pkg. of absorbent cotton
- a small pkg. of sterile gauze and/or telfa dressings
- a roll of adhesive tape
- a roll of 2" and 3" bandages
- handfuls of various sizes of elastoplast stripping which can be cut to any size.
- 2" and 3" tensor bandages for sprained wrists and ankles. Apply snugly, but not so tightly that the hand or foot gets cold or nails turn black.
- a tube of ointment, such as ozonal or voodoo
- a bottle of peroxide for cleansing wounds. (Soap and water is just as good.)
- some pain killers such as Aspirin, Tylenol or 222's, as suit your family.
- a gentle laxative such as Milk of Magnesia or Magnolax
- some Kaobectate for diarrhea

- Auralgan for earache, wax and inflammation
- S.O.S. or Jiffy drops for toothache. (If you are not looking after your family's teeth.)
- cough syrup or lozenges
- nose drops or spray for head cold
- Vicks or Mentholatum for chest colds and rub
- Analgesic balm or A523 rub for muscular pain.

And remember, we don't need a pill for every unpleasant sensation and mood. Putting up with a little discomfort is much better for us than loading up on medications.

Take care.

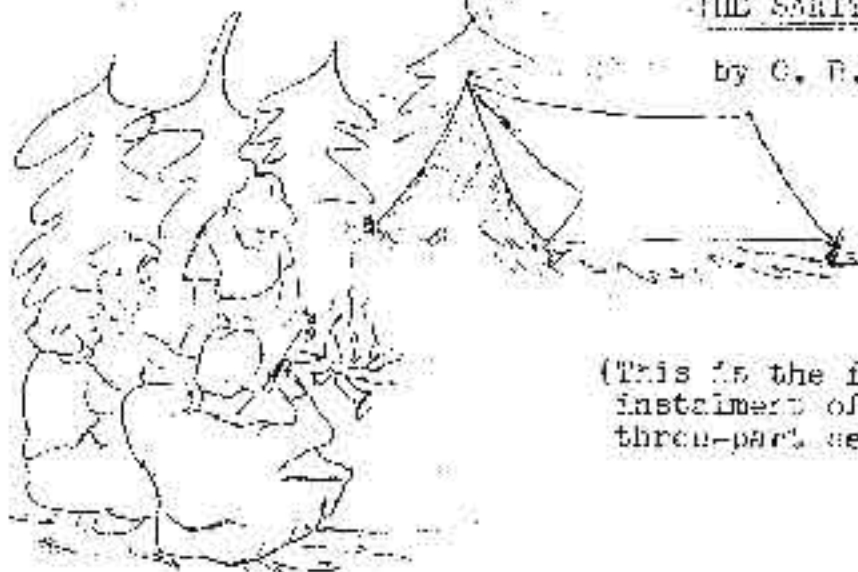
McGREGOR'S MEN'S WEAR

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Port Alberni

by G. P. Whaley



(This is the final
instalment of a
three-part series.)

Bamfield Families

With the increase in the number of power boats making it easier to reach the river, it is interesting to note that no party of campers ever interfered with another. If campers were known to be on their way to the area, they were left in sole possession of the river. Once a party had reached the lake and launched the canoes that had been placed there, the lake belonged to them for as long as they wished. Thus there was no overcrowding.

There was almost a frantic desire on everybody's part to get to the lake and ignore the good fishing at the mouth of the river and in the pools immediately below. The lake appeared to be a kind of Mecca which was the bound duty of all true believers to reach without delay.

All Bamfield families got into the act. McKays, Godsons, Vandens, Hoskins and Ostrows -- all took their turns at exploring the region.

Felph Rousseau, Bamfield's mountain climbing schoolmaster, liked to fish, but always kept his eye open for any kind of high place, the more dangerous-looking the better.

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On one trip, Leonard Jennings and the Hoskins boys experimented with smoking a catch of trout with excellent results.

Bamfielders were wise to enjoy the unrestricted privileges of the Valley while they could. Before many years had passed, the people were to be challenged by forces beyond their control. Soon visitors were startled by the sound of power saws at work far off in the woods behind the lake. Proof of the presence of invaders was supplied when Alex McKay and Tom Webb visited the lake to find the canoes gone from their place. Undeterred by this setback, they constructed a log raft, raised a shirt on two sticks, and sailed to the Harrison where, as expected, they found the canoes drawn up on the beach in front of a tent camp, the occupants of which were absent and about their business in the woods.

The two men launched the canoes and returned them to their proper place after a good day of fishing, having seen nothing of the tent owners.

But those tent owners were the vanguard of a larger army which would follow to cover every corner of the Valley.

Soon a road would snake its way round the very shores of the lake itself. Soon a model logging village would be built near the mouth of the river. From that point, the road would continue to Bamfield.

Bamfielders would gain a road, but would lose the right, if ever they had one, to the exclusive use of the Sarita River. Forever.

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POSSIBLE NEW TEACHERAGE
FOR BAMFIELD

If School District #70 can obtain land on Bamfield's east side, then there may be a second teacherage in the community in the near future.

The house planned as the teacherage was built by ADSS students in Port Alberni for a cost of \$12,500, including carpeting and drapes. When the Board tried to sell it by tender recently, bids received did not cover the cost of construction. So the Board decided to look into the possibility of moving the house to Bamfield.

On August 9, Ken Lyon, superintendent of School District #70 said that the Board is looking for land to lease on the east side rather than on the side of the present school "because the Board has already applied for Crown Land on the east side as a site for a new school if it should be needed in the future."



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The winning entry will be drawn Thursday, September 30, 1975 in the afternoon.

Thanks for your patronage.

Paul & Dolores

That interesting book, Wrigley's British Columbia Directory, published in 1922, that we told you about in our last issue continues to fascinate. Here's what it has to say about Clo-oose: "a post office and Indian village on southwest coast of Vancouver Island, 75 miles northwest of Victoria and 2 miles from Nitinat Lake. There is a magnificent beach here, and an extensive beach resort is under construction. Has Dominion Government Telegraph and life-saving station."

Inhabitants and their occupations are also listed: C Allen and E Logan linemen; A Peauchene of Nitinat Logging Co; A Chisholm and E Hickey loggers; R Clow, AG Cox, R Cox, R Dickinson, D Lamont, W Logan, J Martin, J Reid and R Rimmer farming; Jas Davis lightkpr Carmanah; Alfred Deakin of Nitinat Logging Co; A Hayward clerk; David Logan postmaster; L Matthews engineer; R Rendle missionary; A Stevenson cannery; M Wood general store.

In those days, according to the Directory, Ucluelet and Bamfield both had populations of 200 while Tofino had 110. Average land values for Tofino are listed as being "from \$20 to \$30 per acre."

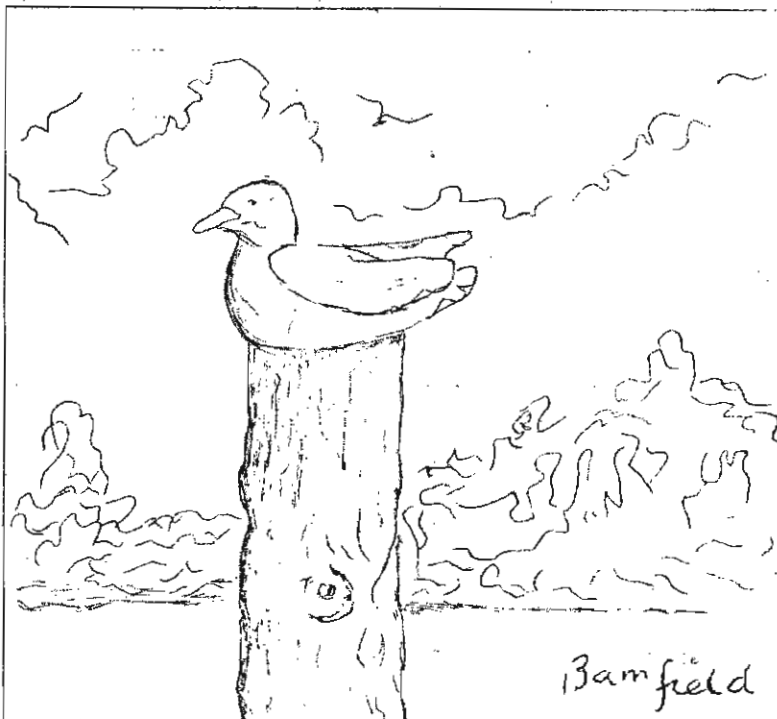
The ads in the book also make pretty good reading.

Dr. T. Glendon Moody advertises himself as "The Gentle Dentist--If it hurts don't pay me." And he's got "two big offices" in Vancouver.

Another advertiser, Edward E. Potts tells the folks that he is the B.C. agent for "Kant Krack collars" and has a full range in stock.

The Directory, in its own sales pitch tells us that "JUDICIOUS ADVERTISING -- CREATES a new business -- REVIVES a dull business -- ENLARGES an old business -- RESCUES a lost business -- PRESERVES a large business -- SECURES success in any business -- IT SAVES a failing business -- ENABLES you to pay your taxes." And that last one is what it's all about.

Special thanks to Howard Cornish for lending us this collector's item. It was a real treat.



Reproduction of sketch by Debbie Forney

A WARM WELCOME TO

Marilyn and Bill Dixon who have recently arrived from Manitoba and have taken up residence in the Manse.

Marilyn has taught in Winnipeg and will be teaching Grades 1 to 3 at the Bamfield School starting in September.

Bill, whose last parish was Donnelly

United Church in Fort Gary, took over the ministry of the Bamfield United Church on July 4.

We're happy to have you both among us!

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AUGUST CALENDAR

Sun. Aug. 16 and 22
No Church Service

Wed. Aug. 18, 7 PM
Fire Dept. Monthly
Meeting.

Fri. noon, Aug. 20 to
Sun. noon, Aug. 22
Junior Fishing Derby
14 years and under.
See Posters for
further information.

Sat. Aug. 20, 7:30 AM
Church Service
Members of the
Presbytery will be in
Barnfield for the
formal induction of
the new minister,
Rev. W. J. (Bill)
Dixon.

*Please
Keep
This
Calendar
Handy?*

CALENDAR

SUN.

MON.

TUES.

Church Service
every Sunday
at 11:00 AM

5

6

Labour Day
HOLIDAY

SCHOOL
STARTS

22

23

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Meeting of
the
Board of
Commence

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COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS
8 PM

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1976

WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<p>1 U.C.W. WORK BEE <u>every Wed. 1:30</u> Fire Practice every Wed. at 7 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 *M*O*V*I*E* "The Thief Who Came to Dinner." with Ryan O'Neal and Jacqueline Bisset 8 PM in Colour</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15 Fire Dept. Monthly Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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An Open letter to our Readers

This is the last issue of The Bamfielder. It is with regret that we have to tell you this, but we do have a couple of pretty good reasons.

First of all, last month's ad for an editor-reporter didn't exactly set the phone jangling off the hook. In fact, there wasn't even one call -- although I suppose I shouldn't mention it out loud since it doesn't say much for our classified ad section.

Secondly, I'll be leaving for Victoria early in September to stay with our daughter while she attends high school. I think that most of our readers are aware that when it's time for Bamfield kids to go to high school, they have to leave the community.

It's too bad that no one is able to take over the paper after I leave. In spite of all the work involved, it's really a lot of fun. It's also very satisfying meeting and interviewing all those interesting people both inside and outside of the community, as well as receiving letters from people who have just discovered Bamfield or have memories of the place.

I've also been lucky enough to have come across a small group of great people, writers who have strung words together to make up the columns and articles essential to a newspaper and artists, who have given the paper that extra-special flavour. I've really counted on these people.

As for our advertisers, thanks to them, this paper could count on revenue each month, carry on with publishing and remain self-supporting. In fact, we even made a little money, and because all Bamfielder workers were volunteers, all Bamfielder revenue has gone to the Hall Society. When everything is tallied, the total amount given to the Society will be more than \$450.

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Finally, I'd like to speak directly to a special group out there -- our subscribers -- those wonderful people who plunked their money down and had faith that they would get their money's worth. Most of you did, I hope, but a number of you still had several issues to go before your subscription expired. I hope that it will be some consolation to learn that your subscription money has gone to a good cause, the Bamfield Community Hall Society, an active group that serves this community. Thank you subscribers. Your faith in us was a real motivation.

To everyone then, contributors, advertisers and you, dear reader, thanks for your support. I'll miss you.

Elinor Rhyres,
Editor

THE WEATHER REPORT

by Peter Janitis



Most people in Bamfield will agree that so far this summer we haven't had much sun. In fact, during almost half of July, we experienced precipitation--14 days of it to be exact. The total rainfall was 2.65". Last year in July we had only .63", but the average for July is 2.33". Up to the end of July this year, total precipitation equalled 68.01".

Temperatures

We had a high of 70°F. on July 5th and again on the 15th. The low of 43°F. occurred on the 16th. Last year's high in July was 75°F. and the low was 45°F.

Mean Maximum, July/76:	62.3°F.
Mean Minimum:	50.3°F.
Mean Temp.	56.3°F.
Mean Temp., July/75:	56.65°F.



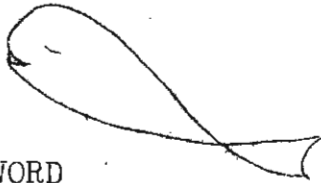


by Dorothy Robins

Here's an icing that is not too sweet and is excellent for decorating cakes:

Ardie Logan's
Mock Whip Cream

1. Mix 1 c. milk, 4 T. flour, 1 t. vanilla, pinch of salt. Cook, stirring frequently until thickened. Let cool.
2. Beat together in a large bowl $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. shortening and 1 c. white sugar until fluffy. Add cooked mixture, beating until it peaks.



LATEST WORD
FROM THE SALMON DERBY

So far, Larry Davies is ahead with a catch of 36 lbs.

Last year's winner was a 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounder.

With school coming up soon, here's a lunchbox treat the kids will go for:

Angel Sandwiches

Beat together $\frac{1}{2}$ c. shortening (butter, marg.) with 1 c. powdered sugar. Add 1 c. flour. Mix well. Press into 13"x9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x2" pan. Bake 15 min. at 350°. Cool.

Topping

Blend 2 c. cut-up dates, 1 c. raisins, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. sugar and water. Cook over low heat, stirring until thickened (about 10 mins.). Let cool.

Spread topping over crust. Chill well and cut in 1" squares.

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at 8 PM)

Banfield residents can look forward to two courses this fall, French Polishing and Auto and Boat Motor Repairs for Beginners.

French Polishing



Tom Mather, a professional French polisher, will be giving this course. If you own a piece of furniture that needs restoring, Tom can show you how to make it look as good as new.

There is no charge for this course, but students will be expected to pay for supplies.

Those interested in being part of this class should call Elinor Rhymes, 728-3213 after 5 PM, until Sept. 6. After Sept. 15, Tom can be reached at 728-3384.

Auto and Boat Motor Repairs for Beginners



The instructor for this course will be Bill Mather. If you would like to know something about the innards of your car or boat motor, you'll probably want to join this class. The minimal charge for this course will be decided after a class is formed. To register, please call Bill at 728-3281.

Both Tom and Bill would appreciate it if those who are thinking of taking their courses would phone as soon as possible, since they will need time to organize their classes and assemble supplies.

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9 - 5:30

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by Dorothy Robins



Swimming lessons this year were held at the pool in Franklin River. The lessons were \$5 per child for 3 weeks, 4 days a week and proved to be very successful.

There were 53 Hamfield children enrolled, ranging in age from 2 to 14.

The instructor Terrie Sawyer, with the help of four girls from Franklin, taught two and three classes at a time.

After the hour of lessons, there was public swimming for an hour, which was met eagerly by the ten parents involved in the driving and parents who were able to come and observe the lessons.

On the last day of lessons, Mrs. Pettigrew, of the Halfway Coffee Shop at the cookhouse, sent over cakes and juice for a farewell snack at the Franklin Community Hall.

The annual end-of-swimming-lessons wainer feast was held at Brady's

with plenty of weeries, marshmallows, swimming and races held under a rare sunny sky.

The parents involved in the driving were asked if the cost and effort of driving every day were worth it. The majority agreed that the enthusiasm and progress of the children were well worth it and they would do it again next year.

A special thanks to Terrie Sawyer for re-arranging her schedule, M & B for the use of the pool, Roy Garcia for putting it all together and the parents who drove.

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A simulated public hearing into the status of Bamfield and Grappier Inlets held at the Bamfield Marine Station Thursday, August 12 resulted in a lively question and answer session.

The exercise was the culmination of a three-week course, "Marine Pollution and its Assessment" given at the Station by University of Victoria biologist Dr. Derek Ellis. Dr. Ellis said that the reason for the simulated hearing was two-fold.

"First," he said, "public hearings are here to stay and this hearing is an opportunity for students who will one day be working within this system as professionals. Secondly, the results of the students' research may be of value to area residents."

As part of the simulated exercise, Dr. Ellis acted as chairman and addressed the students as professional scientists who were reporting their assessment of results of water samples of the two Inlets.

After each "professional" gave a report of his findings, the audience of Marine Station scientists, students and Bamfield residents were invited

to ask questions or make comments. This they did with great energy and enthusiasm. As a result, the simulated hearing was an excellent exercise in giving the students an opportunity to defend their theses, hone their scientific wits, and experience the give-and-take of an actual hearing.

However, since the types and number of water samples were insufficient due to lack of time and verification, the value of the students' results would have to be approached with caution.

It was pointed out at the hearing that any survey of the area would have to be done over an extended period of time to be of real value.

The completed report will be kept in the Marine Station library and will be available to the public.

This report also contains results of a survey of water samples taken from an area around MacMillan Blodell's Alberti Fuls and Paper Division. Students had met earlier in the day at the Marine Station with management of Alcan to discuss the results of this survey.

Memories of Banfield
During World War II

I've just spent a few days in your midst and enjoyed it very much (rain and all). It took me back about 40 years to the days of the old Armentieres and the cable station. I did several trips out of your area on the "life-saving patrol". We spent several weeks on a rotational basis with the Malaspina and other trawlers during the winter months.

I recall mostly the rough seas and rain, but we had our good times. We were permitted to use the cable station's gymnasium, a thing the students of the Marina Station could enjoy on rainy days.

One incident will always stand out in my memory. In answering an SOS we got in trouble ourselves. The seas were so high, the tops of the waves appeared to be nearly level with the top of our radio masts. I was at the wheel and the captain, W.H.S. Soulsby and the chief, Jack Wills were arguing about turning around. Finally, we did turn her and got back to Banfield safely and the other ship managed to get into shelter somewhere. In those days, able seamen were not privy to much of what was happening at a higher level.

Another time during a storm warning, we were tied up at the jetty which is now condemned, and a fishing boat passed us just as the captain, M.A. Wood came on deck. He said, "Take his number and if he gets into trouble, it will be his own fault." We both know differently though.

Mr. Brady ran the life-boat and was greatly respected by us because even though he was only a small vessel, he never failed to answer a call.

We got our fresh water at Kildonan and our coal way round at Union Bay. Before I joined her, the Armentieres had been sunk and submerged for 40 days. They said the cockroach eggs hatched out in spite of this dive and they were plentiful.

When the sun comes out in Banfield, everything else is forgotten and that is as good a philosophy as any, I guess.

See you again.

M. F. Leggett
Victoria

BAMFIELD JUNIOR TEAM WINS
TROPHY

Members of the Bamfield Fire Department attended the Vancouver Island Volunteer Firefighters Association "Evolutions", held in Port Alberni during the July 31st-August 1st weekend.

The junior team of Stephen Demontigny, Jim Walker, Craig Butterfield and Donald Amos won the Make and Break trophy during Sunday's competitions.

This trophy is now on display at the Fisherbuoy Grill.



FIRE WEEK

Fire Week will be in the form of a Work Bee to put up the Fire Hall.

The Fire Department is just waiting for clearing to be done on their property before construction can start.

Notices will be posted.

SFU HOLDING FALL COURSES
AT BMS

Starting September 7, Simon Fraser University is offering a group of marine-oriented courses to be held at the Bamfield Marine Station.

These courses are designed to provide second and third year undergraduates an opportunity to explore marine biology and to present to more senior students advanced training. In part, this program is designed to complement and prepare students for the Bamfield Marine Station summer session.

This is the first time that University fall session courses have been held at the Marine Station.

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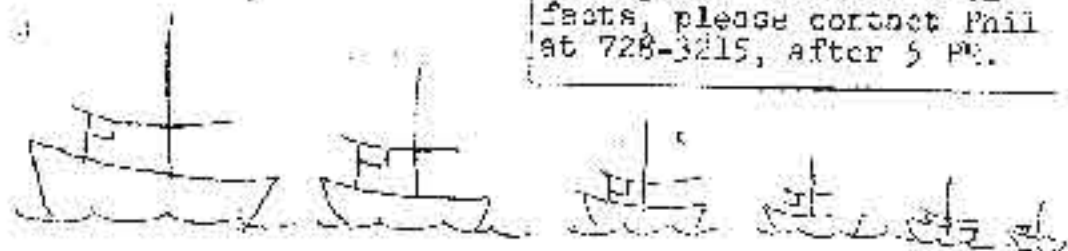
Note of Thanks

Thank you from the Church Board to Gwenneth and her group of co-workers for the painting of the Manse.

A great big thank you to Max for the Maccs.

Announcement

Phil Rhynas has agreed to take over the position of honorary warden in the Bamfield area for the Archaeological Sites Advisory Board. If you have any inquiries regarding historical and archaeological sites or artifacts, please contact Phil at 728-3215, after 5 PM.



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