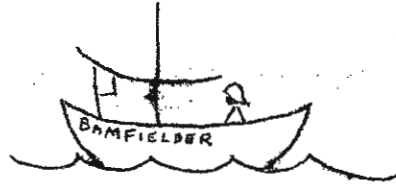


# THE BAMFIELDER



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Covering the news from Pachena Lighthouse to  
Copper Island

## ARDA-AID TO REMOTE AREAS

The federal and provincial governments have set up a program aimed at encouraging economic development in communities with a population of less than 2,000 or where 50% of the population consists of Indian ancestry.

The program called ARDA (Agricultural and Rural Development Act) will operate until March, 1977.

Costs of community projects will be shared equally by the federal and provincial govts., except in Indian projects where the federal govt. may pay as much as 100% of the cost.

Robert Skelly, MLA Alberni, said during a telephone interview August 14, that if Bamfield is interested in the ARDA program, residents should  
(See ARDA-page 13)

## HYDRO AND GRAPPLER INLET

Several meetings have taken place during the summer regarding Grappler Inlet electrification. The main question emerging from these meetings seems to be: Who is going to pay for the installation and how are they going to pay for it?

On July 10, W.A. Harrison, District Manager for B.C. Hydro in Port Alberni met with Grappler Inlet residents and presented them with an updated estimate of costs for installation.

On August 18, in Victoria, Robert Skelly, MLA Alberni, met with W.A. Best, Assistant General Manager of B.C. Hydro. At this meeting, Mr. Skelly said that he would propose that Hydro "lend money to people rather than have them pay outright." (See Grappler p.13)

## VIEWPOINT

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

DO YOU HAVE A WATER SHORTAGE PROBLEM THIS SUMMER? IF SO, HOW DO YOU COPE?

Every summer I ration our water because for the past two summers our well has gone dry. But after 3 or 4 hours it usually comes back. We're pretty well used to it now. To save our water, the kids use the same bath water and we don't flush the toilet every time.

My well is pretty low every summer. So I don't wash or take a bath as often -- but I do swim more often. I've also got rain water draining right into the tank in the bathroom and that helps.

Our water is slowing down a little now so we have small baths rather than large ones. And of course, there's always swimming in the salt water. I also water our garden with rinse water. The little bit of soap in the water doesn't hurt at all.

One year we nearly ran out of water because there was no rain for about 4 months. We had to use salt water soap. I think it was a brown colour and came in a cake. That was about 20 years ago, so I'm not positive. I remember though, that I'd fill the bathtub with the salt water I had warmed on the stove, and afterwards, we'd rinse ourselves with fresh water. It was very refreshing.

That same summer, my husband used to fill our canoe with fresh water and tow it home. We'd water the garden with it and we'd leave the rest to warm in the sun. Then our children, who were just little tots, would have their baths in this water. It was far far when you.

We have a water problem every summer so we've tapped a fresh water stream. Another person is using the same pipe, so when he turns on the tap to fill up his well, he phones us and then we know we're going to be cut off for a while. (Continued next page)

Because our water supply is so low and we have a lot of visitors, we had to set up a few guidelines. Here's one of them: Those who shower once a day should shower once every three days; those who shower twice a week, should shower once a week; and those who shower once a week, should continue to do so.

Thank goodness we don't have a water shortage problem any longer. But I can remember what it was like. When we first came here, we used water the way most city people do and that summer the well went bone dry. We ended up having to wash our clothes in the saltchuck. The kids' jeans never seemed to dry with all the salt in them, but they never complained about it. We had to use salt water soap for washing. I remember that it was a thick liquid with a rather unpleasant smell. I think we gave the last of it away to a fisherman to wash his decks.

Many people here convert to salt water for their toilets during the summer. We can use salt water in the toilets all year round because most of our equipment is either porcelain or plastic.

Water is really scarce at our place. If anyone around here smells good, we know they've been using the water frivolously.

BAMFIELD ON TELEVISION

Reporter Bob Gillingham and cameraman Ron Thompson were in Bamfield Aug. 19-21 filming points of interest in the area. The first of a possible 5 film sequences will be shown within the next few weeks during the 6:30-7:00 pm portion of Hour-glass.

When definite dates are worked out, Mr. Gillingham will let us know and this information will be posted at Gwyer's Store and Ostrom's.

BOARDING ALLOWANCES  
INCREASED

Starting in September, boarding allowances for Bamfield students in Grades 11 and 12 will be increased from \$75 a month to \$112.50.

In order to apply for this allowance, write to Mr. J.C. Wright, Sec'y.-Treasurer, School District #70, 1100 Redford St., Port Alberni, B. C.

SOMETIMES WE GET LETTERS.

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Editor, it is dated July 7/75 and addressed to W.A. Harrison, District Manager, BC Hydro, Port Alberni:

I enclose an editorial from the Bamfielder Newsletter (Ed. note - July issue) which circulates in the Bamfield area. According to the editorial Hydro representatives have not visited the Bamfield area to provide an updated estimate of the Greppler power connection as indicated in your letter of April 29, 1975. Would you please advise me when Hydro staff will be able to visit the area.

I am proposing to BC Hydro Directors that a landing system be established for R.E.A. customers which would allow those customers to finance their R.E.A. contributions over a long term rather than being required to pay the full cost in advance. I am hopeful that this proposal will be approved by the Directors of BC Hydro so that projects such as the Greppler Inlet connection will not create such a financial hardship for the people who require electrical service.

R. E. Skelly  
MLA-Alberni

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Editor  
The Bamfielder  
Bamfield, B.C.  
JUL 15 1975

Dear Editor:

We should like to take this time to congratulate the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Dept. for the fine representation and keen competitive spirit they put forth during the evolutions held in N. Cowichan last month. It was most enlightening to see them competing with other more experienced depts. and considering the short time they've been in operation and the lack of equipment they have on which to practise, they did extremely well.

The members of the Fire Dept. in Bamfield are definitely a credit to their community and it would probably surprise many in the community if they took a trip out next year and saw just what their dept. is up against when they attend the yearly evolutions. For our part, we can only say well done and keep up all the hard work and determination-you are a credit to your organization and your community.

Skip & Jeannie Butterfield  
Victoria



Plans for the Fall Fair are moving right along. Carolyn Robinson, co-ordinator of the Fair will be mailing out entry information for Adult, Junior and Intermediate Divisions soon. If you don't receive yours in the mail, they will be available at Sawyer's Store.

The Jr. Division will be for kids under 7 yrs. of age and the Intermediate for 8-14 yr. olds. Here are some of the categories for the Jrs. and Intermediates:

1. Wana Garden (miniature under 6"; regular over 6")
  2. God's Eye
  3. Puppet (band or string)
  4. Mobile
  5. Orange Man
  6. Potato Man
  7. Carrot Sculpture
  8. Macaroni (vase, picture, etc.)
  9. Collections of any kind - Judged by neatness and quality rather than size.
  10. Painted rock, any size
  11. Painted shell, any size
  12. Candles, plain or decorated with rocks, shells, etc.
  13. Scrap book
- Junior Only - Collection of 5 round shonen.  
 Intermediate only - Collection of bugs, butterflies or similar items.

There will also be a Pet Parade for kids 12 and under. You can even borrow a pet for

this parade.

Junior and intermediate exhibits are to be entered between 3 and 5 pm, Friday, Sept. 19. Adult exhibits are to be entered between 9 am and noon, Saturday, Sept. 20.

The Fair will be open to the public at 5 pm, Sept. 20 and an auction of donated exhibits will begin at 7 pm with Dale Garcia acting as auctioneer.

For further information, please call Carolyn Robinson, 728-3212

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WELCOME TO BAMPFIELD

Bamfield welcomes two new teachers to Eric Godson School -- Patricia and John McNamee. Most recently, the McNamees taught in a school in the North West Territories where Mr. McNamee was also the principal.

At Eric Godson, Mr. McNamee will also take over the duties of principal.

The Bamfielder wishes Mr. and Mrs. McNamee every success.



by Cathie Greengrass

Cookie variations are endless. But have you ever had "sandwich cookies"? These are especially delicious.

Jann McKaughian's Oatmeal Cookies Plus

1. Cream 1 c. shortening & 1 c. brn. sugar. Add 2 c. white flour, 2 t. salt & 1 t. vanilla.
2. Use 1/2 c. boiling water, add 1 t. baking soda. Alternate adding this with 1/2 c. rolled oats to the mixture in 1. Mix well.
3. Roll out this mixture - don't make it too thin - and cut into rounds with a glass.
4. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 350°F. for 8-10 min. Don't overcook.

Date Filling (the Plus)

1. Put 1/2 lb. pitted dates in a saucepan and add 3/4 c. water and 1/2 c. white sugar. Break up the dates and cook until thick.
2. Cool and serve between 2 oatmeal cookies.

It's wise to bake a double batch because the dough is as good raw as it is cooked.

If you've got a sweet tooth, the date filling can also be used in a layer cake.

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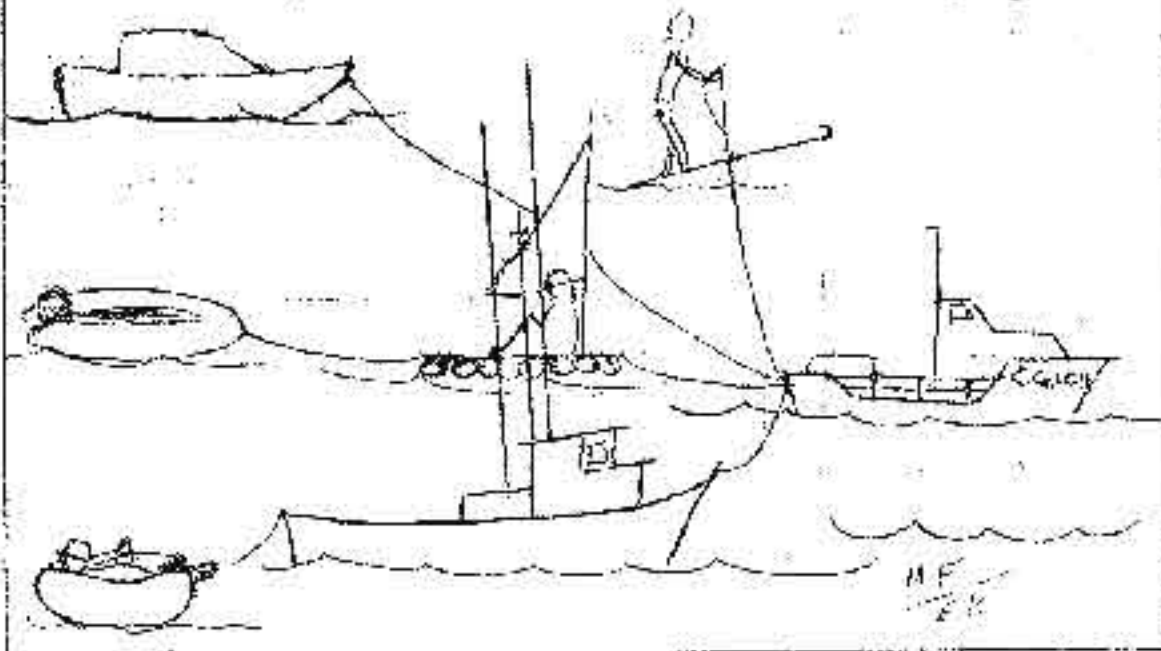
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# JUST AN AVERAGE SUMMER DAY



Mary Gillick, San Francisco, contributed to the above sketch.

## WEATHER REPORT



### Rainfall

Fater Janitis reports that the total precipitation for July, 1975 was .63". In July, 1974, it was 5.15".

This year's total precipitation to the end of July was 46.40". Last year's was 91.54".

### Temperature

The highest temperature in July was 75°F., while the lowest was 45°F. Last year in July, the high was 77°F. and the low was 43°F. The mean temperature for July, 1975 was 56.65°F. For July, 1974, it was 56.57°F.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.
	1 Labour Day Fishing Derby Smorgesbord. Members only.	2	3 U.C.W. Work Bee at 1:30 PM ----- Fire Practice every Wed. at 7 PM
7 Church Service 11 AM Every Sunday	8 Red Cross Women's Work Committee 1:30 PM	9	10
14	15 Chamber of Commerce Meeting 8 PM	16	17 BVPD Monthly meeting 7 PM Regal Sale 12-4:30 See page 16
21	22 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MEETING 8 PM	23	24
28	29	30	



SEPTEMBER 1975

THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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11	12 Movie Night "Five Fingers of Death" with Bruce Lee 9:15 PM Warning: Violence	13 Church School begins 1:30 - 3:30
18	19 Fall Fair Junior and Intermediate Exhibits due at Hall between 3 - 5 PM	20 FALL FAIR TODAY! For more details see page 5.
25	26	27

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after the long weekend.

Here's to your GOOD HEALTH!  
by Margaret Parry

For Diarrhoea

Keep a bottle of Kaopectate on the bathroom shelf. When you have that first runny stool and that unsettled feeling that goes with it, take a dose of Kaopectate.

1 tsp. after every movement for a child and 1 tbs. for an adult, is usually adequate. (The dose on the bottle is larger.)

If the diarrhoea persists into the 2nd day, remove all solid and milky food from the diet. Take clear fluids only, e.g. apple juice, consomme, oxo, jello, etc. (So that there are no solids in the intestine for the bacteria to live in.)

And continue with the Kaopectate.

If the diarrhoea persists or worsens into the third day, it is time to get advice from your doctor or nurse.

PRESS RELEASES FROM 10.  
HUGH ANDERSON, MP, COMOX-ALBERNI

Mr. Anderson will be in Washington D.C. from Sept. 8-10 meeting with American fisheries officials to discuss fisheries conservation and relevant problems relating to both Canada and the U.S.

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Commenting on the recent electoral redistribution which will add 5 seats to B.C.'s representation in the House of Commons, as well as split Comox-Alberni into 2 ridings (Comox-Powell River and Nanaimo-Alberni), Mr. Anderson said, "I have decided to stay in Port Alberni where my business and farm is located and seek the Liberal nomination for the Nanaimo-Alberni riding."

"Up until the election in 1978 or thereabouts," he added, "I will continue to represent the Comox-Alberni riding to the best of my ability."

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## BAMFIELD INLET ROWBOAT RACE

by Darlene Switzer

How wet it was July 5 as the 2nd Annual Bamfield Inlet Rowboat Race officially opened.

Smash, splash, crash the sounds came across the Inlet separating East and West Bamfield as Bamfielders of all sizes, from little toddlers to big ones came out in style.

One hour after registration began, 18 craft had assembled at the starting point, the marine station float.

The line-up included Log-A-Rhythm, the pelagic outhouse on logs entered by the marine station's physiologists; a "canoe", a tandem of two canoes; a bathtub; an aged skiff named Sam; a pirate boat reputedly capable of unknown destruction; the Coast Guard in their somewhat unseaworthy dory; and the numerous and assorted row boats one usually finds in this community.

The course ran from the marine station float to Gwyer's float where each contestant was required to down a bottle of his favourite beverage, through the government dock and back to the marine station float.

In the kids' division, first place was won by Bill Axader, while Kelly Christian came in second and Oliver Byars was third. Ian Garcia ran fourth.

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The big kids didn't run quite so smoothly. Pirates in "Gilbertina" managed to capsize many entries, themselves included, while others needed no help in landing in the drink.

The Log-A-Rhythm managed a one-way trip out on its return, it and its hardy crew met a hapless end, sided and abetted by those on the dock. Relatively dry runs were managed only by those who finished in the winners' circle.

The race was won by McDermid and Company, followed by Ince Cashin. Greengrass and Associates in their canoe were third. John Greene came in fourth.

The bathtub, which came in last, received a special award. Its nightgowned passenger learned that wet nighties make poor life preservers.



## GREEN THINGS

by Cathie Greengrass



There are many ways to prepare a herb harvest.

Rosemary, thyme and sage should be kept well-clipped so they will grow more compactly. Other herbs like mint, parsley, chives and basil should have their leaves clipped as soon as there are enough leaves to use. Confine mint in a pot or box, or it will overrun the garden.

Coriander, savoury and tarragon should be harvested before they bloom. Anise, dill and coriander should be left till just before the seed heads shatter.

To dry your harvest, you can hang the leaves in small bunches, spread them on a cloth-covered frame or on flat trays. A cool room without sunlight or heat yields the best quality.

When your herbs are collected, you can celebrate your green thumb with a cup of "Tranquillizer".

1. Mix 2 T. mint flakes, 1 t. rosemary and 1 t. sage in a jar.
2. For each cup of tea, use 1 heaping tsp. of this mixture.
3. Let steep just 1 minute.
4. Strain & serve with honey and lemon.

To explain "Tranquillizer's"

## NEW SCHOOL BOAT

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Lygill-Ron Lyon, superintendent of School District #70, said today that the School Board is going into a school boat operation in Bamfield. The School Board is purchasing a boat because they feel that costs will be lower if they take over the operation.

The new boat, which is now on order, is a 23 foot, fibreglass Haurator with a 45 horse power diesel designed to do 8 to 10 knots. Mr. Lyon said that the Board chose a diesel engine after speaking to several Bamfield fishermen and residents who recommended such an engine for a low-speed boat.

As soon as the delivery date is established, Peter Janette will begin the operation of the boat.

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soothing effects:

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ARDA (Cont. from p. 1)

approach the provincial govt. through their Regional Board. He also suggested that preliminary studies for a community project could be done by the Regional District, funded by the 2 senior govts.

"The idea of the program is to improve economic opportunities so that communities can be economically independent," he said, "but there needs to be community initiative. If the community is interested in this program, I'd like to be kept in touch. This way, I can prod the Regional Board and they can prod me."

GRAPPLER (Cont. from p. 1)

On August 19, Grappler Inlet residents themselves had a meeting.

Following this meeting, Louis Druehl, chairman of the Grappler Inlet Electrification Committee said that he felt that residents of the Inlet should have been invited to the Victoria meeting on Aug. 18.

According to Dr. Druehl, the total cost of electrical installation is now \$53,000. (Last year it was \$46,000.) Available grants will reduce this fee to \$23,000. With 6 permanent and 3 summer residents sharing the cost, the installation will cost each individual \$2,555 -- if the installation goes through this

year. And this figure 13. only covers taking electrical power to Grappler Inlet. It does not cover poles and lines to individual houses. It does not include the cost of rewiring of most of the houses to bring them up to Hydro specifications. Nor does it include interest charges, if Hydro does agree to lend money to the people. So individual residents are looking at a figure much higher than \$2,555.

Dr. Druehl said he would like to see REA (Rural Electrification Act) and Hydro grants increased "proportional to the cost of the work that needs to be done, particularly in places like Grappler Inlet where incomes have not increased as they have in the cities."

"As it now stands," he continued, "REA is totally out-of-date. It needs to be increased to keep up with inflation."

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# 10TH ANNUAL SALMON DERBY

Aug. 19-Sixty-one members have registered in the largest Salmon Derby held in Bamfield. So far, the Derby has been dominated by the Dunspores, Ron and Sherron.

Sherron is leading in the Women's Division with a 36 lb. 5oz. dressed wt. Spring and Ron, leading in the Men's Division, just edged his wife out of top spot with a 36 lb. 8oz. entry.

In the Jr. Division, 18 yrs. and under, Stephen Demontigny is leading with an 18 lb. catch.

All those wishing to enter the Jr. Division should contact Roger Demontigny, Paul Fernant or David Hegstrom. Membership is free. There are 2 categories: (1) Salmon, Aug. 1-30 and (2) Bother fish, Aug. 22-30.

The weighing station is Pacific Fish Mariculture.

Presentation of trophies and prizes will be held Aug. 31 at the Mance beach. There will also be hot dogs, pop, and ice cream for all.

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## FIRE DEPT. NEWS



At the "Evolution", a competition of volunteer

firefighters on Vancouver Island held July 27, Bamfield had 2 firsts.

Cathie Greengrass was the first woman to compete in the firefighting competition and 8 year old Scotty Rutherford was the youngest member to take part in the Jr. Section. Both Cathie and Scottie received standing ovations at the awards banquet held that evening.

In the Ladies Hoserolling Event, the Bamfield team of Hedy Demontigny, Cathie Greengrass, Linda Mather and Nancy Christy won third place.

Fireweek, from Aug. 10-17 was a great success this year, and the Fire Dept. would like to thank all those who helped with the picnic on Aug. 17. Winners of the 2 raffles were Molly Fullerton who won the glass ball and Nancy Marshall of De La who won the native art.

More on page 16.



The Cost of Turning on a Light

The power struggle going on between Grappler Inlet and BC Hydro is full of ironies. One of them is that Hydro insists on a minimum number of residents in an area before they will install their lines. But it is difficult to get that minimum because people naturally prefer to build in an area where electrical power is available.

Another irony is that if newcomers do come into the area within 5 years after installation of electrical power, they will be charged the installation fee. After 5 years, however, newcomers won't have to pay this charge. So, in 5 years' time, we can expect an influx of people happily settling down in Grappler, while a handful of their pioneering neighbours - some of whom are widows and pensioners - have paid and, perhaps, will still be paying for the privilege of electrification.

Louis Druehl of the Inlet has said that "Power is not a luxury. It is a necessity." And he's right. But the kind of installation fees charged by Hydro makes power in Grappler Inlet a luxury item indeed.

CBC Radio Reception

Some of us in Bamfield are CBC radio fans, but most of us find that our reception ranges all the way from terrible to lousy. The constant static makes it difficult and often impossible to hear this station. And it gets worse as the day progresses. By evening, the CBC signal is almost lost, buried under stronger stations from the States and even Mexico.

This problem could be solved with the installation of a repeater station in our area. There are already more than 95 of these in B.C. alone - and their installation is relatively simple and inexpensive.

We are paying for CBC radio through our federal taxes, but we're not getting the service. If you would like to get your money's worth, write to Robert McGall, Regional Director, CBC, P.O.Box 4600, Vancouver, B.C. It's his job to see that there are listeners in his region. We should let him know just who we are and where we are.



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