Tonight, October 4th, we heard of the passing of Clarence Fry in the West Coast Hospital, Port Alberni. The community is sad with the loss of an old friend. Some of us remember when the Fry family moved from Kildonan to Bamfield and how Clarence grew up at the Customs House. Some of us are still here who shared his grade school days in Bamfield's one-room school. Perhaps Clarence was unaware that in late September Memorial services were held at Parksville for Percy Bailey, a former resident of the Cable Station who had married Margery Bagshaw, a teacher then in our school. Clarence was only 61. After high school years in Victoria and a brief time working there, he returned to Bamfield. He will be remembered by the fishing fleet that he served so well—buying, grading, and icing fish.

After the closure of the B.C. Packers camp and their work for Imperial Oil agency, he came to work for J.S. McMillan Fish up the harbour. Over the years, he saw the changes in the fishing industry—from the little boats of the 1930s to the big ones of today. His integrity in the grading and weighing of fish won the respect of the whole fleet. To his wife Evelyn, sister Irene, and Family, brother Alvin and family, our deepest sympathy in their loss of both Clarence and Jack Hunting.
It was also with sadness that a few of us gathered in early September at the Anglican Church in Alberni to bid farewell to another "old-timer". Jack Hunting passed away at his home in Victoria at the age of 68. He leaves his wife Nan under the care of old friends, Joe and Bernice Lyne. Joe's father was the lighthouse at Pachena Bay in early years and his wife a sister to Ralph Rosseau, who was also one of Clarence's teachers. Their only son, young Jack, had passed away suddenly in Bamfield at the age of 21 from an unexpected illness. Jack, along with Clarence, shared school days here under Miss Bagshaw, as she was in those days.

A veteran of the First World War at Victoria, born in London, England, Jack Hunting will also be remembered along the coast. He served first on the tender ships for the light houses, before becoming himself a "Keeper of the Light". He returned to Victoria after more than a quarter of a century at Pachena Point, and then later served as a watchman for Island Tug and Barge. Jack knew the sea and the weather and when the Bamfield Lifeboat crew phoned for a weather report, prior to bringing supplies by water out to Pachena Point, there was never any doubt in their minds about a safe "landing" if Jack gave the word. When there appeared to be no weather breaks toward Christmas, Jack Hunting would help share the load to carry out the Christmas mail over the trail.

Is it fate or is it coincidence that the lives of many of (Continued on Page 111)
this community and others along the coast are interwoven in the life-patterns of these two men. Each gave all of himself to the vocation he chose. They both had a rare sense of humour and each had a twinkle in his eye. For both, the job was always well done and it goes without saying that their families have our deepest sympathy.

At the going down of the sun and in the early morning, we will remember them.

Funeral Services for Clarence Fry will be held on Friday at 10 am in the Chapel of Memories (Stevens Funeral Home), 4005 Sixth Avenue, Port Alberni. The Reverend Vern McEachern will lead the service.

Interment in Victoria.

Zoologist Wayne Campbell thinks it's quite likely that the brown booby, along with many other unusual birds and fish, has found its way to B.C. this year. Campbell, associate curator of vertebrate zoology at the provincial museum in Victoria, said the brown booby is amongst several unconfirmed sightings of birds not normally seen here.

"It's a tropical seabird with a big peak... and I have two independent reports from fishermen who have seen one in the Ucluelet area," he said. "There've also been some unconfirmed sightings of the magnificent frigate bird, which has a forked tail and long black wings. It's a sinister looking bird and pirates food from other birds. In 1981 off (Continued on Page iv)
The Queen Charlotte's a fisherman, George Deagle, got an excellent picture of it, so even if bird-watchers think the fishermen are nuts, this man has a photo for proof.

Another bird recently sighted is the elegant tern, a bird with a shaggier black crest than other species of terns. "This little fellow is usually found in northwestern California and the several sightings in B.C. in August are a first for Canada," said Campbell.

Another exotic visitor is the brown pelican, which was endangered because pesticide poisoning caused its eggs to break.

"In the last 50 years there were only six to eight reported sightings in B.C., but in August I have a report of 24 brown pelicans sitting on a sandbar at Port Renfrew for four hours," said Campbell.

The Pacific Ocean phenomenon known as the El Nino current [see the September BARKLEY SOUND] has brought the warmest waters in 40 years to the B.C. coast. It has been blamed for freak weather around the world in the past year. "The warm current is taking many food resources (plankton) further north than usual so the birds and fish are following the food," explained Campbell.

Commenting on fish, Campbell mentioned sunfish have been spotted in Checleset Bay and mackerel are now being caught in Barkley Sound.

A group of birdwatchers offshore from Ucluelet spotted approximately 900 northern fulmars, 300 pink-footed shearwaters, 6,000 sooty shearwaters and 150 sabine's gulls. Campbell said birdwatchers are experienced in estimating the size of flocks as they fly by. "These numbers are incredible," he said. "I've heard of seeing 20 fulmars, but never 900."

The unanswered question is if the unusual birds will continue to appear. That all depends on El Nino, and no one knows if El Nino will continue next year.
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THE MASTHEAD
by
Jeanne Ferris, Editor

The October issue of the BARKLEY SOUNDER has received support from both of the women who staffed the West Coast Trail Information Center over the summer. Our cover was drawn by Joan Rosenberg, who somehow managed to find time to draw sword ferns between visitors to the Centre and trips down the trail. And the article about the Trail was written by Noreen Gudbranson, Supervisor at the Information Centre. Thank you both!

With this issue we say "Goodbye" to Dick and Margaret Pardy, who have served our community for many years at the Red Cross Outpost Hospital. And we also bid farewell to Peter, Colleen and Vabhni Skipper who are leaving our school for an elementary school in Tofino. May the happiness you found in Bamfield follow wherever you go.

The BARKLEY SOUNDER is having an Out-of-Town Subscription Drive, from now until the end of 1983. One year (10 issues) Subscriptions are only $11.00.

If you have someone in mind for a Gift Subscription, their first issue can arrive in time for Christmas. Yep, Christmas.

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To----- From-----

There will be "Christmas Greetings" space in the December issue as well. You may order using the same size format as our ad pages, but for half the price. So a 1/4 page will be $5.00, 1/2 page will be $7.50 and a whole page will be $15.

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MASTHEAD (continued)

The earlier you order, the merrier I'll be!
And remember--there will be No January issue.

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ONE RUNG UP

A Show and Sale of the Combined Works of:

Elisabeth Watson - sculpture
Michael Jay - pottery

The Artists' Eclectic will be having a meeting on Tuesday evening, October 11th at seven o'clock pm. This time we're meeting at Jacque Lee's house in Grappler Inlet. If you'd like a ride across from the boat launching ramp, call Jeane (3-3267) or be on the dock by 7 pm.

Our Agenda will include:
1. The Christmas Craft Fair: participation, percent to the Artists' Eclectic.
2. Forming a Society; forming an Artists' Co-op.

Please attend if you'd like to have a voice and a vote in making these decisions.

From October 11th to 28th at the Rollin Art Centre
3061 Eighth Ave.
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OPENING DAY
October 11th
from 1 to 9 pm

Open other days from 10 to 4 pm.
Margaret Pardy, RN, our Red Cross Outpost Nurse for the past twenty-one years, and her husband Dick will be leaving Bamfield October 15th on the Lady Rose.

Margaret and Dick first came to Bamfield in 1955 from Alert Bay on the United Church Mission Boat, where Dick was the engineer. The boat was stationed in Bamfield as the West Coast Mission Service. The boat, "Melvin Swartout", took the services of the church to the whole northwest coast of the island. Incidentally, Melvin Swartout was a missionary who drowned off the West Coast, near Ucluelet.

Back in 1955 the Red Cross Outpost was run by Mrs. Miller from Blue River. She was followed in 1956 by Pat Garcia, nee Smith, from whom Margaret took over in October of 1962, serving Bamfield until October, 1983. As Margaret says, "Doesn't seem like 21 years since 1962."

Dick and Margaret lived aboard the "Melvin Swartout" their first two years in Bamfield and then rented the house where Erna Cashin is now living. (Margaret was 4 months pregnant and beginning to feel a bit seasick.) From there they moved to the Engineer's Manse, built by the church. (The Engineer's Manse has since been sold and moved to the lot next door to the Robins' house, where it is occupied by Mark Stokes.

The Red Cross Outpost has been in Bamfield since 1939, when Molly Fullerton became Bamfield's first nurse and Dave Christney's mother the first housekeeper. When Dick and Margaret moved into the house, the downstairs was used as the clinic and they lived upstairs with their son Eric.

The Red Cross purchased the present clinic trailers in 1974, Margaret spent many nights, between midnight and 2 am sitting up in bed with a baking board, ruler, pencil and eraser, designing the clinic layout. When she finally had a plan she liked (Continued on Page 3)
and the building inspector looked at it, he remarked that it was nearly identical to one put up in Trail Lake. "Why didn't they tell me that in the first place?" commented Margaret. The clinic held an opening ceremony on July 17th, 1974. Ebba Jennings gave the speech and cut the ribbon, with over one hundred people in attendance.

Over the years at the clinic, Margaret has handled countless emergencies. She says, "When the door opens, this is where my interest lies." Most emergency-type things are lacerations—cuts, "Something you can do something about." There have been occasional stabbings and one gunshot wound. The most stressful emergencies involve things like chest pain, where you don't know what the cause might be. For more serious emergencies the Emergency Health Service in Victoria can be contacted and patients flown out.

Margaret has always had to have emergency clothes ready by the bed. She's always lived under a certain stress, never knowing if she'll be able to sit through a lunch without the phone ringing, or watch a whole TV program, or even finish a cup of coffee or tea.

Margaret has always felt that things have been planned for her—the Hand of God, for example, working up north first made Bamfield seem easy. Having Pat available to step in has been good for Margaret too.

Margaret and Dick (who is 71, crowding 72) plan to move to Victoria and live in an apartment while they look the town over to see what's available. Dick would like to stay in Bamfield, of course, but the time has come to pack and move. Margaret plans to look up the family tree and do knitting and handiwork, and especially to sit through one lunch where the phone doesn't ring, to watch a whole TV program, and to finish a whole cup of coffee! Margaret's replacement will be Sheila Chambers, from the Family Clinic at UBC, and Al Chambers.
Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department

By Bernice Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer

The past month has been relatively quiet for the Fire Department. General maintenance, repairs and Wednesday night practices have left the members with little time to spare.

A recent development within the Fire Department has been the initiation of a fund for the purchase of Scott Air apparatus, as recently reported under "Notes From Community Affairs Meeting". This fund was made possible by a generous donation from a member of the community, followed by another donation from a seasonal resident. The Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department sincerely thanks these people for their support of the Department.

By the time you read this report, the BVFD will have sponsored a beer garden for the Centennial Celebrations. Hope everyone enjoyed the day.

A variety of activities is being planned for fall, winter and spring; watch for posters and more information in the BARKLEY SOUNDER. Watch for information regarding Halloween activities. Any donation towards the purchase of fireworks would be most appreciated.

Effective immediately, the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department has a non-emergency phone number. It is 728-3433. Please use this number if you are phoning the Department for non-emergency-related calls. The emergency number remains the same:

728-3211 EMERGENCY NUMBER ONLY
BAMFIELD CHURCH NEWS

by

Rev. Vern McEachern

On September 11th we returned to the 11:00 am starting time for worship and will continue so each Sunday throughout the fall season. As the days draw in and the sun rises later the 11 am hour seems more appropriate, but during the summer months the earlier starting time suits our out-of-town guests.

As usual we had visitors from elsewhere in Canada, the USA and as far away as Australia. On July 17th two Vietnamese fishermen, Sam Nguyen of Edmonton and Quang Ho from Calgary, joined in our service while their boats were in Bamfield. Both were part of the "boat people" exodus from Viet Nam, some four years ago. During August, Harold and Clara Freer from Kee Waa, New South Wales, Australia worshiped with us several times while here on their annual visit to Bamfield, and on August 21st they were accompanied by friends: Jim and Margaret McRae from Sidney, Australia and Ernie and Marjorie Hadley from Merced, California. On the same day we were also joined by Daniel Rodriguez from San Jose, California by way of Hawaii; Mrs. Rita McVie and daughter Tracey from Port McNeill, B.C.; Mrs. Bessie McVie from Port Alberni; and Miss Suzanna Jennings from Victoria. This was a special Sunday with so many guests and also a solo, "Amazing Grace", sung by Miss Aurora Case of Juneau, Alaska, who was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Isakson during August.

September 11th was special for Bamfield United Church in that we celebrated the sacrament of Baptism for the first time in several years. Andre Daniel Tyne, son of Peter and Leslie Ann Tyne

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of Black Creek, B.C., born August 13th, 1983, was baptized during the service with 16 witnesses present, including Mrs. Helen Denbigh from West Virginia, here on her annual visit to Bamfield. Of particular interest to our congregation was the fact that Peter and Leslie Ann Tyne were married in our church exactly one year ago, on September 11th, 1982. On each occasion the Tynes were weekend guests at Aguilar House.

Fall meetings and activities are getting under way. Bamfield United Church Women met on September 12th at the home of Mrs. Margaret Pardy to plan for upcoming events. The next UCW Potluck Dinner will probably be on Wednesday, October 18th. Orders for the 1984 Canadian Church Calendar are now being taken by Mrs. Irma Cashin. To avoid disappointment, phone your order to Irma immediately at 728-3321.

The Rev. Bill and June Howie will be here to take the service on September 25th. Bill was stationed here some 25 years ago (1956-59) as the skipper of the mission boat "Melvin Swartout". He is now presbytery Officer for Vancouver Island for the United Church. The Howies will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary here on September 25th.

I will be on deck for services on October 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th. Communion Service on October 2nd.

Thanksgiving Service on October 9th.

World Food Day on October 16th.

Join with us at 11:00 am on any or all of these Sundays and give thanks to the Lord for all His mercies.

Blessings to all....
Extracts from Port Alberni Newspapers
by R. Bruce Scott

Port Alberni News, October 15, 1913
After a series of experiments extending over two years the practicality of growing high grade tobacco on the west coast of Vancouver Island has been clearly demonstrated according to Peter Michelsen of Bamfield.

"Last year I planted a sample of Cuban seed. The stalks grew to a height of five or six feet and, as I had no facilities for drying and curing the crop, I packed the leaves in the attic and thought no more about it. One day, being out of tobacco, I sampled my home grown crop and was so pleased with the aroma and flavor that I smoked nothing else until it was all gone."

"There are about 150 people in Bamfield," he said, "and it will be several years before we know which crops are best suited to our soil. Everything planted seems to thrive - proof of the richness of our soil."

P.A. News, December 20, 1913
C.E. Mousley, of Pachena, has been gazetted a justice of the peace.

P.A. News, December 24, 1913
By the early part of the new year the new lifesaving power boat will be installed at Ucluelet. It will be launched from the Dafoe yards in Vancouver.

P.A. News, March 4, 1914
Captain W.J. Steele of the mail launch Tofino reports that the four-masted schooner "Andy Mahoney" is anchored at Bamfield to where it was towed by the lifeboat under the command of Capt. Murray. The schooner had encountered heavy gales and has been stripped of its sails. It was helpless off the west coast when Capt. Murray and his crew went to the rescue.

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The Pacific Cable Board has decided to lay a second cable from Bamfield to Port Alberni, a trench cable from Port Alberni to Parksville, and a submarine cable from Parksville to Nanaimo, the latter to make connection with the cables from Nanaimo to Vancouver. This will give the PCB an all-cable route direct from Australia and New Zealand to Vancouver...

The cable ship Iris left Auckland on June 16 for Bamfield. She will probably land the new cable at Port Alberni on July 29th.

(Note by R.B.S. ---
There was no further Bamfield news in the Port Alberni newspaper after this date. The next column will deal with Bamfield's articles about his exploration of Barkley Sound.)
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To The Editor,

Recently I was approached by a member of the Alberni District Historical Society who said the Society was anxious to receive any historical material from any community in the West Coast area. Such material, she said, would be kept until such time as the community had its own archives and would then be returned to them.

Perhaps you might like to be the collector of such material for re-forwarding to the Society. Their address is:

Alberni District Historical Soc.
Box 284
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I intend to leave my extensive files with them when I have finished with them.

Perhaps the Alberni Valley Museum might consider a similar arrangement for historical objects and artifacts.

R. Bruce Scott

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THE GARDEN PARTY WEEKEND

by Cecile Lynes

My friend Marilyn asked me to one. It was lovely. I'd never seen her garden before and it's classic. They'd strung Chinese lanterns too. When I got there, people were standing in a big group on the patio, chatting. All very push-pish to be sure. The host was off to China and hence the 'do'. He's a Kitsilano Boy through and through, and so are most of his friends. A study in human nature was in order so I circled the crowd; recognized some faces; traded spaces and chatted. The threads became woven. All great fun and some wonderful dining--avec les lots of wineing!! Bon voyage Steven, off to China. He dressed the part--twice (these gay guys are all the same); some ballerinas chatted their primadonna talk and the rest of us did whatever it is we do at parties. There (Continued on Page 13)
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PARTY (continued)

was even a gate crasher. Built
like somebody's bulldozer, she
suddenly appeared, squeezing
herself in through the back gate,
polyester dress snagging on the
gate. I thought she knew someone,
and so did everyone else. God
was she ugly! She drank and
smoked, and then left.
I called goodbye to her silent
parting. Then after approximately
an hour, I bid fond
goodbye and rode home on my bicycle.

Well, the headache I had in the
morning didn't stop me and every-
thing was set to go, so I went.
Anyway, this was the special—the
one I was up for! My friends
Kitty Lloyd and Dean Carriou were
getting married. And so they did,
and I arrived for the reception.

Luxurious island setting; cottage
by the sea. Kitty dressed dem-
urely in the softest shade of
cream. A dream in motion, she
reigned supreme; a bride to re-
member. (But don't forget this
was Kitty!). A happy day for
family and friends. Anyway,
that was fine and when the for-
nalities ended, everyone tran-
sported and began playing. Out
came the boards and the boats
and the bathers; off the veranda
and into the sea. We drank from
our generous hosts' fountain,
gladly, quite merrily and free.

A barrelful of presents in the
driveway and the groom out
learning to sail. Congratulations
Dean and Kitty, for a glorious
day. May all your lives be as

If the night before and then a
ride to the party. The sun was
shining on a beautiful garden full
of people, all looking pretty.
THE BAMFIELD GARDENER

by Bernadette Nylen

Many people here are interested in fruit trees and sympathetic with the plight of growing them in Bamfield. Most, however, know very little about what's been done in the past by the early settlers and what is appropriate to do now with regards to tree care and especially with regards to beginning a new orchard. Out of my own interest and ignorance I thought I'd begin an investigation this month by doing a fruit tree survey in Bamfield. I did not get around to everyone who has or has had trees but I saw most of the old stands and got a good cross-section of the new. In the meantime, Keith has contacted the District Horticulturist, South Coastal Region, from the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Food, who has sent along some helpful information part of which I will share in the next issue of the BARKLEY SOUNDER.

The most impressive thing I discovered in my travels was the legacy left behind by certain people like the nurseryman in Ucluelet, Mr. Fraser, from whom most of the first comers bought their trees. He developed his own root stocks and grafted his own varieties (I call them "No Name" brands). Obviously his experiments paid off with some well-adapted trees for this area. Then there are people like Mr. Michelson (Mikleson?) whose orchard still stands along with a new one planted by Lars Mogen- sen. Many people I talked to smile and recount tales of the Michelson Farm. And what a delight to sit and talk to Bessie Wickham about the "fruit of her labour, most of which still stands out the window behind her.--trees planted 40 to 60 years ago and still bearing, some of them very well, to the marvel.

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and delight of many neighbors.

I am impressed, again, by the way a complete set of 'survival' knowledge can be lost in a single generation jumping from people like Mr. Patrick, who grafted a tree in ten minutes before my eyes, to someone like me who assumes you can drive up to a store and load ten semi-dwarf trees in the truck, stick them in the ground, and expect results.

So, what did I find? Fruit trees everywhere—some still bearing but many hiding in overgrown lots and barely surviving from age and lack of attention. Our neighbors, the Wallands, have a few 60-year-old trees: a Russet, a few cooking and eating apples, a plum tree, three pear trees and a quince. There are trees hiding in the brush between Peels' and Evans' and trees behind Benthos grown by Leonard Jennings' folks, including the Bismark, Belle-duboscoop, Delicious and King.

There were many productive trees at the old cable station: crab apple, Yellow Transparent, Macintosh, plums and cherries—only a few old and weary ones are left. Mickelson's 60-year-old orchard still has two good Gravenstein's, two or three Bismarks, one of which has always produced well until this year, two or three cooking apples, a prune (Victoria) plum which was laden with fruit again this year and a Cox's Orange apple. There are a few apple and plum trees at the end of Grappler Inlet that still produce. Zine thinks these must have been planted by the Dermons or Ethyl Sport many years ago.

Bill Happynook says there used to be lots of trees out at Sarita planted by Chief Louis along the river. He remembers how incredibly good the "Sugar Apple" was. All of these trees were lost to the river as it changed course over the years. There have been quite a few trees chopped down at Mrs. Wickham's, but she still has a huge canning-pear tree annually laden with fruit, a beautiful red eating apple that's produced abundantly for over 40 years, another special tree that her children remember as the best (it's no longer producing) and a few cooking apple trees. When

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Bessie remembers the years of production the trees have given it's astounding...as she says, "Scow loads and scow loads of apples." They did have a few other pear trees; some cherries which never did well and a few prune plums which were good but the fruit often split from the rain. Between her place and the Greens' are a few younger trees; Transparent, cooking apples and a few plums. She has two of the oldest semi-dwarf trees in Bamfield, neither of which has ever produced. As she says any fruit tree has a hard time being so close to the ocean, which makes it easier for them to get scab, etc. but perhaps these don't work at all in Bamfield.

The old "Swamp House" which Bob Baden owns has an old Damson plum tree just outside that still produces well as does the Fry's. They are a small tasty plum, but Clarence swears at the suckers they tend to sent up everywhere.

Roald Ostrom's father is another that bought trees from Fraser's in Ucluelet. Behind the McKillan fish camp where the parking lot is now was an orchard with a few dozen fruit trees: Ruskets, Belledeboescoups, pears, plums and cherries which never gave more than seed and skin. In their yard is one of those old trees that Roald saved. It's a Fraser special with a yellow apple that's unbeatible for cooking. When Roald was 12 he planted a Cox's Orange which still stands along with an Italian and a Golden plum and a young Belledeboescoup. Nan wasn't the first during this survey to try and steer my attention from tree fruit to berries--they are much easier to grow. She also said that everyone and their physical and geographical situation is different, and what doesn't work for most may do very well for you. As she said those things we were looking at the fig tree and the kiwi fruit tree growing up the south side of their house.

Leonard Jennings remembers their fruit trees well and, although everybody had fruit trees then,
that didn't stop them from raiding Mickelson's orchard for some of the apples off the 'Snow' apple tree in the far corner of the plot.
Jennings' yard now has a big old transparent apple tree (the Cobmens also have one and there used to be one down below our place in Scott's Bay), a tree that Mr. Patrick grafted for them from a Fraser Special, and an old winter apple tree.

Mr. Patrick was very inspiring to talk to about fruit trees. I ate some of his delicious red apples while he told me how old Vandens, McKay and Wickham taught others, including himself, how to care for and graft trees and what kinds to plant here. He says that Gravenstein's are not a good tree to grow here as the salt air inhibits fruit production. The tree may grow and blossom well in the spring but it will never produce. He grafted his own trees from the ones Mr. Wickham brought from Fraser's. If I want to graft my own he said I should save the black, mature seeds out of any apple and grow them for a year and then graft what I want onto that. Grafting saves a lot of time and trouble weeding out the male and female whips (males don't produce fruit).

There are two apple trees left out of the small orchard that Johnny Vanden's father planted. One in the front yard is in excellent condition, considering it is 70 years old. The name it went by was 'Ontario winter apple'. It isn't ripe until the end of October and keeps very well until March. They had cherry trees including a Lambert (Pie Cherry) which produced well—very unusual for Balmfield. There was a Royal cherry (a pink cherry) next door where the Pardys live now that produced well too. Johnny remembers a peach tree which was good although some of the pits (Continued on Page 18)
had sow bugs in them. The summers
too hot. He says
they're very hot in keeping the
dead out of the fruit. He says
they'll eventually even get used
to a dead crow hung in the yard as
a deterrent but they never get used
to those pie plates.

Zina Robertson's parents planted
many trees over 50 years ago: a
yellow plum, Wealthy apple, two
transparents, a Gravenstein, two
Russets. As with all of these
older trees the owners whitewashed
the trunk, sprayed and pruned them
every year. Mrs. Wickham said that
otherwise there were all kinds of
bights and black leaves, etc.

Mac says that lime-sulfur spraying
is very important in the spring
before the buds appear. He also
mentioned the use of copper oxide.
Also, trees need to be root pruned,
especially older unkept ones. You
dig a trench around the tree at
the drip line. He said the native
wild crab apple tree is a good
sturdy root stock to use al-
though I have been warned of
endemic diseases that could be
transferred to your graft. They
have planted a dwarf Red Bartlet,
a dwarf Rosacea peach and a
Ponderosa lemon; the latter pro-
cucing lovely fruit in the
greenhouse.

Randall Christian gave me a
great whitewash recipe for tree
trunks: lime, tobacco stew
juice (made from boiled up cigare-
tte butts and ashes), and rice
water (which can be made with
rice flour). This helps to set
it up so the rain doesn't wash
it off. He planted a Royal Ann
and a Queen Anne cherry, but
the pigeons demolished the fruit
before it was ripe, as they had
nothing else to eat at that time
of year. Vanden's father taught
him how to graft. He bought a
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few trees at a nursery which then
didn't produce, so he cut them down
and grafted onto their roots using
branches from a good cooking apple. One of these grafts produced a very
unusual and delicious banana-tasting
apple. He also had some Russets,
Belle de Boscoius (which he said is
an excellent cooking apple) and
some Vanden grafts. Randall says
an overall problem here is bad pol-
ination--few bees and wet weather
at blossom time. Another problem
for him was earwigs, which he con-
quered by having chickens. As well,
there are tiny red ants, harmful
during blossom time especially.
The trees can also contract a "cancer" which he isn't sure how
to treat.

What about the newer trees in
Bentsfield? From what I can see this
category consists of mainly semi-
dwarf trees planted during the last
seven years. Lars Mogensen's trees
are six years old. He has two
cherries, one of which is just
starting to produce, an Anjou and
Bartlett pear, a Cox's Orange, two
plum trees and a Macintosh apple.

The Dunsmore's trees are seven
years old, they have a Santa Rosa
and a Yellow Egg plum, a Graven-
stein, a Yellow Transparent apple,
and a dwarf Bartlett and a semi-
dwarf Conference pear. These
trees, like Lars', look good but
aren't really producing--yet.

Joan Amos planted two semi-dwarf
trees fourteen years ago which
have never really produced.

Yes, it's true, Randy Robert-
son had nine peaches off his peach
tree this year--on the south side
of the house under plastic. He
has a relatively huge cherry tree
by the house which is just start-
ing to produce, a large but un-
productive Gravenstein which is
twice the size of other trees its
age (being downstream from the
chicken coop), and a few small
apple and pear trees that are
pested by the classics--fire
blight, Anthracnose, European
Cankur. He sprays about three
times a year with "fixed copper",
which has kept things in check.

No one else I talked to sprayed
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or painted their trees. I have found no one who has planted any young standard trees except for the grafts which Bill Patrick does.

What's my conclusion? Getting trees to grow around here isn't a piece of cake, but I think it's worth pursuing. It seems that good soil tilth, good sunlight exposure, and a good spraying and pruning program are essential for a tree's survival around here, let alone its production. The standard trees worked and maybe if the semi-dwarf fleet doesn't pull through that is what we'll be forced back to. In the meantime a serious look at rootstocks and propagation is in order. Any-old-thing from a nursery is not good enough for Bamfield, where crown rot and other damp-related diseases take their toll. Resistant varieties have to be selected, and I have a hunch that Mr. Patrick's approach is the most appropriate--

Save those black apple seeds.

—BAMFIELD—

(A poem written by the Calgary Christian High School, 1983, upon their recent field trip to the Bamfield Marine Station.)

B is for Bamfield, and barnacles too. They hurt your feet if you don't wear a shoe.

A is for apples we eat on the bus. With food in our mouths, we don't make no fuss.

M is for marine, the station we're in. Being here gives us a very big grin.

F is for fish, and also for food. Put them together, they taste really rude.

I is for ickies, we get lots of those. Especially when we wash the guys' clothes.

E is Echinoderms, though we don't know what that means, David makes them come alive in our dreams.

L is for Love, and we never fight, we just tell each other to fly a kite.

D is for David, he helped us along, he made us feel welcome, and that we belonged.
A better turnout for this meeting of 35 people. However, the Tourism Strategy Programme following the Community Affairs meeting probably attracted more than usual. Al Kilpatrick and Jim McManus of the Regional District staff attended with James MacGregor and Julie Paul re the Tourist Strategy Study Update.

The Community Affairs came to order at 7:34 pm and adjourned at 7:55 pm; that must set a record for the shortest meeting.

Most organizations had no reports. The United Church report reminded people that the services were back to 11:00 am on Sundays. On September 25th Rev. Bill Howie would take the service—some years ago he skippered the Melvin Swartout. The congregation would help Bill and June celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary that day.

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apply to Municipal Affairs to have included in the specified area only those residents or owners who wished to be a part of the system, they are in one area. If the Ministry approves the addition, the Regional District will apply for a Winter Works programme to cover the labour costs of the project. If everything is successful, the new areas should have water by spring.

At the same time, Mr. Kelly is going to apply to the Ministry to include Alex McKay’s property and the Luke’s property on Burlo Island.

The Committee would like to request that anyone noting visual irregularities in any of the fire hydrants, standpipes, water line breaks, etc. will please report them by phone or in person to Woody or members of the Committee.

The Committee’s next meeting will be October 3rd or 10th.

New Business
Fred Welland brought up reports in newspapers that industrial waste dredged from False Creek was destined for dumping off the West Coast of the Island. A motion carried that the Regional Board be requested to write letters to find out more about this.

MYSTERY
by
Simoon Schmidt

Let me introduce myself. I’m the shadow. Who, o, o, are you? Do you have a hearing problem? I escaped from maximum security. You wanted to hire me? Yes, as suddenly he pulls out a gun and shoots him. Good work kid here’s your ten grand – beat it!

Well you did a good job now beat it!!! As the two men leave the shadow stirs. I have to make something to eat and have an aspirin. Those two men were the Makenzes. They were planning to get me, lucky for me I wear a bullet proof vest. After dinner the shadow goes to their dwelling. It’s the Makezene brothers – the most wanted men. What should I do? I’ll call the police and (Continued on Page 25)
ACREAGE - WEST BANFIELD

This property has approximately 300 feet of frontage near the bluff above Brady’s Beach, and stretches over the summit of Mills Peninsula and down the other side. A fully-approved sub-division proposal rides with this investment in a rapidly developing community. It would create 6 lots, 4 of which would have a commanding view of Barclay Sound and the islands. The whole package is for sale for $55,000; potential terms available. Reason for sale: a rising tide of red ink.

Contact John Boom for further details. He can be found at Ostrom’s or the Coffee Shop or the Fish Plant.

HELBY ISLAND

The Recreational zoned properties are all a minimum of 5 acres in size, all waterfront. Frontages on the remaining 5 lots vary from 200 to 400 feet. The Center of the Island, Lot 25, encircled by a “ring road” which provides access to all lots, is held in 1/24th undivided share by each of the 24 lot owners. Prices on the remaining lots (7, 8, 14, 15 & 16) range from $27,000 to $30,000. Further information and appointments to view may be made through either:

1. John Boom by way of Ostrom’s, The Coffee Shop or the Fish Plant.
Makenze booters caught by anonymous tip.

And you know you made a good choice.

What goes on at the West Coast Trail Information Centre? The job isn’t all beach walking, trail hiking and sun tanning you know! There is a real need to keep hikers informed about the ever-changing conditions of our Rain Forest and Ocean Environment (you Bamfielers should relate to that!). The Trail attracts a mosaic of people: the eldest at 76; the youngest at 5 1/2; the largest group had 56 members; some are prepared; some are not. Let’s see, a record was set three days ago by 9 Marathon runners from B.C.’s own Breweries in Victoria; 15 hours from Thrasher Cove. That’s 43 miles and normally takes six days to complete. So you see, the duties at the centre are varied.

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On the dry side there are statistics. Trail usage was down roughly 9% this year: 4609 hikers in 1983; 5079 hikers in 1982. About 500 more people hike the whole Trail than hike just parts of the Nimpkish-Pachena Bay Section. The season peaks in August. About 580 persons per month (besides hikers) use Pachena Bay.

The hikers have a few beefs. They complain about the seemingly endless stretches of mud, long steep ladders and strenuous cable car pulls. They hate the rain and the litter (which actually wasn't as bad as in past years). Once they arrive at the Information Centre after a grueling hike and hear such sweet things as Taxi? Taxi to Bamfield? Showers and a room? A beer and a burger? A store? Bamfield, you are indeed an oasis!

People come from all over to spend time on the Trail. For the last few years the main four geographic areas of hikers who come are:

- From the Lower Mainland - 28.5%
- From Vancouver Island - 26.7%
- From Alberta - 8.8%
- From Germany - 7%

Joan Rosenberg left her position September 2nd for Calgary. She will be missed. Liz Spence has taken over as Information Centre Attendant. It's been a busy month for her what with two Zodiac patrols of the Trail with the Warden Service, and an archeology course of the Broken Group Islands with the Bamfield Marine Station. Welcome aboard Liz.

Walter Hegstrom keeps busy out at Pachena Bay too. His knowledge of the Trail and his company are very much appreciated.

Then there is me, four years as Supervisor at the Centre. Bamfielders, thank you for serving (Continued on Page 27)
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hikers, and for your friendliness.
If you have the inclination to
back pack next year and need some
tips—drop by the West Coast Trail
Information Centre. The season
runs from May 10th to September
30th each year.

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YOUNG SALMON GROW A LOT FASTER
WITH A LITTLE SEWAGE IN THE WATER
(excerpted from the Aug. 11th
Times-Colonist)

VANCOUVER (CP) Federal re-
searchers have discovered that
young salmon exposed to limited
amounts of sewage grow much
faster than fish raised in un-
contaminated water.

"There's a huge difference,"
Ian Birtwell, head of the govern-
ment's salmon habitat research
section, said Tuesday during a
tour of test facilities at the
Greater Vancouver Regional Dis-
trict's Lona Island sewage treat-
ment plant.

"We didn't anticipate the
growth rates we attained. But
whether or not those fish are
healthier, we have yet to deter-
mine."

Testing during the next month
will show whether the larger fish
can successfully adapt to sea
water—as they would under natural
conditions—and whether they are
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more susceptible to marine diseases. Birtwell said his study required water pumped from the north arm of the Fraser River and between 6,000 and 10,000 young Chinook salmon. The salmon were separated and placed in four tanks—one containing no sewage, one with one percent sewage, another with five percent sewage and the last with 15 percent sewage. While all salmon exposed to the highest amount died, those in lesser amounts survived. Surprisingly, after the 50-day test period, the salmon in five percent sewage weighed an average 22 grams, 37.5% more than the 16 gram average for fish in sewage-free water.

The district is assisting the federal government study on the effects of municipal sewage on young salmon, at an estimated cost of $150,000 to $200,000. Birtwell noted that sewage levels near the Long Island plant could easily exceed 15 per cent. The plant discharges a daily average of 266 million litres, but can reach more than 1.3 billion litres.

Industrial contaminants farther up the Fraser possibly posed a greater risk to fish, Birtwell said.
Dear Friends in Bamfield,

As most of you know, Peter, Vashni and I will be leaving Bamfield the middle of October. Peter has been chosen to be the principal of Wickaninnish Elementary School in Tofino. We have really enjoyed our time in Bamfield—the friendly people, the natural beauty and of course the school children. We leave with many fond memories and hope to visit Bamfield in the future.

Colleen Skipper

School News

A Student Council has been elected as follows:

President: Annette Charles
Vice-President: Tammy Nookumis
Treasurer: Tony Christney
Secretary: Arlene Nookumis
Grade 4-8 Class Rep.: Joanne Bowker
Grade 3 Class Rep.: Marlene Williams

The school has its own Apple II computer. As soon as the new teachers arrive lessons in use of the computer will be given.

The Intramural Teams, Cougars vs. Falcons have begun competing for athletic, academic and citizenship points again.

Falcons: 03 Cougars: 06

BAMFIELD WEATHER REPORT

by Peter Janitsis

A fair amount of some sunshine in September, all 23 days of it. Measurable precipitation on 13 days, totalling 88.8 mm, 3.5". Average of 5.17" for the month of September. Our total rainfall for the year by the end of the month is 2,282.6 mm or 89.89 inches. Temperature-wise, the high (Continued on Page 30)
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for the month was 26°C or 79°F, on the 21st. The Low was -2°C or 28°F on the 26th. Our mean maximum was 17°C or 63°F; our mean minimum was 8.5°C or 47°F; the mean temperature for the month was 12.8°C or 55°F.

Last year the mean temperature for September was 15.7°C or 60°F, which means as it seems it was a nice month for September this year, but last year was better!

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JIM’S CONTROVERSY COLUMN

by James Ferris

The peace and quiet of Fall and Winter are again with us. The season of sun seems so short, we have again survived the tourist season without too many scars.

The fishing season was, from all I hear, pretty bad for most. Fishing for a living seems less and less viable. The shrimpers are getting a few and the clam opening should help some, but still a pretty miserable season.

Congratulations to Trish McPhee for her fine effort in organizing the Bamfield Centennial Celebration--a lot of work and fine results.

The campground near South Bamfield seems a dead issue, at least for the present. There is no question about our need for some facility to absorb the load during the tourist season but sober and serious thought should go into any plan to develop our area.

The representative of the consulting firm that conducted (Continued on Page 31)
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a survey of tourist impact in our region visited our last Community Affairs meeting— I am sure that his intentions were good. He was, however, totally out of touch with our problems here in Bamfield. The suggestion that tourists visit Bamfield to enjoy a real West Coast Winter Storm seems to me rather unrealistic.
He did, however, have some very pretty and colorful charts.

The Tourist Information Centre will close soon, at least for the season. It was, in my opinion, a success and a needed service for our summer visitors.

Peter Skipper has transferred to another and larger school. He and his family will leave soon. His stay here was short and we wish him success in his new school. It does seem to me that it would be nice to have some stability in the school. The principals seem to come and go at an alarming rate, using Bamfield as a stepping stone to better things. That seems fine for the teachers, but tough on the kids.

I would like your views regarding whatever subject you feel strongly about. How would you like to see Bamfield develop? What do you think of the future of the fishing industry? Do you love tourists? How do you feel? Drop me a line and tell me.

BAMFIELD MARINE STATION NEWS
by Jacquie Lee

The busy summer season ended at BMS only to be quickly replaced by a busy field trip program. As of October 4th we are hosting our 10th trip this fall with groups from Victoria, Vancouver, Power River and Calgary. Many local residents have also had a chance to participate in

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some aspects of our field trip program. A trip organized through the University of Victoria Extension program brought a group of 40 retired people to Bamfield. On Thursday, September 22nd, the group hosted an afternoon tea which was attended by many long-time residents of Bamfield. The tea was enormously enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Irma Cashin for her assistance in getting supplies.

BMS is also offering its own field trips for the first time this fall, both of which have had local attendance. On September 15-19 we held "The Human History and Natural History of the Broken Group Islands", with Dr. Jim Haggerty of the B.C. Provincial Museum as the "official" field trip leader, though much input was also provided by the participants. The group spent two nights camping on Clarke Island, visiting archaeological sites during the day and then some time here at the station discussing interpretation of their observations and learning some of the natural history of marine organisms.

Our biggest local success was the West Coast Mushroom Workshop on October 1st, instructed by Dr. Bob Bandoli from UBC. Fifteen residents and three visitors spent the day combing the woods for mushrooms, which were brought back to the lab for identification. A surprising 70-plus species were found, with Randy Robertson by far the champion collector.

The success of this workshop prompted the possibility of holding other workshops on a variety of topics geared for Bamfield residents. Your input as to ideas and enthusiasm would be most appreciated.

As a note of biological interest, the bloom of large brown jellyfish seen in the inlet lately are Chrysaora melanoleuca, and they do not sting.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Report from

Bob Skelly YOUR MLA

With all the controversy surrounding the July 7th Socred budget and the accompanying package of legislation, the economic circumstances of B.C. have received less attention. I suspect that many British Columbians would prefer that more attention was paid by government to our economic prospects, and less to engendering confrontation among our citizens.

In other words, many British Columbians are saying that the government would be better to leave human rights, rent control, child abuse programs, municipal government and medical care services alone and concentrate on producing jobs and income in B.C.

Whatever else that can be said about the Socred Budget and legislation, it has not created jobs. This is especially true in the private sector, where B.C. businesses must bear much of the brunt of cutbacks and the disruption they have caused.

For example, new employment statistics were released on September 9th which show that unemployment in B.C. increased in the first full month following the budget.

This increase contrasts with the rest of Canada where unemployment has been dropping. The fragile recovery which has begun throughout Canada has been stalled in B.C.

In the month of August, 5,000 British Columbians joined the ranks of the unemployed, while unemployment was dropping across the rest of Canada.

In Canada, only Newfoundland and New Brunswick, traditional "have not" provinces, have higher unemployment rates than B.C.

One in four of our young people are out of work. This alarming statistic does not include the flood of young people who are entering colleges and universities to gain skill training at a time when there are simply no jobs available for them.

There is a danger that there will continue to be no jobs for them in years ahead unless the government finally takes the challenge of job creation seriously.

The government says that its new budget proposals will be attractive to business, because business wants government spending reduced.
They are gambling, in other words, that business people who support the budget will vote with their investment dollars and create jobs in B.C.

Meanwhile, strong opposition has been generated among Catholic and Protestant churches, community groups, working people and some professional groups. Increasingly in B.C., the joint commitment to a core level of public service and social justice has been dissolved. In its place arises the appearance of confrontation.

Information is trickling in that the effect of this confrontation may be harmful to the economy. This is certainly true in the brief period since the budget; one hopes it will not be true over the longer term.

The economic recovery in Canada is fragile; in B.C. it is stalled.

Perhaps there is a lesson here in the art of government. Getting into a scrap with fellow British Columbians — with whom we all share a common fate — does not seem to be an ingredient in the recipe for economic recovery.
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