

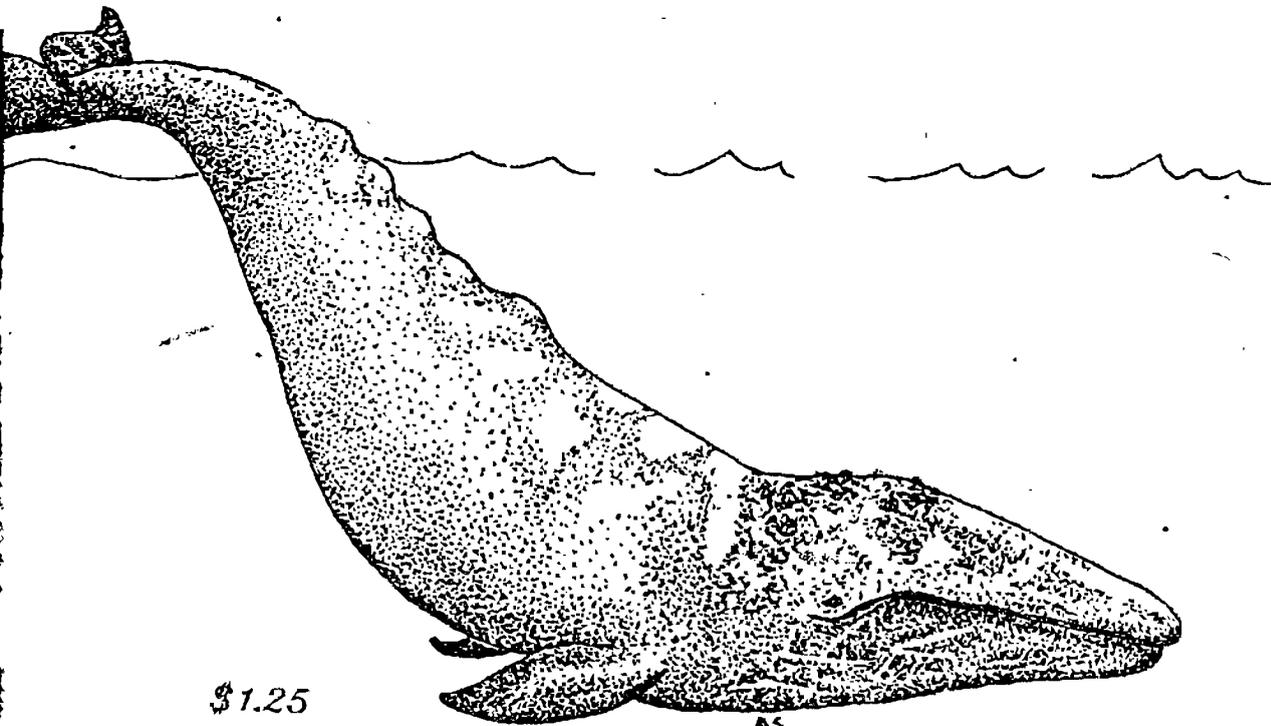
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by
Jeanne Ferris, Co-editor

Picture it. Sicily, 1922. A young girl is lying on a remote and beautiful beach, only a short walk away from the home her parents built. Two men in business suits come along the trail and stand looking at the ocean. She's hidden by a log so they can't see her but she can hear them. They're talking about development: roads, concessions, condominiums, profits. One says to the other, "The nice thing about a beach is, you can always squeeze in another thousand." Picture It. Bamfield, 1989.

In March the swallows return to Capistrano, Persephone is allowed out, and the whales surge past Barkley Sound in the thousands, heading north again. Norbie and Eva at Cape Beale Light can watch from their warm and cozy living room as the whales swim past.

Here in Bamfield Inlet we can watch the herring and the squid coming in to spawn, and even catch a few. One of my most memorable experiences was watching a sea lion chase squid underwater. We were at the East Dock, it was a dark, clear night with the Dock light illuminating the water down a

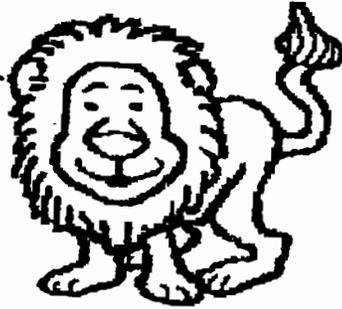
fathom or more. Several kids, some students from the Marine Station and maybe even Leonard were on the dock with those fish hooks that look like upside down umbrellas, jigging for squid. Suddenly an enormous black shadow swept past under us without breaking the water surface. He or she was after the squid too, speeding like a freight train underwater, with such uncanny, liquid grace--the stuff dreams are made of.

The gray whale on this month's cover was drawn by Anne Stewart, as part of a commission for the Marine Station, and lent to us by them. Thank you to both. Anne and Linda Haylock will be exhibiting their latest watercolors, as part of the Group of 8 in Vancouver over the long Easter week-end. They'll be displayed in the Van Dusen Gardens; what better place for a group of naturalists and artists.

Thank you again to Dr. John and the others at the Marine Station who brought live Dixieland Jazz to Bamfield. It was a night to remember. Jim proposed marriage to the drummer, Diamond Tooth Molly, at least twice! I hope the group liked Bamfield enough to come back again sometime.

Feeling bored? Try the model airplane!

BARKLEY SOUNDER



March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

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WINTER



BAMFIELD WEATHER

By
Peter Janitis

For us the weather in February was to some extent Calgary. No snow, no gold medals. Mother Nature sympathized with our athletes. God! if I were only younger again.

The weather here in February can be very nasty. As for rain, in 1961 we had 30.75 inches. This year a mere 10.57

inches. Average for the month is 12.8 inches.

There were 23 days with the wet stuff, just as if Mother Nature was only participating but not performing. Just like Calgary.

TEMPERATURES

There were eight days with freezing or below. Minus 5.0°C on the first. As for highs, three days of 15°C. These temperatures were on the 27th, 28th and 29th. They were also the high temperatures for the country.

Mean Maximum was 9.53°C

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CAPE BEALE WEATHER
by
Norbie Brand
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TEMPERATURES

Mean Maximum ... 9.2°C

Mean Minimum ... 4.5°C

Temperature extremes for the month were 14°C on February 28th and -3.5°C on February 1st.

PRECIPITATION

There were 224.2 mm (8.7 inches) of rain. There were 7 days without measurable precipitation.

1987

There were 308 mm (12.1 inches) of precipitation in 1987. This is a little more than this year but nearer normal for the month. It was a bit warmer in 1987.

DUTCH APPLE CAKE

by
Eva Brand

3/4 c warm water
1 tsp. sugar
1 T. yeast (or 1 pk)
2 T. butter or margarine
1/4 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 - 2 c. flour
1 egg, beaten
1 1/2 c. apple slices, cooked or steamed until tender
2 T. brown sugar
1/4 tsp. cinnamon, nutmeg
2 T. butter or margarine

CONFECTIONER'S SUGAR FROSTING

1/2 c. icing sugar
1/4 tsp. vanilla
enough milk to make spreadable

Measure water into large bowl. Stir in sugar and yeast. Let stand 10 minutes, then stir. Meanwhile, melt butter, stir in sugar and salt. Add to yeast mixture. Add egg and 1 cup flour. Beat until smooth. Add enough of remaining flour to make a stiff batter.

Spread into a 9" square pan. Arrange apple slices on top. Sprinkle with mixed brown sugar and spices, dot with remaining butter. Cover. Let rise until double, about 1 hour. Bake at 400°F. about 25 minutes. Let stand in pan 10 minutes, then remove, cool and drizzle with frosting.



IN MY OPINION

by

James Ferris, co-editor

I received the following letter this month, and want to print it here because it is such a lovely one.

Dear Mr. Ferris:

I long ago learned to bear guilt for my parents' conduct and now my children's. They are after all the same gene pool (in the case of my sons, also a Jean pool).

But, to be cursed with the sins of my word processor is too much. The cursed machine dropped out 6 words that changed our intentions by 180 degrees.

In asking the Community to nominate to our Board, our President, Penny Barr intended to say "Neither is it our intention to interfere with your organization's right to select representatives of your choice."

In atonement, I would be pleased to submit a verbal report to the Community if space can be found on the

agenda of your forthcoming Community Affairs meeting.

Honestly yours,

John Olsen

Coordinator

Alberni-Clayoquot

Development Society

Isn't that a nice letter? I can sympathize with Mr. Olsen. My word processor does things like that to me all the time. I am lucky that Jeanne proof-reads everything that I write or type, so the major goofs are usually caught before getting on these pages.

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The water system extension is finished, and the clean up work on the road is really well done. The shoulders are a trifle soft. When I was driving home today, I saw a small red pick-up truck sitting on the shoulder up to its goo-goo's in mud. Until we get some dry weather, this will be a continuing hazard. If you are driving on Imperial Eagle Drive (a.k.a. South Bamfield Road and Passamaquoddy Way), be careful to stay in the middle. (How you do that if you meet another vehicle I can't imagine.) Anyway, stay away from the side of the road where the water line was laid.

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Leith Boulter compares Bamfield with Nanaimo, Brigadoon and Camelot in his column this month. How about Peyton Place?

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The new Lady Rose schedule is elsewhere in this paper. For those of you wondering about the reasons for the change, I understand it is to accommodate Whale Watchers who want to come here from Vancouver or wherever. It will keep them hanging around Harbor Quay for a while, hopefully spending money there. It will also tie in with the Bamfield Inn Whale Watching promotion, since it will give those who take the ferry from the Mainland time to get to Port Alberni to catch the Lady Rose. Since they will arrive in Bamfield too late to go whale watching that day, it will give them an opportunity to explore Bamfield and environs and perhaps spend some money here.

However, there are many local residents who will be inconvenienced by the new hours. It will make it impossible for those who want to catch the bus in Port Alberni to do so. It will also affect the mail, since it will arrive in Bamfield late and make sorting in time for delivery that day difficult. (I understand that Mary will

change the hours on Tuesday to help alleviate the problem.)

It seems to me that changes in public transportation that are going to have an effect on the community should be made known as early as possible, so that those affected can make adjustments to compensate for the changes.

I am sure that the operators of the Lady Rose have the right to make the decisions they have made. It's too bad that more thought wasn't given to making the switch as painless as possible for Bamfield and the other groups on the Canal that are serviced by the Lady Rose.

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Letters to the Editors

February 17, 1988

Dear Residents of Bamfield:

Having never written a letter to the Barkley Sounder before, and feeling slightly shy about making a public statement, I will nonetheless introduce myself and give my reasons for writing.

My name is Amy Phillips, and I was born in Bamfield in January of 1955. This was a time when there was no road access at all to Bamfield and "in and outs" were by boat or floatplane only. We lived on the east side - my father built one of the first vehicles that rocketed back and forth on the trail from the Cable Station to the Lineman's Cabin. The road link was an issue then and is now: how far? how good? through where? All are questions which want and need our input as Bamfield goes through its inevitable growth. Although we moved when I was 8, Bamfield has remained a second home to me and as an adult I find myself co-owner of a piece of west side property with my brother and sister.

It's ALL these things which have prompted me to write. I can say "I remember

when there was no road link to Bamfield"; could be the next generation will say "I remember when the only way to get to the west side was by boat" - all these are questions which demand serious thought by those of us who know and love Bamfield. Too often opinions are only exchanged on the boardwalk, in the store or on the back trail. Shouldn't all of us who care and have something to say take advantage of an organization which allows us to voice our views and concerns? I've posted my \$10.00 membership fees to the Bamfield Preservation and Development Society and feel good about the fact that I'll have a say in the destiny of our coastal home.

Sincerely,

Amy A. Phillips

P.S. Marc agrees...

Most of you who live in Bamfield and vicinity have heard the local FM radio station during the past few months. For many Bamfield residents it has been the only radio station that provided a good, clear noise-free program.

Initially, it rebroadcast a satellite-relayed program from a Newfoundland radio station chain. Oddly enough, it was via the Newfoundland news programs that we here in Bamfield first learned of a possible tsunami late last fall. However, in response to listener requests, programming was switched to the satellite-relayed signal from a popular Vancouver station, and that has been the fare for some time now.

Unfortunately, it appears that not all Bamfielders are in favor of having a local radio station. A complaint was lodged with the Department of Communications by a local resident to the effect that the local station had at one time interfered with Channel 6 TV reception. The complaint named me as the operator of the station. No attempt was made to contact me prior to filing the complaint.

What my friend did not know was that I had consulted both the Dept. of Communica-

tions and the CRTC prior to commencing the test transmissions. However, perhaps I was mistaken in thinking that a community radio station would be welcome in Bamfield. My reasons for starting it were three-fold:

(a) To provide emergency news bulletins and information to the community in times of emergency.

(b) To provide interference-free radio reception of Vancouver station programming to Bamfield and vicinity.

(c) To carry locally-originated programming for an hour or so each week. School concerts, Lady Rose arrival times, and other matters of local interest, for example.

Technical preparations for this last have just been completed. We were fortunate enough to acquire a studio-quality remote link facility, and the necessary technical modifications are done. However, in view of the complaint, and as sufficient testing has been done to prove the feasibility of the project, I have no option but to shut the station down until legal operation can be resumed. I regret this, particularly as community-originated programming would have started in two weeks.



During my initial talks with the CRTC, it was pointed out that when it came time to apply for the formal license, a local Society would be the best way to go. The license must be issued in the name of a community organization. This is something that could perhaps be explored at the upcoming Community Affairs meeting on March 14th, unless an existing Society is willing to proceed. I will be happy to provide details to any interested parties.

To our regular listeners, "Sorry, folks." To my friend, the very best of British luck!

Fred Welland

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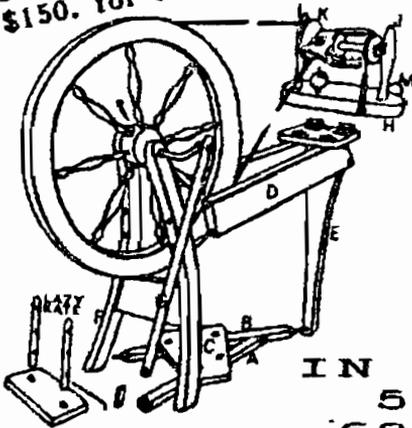


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REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

by

Al Benton, Regional Director

This month I have only good news for you. The water system extension has been completed on time and on budget. I won't have an exact cost breakdown for you for a couple of months yet -- we still have to run the underwater line to the West side. That will probably be done in April, and by that time we should also know how much of an additional grant we will get from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The only thing that I can tell you for sure right now is that we will borrow less than the authorized \$65,000.

One other item which I would like to clear up from last month's column was my statement that (regarding road access to West Bamfield) "...only a small minority are satisfied with the status quo." My faithful editor added (28%) after that statement, but I was not referring to the 28% that said no to the petition as being a small minority. All of those that I have talked to who oppose a road agree that some type of legal access is vital for the west side. There may be some people who feel that

the status quo (no legal access for equipment, etc.) is satisfactory, but they are a very small minority.

The Regional Board received a reply to our request for a survey and feasibility study of the road proposal which said that they might get around to it in the future. I therefore had a letter sent to Highways in Victoria and to Stan Hagen, the Minister responsible for the Vancouver Island development region repeating the request. I would like to re-emphasize at this point that I am neither a supporter nor an opponent of the road. I am only responding to a request from you, my constituents, and trying to obtain some solid data so that we can objectively evaluate the options.

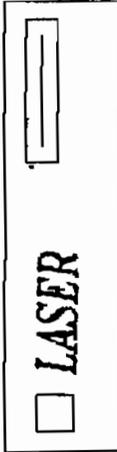
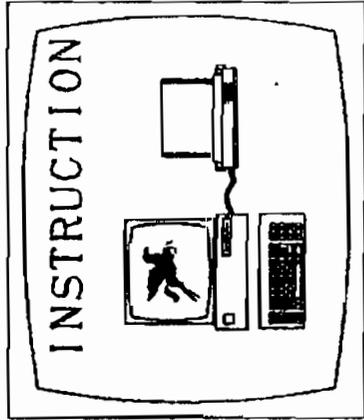
Jim suggested last month that there should have been a public meeting before I had the Board request a study. I feel that we need some data before we have a meeting. Emotional rantings are the only likely outcome of any meeting that has no solid proposals before it. I assure you that there will be a public meeting as soon as I have something for you to look at, and before any irrevocable action is taken.

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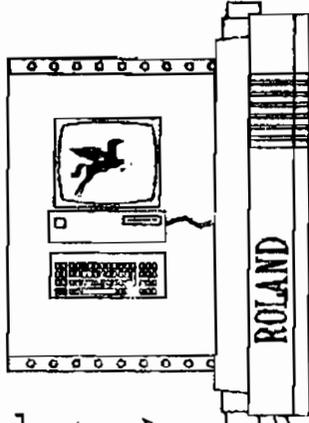
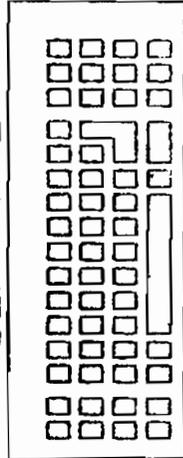
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COMMUNITY HALL ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 1988

by
Pat Garcia

The Hall directors must be performing well by the disinterest in the Annual Meeting! We had our quorum of five (5) members and four (4) directors so were able to conduct the A.G.M. and business.

The executive for 1988 are Pat Garcia, President; Eileen Scott, Vice President; Bev McInerney, Treasurer and Lorraine Hegstrom, Secretary.

Directors are Irma Cashin, Sheila Chambers, Kathy Klein, Hedy Demontigny, Agnes Caravatti, Rick McLeod, Sherron Dunsmore, John McInerney and Al Burger.

Under new business the 1988 audit was left to the discretion of the Directors. A special resolution was carried "that the Annual meeting be held once in a calendar year". This came about when we applied for a bingo license and found we weren't in good standing because our annual meeting and reports were not held in January as registered with the Society's Act. With the new resolution we have no formal date.

Following the AGM a short directors' meeting was held to plan a dance for April 9. Very shortly we will be starting our membership drive.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO
BANFIELD COMMUNITY HALL A.G.M.

Members and guests, welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Banfield Community Hall.

Another hard working year for the Directors, getting functions organized to be successful. Although our revenue is down from '86 we can be proud of our bank balance and the fact that the Hall continues to be used by many.

Ten Directors were elected in 1987 and of these three have left the community- Danny McNab, Dale Burke and Warren Oliver. We are grateful for their participation while Directors and we wish them well. We held five directors' meetings through 1987.

Since December 31, 1986 we have had approximately 47 bingo's, five dances, a pot luck supper, The Fall Fair, and the Member's Christmas Party. We also held a great July 1st Picnic at Pachena Bay which included an inner tube race down the Pachena River.

Hall rentals included the Regional Board's public hearings and Court of Revision, the School Board election, 2 dances, the Craft Fair, Red Cross Carnival and 2 local organization meetings.

Community interest activities for which no rental is charged included Playschool twice a week, basketball, Community Affairs Meetings, U.C.W. Potluck Suppers, the School Concert and Santa Claus treats and the Children's Halloween Party. A donation was made towards the fireworks and the Children's Park fund.

Repairs and maintenance were not accomplished this year. The few that were prepared to volunteer their time just didn't have the energy. There is a motion on the books and agreed to by the Church Board that the north wall be painted and the south wall be sheathed-in and painted. Hopefully this year. So far we haven't come up with the extension plans. The piano has always been a pain to move from the Church to the Hall but this Christmas it was a breeze, thanks to Ostrom's bracing it and putting on castors.

Memberships were down for 1987 - 12 families, down 3; 19 couples, down 4; 23 singles, down 9 and 8 seniors, down 5.

As I have always said, it takes many hours of volunteer time and hard work to keep the Hall functioning and to be able to have community interest activities without charge. I especially want to thank the Directors for their time and efforts.

Regretfully I have to say that Judy Gray, who has been Treasurer since 1984, has decided to leave the Community Hall as a director. I say regretfully because Judy has been one of our foremost workers for the Hall as well as doing a very capable job as treasurer. We will miss her involvement. Thanks so much, Judy.

To members and non-members who have donated time, jobs, money and foods to the Hall and to all supporting our functions, very many thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garcia

President

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE

by

Bob Skelly, M.L.A.

PROBE INTO COQUIHALLA CORRUPTION IS ESSENTIAL

With the Spring session now underway, New Democrat MLA's are gearing up for spirited debate in the legislature on a number of contentious issues.

At the top of the agenda will be a renewed call for a special committee to probe deeper into Coquihalla corruption. The massive coverup and scandal that rocked the province is a shocking affront to all British Columbians. And we believe that the public interest won't be served until political culpability is determined.

Although a government commission completed late last year accuses Social Credit politicians and their staff of deceit and prevarication on the bogus bookkeeping of Coquihalla, no fingers were pointed at individuals.

The commission states: "The legislature was avoided, the legislature was misled by the documents presented to it, the true costs were not reported in a forthright way. These deliberate and planned

actions were politically motivated and designed to give the impression that the Coquihalla was on budget."

The bare-bones outline sketched in by the commission-scathing as it is - is not enough. British Columbians need to know the full picture of who was involved in the multi-million dollar overruns.

Premier Vander Zalm's off-the-cuff response to New Democrat's call for an expanded inquiry was negative. The premier says he doesn't want a "witch-hunt" or "further mud-stirring."

That's an outrageous response, especially considering the secretive, back-room deal atmosphere that pervaded the Coquihalla scandal. By trying to sweep the affair under the rug, Vander Zalm stands guilty of perpetuating the terrible legacy of his Social Credit cohorts.

The spectacle of a premier who refuses to look at the squandering of public funds is hardly surprising. This is a premier whose policies blame innocent victims such as hungry school kids and the less fortunate in our society. But the game rules change for those in power, as in the Coquihalla case.

It is essential that the government come clean on the culprits who swindled British Columbians out of tax dollars that could have provided better health and welfare services. Money that could have created more jobs. Money that could have ensured children weren't going to school hungry.

Just as important, British Columbians need a guarantee that such flagrant misuse of public funds and assaults on our democratic traditions never happens again.

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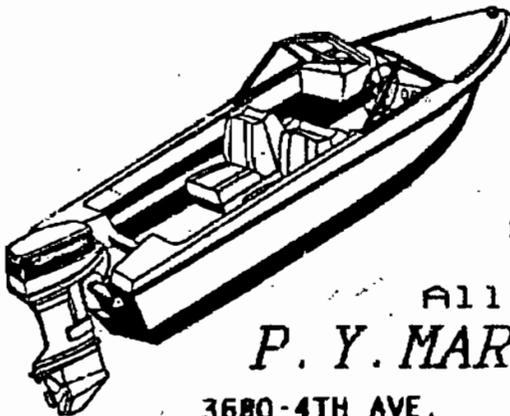
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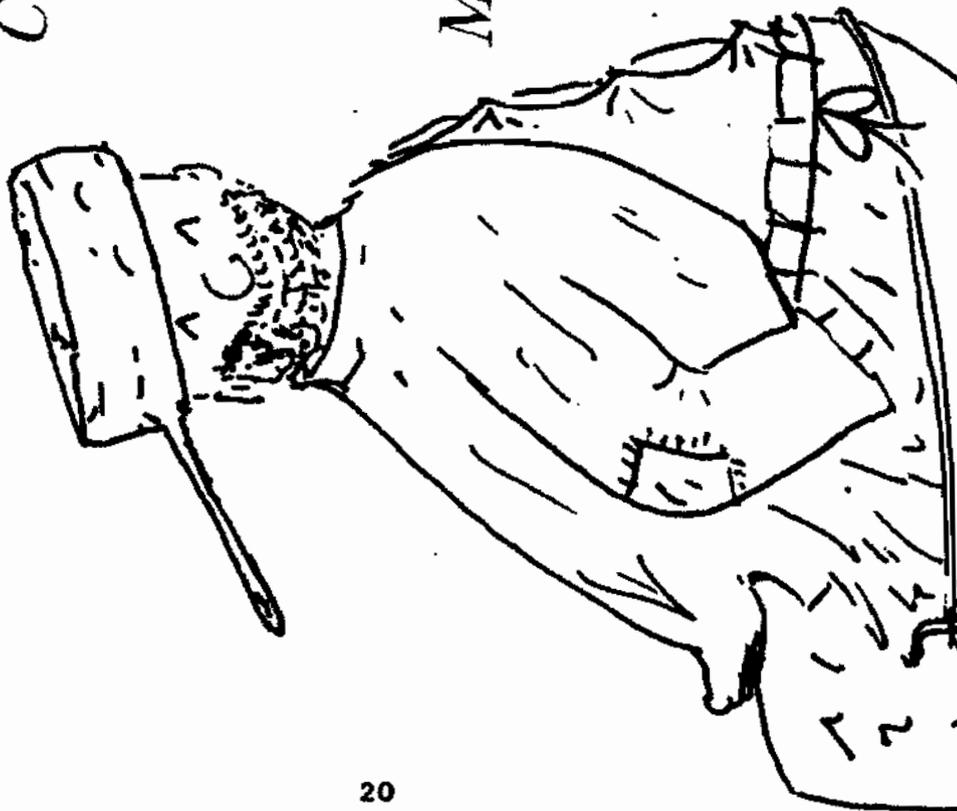
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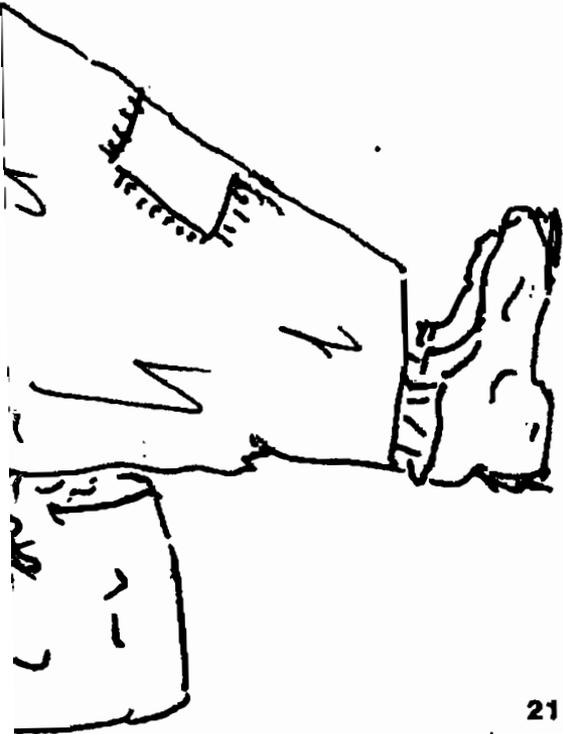
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In Memory of
Alec McKay
by
Ebba Jennings

Almost ninety-three years ago, a child was born on Hand Island, a second son to James and Annie McKay. James was employed in the construction of the telegraph line from Victoria to Cape Beale Light House, where he met Annie in 1890. Annie was one of three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Cox, who were the Keepers of the light.

After James and Annie were married they settled on Hand Island, where they opened a trading post.

Around 1900 work commenced for the eventual construction of the Cable Station at Bamfield and the McKays moved to Bamfield, building a large home on the western shore of the upper part of Bamfield Inlet. A home called Pioneer House for a family of 3 children - Jimmy, Alec and Annie. A home that gave shelter to many that passed through the community, be it by canoe, sealing vessel or steamer. No one was ever turned away and hospitality was extended to the workers and

staff alike at the Cable Station.

I expect it was by oar and sail that Jimmy and Alec would come across from Hand Island with father James to see the progress of land clearing at the Station. Alec once said that that was the first time he had ever seen alder cones and remembered how they intrigued him as a boy.

With the move of the McKee's from the trading post at Dodger's Cove to next door to the McKay's, there were children for playmates and almost enough for Bamfield's first school. It was a tiny, one room building on the hill behind Pioneer House. It was called Emanuel School. The "almost" meant one more student was needed. According to Alec, Georgie Johnson, father of Ralph, was persuaded to make up the numbers needed.

As a child Alec and brother Jimmy were helpers, bringing the cows grazing on the Pachena River flats back through a trail via the meadows, around South Bamfield, across near our place, and up to the floats at the head of Grappler Creek for the winter. Perhaps this fresh milk helped Alec achieve his 92 years!

When the war broke out Alec went overseas with the Canadian Army and was stationed in England.

Returning after the war, he went north and was engineer on several boats until his father's illness in the 30's. He then returned to operate the Imperial Oil Station on the point on Burlo Island.

Following the move of this station he bought the Nolda and started a charter passenger service to Port Alberni. The cost was \$10.00 for the charter, one to six persons and your choice of departure time. He chose the return time, which was around 4 o'clock at the very latest. He wanted to run the upper gauntlet of the canal in daylight and avoid the floating debris and deadheads, which were common in those days. There were times during the war years when he logged a trip nearly every other day and sometimes daily. He thought a faster boat might be the answer and bought the Flying Tiger, however it wasn't the answer and he sold it and continued with the Nolda. The people and expectant mothers who travelled via the Nolda are scattered far and wide. Twice at least he raced against the stork.

Due to various factors he decided to close his charters

to Port Alberni, except for July and August, and to apply for the school boat charter in the fall of 1947.

Alec never had any trouble with the kids on the boat - he had a rare gift with young people and had many under his wing. In his quiet way, he soon taught them that misbehavior was unacceptable. He spanned two generations of young folk, hiking, trout fishing, hunting, camping, boating, swimming, berry picking and skating if the swamp froze. In 1964 he was honored at a dinner at the school, given by the students for teachers and parents.

It was a sad night when Pioneer House went up in smoke. Along with his family home and his belongings, a history of early days was lost forever. However, before long a panabode was erected that suited his needs and this became his cozy home until it was time for residency at Fir Park Village in Port Alberni.

He did come back for visits and a sail on his boat but was happy to return to his new home in the village. He enjoyed its activities, the companionship and, if he so chose, the privacy of his room. He spoke highly of the Village, and never regretted the move.

Alec was happy to be among those honored at Bamfield's Centennial Celebration in 1967. He received a centennial coin and spoon and a Pioneer Citizen Medallion from the B.C. Government.

His sister died from illness during the First World War, his father in 1945 at the age of 76. His mother died in 1956 at the age of 86 and his brother Jimmy in 1974 at the age of 82.

We knew he was gradually failing and his sight had become dim. We were saddened that one more link in the pioneer history of this community was broken, but we were grateful that his passing was peaceful and quiet and sudden in his 92nd year.

Sympathy is extended to his next of kin, his brother's children Anne Murray, Jimmy McKay, Alec McKay, Doris, Rosena and Donnie McKay and their children and grandchildren, some of whom make Bamfield their part-time home.

There are a host of friends and schoolmates who will remember him, together with many young people for whom he was 'Uncle Alec'.

My memories stretch from childhood to adult years, including memories of picnics and activities with his nieces

and nephews who came to visit grandparents for their holidays. They include the time of my marriage and his presence as godfather for my firstborn. I remember, too, the emergency runs on the Nolda for family to the Port Alberni hospital, the birthday suppers and shared Christmases.

Farewell, "R.A." We hope some of your gentle manner and integrity rubbed off into our souls over the years. You will be missed.

Services of remembrance will be held at a later date.

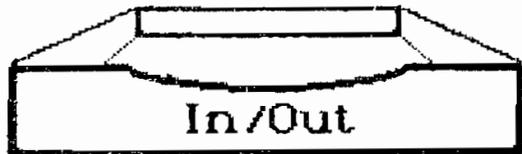


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THE BMS FISH PEN

by
Jacquie Lee

There has been a lot of curiosity about this pen at the south float of the Marine Station so I thought I'd let you know what's going on.

Steelhead trout (*Salmo gairdnerii*) are an anadromous fish species. The young hatch in fresh water and remain in fresh water for 2-3 years then migrate to the sea where they remain for 2-3 years before returning to fresh water as spawning adults. This is similar to the life cycle of salmon but unlike salmon, not all Steelhead die after spawning. In some areas up to 31% return to spawn a second time and some even spawn a third time.

Post-spawned Steelhead show a very high incidence of atherosclerotic heart disease wherein fatty lesions occur on the inner surfaces of the arteries. These areas are easily ruptured and the protruding fatty deposits can cause blood clots to develop thus it can be a fatal condition. [This is a common condition in humans known as atherosclerosis or "hardening of the arteries"]. When these post-spawned Steelhead return

to the ocean, the atherosclerosis seems to reverse itself and the lesions heal. The mechanism by which this process is reversed has important medical implications. The project at BMS is the first step in trying to isolate this mechanism.

On March 1st, 100 Steelhead trout which had returned to spawn at Robertson Creek Hatchery were brought to Bamfield and put in a fish pen at BMS to mimic their return to sea. This stock will be sampled periodically to monitor the condition of their heart arteries and the results of this study will establish the feasibility of future work. This work is being conducted by Dr. Tony Farrell and staff of Simon Fraser University.

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and a soft-white, faceless face,
and I, in my ship,
watch the eerie blip
of radar, evading the hunter.

The feel of fog
is the primitive sound
of silent planets cocooned
in pristine mists,
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of predators dread,
and the mind remembers !

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This will make it possible for you to still get your mail on Tuesday, since the Post Office is closed on Wednesday. Hours on other days will remain the same.

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LEITH BOULTER

After reading last month's *Sounder* it suddenly hit me. This month is the start of my fourth year in these pages. All I can say to that is: *Tempus sure does fugit!* It seems like only yesterday that Jeanne visited Nanaimo and I guided her (I almost wrote "husbanded" before realizing the danger in using that innocently-intended word) through the portals of the various local media, and she sweet-talked me into becoming a contributor.

On a subsequent visit Jim was along and I took him on a nostalgic tour through my old videotapes of World War 2 musical shows that had been reissued by PBS.

From these visits and from perusal of later issues of the *Sounder*, I came to believe your community to be an everyday version of Brigadoon. Or maybe Camelot.

But over time my fantasy settled into the reality that Bamfield is little more than a smaller version of Nanaimo. We have the same arguments about roads, liquor licenses, the failure of successive councils to perform to the satisfaction of all constituents, etc.

Among latter-day arrivals there are some who accept nature's beauty and our facilities, and others who bring with them either a natural bent for controversy or a desire to resist all progress from here on.

In the case of Bamfield I am torn between replacing my blinkers, or accepting that for only one day each hundred years does a Brigadoon setting materialize to the view of outsiders. My mental processes remind me of when I was a child and those blinkers began coming off to reveal the harsh reality of the world I was in.

Last night I dreamed that I had gone back in time. Upon asking a younger version of a man I once knew what the date was he told me it was 1886. "I know," I responded, "But what date?" He answered, "August 9." In the dream I then realized my father had been born on March 5 of that year and that I was only about a quarter-mile from the site and only moments away from visiting him as a baby. It was a nice thought but I didn't make it. The scene changed. So this is probably a bad morning to write about reality. Especially as I am haunted by the unknown and not-likely-to-be-discovered

significance of the particular date of August 9, 1886. And there is no one around to ask.

Be that as it may, what has come out of it all is a renewed determination to get off my buttress, in summertime when the livin' is easy, and avail myself of the long-standing invitation to materialize in the Sounder setting and finally resolve the issue of Brigadoon/Camelot/Bamfield.

Rumor has it that the trip may have comparatively inaccessible stretches (as did Brigadoon) which will have to be endured unless I learn how to transport myself by the process of thought.

Since I too reside in an NDP-dominated riding I understand the road message fully. There is a price to be paid in order to upgrade roads. One honest and forthright cabinet minister has actually spelled it out ... in real words.

So while I sit here in front of my computer/word processor and try to separate fact from fiction while still retaining a measure of sanity (I think), do try to get your act together before I arrive so I can trumpet the message to the world that here, unrevealed, is the incarnation of the dream world heralded by Lerner and Loewe on stage and

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PHOTO CONTEST

The Pacific Rim Tourism Association is sponsoring a Photo Contest and a Regional Theme Contest. The photo contest will help to build an on going photo library for Regional Promotions. The library will be available for use by community groups for travel shows etc. A panel of five judges representing various areas of the region will select winners from three photo categories and one Regional Theme contest. The Prize structure is as follows;

1) Pacific Rim Scenery - this is to include Port Alberni, Tofino, Bamfield and Ucluelet areas.

1st prize - \$50 Meal Certificate from the Wick Inn.

2nd prize - Dinner for 2 at the Timberlodge

3rd prize - A 16 x 20 enlargement from Photo Express

2) Commercial Attractions - such as logging, fishing, boats, trucks, big fish, whale watching etc;

1st prize - 2 nights for 2 at the Bamfield Trails Motel

2nd prize - Dinner for 2 at the Loft

3rd prize - A return ticket to Bamfield on the Lady Rose

3) Well known tourist attractions - such as Harbour Quay, Lady Rose, Cathedral Grove, Wick Inn and other Historical sites and Old buildings

1st prize - 2 nights for 2 at the Pacific Sands

2nd prize - Dinner for 2 at the Canadian Princess

3rd prize - A portrait from Sooter Studios

All of these categories may include people as long as the primary category is observed.

4) Regional Theme Contest - This is to find a suitable Theme for our area. Entrants must take into consideration that this theme be Regional in nature and reflect the whole spectrum of our area; from the sparkling crystals on our lakes to the crashing surf, from tea in a rose garden to back packing the West Coast Trail,

and from a prize winning Bull Head to the Gentle Giants visiting our shores.

1) prize only - A 2 hour Nature Cruise from Kingfisher Marina in Bamfield and a book from Nootka House.

Photo's are to be submitted to the Regional District of Alberni Clayoquot Office or to The Maritime Museum/Whale Center in Tofino, The Bamfield Chamber of Commerce, located at the Kingfisher Marina in Bamfield, the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Info Centre at the Alberni Harbour Quay and the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce. Entry forms may also be picked up at the Association offices, 4586 Harbour Quay, Port Alberni.

The following rules apply to all entrants:

1) No entry fee or purchase necessary to enter.

2) Contest is open to everyone except professional photographers and employees of the Pacific Rim Tourism Association.

3) Contest closes Thursday, March 31, 1988.

4) Winners will be announced in the A.V. Times, The Barkley Sounder and the Westerly News.

5) Judging will be done by a panel of five judges.

6) Photos submitted may be mounted but not framed.

7) Photos submitted must be a minimum of 5 x 7 colour prints; Instant prints are not eligible.

8) Winners will be required to submit their negatives for re-printing purposes.

9) You accept these rules when you enter the contest.

10) Contestants must be 16 years of age or over.

11) Enter as many photos as you like. Good Luck!!!

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Chamber of Commerce Fireworks
by
Jeanne Ferris

In keeping with tradition, the Bamfield Chamber of Commerce meeting on Saturday, February 27th at the Bamfield Inn had some fiery moments.

Secretary Isabel Petch read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on January 30th and attended by 35 members. Pat Garcia noted the omission of the fact that President Bill Petch had allowed only those members who had paid their 1988 dues to vote. Fred Welland then asked to see the Chamber's by-laws, which Chairman Petch explained were not available as they were being amended by Bill Mather, who was unable to attend.

Several copies of the by-laws, apparently photocopied in 1984, were eventually produced. It was suggested that the Bamfield Chamber has never been an officially registered Chamber of Commerce in B.C., is not associated with any legally registered Chamber and is not incorporated. Further, the by-laws state that the Chairman can serve no longer than two years. A motion was made to look into these matters. Larry Myres volunteered to investigate the

obligations and fees involved in becoming an officially registered B.C. Chamber. Whether or not President Petch can remain in office was not resolved.

Pacific Rim Park

Jim Naysk, Director of Pacific Rim National Park, made the four hour drive from Ucluelet to speak to the Bamfield Chamber. Although Pacific Rim Park has existed for 18 years, it is not an official National Park. Mr. Naysk explained that there were over 3,000 separate parcels of land to be transferred to create Pacific Rim National Park. Forest, crown and private lands all had to go through the red tape of legal transfer. There are only 10 or 12 privately held properties to go, some of which are inherited lands owned by people who no longer live in Canada. Mr. Naysk and Parks look optimistically towards August 31, 1988 as the date by which all transfers will be accomplished and the gazetting process set in motion.

Marine Park

Also in the works is a plan to have a Pacific Rim Marine National Park adjacent to Pacific Rim National Park. The Marine designation allows

for certain commercial activities to continue. Fishing and transportation are two such activities.

PlanSearch consulting has been hired to construct a general plan for the Park. The Vancouver-based company would like input from Bamfield. Bill Petch of Kingfisher Charters and Larry Hawkins of the Tides and Trails Cafe were phoned by Nicole Bysner of PlanSearch. It was suggested that PlanSearch might send a representative to the Community Affairs Meeting on March 14th.

Several issues were addressed in the question and answer period following Mr. Naysk's talk.

West Coast Trail

There is no capital for further building or rerouting along the Trail this year. There will be some increase in maintenance along the route.

Camp Ross

Parks does not intend to operate or maintain the buildings in Camp Ross, and may remove them or give them away.

The Grass at Camp Ross

Parks does not intend to continue cutting the grass at Camp Ross. In picnic areas in National Parks the grass is not usually cut, to maintain a natural character. Parks cut the grass when the land was

shared by the Shantymen, under a contract which has expired. If requested, Parks may cut the grass for Bamfield's annual Sports Day or for Canada Day.

Trail Kiosk

Parks will consider extending the Kiosk hours at Camp Ross.

Mr. Naysk said there is "lots of merit" in moving the Parks Information Kiosk into Bamfield Centennial Park. However, Parks presently is quite happy at Camp Ross and cannot support a Kiosk at both locations. If Bamfield would like to advertise itself as "the village which sits on the West Coast Trail" and can justify moving this end of the Trail to Bamfield, Parks would consider moving the Kiosk, perhaps in 2 or 3 years.

Warden's House

The warden's house will be renovated over the next three years. Parks owns the house and land; use of the float is donated by Tom and Elaine Christian.

Inlet Properties

Members of the Bamfield Parks Commission attended the Chamber meeting to discuss the fate of the "Inlet Properties". Parks owns 7 acres with waterfront access in South Bamfield plus 15 acres across the road and behind this piece. Mr.

Naysk explained that the land was purchased before 'restraint' hit, and has no money for development. Pacific Rim Park is pursuing the idea of turning the land over to Bamfield Parks Commission to run "for public benefit".

Both the Federal and Provincial governments have

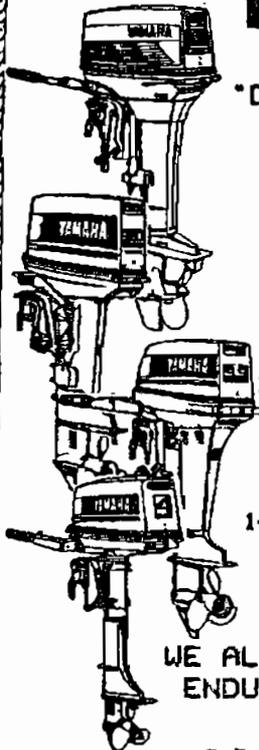
money invested in the lands. The Feds must return the lands to the Province, which then can give it to the Regional District, which then can allow Bamfield Parks to be responsible for creating a suitable parking area and managing it "for public benefit". There is no deadline on developing the

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land at present, and none would be imposed.

Tsunami Alert

When asked how Parks would handle a tsunami, Mr. Naysk confessed that he "gets into a panic" with these cases. The last tsunami warning came in the off-season when there were no hikers on the Trail. A helicopter flew the Trail, to warn hikers, and barriers were put up at Long Beach. Mr. Naysk said that a tsunami in July would be very difficult to handle. Pacific Rim Park covers a huge area of coastline and hundreds of islands, known collectively for years as "The Graveyard of the Pacific". In the event of such an emergency, he is authorized to do whatever is necessary to save lives.

Environment Week

Finally, Mr. Naysk mentioned that May 30 to June 6 is Environment Week. Federal monies are available to do things in the Park or in local communities. Last year, at Long Beach 200 youngsters picked up 5,500 pounds of garbage. Grants for similar activities in Bamfield must be applied for quickly, as they are on a first come, first served basis.

Lady Rose Rescheduled

NEW LADY ROSE SCHEDULE (TEMPORARY)

Starting on March 1st, 1988 and continuing until May 15th, 1988 the Lady Rose Port Alberni departure times will be delayed to the following:

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THURSDAY-----10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY-----12:30 p.m.

The Bamfield arrival times should be approximately:

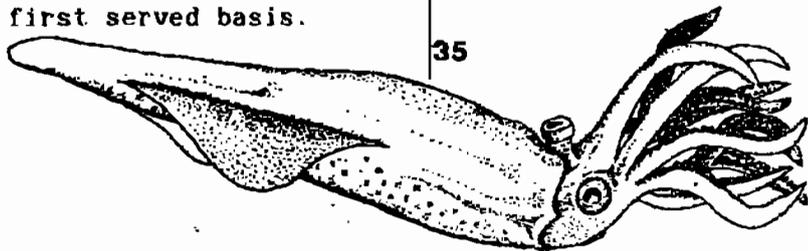
TUESDAY-----2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-----2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-----3:30 p.m.

All Bamfield departures will be at 4:00 p.m. with arrival at Port Alberni approximately 6:45 p.m.

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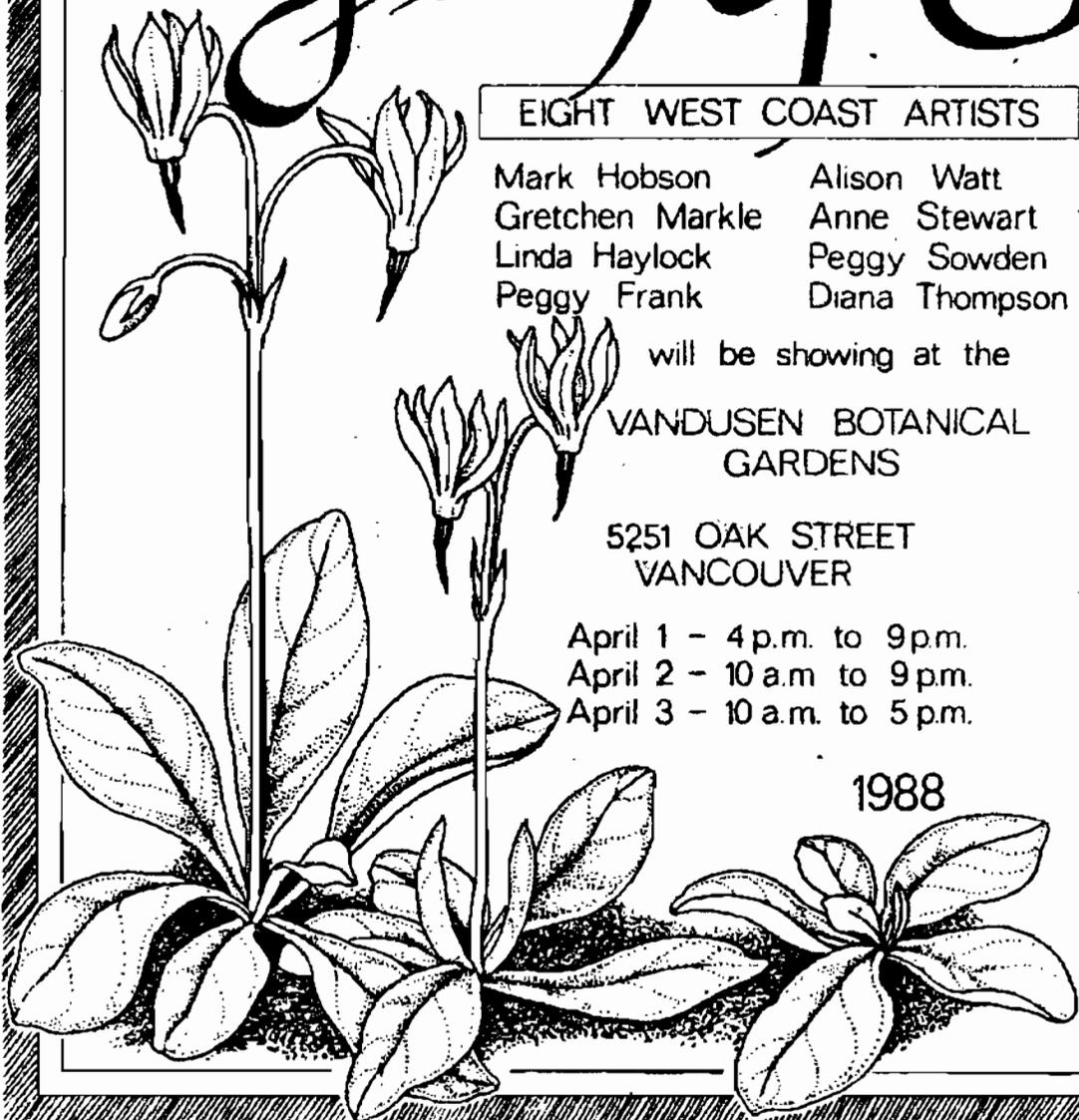
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CHURCH NEWS

by

Rev. Henry Boston

Since the beginning of the new year we have been experimenting with an informal sermon or message delivered sitting around a table in the Community Hall. The first time we did this, coffee etc. was served with the message. Subsequently the message has been given first, and lunch served afterwards. We don't want anyone to feel that they have to stay for lunch if they have other arrangements, or want to make other arrangements, nor do we want anyone to miss the church service because of a luncheon obligation elsewhere.

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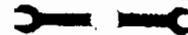
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