

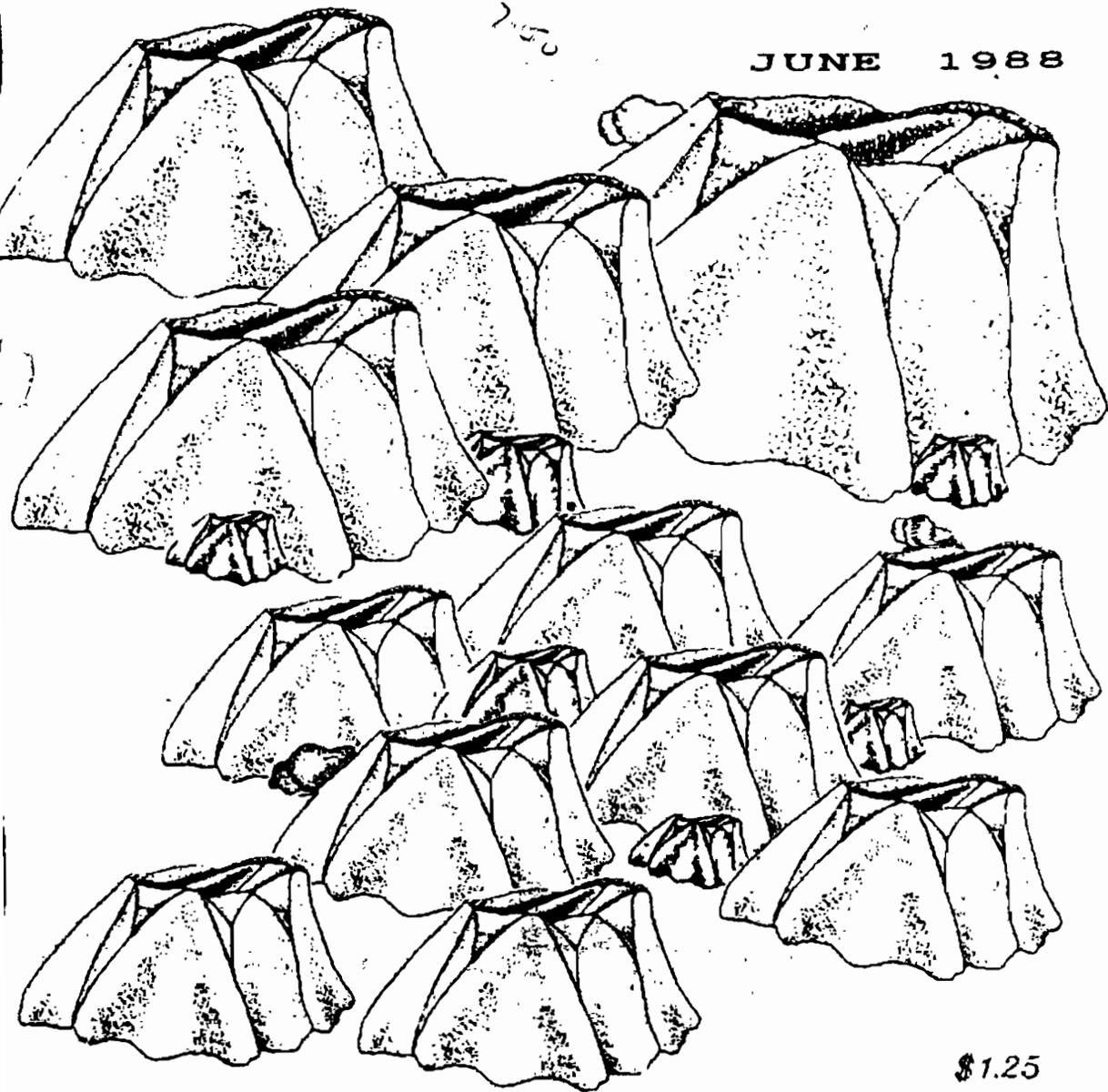
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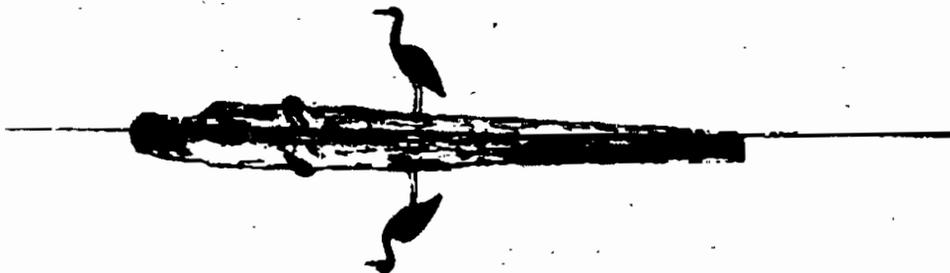
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THE MASTHEAD

BY

JEANNE FERRIS

CO-EDITOR

June 19th is Fathers' Day. Here's a story about my dad who is, like most of our dads, a man someone could write a book about. Jim and I were in Wisconsin for the Christmas holidays, staying with my parents. My brother and I have always called our dad 'Pop', maybe because we're a Swiss family, maybe because we heard it on the radio. At any rate, last Christmas I started calling my dad 'Father'. After all, I'm over 21, he's over 21, it seemed to be time I started showing a little respect. After a few days of 'Father', Woodro asked me to please call him 'Pop' again. With a twinkle in his eye, he said, "Father is the one I ask for miracles."

Happy Fathers' Day, POP!

Our June, 1988 cover illustrates something my boss and I observed last summer; that very tiny

marine snails are able to eat very large barnacles. Most of us think of barnacles as animals which love to grow on the bottom of boats, making the 7 knot speed limit difficult to exceed. I think of barnacles as snail food, and spend more time than most gathering rock encrusted barnacles to feed to the large community of snails at the Marine Station. Bruce calls them 'barnacle McNuggets'. They do smell about the same. Sally, who leads the field trips at the Station, tells me that her groups are always impressed to learn that barnacles have a penis five times the size of the animal, used to mate with other barnacles at more than arm's length. And Henry David Thoreau compared barnacles to flowers, their enfolding plates reminding him of rose petals.

In his column this month Leith Boulter asks for some assurance that there is a bright side. I hope Pat Grace's poem

reassures you, Leith. And if the simple force and beauty of plants which re-emerge each spring isn't enough, think of the re-emergence of slugs! I have never seen such an abundance of the little pests as we have this year. The kids named the sea stacks at Brady's Beach this week, for Environment Week. I would like to do my part for Environment Week and

name two of my slugs: Squish and Ookie, take a bow.

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**BAMFIELD
WEATHER**

BY
PETER JANITIS

NOTHING NICE TO SAY
ABOUT THE WEATHER IN MAY.
IT IS NOT A POEM.

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INCHES OF RAIN. AVERAGE
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SO FAR IS 58.93 INCHES.

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THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME WE
HAD 63.62 INCHES OF RAIN.

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1945 WE HAD 11.24 INCHES.

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NOT FAR FROM IT.

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MINIMUM WAS 6.09° C. THE
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THAN LAST YEAR WHEN THE
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IN MEMORY

BY

Ebba Jennings

June 3rd brought the shocking news of the accidental death of Wayne Gerald Burkeholder in Nanaimo. In his early twenties he had just graduated in the top half of his class in the welding course at a Nanaimo college.

He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, Jerry and Ruby Burkeholder of Port Alberni, his sister, Ruby Ann, great grandmother Anna Hoskins of Tillicum Lodge in Victoria, grandparents Zena Robertson of Bamfield and Robert and Julia Johnson of Port Alberni. He also leaves uncles, aunts, cousins and a host of young friends.

Wayne spent his childhood days in Bamfield. He graduated from perch fishing to sports fishing with Grandma Zena and then to salmon and herring fishing with his dad.

His was a young life, but sadly it was taken and

his presence will be greatly missed by his family.

In that other world he is with a young brother, Daryl and a grandfather. We as that strength be given to his family and that time will ease their present grief. We hope that happy memories will help fill the void of his passing.

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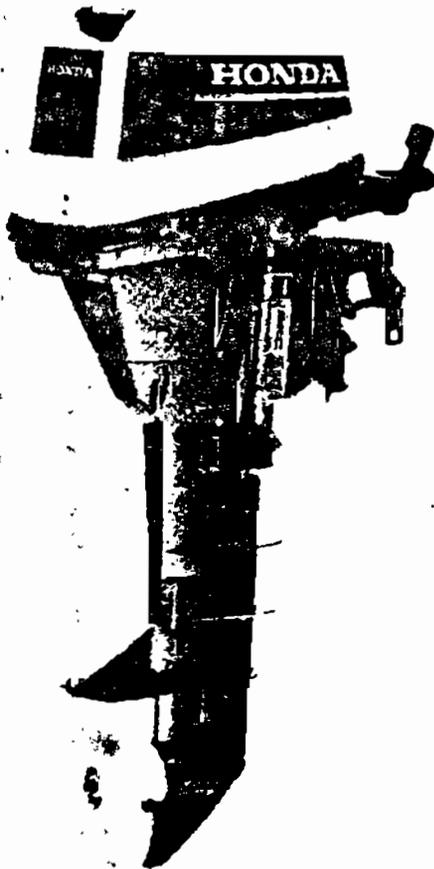
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by
Bernice Stewart

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The B.V.F.D. are not one of the 170 departments that have helped the Fire Fighters, as we've felt that our small community supports numerous local organizations, as well as our Annual Fire Week.

This year they have added a B.C. Fire Fighters Five-In-One raffle, and we have been sent books for the raffle.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

by

Al Benton, Regional Director

At the Regional board meeting of May 18th, the question of Tom Christian's application for a Marine Pub licence was once again a topic of conversation. Paul Tennant appeared before the Board to read a letter signed by a number of local residents requesting that a referendum be held to determine the feelings of the local residents before any licences be granted.

The Planning Committee of the Regional District, at it's meeting of May 10, 1988 (with myself and Mr. Pat Musters, the local area Liquor Inspector, in attendance) had discussed this matter at length and made the following recommendation to the board:

"That, bearing in mind, that:

i) the question of Liquor Licensing in Bamfield

should be decided by the people of Bamfield;

ii) the question of whether Kets Holding application constitutes a Marine Pub or a Neighbourhood Pub application is the remit of the L.C.B. and, similarly, the question of whether a referendum should or should not be held in respect of this application and the limits\guidelines for conducting such a referendum, if required, is also within L.C.B.'s mandate;

the Committee recommends that the previous decision of the Regional Board, as transmitted to the L.C.B. by letter dated July 3rd, 1987 in respect of this matter, be endorsed. Further, that the L.C.B. be formally appraised of this recommendation and that all correspondence received on the issue be transmitted to the L.C.B. for consideration."

A number of people, including Tom Christian, have expressed to me their bewilderment and, in some

cases, anger at the apparent inequity inherent in the Bamfield Inn receiving a license without a local survey while the Trails Motel is required to do one. I have been repeatedly reminded of my statement in March, 1986 that "It's very unlikely that any license for liquor will ever be allowed in Bamfield without public support." Mr. Christian has even gone so far as to allege in a letter to the Regional Board that I am trying to make things more difficult for him because I bear him a grudge over his refusal to renew my lease on the Cafe four years ago.

To answer Mr. Christian's allegation first I will ask you a question. If this were true, why did I support his application for rezoning the Motel in 1986? Without this rezoning he would not even have been able to apply for a license.

On the question of my earlier statement, I must assert that, if not support, I certainly found no

substantive opposition to the Piatocka application in my discussions with many of you on this license before I recommended that the Board endorse the application. Secondly, I was informed by Mr. Hick, the General Manager of Liquor Control, that the Bamfield Inn met all their criteria and that a referendum had never been required for that type of license.

The Trails Motel application, on the other hand, has been very contentious from its inception. There are many reasons for this: the fact that road traffic is involved, the fact that the Pub would cater to more transient clientele than the Inn, the close proximity of private dwellings, and, in some cases, a mistrust of the applicant. Had the same concerns been raised by neighbours about the Bamfield Inn's application I would have fought just as hard to force the Piatockas to conduct a survey. Basically, any concerns about the Inn's

application only seem to have surfaced since Mr. Christian tried to use it as a precedent to obtain a Pub license without a survey.

The final point that I would like to make about liquor licensing in Bamfield and this province is that it is a classic example of a case where the bureaucrats are given far too much discretionary power. I, like most of you who attended the meeting with Mr. Don Anderson, then Deputy Manager of Liquor Control and Licensing, felt that the regulations gave us the opportunity to voice our opinions before any licenses were granted. I have since found that what we heard were simply Mr. Anderson's interpretations of a very vague set of guidelines. His successor has a much more permissive interpretation as both we and the residents in the neighbourhood of the proposed Knight Street Pub in Vancouver have discovered. I intend to ask the Regional Board to endorse a reso-

lution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in September calling for a rewrite of the Liquor Licensing regulations which would enable the ordinary citizen to understand what is permitted and what procedures must be followed to obtain a liquor license in this Province.

I am very pleased to inform you that the Water System has received a further grant of \$5465.00 from the Province for the recently completed extension. Unfortunately, the approval was not received until May 18th and the borrowing request had to go in to the Municipal Finance Authority in early April. As a result it was necessary to borrow the full \$65,000.00 authorized by the bylaw. These monies will, however, enable us to tidy up a few loose ends and complete some construction projects such as the water service to Flemming and Noemi Mikkelsen's house.

**THANK YOU
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CHURCH SCHOOL**

by
Rev. Henry Boston

Thanks are due to those who have helped make Saturday Church School a happy and profitable programme:

To Tom Christian for providing the use of the swimming pool, to Loretta Amos

for providing music, to Linda Myres for contributing a wealth of experience as a church school teacher, to Marguerite Hall for helping us get started, and to Larry Myres for help with swimming.

Church Schools will be held on Saturdays. The next Church School will be on June 11th at 2 p.m. A program in church will be followed by recreation.

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LETTER TO
THE MINISTER
OF TRANSPORT

It was voted at the last Community Affairs meeting that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transport, requesting consideration of revising the harbour regulations for Bamfield. Mike Hicks was given the responsibility of composing and sending the letter. The following is a copy of that letter.

Honourable Gerry St. Germain
Minister of State for Transport
c/o Mr. Ted Schellenberg
548 - 6631 North Island Highway

Dear Sir:

During the month of March of this year, an enforcement officer from the Ministry of Transport's Coast Guard division visited Bamfield. The officer stopped a few boaters for speeding in the harbour, and later held a meeting with a few invited resi-

dents, local coast guard officers, and R.C.M.P. representatives.

The subject of the meeting, and the problem that the Bamfield residents face now and in the future, concerns the speed limit, and enforcement of that speed limit in the Bamfield harbour.

The Coast Guard Enforcement officer stated:

- 1) The speed limit in the harbour of Bamfield is 7 knots within 300 feet of land.
- 2) Offenders will receive one warning ticket and will have their boat seized and impounded on the second offence. The boat will remain impounded until a court hearing in Vancouver Federal court is held, which under normal circumstances takes one year.
- 3) The Ministry of Transportation will be dealing swiftly and harshly with speeding offenders in Bamfield and have absolutely no flexibility in changing the speed limit or enforcing the speed limit.

The R.C.M.P. representatives, who have enforced the speed limit and laws of Bamfield Harbour until March of this year stated:

1) Repeat speeding offenders will be ticketed but not have their boat impounded, as it is not the mandate, nor responsibility of the R.C.M.P. to seize a vessel for such minimal breach of the law.

Since the March meeting with your ministry's representative, a heavily attended town meeting was held in Bamfield. I was authorized, on behalf of the town and harbour of Bamfield, to relay our problem and hopefully ask for your understanding and flexibility in changing the completely unacceptable situation we face with your Ministry.

Bamfield is a town of approximately 200 persons on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The small harbour is home to a rescue and training division of the Coast Guard, approxi-

mately 20 resident commercial fishermen, two sport fishing lodges, two fuel stations and a few, small mariculture operations. The harbour, itself, physically separates the town of Bamfield into two, with homes, wharfs and businesses on both sides of the harbour, with boat transportation being the only means of attending school, picking up mail and basically existing in Bamfield.

For all but two months of the year, there is an absolutely minimal amount of traffic in Bamfield harbour. Residents have been exceeding the 7 knot speed limit for decades and will in all likelihood continue in the future. Resident boaters are most concerned with boat "wake" size and not speed limit. Most small vessels in Bamfield would do far greater damage to wharfs and property at 7 knots than at a faster planing speed. There has never been a recorded accident in Bamfield harbour due to speed.

and the current regulation is violated constantly for simple, practical necessities of volunteer fire fighting, coast guard exercises and even recreational water-skiing and wind surfing. Your own Coast Guard division could possibly be the greatest offender of the 7 knot regulation. They, of course, would be completely hamstrung in carrying out their duties, or responding to their daily invaluable lifesaving duties at 7 knots.

In summary, sir, the residents of Bamfield are completely dependent on boat transportation in our harbour and cannot live with the current, enforced 7 knot speed regulation. Nor can we live with the threat of boat seizure as our lives are completely and utterly dependent on our vessels for our very survival.

We have considered many options such as our own Port Authority, separate from your Ministry. Port Alberni, for instance, has no speed limit but

enforces a minimum wash regulation. Our town has decided, however, against this type of action and would rather work with your department and strongly suggest, as you have done in many other harbours across Canada, an amendment to the Act for the Bamfield Harbour.

We are formally requesting an amendment to the Transportation Act, for the harbour limits of Bamfield to read the following:

"Minimum Wash not to exceed 20 knots within Harbour limits and not to exceed 7 knots within 30 feet of any wharf or fixed structure.

We have no wish to knowingly break the law and therefore trust that you will be flexible, practical and swift in your decision.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to the new amended regulation.

Yours Sincerely,
Michael Hicks,
on behalf of
Bamfield Resident

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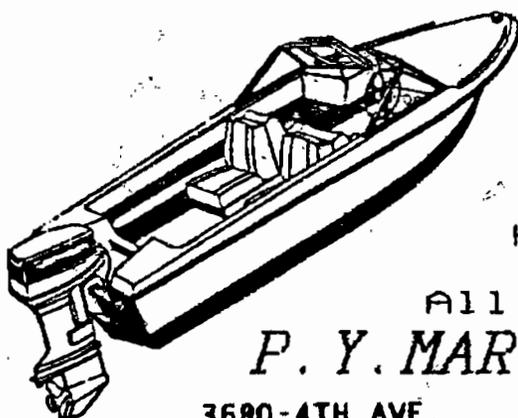
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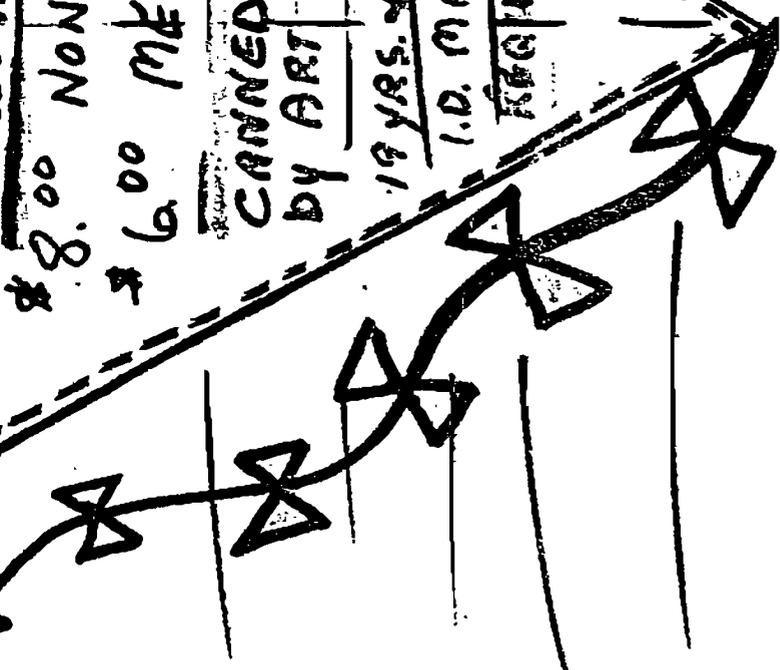
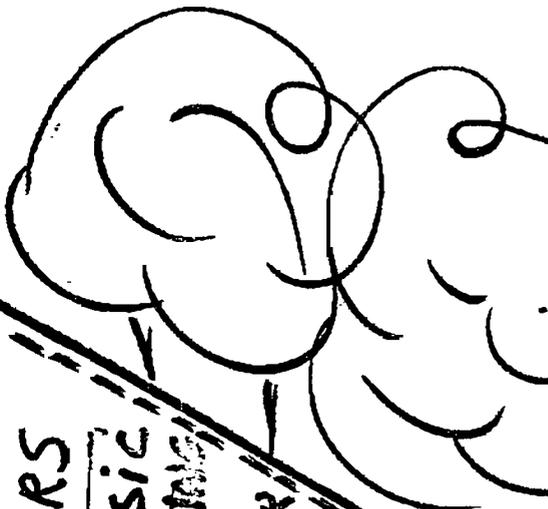
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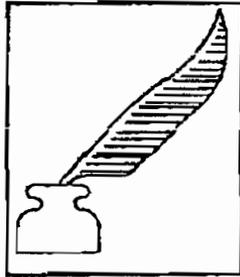
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LETTERS
TO
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Dear Jim,

My opinions on the road to the West side go without saying. They are clear and logical, not emotional.

The poll I did was a direct result of a conversation I had with Al Benton in his capacity as Regional Director. If there were a majority in favour, he would pursue the issue. There was, so he did.

I was not paid by the government and it [the survey] was on two pages, therefore branded 'informal'. Some people were not at home every time I called, so I listed their names on a separate sheet. Now it is 'incomplete', Al knows who signed yes, who signed no, and who did not sign. Nothing was hidden from him. It was

done to the best of my abilities under the criteria set for me by our Regional Director.

While polling, insults flew, even a poem written, but I was personally tolerant, because I was representing not only myself, but thirty-eight others as well.

One really strange person accused me of not giving a damn about Bamfield, but would Irma Cashin, Dave Christney, Bob Bowker or Dave Hegstrom be included in this unfavourable view? I doubt it very much and they were just a handful of those who voted yes.

In the last issue of the Barkley Sounder you published an article by Bruce Scott that was so old no date could be affixed to it. Please find enclosed an article written by the same author in January, 1988 whose views have developed to provide progressive solutions to contemporary issues.

I am proud to be a Bamfielder and content in

my beliefs that what I am doing and have done will be beneficial to our community. I am not giving up my fight for the road, ever. Now that I have read R. Bruce Scott's latest stand on the road I hope that for once everyone will agree on at least one issue, and that is to name it R. Bruce Scott Ave.

I remain
W. Gaylard

(ed note: The article referred to by Wade was written by Humphry Davey and contained quotes by Mr. Scott.)

Letter to the Editor
The Barkley Sounder

Prism Helicopters Ltd. would like to sincerely thank the people of Bamfield who turned out to help us on April 30th when our helicopter went down on Brady's Beach.

We were amazed at the quick response of those people, the Canadian Coast

Guard and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Again we thank you all very much!

Sincerely

Dave and Linda Zall,
Prism Helicopters Ltd.

(Ed. note: Wade Gaylard, who was a passenger on the helicopter, informs me that special thanks should also go to the Baird's and the Schmidt's for their help in an emergency situation.)

The Barclay Sounder

Greetings:

I am sure if a prize was given for a small town newspaper, The Barclay Sounder would be awarded first prize.

Ebba Jennings sent us copies from December thru April all of which are most interesting.

The enclosed check is for a year's subscription.

Sincerely
Jessie Dods

The following is a copy of an article written by R. Bruce Scott. It was sent to us by Wade Gaylard, and is the letter mentioned in his letter to the editors.

A ROAD TO WEST BAMFIELD?

The Pros and Cons

by

R. Bruce Scott

Since the authorities do not look favourably on a foot-bridge, a landing barge, or a ferry to West Bamfield, there seems to be no alternative but a road - especially since the majority of residents seem to be in favour of one.

In order to get a glimpse of the future should such a road ever be built, I looked into my crystal ball and saw:-

1. It would tend to unite East and West Bamfield and reduce dependence on the mail boat.

2. It would facilitate the movement of heavy building materials, and machinery for the maintenance of utility services.

3. It would permit the development of West Bamfield as a tourist resort and provide employment of residents.

In contrast it would mean sacrificing many trees, reducing the wildlife and the privacy enjoyed by present residents.

All villages, towns and cities start in a small way, blending with, and living close to, Nature. Those who enjoyed this kind of life never forget it. They were fortunate, for not many have that opportunity. Sooner or later the pressures of an expanding population require that trees be felled and land cleared for houses and businesses, changing the way of life.

However, planning ahead could reduce the undesirable features of development.

Owing to the violent nature of windstorms in the area, and the lack of tap-roots, it is not advisable to allow trees close to buildings, but they can be planted in places where

they will not endanger buildings.

As many small parks as possible should be set aside for public enjoyment and enhancement of the environment.

Adequate parking areas would reduce the necessity for parking on roadsides. The unused school playground at the rear of the Coast Guard Station, and the stone quarry at the junction of the new and old trails to Brady's Beach are possibilities.

There should be picnic areas adjacent to beaches but not parking areas: land is too valuable for those.

One of the main problems would be toilet facilities.

Another feature that I have long borne in mind is a boulevard along the shoreline of West Bamfield from the main dock to the fisherman's floats near the hospital, similar to those in many Mediterranean resorts. This would necessitate a retaining wall and reclamation. Parallel floats could be fastened

to the outside of the boulevard, with gardens and picnic tables adorning the sidewalk.

These suggestions are offered as food for thought for the future of East and West Bamfield.

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LEITH BOULTER

Sometimes I wonder if retirement is a good way to go. Here I sit, with no real need or impetus to work at anything to keep body and soul together, supported almost to the poverty level by a thoughtful government which is still capable of honoring the monthly cheques it sends me, and when money dwindles I can always stay in bed and wait out the next payday.

I can almost hear readers rising in righteous indignation at having to work to contribute to this layabout's ease and comfort and wondering if there is anything they can do to shake him out of his lethargy and smug self-satisfaction. So let me calm such radicals who would wish to remove the benefits of age from me and force my nose back on the grindstone.

As with everything I can think of, from a slice of bread to the burning issues of the times, there

are two sides. As a matter of fact there are often more than two sides to anything we wish to discuss. Even the moon has another side.

My dark side involves having entirely too much time to dwell on society's problems, even sometimes to the point of despair. Doesn't anybody out there in charge know what he is doing? - I think to myself. And a succession of such thoughts leads to a virtual acceptance of the fact that it is not only almost time to take wing for another level of existence, but that such departure will be welcome. I vow to state to those in charge of sending one back in a hundred years or so for another turn at bat that I am on strike and will not go.

Now that's a hell of an attitude to take toward the planet which has fostered one's physical, mental and spiritual education over the Lord knows how many existences. And I tell myself that I will not only have no say in the

matter but will adopt an entirely different attitude as I flit from place to place in spirit, freed from physical constraints and free to drop in on any of you unseen if you need help and direction.

Still, there is an ever-expanding mountain of hard evidence that Earth is going to hell in a hand-basket, aided and abetted by an army of greedy and stupid slobs who are happy to delay solution of our problems for following generations to deal with. And we keep giving power to these excuses for leaders and silently condoning their actions by our inaction.

Right here at home it seems the only way to alert our politicians to smell the coffee is to get together in great numbers and put the boots to their more convoluted schemes. That's the way those people in the Kootenays saved their tiny ferry not long ago. That's the way a recent cut in a welfare item was reversed. And on and on,

leading me to realize that we have to get out there and fight like hell to get anything constructive done by the ruling bodies. The only real fear they have is defeat at election time, and as long as we take the garbage they throw our way they think they have it made.

And that's just Victoria. Don't get me started on Ottawa or Washington! And I get that way from having too much time to think. Coupled with too little energy to do anything except put words on paper and leave it up to others to man the trenches, I seldom have a peaceful 24 hours.

I am convinced that those who remain permanently anesthetized by the wineflagon until cirrhosis takes over may have something going for them besides their substantial contribution to tax revenue to help pay my pensions.

Why are we bent on befouling the old homestead to the point that we may have to move out? Where

has environmental common sense gone? How did we become so obsessed with things material that we don't seem to care if the basic source of their creation dries up?

And that leads to the question: Is there a day of reckoning coming ... and may it well be in our lifetime? Will it hurt? And how does one do one's bit to reverse the destructive course all experts say we are on?

If you guys and gals up in Bamfield are looking to me for answers ... forget it. The answers have to come from within each one of us whether we live in a community without roads or in one whose roads are not safe to be on.

When we read of the Ayatollah in Victoria whose government accepts money from Ottawa for education and then diverts it to other purposes, and has been doing the same with federal funds for years; how is that different from one of our co-editors taking the grocery money and

spending it on visiting drummers, for instance? Or whatever other creative comparison occurs to you?

No, we have to smarten up before the stuff hits the fan in such volume as to blow us away. And we can't wait until we are old enough to have all that time to think. Otherwise we'll be lining up for one-way tickets to another solar system to make a fresh start.

Oh, yes. I mentioned there are always two sides. Now that I have your attention, would someone like to grab a couple of typewriter keys and reassure me that there is indeed a bright side?

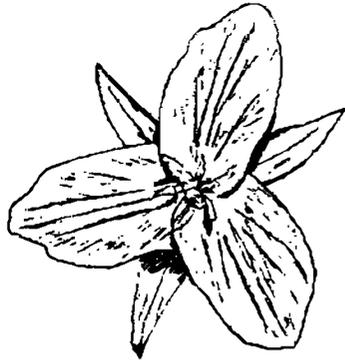
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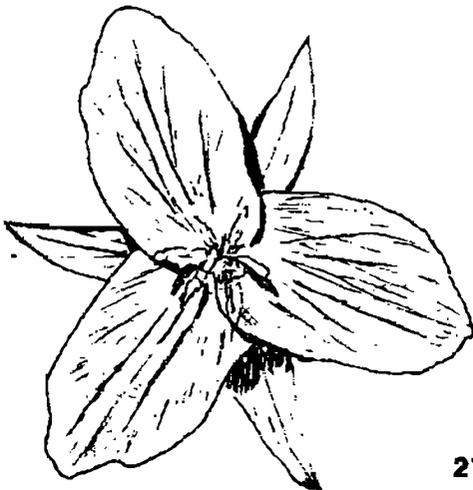


My trillium
is breaking
through the ground
in the woods
by the boat-shed,
in the exact
place where I touched
its dying leaves
last year.

This
is an intelligence
of earth,
greater, and wider
than the intellect
of men,
and enclosing it --
A writer
with an earthy pen.

Three unfolding
green leaves,
three petals white
as truth --
out of one spot
on our planet,
pushing aside
dead maple leaves,
obeying a law.
I stand
in utter awe
of the force
of its gentle
urge.

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thing --
a symbol --
an uninterpreted,
living surge.



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 **GENERAL PAINT**

MIKE HARCOURT

Being the leader of a major political party in British Columbia means a lot of things.

It means sharing the hopes and dreams of many people. It means seeing first hand the beauty of every area of our province, and sampling food of every possible quality and ethnic mix. And it means being able to follow through on your desire to help others.

But it means a lot of other things too -- such as subjecting yourself to the glare of daily public attention. And reading and hearing your every activity analyzed in the newspapers and on radio and TV. And perhaps even missing a family birthday party because a trade delegation is in town for one day only and their visit can't be rescheduled.

Few people get to know what the spotlight and sacrifice is really like. One who did is my predecessor as New Democrat leader, Bob Skelly. Bob retired

from provincial politics the other day after representing the Vancouver Island riding of Alberni for 16 years and leading our party for three of those years.

I first met Bob in the mid 1970's when he was a young MLA working to make sure that the province's development didn't include spoiling the environment. His commitment to energy conservation and justice for native people are two personal beliefs which have never waned.

Bob knew the highs and lows of political life -- as an MLA, the joy of having the people you represent respect your work enough to re-elect you four consecutive times. And as leader, the disappointment of a province-wide defeat and the doubt and disheartenment that comes with it.

Through it all one image remains clear -- that of a caring, highly-principled man involved in political life because of a sincere desire to help others. That is the Bob

Skelly I know best. That is the Bob Skelly who leaves the Legislature in Victoria.

I believe Bob has a lot more to offer this province. He has announced he will be contesting a federal seat in the new riding of Comox-Alberni come the next federal election. I truly wish him well.

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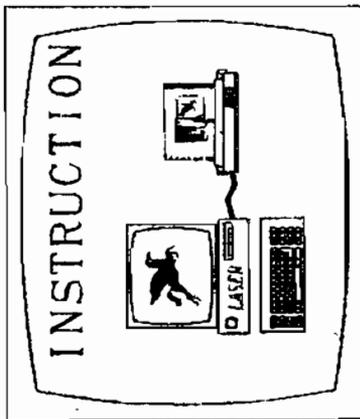
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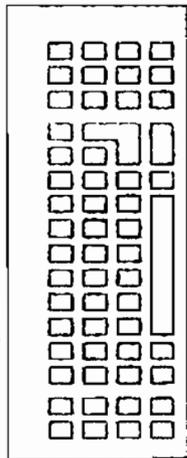
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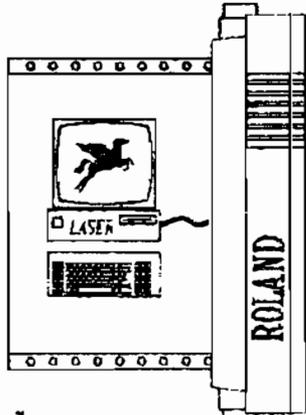
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MY
OPINION
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I thought a lot about it, and for some reason, I have no really strong opinions about anything this month. I am glad that summer is almost here and that the sun has been shining today. We planted some rose bushes and it looks as though they might survive. My battle against the salal, if not ending in victory, at least has reached a stalemate. It seems to grow at about the same rate as I can cut it back.

It was also pleasant to note that when push comes to shove, the community can work together. The helicopter forced landing brought out the best in some of us and that was nice to hear about.

The last wind storm did not cause a power outage of any duration, which

was nice to see. All the harbingers of disaster were proven wrong, at least for that time.

Jeanne and I have acquired a cat which formerly belonged to Mike Warren. In spite of my dire predictions, it has not eaten our pet birds and seems to be in love with our dog. The two of them even eat out of the same plate. The dog has developed a taste for cat food and the cat sometimes eats the dog food. Outside of a plague of cat hair, she seems to be a nice pet.

We have tried a new format for the Barkley Sounder which we feel makes it easier to read. We hope that you like it.

May the summer be good to you.



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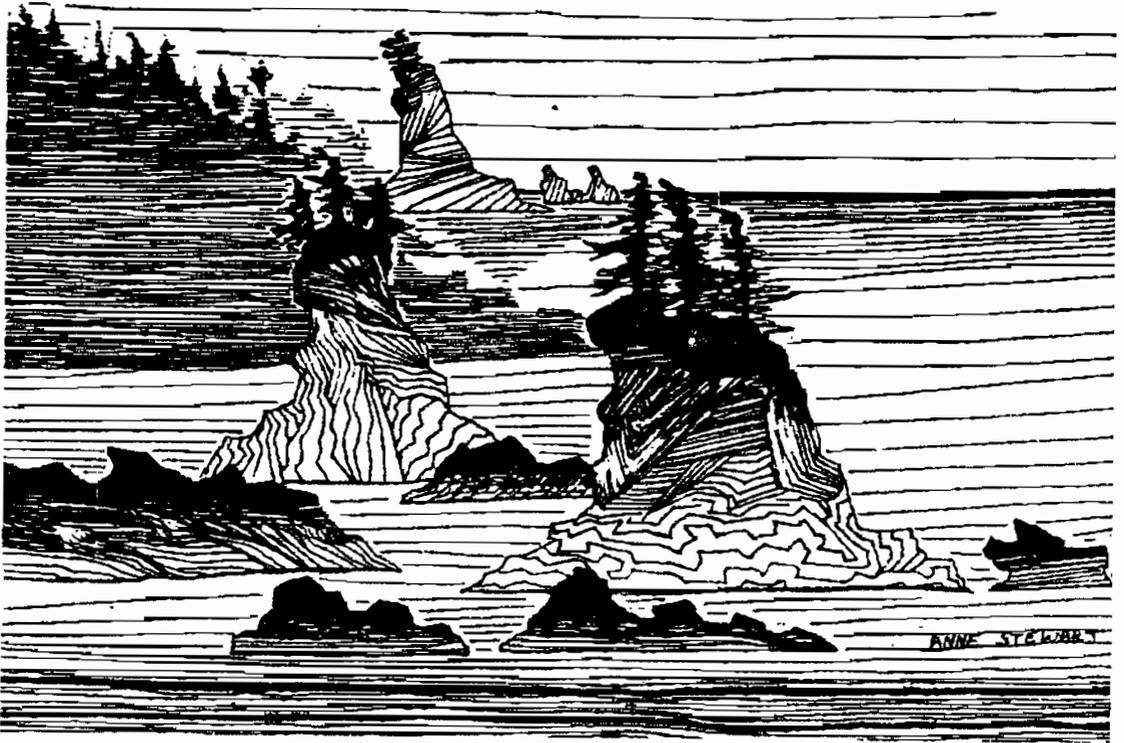
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Environment Week Picnic
from
Sally Carson

The entire student body of Eric Godson School celebrated Environment Week on June 6th by spending their lunch time at Brady's Beach, gathering trash. They collected at least 12 garbage bags full, quite surprising at this time of year.

After the work, there was a picnic--hot dogs

roasted over a driftwood fire, nothing finer.

The kids also had a contest to name the two pinnacles or sea stacks that have come to represent Brady's and, to some extent, Bamfield. The first stack is now known as KILLER ROCK, named by Linda Mather. The second stack is now called FLOP TOP ROCK, named by Timothy Munsen. Shades of killer whales and Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail.

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