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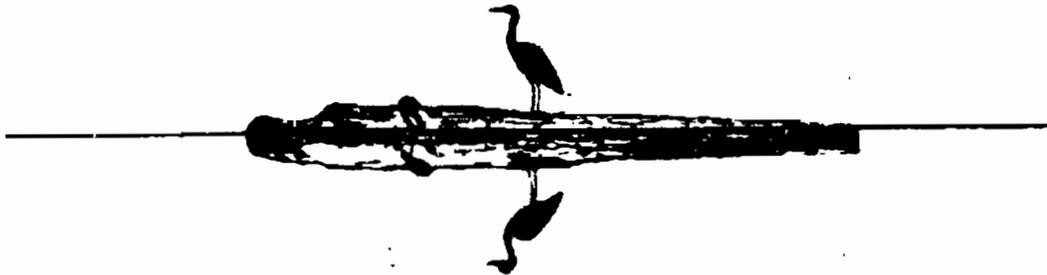
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THE MASTHEAD

by
Jeanne Ferris, editor

JAMES ALLEN FERRIS

As many of you know, Jim, my husband, friend and coeditor, passed away at the full moon on November second. We had been in Connecticut and Vermont to visit Jim's family and were in Madison, Wisconsin visiting my family and our friends when he relaxed his hold on life. Liver cancer. His transition was brave and peaceful.

My sincere thanks to every person who has offered me kindness and support during this difficult time. I intend to stay in our home in Bamfield, to keep on counting snails for Rich Palmer and tutoring students for North Island College, and to continue the **Barkley Sounder**, publishing bimonthly instead of monthly. Many people have written about Jim for me and for this issue of the **Sounder**; once again, thank you.

I like to think that Jim's courage in facing death will be an example to me for courage in facing life.



Our December Cover

Our beautiful December cover was drawn especially for the **Barkley Sounder** by Bamfield's own very talented artist, Linda Haylock. Thank you, Linda, and sweet dreams.

Getting It All Together

Putting the paper out this first time without Jim was an educational experience for me. I learned how to run the equipment, and I learned how really kind hearted and helpful people can be when you need them.

Thank you to Nancy Christney and Marianne Stokes for helping me to figure out how to use the electronic stencil maker. Special thanks to Marianne for spending several evenings here in the office, typing up articles, and for pointing out to me that the directions for running the duplicator were posted on the wall above it, right where Jim left them.

Thank you to my next door neighbours, Shirley and Natasha, for looking after Marianne's son while she was here working.

Thank you to Kevin Munson for showing me how to repair the photocopier.

Thank you to Roald Ostrom for giving me a ride to work and

then making a house call in the dark and rain to replace my car's dead battery.

And last, but definitely not least, thank you to all the people who will be at my house tomorrow to get this paper collated, stapled, folded, labelled, stuffed and on the road at last. Thank you Kathryn Cook, Dawn Renfrew, Nancy Sanders, Al Benton, Cathy Durante, Marianne Stokes, Mary Sewell and Carmen.

Merry Christmas

And finally to you, dear Readers, Happy Christmas. May your days be merry and bright.

POWER OUTAGES

Because of the torrential deluges and windstorms we had over 50 hours without electricity from mid-November to mid-December. Bamfield should get a medal from BC Hydro for saving energy.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Eleven industrious people from Bamfield and our surrounding light houses sold over \$2300 worth of crafts at the Annual Fair. Harry and Steve provided music this year, much to the delight of the many children (and adults) who attended.



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BAMFIELD WEATHER

by
Peter Janitis

Spokesman for Mother Nature

In November we really started paying for the nice summer we had. Mother Nature acted more like Ivan the Terrible. Lengthy power outages, plenty of southeaster's and plenty of rain. The all time record of 28.70 inches, established in 1904, was broken with 30.37 inches of rain. That brings our precipitation for 1990 to 109.40 inches. The average for November is 15.6 inches.

Temperatures were reasonable. Our high of 14 C was on November 10, the low of -1 C occurred on the 20th and 26th.

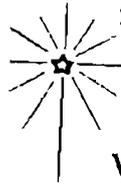
Mean Maximum: 10.15C

Mean Minimum: 4.6 C

Mean Temperature: 7.4 C

But there was a bright spot for me in all the rain. Six buckets of herring! Thanks, Mike!

NOTE: Bad weather continued at the beginning of December. In 48 hours, on December 2 and 3, almost 9 inches of rain were recorded.

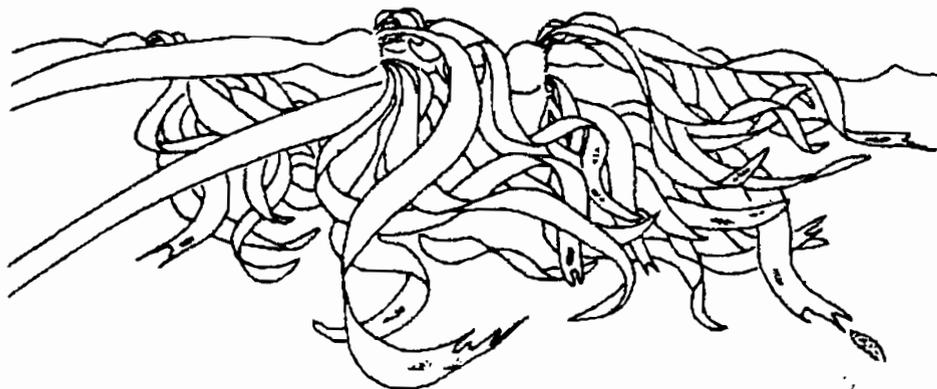


SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING IN JANUARY

We are hoping to start a Sunday School in January, to be held during regular Service time, 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.

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Season's Greetings



from

The Director & Staff

of the Bamfield Marine Station



**BAMFIELD
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A FAMILY MEMORY

by
Doug Hopwood

Start by imagining Jim in the Fifties and Sixties, the McCarthy era, in Connecticut, the insurance capital of the US, a rigid doctrinaire society, lives controlled by convention and tradition. During those years he spent lots of time with his elder daughter, Christine, and passed on to her his point of view in life: questioning convention, looking beneath the surface of things, but also taking joy and pleasure in life and the world.

Imagine now Chris coming to live on Lasqueti Island, with apples and plums falling off the trees, oysters and clams for the picking, salmon and cod in the sea; she thought she had died and gone to heaven. And everywhere green. Beautiful, gentle-rain-misted, rainforest green.

A happy irony then that Chris, who owed so much of her own restlessness and unconventional spirit to Jim, was able to lead the way for him to the west coast of Canada, where he followed her a few years later.

What a blessed haven it must have been for Jim, too. Here you could grow your hair and your beard, live without clocks and a regimented job and be just as individualistic as your heart desired. For Jim commercial fishing must have seemed the epitome of freedom; your own boat, a sea full of fish, and your own wits and willingness were what made it happen.

When commercial fishing brought Jim to Bamfield, it was here that he began to build a life that fulfilled many of his dreams. Building his own house was a great satisfaction. And especially fulfilling was his marriage to Jeanne; in her he found a loving companion who was his intellectual equal.

It is a happy story that Jim had such a fulfilling life here in Bamfield--the house, the **Barkley Sounder**, the opportunity to become a computer expert, belonging to a community--all of these things were rewarding for Jim. And it is a sad story because it ended too soon.

My intention in writing this down is not to summarize Jim's life, but to express what I valued and respected about this wonderful man. For me, his greatness was his freedom of thought which did not relax but always strove to question and discover. I am glad I knew him.



Seasons Greetings!

to all

our Patrons



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SCHOOL NEWS

by
Ed Para, Principal

The 1990-91 school year welcomes 52 students to Eric Godson Memorial School. The six teaching staff include full and half-time personnel.

Mrs. Velma Huber returns this year to teach Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2. Mrs. Pat Lindsay returns half time to teach Grades 3 and 4 in the morning. Miss Jennifer Byrne is a new teacher this year. She teaches Grades 5 through 8 in the morning and Grades 3 and 4 in the afternoon. Mr. Ed Para teaches Grades 5 through 8 in the afternoon and spends mornings on school administrative duties.

There are three teaching support staff this year. Mrs. LaRae Baker continues as the secretary and librarian. Mrs. Bev Evans takes on a new half-time position as Teacher's Aid. The school welcomes Mrs. Rose Charles as the Native Education Resource Program (NERP) worker.

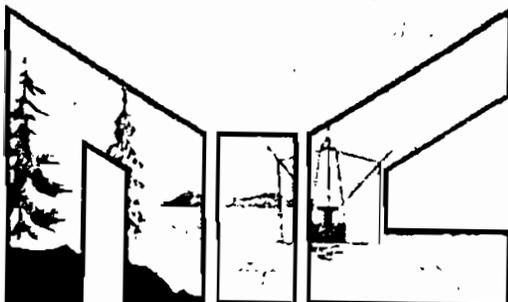
Several others also help make the school operational. Mr. Syd Baker drives the school boat

and is responsible for building maintenance. Mrs. Ardie Logan is the custodian and Marie Nookemus continues as the school bus driver.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The School Christmas Concert will be held in the Community Hall on December 19, starting at 7:00 pm. There will be two plays presented plus choral work involving the whole school. Everyone is invited to attend!



THE COLLEGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

by
Jeanne Ferris,
Tutor/Advisor

FORESTRY CREWPERSON/ SILVICULTURE (FOR 090)

The content of this program teaches students the theoretical and practical skills required for employment in the silviculture section of the forest industry. Students will learn the skills required in forest regeneration and stand tending operations, they will also be instructed in power saw handling for thinning and spacing, brush saws for clearing and spacing, and the use of hand tools for pruning and planting. Tree identification and

recognition of common insects, diseases and undesirable plant species are also part of this intensive program.

Course Content

- How forests are managed
- Forest characteristics
- Forest regeneration and survival
- Survey and measurement techniques
- Power saw operation and maintenance
- Control of insects, diseases, and undesirable species (Ministry of Environment, Pesticide Applicator's License)
- Practical tree planting
- Practical thinning, juvenile spacing, pruning, and clearing
- Fire suppression duties
- First Aid (Worker's Compensation Board, Survival First Aid Certificate)
- The operation of a crew bus (for those who qualify for Motor Vehicle Branch, Class IV Driver's License)

Students entering the program should have a minimum Grade 10 education with a good working knowledge of the English language. Good physical and medical condition is also essential as

students will be working in demanding and sometimes isolated settings.

Students will be required to supply their own personal protective clothing i.e. rain gear, hard hat, eye and hearing protectors and caulk boots. All other training equipment used in the program will be supplied by North Island College.

Normal classroom hours will be from 0830 to 1530 five days per week. Practical and field sessions will be from 0800 to 1630 four days per week.

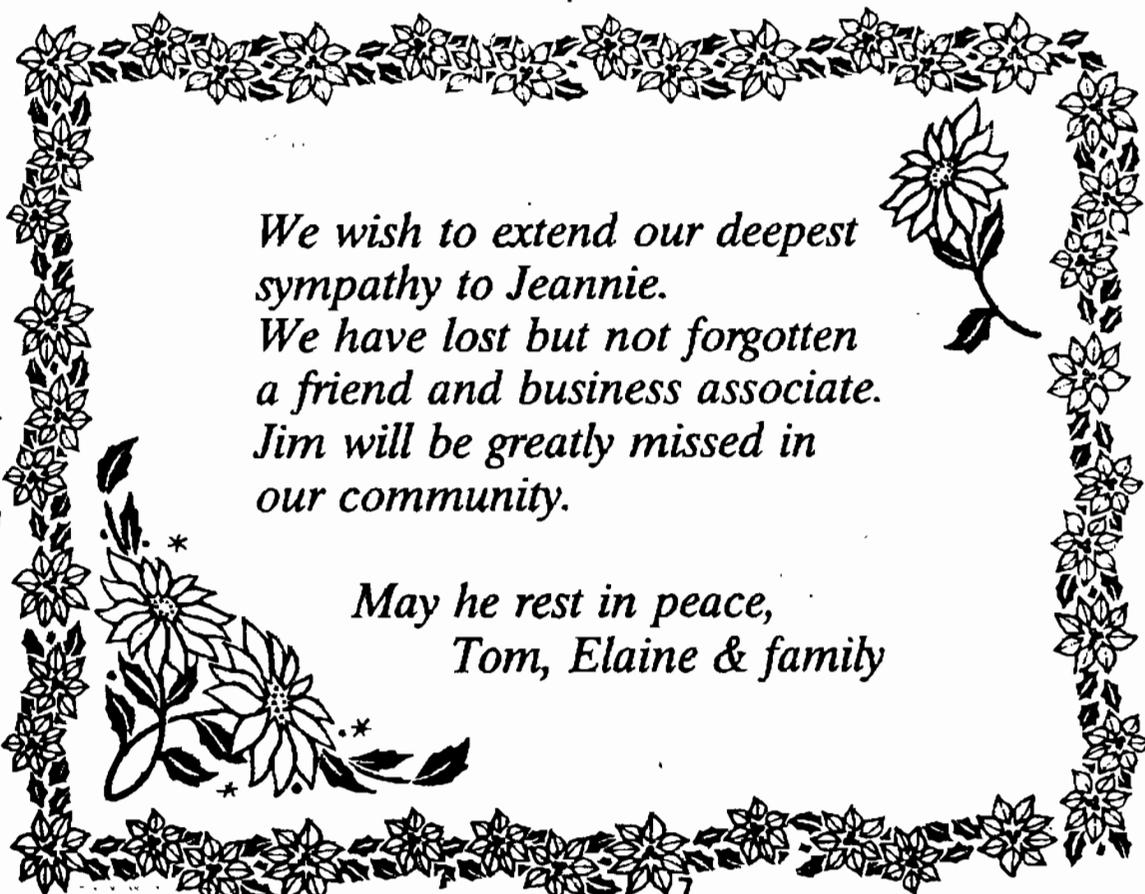
Total Length: 13 weeks

Tuition Cost: \$300.00

Material Cost: \$ 90.00

Start Date: January 7, 1991

End Date: April 5, 1991



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Jeannie. We have lost but not forgotten a friend and business associate. Jim will be greatly missed in our community.

*May he rest in peace,
Tom, Elaine & family*

COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE

by
Pat Garcia

JUNE

On June 20th the Red Cross Branch used the Hall for their Annual Garden Party and on June 27 Dr. Stephens rented the Hall for a Veterinary Clinic. Bingo continued every Thursday evening.

JULY

Three Bingos were held, two were cancelled. A Massage Workshop booked for the 27th and 28th was cancelled due to lack of interest. On the 31st the Hall was rented for net mending.

AUGUST

A very quiet month with net mending on the first and a meeting of the Preservation and Development Society. Three Bingos were held, two were cancelled.

SEPTEMBER

Four Bingos were held and the school used the Hall for basketball on the 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rutley held their wedding reception on the 22nd following

their wedding ceremony on Brady's Beach.

Summer Dance

The end of summer dance was held September 1. Not one of our better ones with people trying to get in without tickets and becoming very obnoxious when refused. Boats were cut loose from the float and a fire lit under a vehicle. Three people were sent letters advising them that they were not welcome at our dances for a six month period.

Music was provided by Art Budding's tapes, Roxanne Lang was bartender. Rose Charles won a mickey of Scotch as door prize.

Fall Fair

The Fair was held September 8 with more entries than last year. Last year, with 15 persons entering 89 entries we were debating whether to continue with a Fall Fair. This year we had 22 persons and 151 entries, which was more encouraging.

Lorraine Hegstrom and Irma Cashin did a good job of organizing the kitchen and with the help of Dave Hegstrom, Eileen Scott, Sherron Dunsmore and Dawn Renfrew they served 66 hamburgers, 26 deluxes, 8 plain, 17 hot dogs and 45 corn.

Jan Dwolinsky, Dolores Tennant and Deb Garcia handled the raffle table. Jamie Dunsmore won the \$50, Jim Scott the bottle and Aggie Woodward the pottery bowl.

John McInerney and Nancy Sanders shared bar duty and Bev McInerney the food tickets. Dave Hegstrom and John McInerney were auctioneers, Eileen Scott and Margaret Andrews were cashiers and Danielle Baker and Tina Charles were runners. We thank all the donors of garden produce, baking, preserves, shrimp, oysters, a meal and handiwork which made for a very successful fund raiser.

For the sixth year in a row Mrs. Mary Patrick won the awards for the highest points and most entries: 38 points for 27 entries. The Junior Prize was won by Sasha Hall and the Intermediate Prize by Cheryl Dunsmore. The Adult Draw was won by Eileen Scott.

Thanks to all who helped set up, manned the various concessions and tables, the donors, the bidders and those who helped clean up.

OCTOBER

The United Church Women held a Pot Luck supper on the third. Bingo was held twice.

Old Tyme Dance

This was held on October 6 and 93 tickets were sold. Music was played by Jim Rutherford and we extend to him our grateful thanks for donating his time and tapes--a bonus! Deb Garcia was bartender.

This dance was more than a dance as we celebrated the birthdays of two of our members who have put in many many voluntary hours and given donations to the Community Hall since its inception in 1954. Hazel Jones' 80th and Irma Cashin's 75th were inscribed on a huge birthday cake baked and decorated by Al Benton. Each was given a card signed by all attending, plus a plant of her choice and a bouquet of flowers. It was unfortunate that Hazel could not attend.

The door prizes were won by Al Benton and Corrine Hanson.

Halloween Dance

Only sixty tickets were sold for this dance on October 27, but all who attended said it was a terrific dance. Dave Rutherford played the music and Roxanne Lang was bartender.

Every year those in costume amaze me--the ideas and work that go into them are great and make for a very difficult job for the

judges. This year Best Lady went to Rose Jay as Jack Frost, Best Man went to Don Levitan as the Three-legged Man (Rolf Harris) and Best Couple to Marguerite Hall and Gayle Hawkins as Ninja Turtles.

Halloween Kids' Party

As always, this party was held on the 31st. The Hall was packed with kids and their parents. Just about every child was in costume. There were hot dogs and hot chocolate and costume judging. The Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department did a super job with the fireworks display.

NOVEMBER

The Hall was rented for the

Red Cross Carnival on November 16 and the Regional Board/School Board elections on the 17th.

Bingo

You will notice that for October/November we have cancelled a lot of Bingos. This is because of the disappointing turnouts. We can certainly play with only four people but it hardly seems fair to ask the directors to volunteer one evening a week for so few, or that those few people should support all the activities that are now free, i.e. playschool, basketball, exercises, the various children's parties, etc. If we have to cancel Bingo entirely we will have to rethink these programmes. ▸

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Enersave

The Hall is finally on the Enersave Programme. We will be eternally grateful to Kevin Munson for making this possible. The changeover, with wiring, heaters, etc. cost \$2,000, which did not include labour; Kevin donated all labour, for which we thank him sincerely.

Road

Pat Hawkins put in the culvert when he had his machine out to put in the new poles for the rerouting of the power line. At some point Pat will go over the

road again; very bumpy at the moment!

Coming Events

December 1 - Crafts Fair
December 15 - Members' Christmas Party
December 31 - New Year's Dance

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IRMA WINS SENIORS' LOTTERY

by
Jeanne Ferris

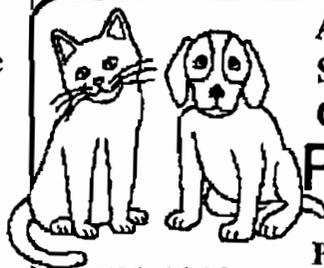
Sometimes that old adage, "It couldn't happen to a nicer person," rings true to life. Irma Cashin celebrated her 75th birthday and learned that she had won the \$50,000 top prize in the Seniors' Lottery Association draw all in the same weekend.

Irma has been a Bamfield resident on and off since 1921. She has two children, a son and a daughter, and four grandchildren. Irma plans to spend the money on practical things like a storage room addition to her trailer and some upgrading of her property and garden.

The Seniors' Lottery Association of B.C. holds a lottery three times a year to raise funds that help seniors in British Columbia. Thus far the association has distributed 2.5 million dollars to 478 seniors' groups around the province.

The next draw takes place on December 14, 1990. If they have not already mailed tickets to your household, you can buy them

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Happy Birthday Irma

by
Louis Druehl

*Irma is our gal, stout and fair,
Who loves and serves Bamfield with
care.*

*At the Community Hall sink or row-
ing a dory,
She puts her whole heart in it, that's
Irma's story.*

*Think of all the dishes you can stack
on a table,
Multiply by the holidays for all years
you're able.*

*Irma is a saint, or so it would seem,
Or is this an illusion, a small village
dream?*

*Indeed everyone must have another
side,
Irma is Dr. Jeckle but who is her Mr.
Hyde.*

*This joyous, delightful West Coast
lady
Must have been more than one
seafarer's baby.*

*I've seen her tip a few with
Pandora's chief engineer,*

*He seemed a nice ol' codger but he
had that leer.*

*The courtability of a Bamfield gal in
days of old
Could by the size of her, umumph,
woodpile be told.*

*But our Irma lives in the twenty-first
Century,
Where a hot lotto ticket will to any
heart gain entry.*

*Irma, I understand it is your twenty-
ninth birthday this year,
That's why you've gathered with
friends of good cheer.*

*So let us celebrate with you, our dear
friend Irma Cashin,
In that grand old Bamfield foot-
stomping fashion.*

Let's polka!

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WEDDING BELLS

by
Ebba Jennings

Peggy & Chester Clappis

Bamfield United Church was the setting for a family wedding on September 29 with Rev. Mary Steele officiating. The bride, Peggy Sue from Lytton, B.C., was given in marriage by Ken Gould of Bamfield. The groom, Chester Clappis of Anacla, was attended by his brother, Benny Clappis. Following their vows a small reception was held at their home. We wish Chester and Peggy well in their new venture.

Theora & Kregg Bradner

Ordinary Seaman Theora Christney, only daughter of David and Nancy Christney, was married at the home of friends in Victoria on November 3 to Kregg Bradner, also in the Canadian armed forces. The couple met during basic training.

Theora wore a long white gown and headpiece. She was attended by Jacquie Baker, dressed in royal blue. The groom's best man was in his Naval uniform. Following the vows a close gathering of family and friends joined the young couple to wish them well. They left for Halifax on November 28. Our thoughts and our good wishes go out to them for a long and untroubled life.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!

by
Ebba Jennings

Mrs. Mary Patrick

August was chosen instead of November 28 for a surprise party for Mrs. Mary Patrick to celebrate her 80th birthday. The festivities were organized by Mrs. Patrick's daughter, Margaret, and her husband Ken Masson of Manning Park, along with Kay and Johnny Wallace of Port Alberni.

To me it didn't seem that it had been that many years since we celebrated Margaret's wedding, one September afternoon. But with two grandsons, Bruce and Brad, and a great grandchild, Brent, one realizes that time flies and a new generation grows.

"Bucktail"

A Happy Birthday banner once again hung from the Fish Camp as one of Bamfield's summer visitors from California celebrated his 83rd birthday. "Bucktail" has returned each year for some time

to enjoy the amenities of our area.

Over The 80 Mark!

Also in the 80-plus bracket now is Joe Lamb. Bert and Hazel Jones have also passed that mark. We hear that our former minister, Dr. Russell Ross, now of Duncan, celebrated his 90th in September. Frank Steuart, who now resides in Victoria, also celebrated his 90th this year.

Happy greetings to all from here in Bamfield!



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A SUMMER DAY IN PORT DESIRE

by
Louis Druehl

The following account is based on observations by Rae Hopkins and Louis Druehl of Port Desire and Lonnie Brook, a resident of Grappler Inlet and employee of the Bamfield Parks Board. The day of the observations, September 2, 1990, was a busy day, but not the busiest we have seen this summer.

In the morning Rae collected five garbage bags of refuse from among the parked RVs and deposited them in the nearby dumpster, kindly provided by the Parks Board. She calculated that the refundables would pay for the bags if not her time. Later this morning Louis counted 122 boat trailers around the park site. Unfortunately he failed to determine the number of cartop boat carriers. While searching out the trailers, he identified 42 miniature toilets, each carefully flagged with a bit of white paper. Later, Louis and Rae were able to determine the origin of these au natural toilets when they

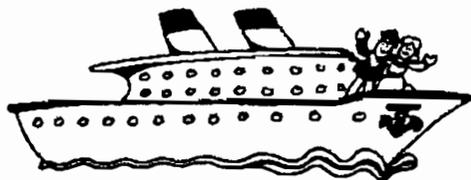
observed the creation of one by a young lady on the beach adjacent to their home.

That afternoon, between 2:45 and 7 p.m., Louis kept track of boat traffic in Port Desire. he observed 139 boats carrying 307 people (13% females) and two dogs pass his home. Six of these were kayaks, the rest were power boats, three of which were operated by women. Only one boat was observed making a sizable wake, which may be explained by the fact that the RCMP boat, *Carnac-Rivet*, was anchored in Grappler.

In the evening Lonnie went about his job of collecting fees from the Park users. He approached 30 camping units with mixed success. Five paid, 19 refused to pay and six threatened to beat him up. Lonnie quit.

That night was quiet and serene, with the usual chorusing drunks subdued by the continued presence of the RCMP.

Summer is nice, but we really prefer autumn.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

by
Ebba Jennings

Sunday, November 11, 1990.

During my school days there was no holiday for Armistice Day, just two minutes silence. Today it is a holiday and called Remembrance Day. I wonder how many take time to remember, how many choose to attend a service. There are those who would not really want to remember the horrors of their war days but still will think of their comrades.

Once again the floral tribute at the church was different. A large barnacle from the sea was the vase to hold greenery and bare branches with poppies scattered in the maple, oak and berried shrub leaves. There were poppies for those who did not return, whose days had closed like the bare branches, and poppies for those who are returned among the green leaves and the berried shrubs, a symbol of youth and the lives of children yet to grow in this very troubled world.

Two from Bamfield served in the first War, Captain Jimmy McKay and his brother Alex McKay. Several young lads from Bamfield served the army, navy and air forces in the second War. Sadly the day came when one lad, Eric Godson, lost his life in the fields of Italy. He left a wife and a baby girl he never saw. When the new school was built it was named in his honour. I thought of past events during our Remembrance Day silence, and also of two girls now serving in the Canadian forces: Theora Christney in the Navy and Kelly Christian in the Air Force. Our thoughts are with them in these troubled times.

Jim Ferris

Our thoughts were also of Jim Ferris on that Sunday as Rev. Mary Steele spoke in his memory. Jim had recently passed away in Madison, Wisconsin, where his battle with cancer ended, and Jeanne had returned home.

Jim was born on July 21, 1922 in Connecticut. He was a soldier in the second War on the battlefields in Europe. He was one of a very few in his Infantry battalion to return home. He came to Canada to visit his daughter,

Christine, on Lasquiti Island and decided to stay. Jim arrived in Bamfield on the **Little Toot**, a small gillnet boat. Like so many, he came, he saw, and Bamfield "conquered". He fished for a while, then worked temporarily at the Marine Station and then went on to become Manager at Pacific Rim Mariculture until lack of sufficient salmon, herring and shrimp forced it to close. After this came various jobs, including lighthouse relief. Meanwhile, he and Jeanne found time to be married at the Bamfield church one September afternoon in 1980.

They built a house in South Bamfield on a lot Jim chose on a bit of a hill that overlooked tranquil waters--birds, sea lions during herring season, otters and also the roar of summer outboards. The house was not finished when they moved in, but over time the insulation was covered, the floors finished, the kitchen, the plumbing, the electrical and etc. were completed. That job done, it was another building to house the computer and the **Barkley Sounder**, which needed more space. Jim's interest in computers grew into selling and teaching.

Jim was active in community affairs and voiced his opinion during many meetings and coffee

breaks as well as through the **Sounder** and the **Westerly News**.

There were many arguments, as he was outspoken, and though I might not always agree with him, he was honest and fair.

He liked Bamfield, where he had his home and where he knew she would be comfortable. He was proud of her garden efforts. Jim was far from oblivious of the many concerns in the community, and we discussed many things. His comments in the **Barkley Sounder** will be missed by its far-flung ex-Bamfielder subscribers; his thoughts had meaning for them, too.

Our last conversation in the shop was about his forthcoming trip to his home state -- the fall colours, visiting his daughter in Vermont, stopping to visit Jeanne's mother in Wisconsin. He made his pilgrimage. But his last twelve days were there in St. Marys hospital with Jeanne's mother to give her support in their time of need and at his passing.

To his wife, Jeanne, and his daughters Christine and Sandra we express our sympathy. As time eases the pain, the strength will come to continue with what he did so well, the **Barkley Sounder**. We will miss his writing, "his" opinion. Were he still with us he would have

gathered the community for a candidates meeting; after all, two running for Regional Director is not an everyday occurrence in Bamfield.

We didn't always agree, Jim, but you set many thinking. A job well done, a life well-lived, though still young at 68; and now on to that greater "one".



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MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

by
Dawn Renfrew

On November 9, 1990 some students from Louis St. Laurent High School in Edmonton, Alberta, who were on a field trip to the Marine Station, found a bottle containing a message at Brady's Beach. On opening the bottle back at the Station, they found the following message in Japanese and English. The Japanese girl's penmanship is beautiful.

このビンを捨て下さった方へ

はじめまして 私は 泉昭和高等学校の2年生です

私達の学校は創立5年目で、今 カニフラーブという船で種子島と鹿児島へ修学旅行の途中です

私達は 海流を調査し友好を探るために このビンを海に投げ入れました。

もし 水を捨て 中の手紙を読みましたら お手紙ですが いろんな場所と日時 自分の住所を書いて

泉和高校の方へ送っていただきたいのです。

私は あなたの返事が来るの楽しみに待っています

では さようなら

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山田 綾子

Note the date of the letter -- three and a half years to get here! I wonder how many of the other students' bottles were recovered and where. The Edmonton high-school students have sent a reply with letters (in English and Japanese -- prepared by one of their teachers) and pictures to Kure Showa school, even though the girl, Ayako Yamada, has probably graduated. Bamfield has made it into the columns of the Edmonton Sun, as this event was written up in the newspaper.

1997年 5月15日

May 15, 1987

Dear,

How do you do?

I'm in the eleventh grade and Kure Showa High school student.

Our school was founded five years ago. Now we're in the ship, Sun Flower 7.

We're visiting Kagoshima and Tanegashima which are Japanese islands.

On the way we threw our bottles into the sea to investigate an ocean current or promote our friendship.

We hope you will find this letter which we wrote.

I'll be very happy to send your letter to us.

We're looking forward to your letter.

Trully

Ayako Yamada

Kure Showa High School

Yamanokami, Yakeyama-Cho

Kure-shi, Hiroshima pref, 737 Japan

IN MEMORY OF

by
Ebba Jennings

Reverend Percy Wills

October marked the passing of the Rev. Percy Wills, in his 90's, in Victoria. Rev. Wills was well known along the coast as a missionary, travelling by canoe or boat and hiking the trails with a pack on his back.

His work was with the Shantymen: at the Nootka mission hospital, at a camp for young people up beyond on the coast, at Camp Ross in Pachena, at a mission for sea men in Port Alberni as well as work in Victoria. His belief in prayer brought many miracles in the building of his world. When the days seemed the darkest somehow something would happen and he could carry on. From his travels to the camps in Ontario, from service in the wars and on the West coast he had a host of friends. He was not afraid of work, had a twinkle in his eye and a love for young and old.

He lived a full and long life as he ministered along the coast, gathering many young people to a

better way of life and giving comfort to the elderly. He will be missed, but the work he began lives on in the lives of many. Those who knew him considered him a friend. When Camp Ross closed he did not come this way again; he was needed elsewhere. With sympathy to the family.

Edward Nookamis

On Thursday, October 9 services were held for Edward Nookamis at the Chapel of Memories in Port Alberni. He was born December 10, 1909 and passed away on October 6 in the Port Alberni hospital while awaiting surgery.

Edward was of this area, married in 1934 at Sarita to Mabel, the oldest daughter of Louisa and Georgie Johnson. He had a home in Grappler where their children lived while attending school here. In the 60s the family moved to Port Alberni where he worked for the city until his retirement in 1973. "That was a good job," he always said. In time he and his wife returned to Anacla where his sons had moved from Grappler. During these past years he became known as "Grampa" to more than his own.

He too saw many changes over the years, from canoe travel to small boat to cars and the road. He was a slow driver and many felt badly as he crept through Bamfield's only four way stop and was picked up while others who burn rubber somehow didn't get arrested. He was sometimes seen picking berries with his wife and spoke of a place in Port where they were going. He was proud of the sturdy trollers his sons acquired. Of late his steps were slow and faltering and he talked about and expressed concern for many changing ways.

An elderly man, the fact that he was well known by many was expressed by Rev. Earl Johnson and those who participated at his service with words and song -- Victor Amos, Helda Nookemus, Louie Frank, Dennis Matilpi. That he was loved and appreciated was demonstrated by those who travelled from the coast to bid farewell to one they knew and to one whose spirit lives on. Our sympathy goes out to his seven sons, four daughters, 44 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Also to his wife, Mabel, who has lost her husband and companion of 56 years. He is at peace with the knowledge that there is a large family to care for

her. With sympathy from all.
Interment in the cemetery in Port Alberni.

Keith McKee

Private family committal services were held on October 7 for Keith McKee who passed away at the age of 75 following a battle with cancer. Keith was the youngest son of the McKee family who pioneered the first trading post at Dodger's Cove. They then moved into Bamfield, building a stone home over the water where David Christney lives today. Keith made his home in Vancouver but had returned to visit Bamfield. It was his wife, son and daughter together with his remaining brother Colin and sister Nina who brought him back home to our shore, as was his older sister a couple of years ago. His father died during the building of the first school on the hill. In due time his mother remarried and their store moved to the area where Bamfield General Store stands today. That first store burned and was replaced. Some evidence of the pilings of the original home remains at Christney's, where the original home was torn down by Randal as he built the house David and family now live in.

Only a few remain that knew Keith, but he was that little boy born here in the early days when there were few families. He played on the beaches, he paddled his canoe and went out to the wide world and now he is beyond our shores. But a memory lingers on which is the beauty of a community which, though changing, still draws those who have lived here back home. To his wife and family our sympathy and remembrance.

David Jack

Services were held for David Jack in Port Alberni with burial at the Sarita cemetery.

David was the young son of Mabel and the late Paul Jack. He was raised on Burlo Island in Bamfield. After the passing of his father they moved away to Port Alberni and Nanaimo. David was living in the interior at the time of his passing.

To his mother, Mabel, we express our sympathy, and to his family. It is always hard to lose a son, especially in adult years. There are still those who remember when he once lived here, and who are sorry that he is gone. But he is now at rest.

Laura Leemet Isakson

To every thing there is a season... a time to weep...a time to mourn...a time to heal...a time to harvest, a time to remember and a time to give thanks.

This was our community's time to remember and give thanks for those who were once of Bamfield, whose passing will be remembered. They were once a part of the growth of this community, they were also our friends.

On October 7 we gathered at Bamfield United Church to give thanks for the harvest of the year. The altar was graced with the symbolic fruits and vegetables, the goodness of our land and gardens, and with jars of salmon, a token of the bounty of the sea that surrounds us.

We also gave thanks for the life of Laura Leemet Isakson, whose sudden passing on September 23 came as a shock to all of us. Flown out to the Port Alberni hospital on Thursday, she was at rest Sunday morning.

Born in Estonia on October 28, 1909, she was a person who lived through many troubled times: a revolution and two wars. She knew as a child what it was like to flee with her parents to another

country and return to pick up the pieces again. History repeated itself when she, her husband and their two youngest daughters had to flee once again, this time by small boat to Sweden for sanctuary. Within 6 months they left for a new life in Canada, coming to Bamfield.

Their oldest daughter was married and remained in Sweden. As they left it was with the knowledge that although the family link was broken it was her choice to build a home and a family in a secure country. Laura's husband Mike worked here in the machine shop, acquired a home and then a small boat as the lure of fishing called. He saw his young daughter married, Bamfield's second wedding in the church. He saw his two grandchildren baptised before he passed away.

Undaunted, Laura did what other women of this community did during those years. She took advantage of the available resources, digging clams when the tides permitted and picking huck and salal for the florist industry. In time she married again. After a few years she nursed and watched her second husband, Walter, battle cancer too until his passing.

Laura lived 39 years in Bamfield, the longest she ever lived in

one place. She leaves a memory of a person of great strength and adaptability, courage and spirit. She made the best of her garden patch and her love of beauty was reflected in so many things: her creative needlework for family and friends, the miles of cotton turned into runners, bedspreads and table cloths. She enjoyed reading and was able to read in five languages, because of circumstances. Basically a city person, she took advantage of the arts and museums where available.

She often spoke of how thankful she was to be able to live here in Bamfield with its sense of freedom. During the past year she became very concerned about our changing living conditions and the effect of increasing costs on her pension income. "Will I be able to keep my house and float with the increasing taxes. Why take away a bus service that allows me to go to Port Alberni and return in a day for medical, banking and shopping facilities not available here in Bamfield." She felt it was unfair that service to Bamfield was changed to meet the needs of hikers for the West Coast Trail, not the needs of the community.

It was on Thanksgiving that we gave thanks and we rememb-

ered. On the altar were red flowers from her garden, the symbol of love, and pansies for our thoughts as her ashes were committed, following those of Mike and Walter before her.

To Monica and family in Sweden, to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, to Mai, the Bamfield girl, and her husband Jack, to Rory and John, our deepest sympathy on your loss of a Mother and Grandmother...and our friend.

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from
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Rita Johnston, Minister of Transportation and Highways, announced today that a \$30,000 contract has been awarded to Graeme and Murray Consultants Ltd., Victoria, [388-9161] to study the feasibility of providing road access to the community of Bamfield.

The unincorporated village on the west coast of Vancouver Island is isolated by Bamfield Inlet. [I quote the Press Release here. ed.] This forces some residents to use boats to reach their homes from the end of the existing road.

"This study was recommended by the Regional Transportation Task Force, and is included in the Transportation Plan announced in May," said Johnston.

The study will evaluate alternate road routes and estimate preliminary costs. It is to be completed by the end of this year. The results will be reviewed by com-

munity representatives and a public information session will be held in Bamfield early in 1991.

"Nothing will be built without public consultation," said Johnston.

For the actual terms of reference for the above named study, please contact Gerard Janssen, our MLA in Port Alberni. His constituency office in Port is at:

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with three brown replicas--
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was being fed with zeal
its regurgitated meal.*

*It was a small, green frog
looking like part of the leaf
on our laurel bush
at head height. I stared,
not six inches from it.
It never even blinked its eye.
Would I eat it? Would it die?*

*It was thin as a pencil--
coloured purplish green
and, in a three inch length,
four silky feel and a tail--
a lizard on our cement steps.
I glimpsed its ancient trail
from the giants of the earth swamps.
It felt satin clean as I
placed it near some rotted leaves.*

*It looked like a short stem-twig
broken on a rose bush.
I went to remove it, but found
it had legs on one end
and teeth on the other--a knife,
same green as the rose stems--
a genius of camouflage--
a caterpillar! - carnivore
of life.*

*It was a fawn,
barely out of its dappled
coat--staring at me
with long ears lifted
to catch menace or peace--
a thing of beauty.
How can one equate
this vision with a falling dollar,
or rising interest rate?*

*It is difficult to align
such polyglot forms
with things like politics--
with the devious aims of man--
with the dark, evil creature
which even now creeps toward
the sands of Saudi Arabia
as quietly as it can!*

Pat Grace

RED CROSS CARNIVAL 1990

by
Pat Garcia

The annual Red Cross Carnival was held in the Community Hall on Friday, November 16.

The Bamfield branch of the Red Cross sincerely thanks those who donated raffles, other prizes and auction goods; those who helped in the kitchen, helped by selling raffle tickets, worked as sideshow operators, the auctioneer, the runners and cashiers and all those who came out to spend money and join in the fun.

Out of the 1990 Carnival monies we are setting aside money for a replacement cartridge for the photocopier and for a screen door for the front door of the clinic. Our total profit from the Carnival was \$1,601.35.

Revenue	\$1911.61
Expenses	310.26

Profit	\$1601.35

Raffle Winners

Deb Dryden won the "Mystery" donated by Sheila Chambers.

Bill Mather, JoAnne Bowker and Leonard Jennings won the money donated by J.S. McMillan, Kamshee Store, Breakers Marine and Tye Lodge.

Ebba Jennings won the doll donated by Ag Woodward.

Al Spence won the hamper donated by the General Store.

Rick McLeod won the bottle donated by John McNerney.

Rae Druehl won the gas tank and gas donated by Ostroms.

Lisa Munson won the water purifier donated by Dave & Lorraine Hegstrom.

Dave Hegstrom won the fruitcake donated by Marie Ostrom.

Len Jennings won the honey donated by A. Bayley.

Tina Charles won the Barbie House donated by Pat & Joe Garcia.

Crib Tournament

Walter Piatoka came in first, with Bill Mather as runner up. The plaque and prizes were donated by Bamfield Marine Station, Bamfield Inn and Tye Lodge.

REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

by
Al Benton, Regional Director

The time has finally come to write my final report as your Regional Director. Technically I am still your representative until December 19 when Mike Hicks will be sworn in, but as the next Barkley Sounder won't be out until February, this is my swan song.

There have been a lot of changes during my time in office, some for the worse and some for the better. I can still recall naively thinking that I could find compromise solutions to problems that would make everyone happy. I soon discovered that the best yardstick of how well I was handling a situation was if I could get both sides on a controversial issue mad at me. I managed to do this a couple of times.

There are a number of problems which our community faces now and in the future which will require a great deal of time and effort to settle. The West Bamfield Connector issue will hopefully be resolved in the current feasibility study. I certainly hope so, anyway.

Garbage is one problem that promises to be very difficult. The proposal that I brought to you a year ago for a transfer station looks more and more unlikely now. A year ago the Ohiaht Band had expressed a willingness to contribute approximately one-half of Bamfield's contribution. Now they have their own incinerator, so that contribution is probably lost forever. All other solutions seem to be far beyond the financial capabilities of our community.

Utilization of our water system is steadily increasing, and in the near future will approach capacity in the summer. There is also a current problem with water flows in parts of West Bamfield that is likely to curtail development there in the very near future.

Then there are the myriad other problems that seem relatively small now, but could become major overnight. These are such things as control and policing of the harbour, local police protection in the summer, accommodation of tourists, sewage disposal, and others I haven't even thought of yet.

Given these problems, I thought it was very encouraging that two people were willing to contest an election to replace me. Both Mike and Linda are to be congratu-

lated for showing a willingness to make that sort of commitment. Mike, in particular, as a self-employed businessman with a young family must be very committed to be willing to undertake this job, for as I have found out, being on the Regional Board is the equivalent of a half-time job for virtually no remuneration (my TD1 slip for 1989 was only \$2,577.00).

My main concern when I heard that Mike was planning to run was that he would not have the time to do the job because of his business. I was afraid that we might have a recurrence of the situation in 1981-3 when I became Alternate Director and attended over two-thirds of the meetings. In that case John Boom had taken on the Director's position primarily because no one else was willing to do it, then found that the demands of his other endeavours made it impossible for him to properly discharge the Director's responsibilities. For this reason, when Mike asked me last summer what the job's time requirement was, I was careful to let him know that it was considerable.

The cost for a businessman is not just in time, but also in money. Colleagues of mine on the Board and on other Boards and

Councils who are self-employed generally agree that it costs them an average of \$25,000.00 per year to be involved in local politics. So "Good on you," Mike. I expect that you may have to miss more than the two Board meetings in eight and a half years that I did, but at least we won't be faced with representation by an appointed person in an elective office, which is the anti-thesis of democracy.

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UNITED CHURCH REPORT

by
Rev. Mary Steele

October started with a Pot Luck Supper in the Community Hall. We are grateful to all the good cooks who provided a marvelous feast, and for the community support which helps to keep the church open.

On Thanksgiving Sunday we gave thanks for the life of Laura Isakson, long time member of the church and of the United Church Women. Laura's ashes were committed to the sea after the service.

Weekly services continued through October and November and we were happy to have Kathy Durante with us for clarinet and saxophone duets. Our thanks to Kathy, and to Harry Steele for his clarinet and saxophone solo.

December brings us the celebration of Christ's birth. There will be a Christmas Pot Luck Supper on December 5 at 6:30 pm at the Hall. The traditional service with candlelight and carols will be held on Sunday, December 23 at 4:30 pm and this will be followed by

a coffee hour. On Christmas Eve there will be a candlelight communion service at 10:00 pm. Communion is open to all in the United Church, so come and celebrate with us.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY
A Special Remembrance
by
Rev. Mary Steele

[The following words were spoken in memory of Jim at the Sunday Service on November 11.]

We gather this morning to remember. To remember that the peace that we have now enjoyed for so many years was bought at a price, a very high price in the suffering of all concerned. And in particular, we come to remember one soldier, gone from us this past week. Jim Ferris, who served in the Second World War, lost his final battle with cancer on November second.

Jim first came to Bamfield in 1978. He brought a mind that could think, ideas he could fight for, and a keen interest in all that concerned the community. And he saw one particular need in the community, the need for communication, for a voice, - and together with Jeanie, he gave Bamfield the **Barkley Sounder**.

Down East even very small communities, ones smaller than Bamfield, have their gathering points. The Church, the Lions Club, the Curling Club, the Ambu-

lance Brigade, all provide focal points where people get together to form community opinions.

Many Bamfield residents came here because they chose to leave behind that kind of organization. Bamfield is a place of freedom, each one free to be himself or herself. But that freedom needed a focus, somewhere to express ideas with strength and without malice. The **Barkley Sounder** has provided that place of many voices. Today we give thanks for all that Jim Ferris has contributed to this community.



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He Looked Death in the Eye

by

Dr. Paul Wertsch
Madison, Wisconsin

Brave deeds seem to need to be told. I had the honour of being the attending physician for Jim Ferris during his recent illness and death. I have known Jim as a friend for a number of years, and I was pleased that he included a visit to us in his farewell visit to family and friends as death approached. He was obviously very ill when I saw him, having lost a lot of weight, and his endurance was decreased. I could tell he was proceeding on pure adrenalin. His cancer had slowed down his walking, but not his talking. His mind was ever alert and we had many good discussions (arguments?)

When the colon cancer which had spread to his liver suddenly caused the liver to fail rapidly, he faced his death bravely. As long as there was a chance that a medical treatment would help he fought on. When finally we were presented with the fact that there was nothing more to do, he understood. He looked Death squarely in the eye and didn't flinch. He

thanked everyone for their help and died a brave death. After he died I realized that he had made things as easy as he could for me, his physician, as well as the nurses who attended him. In his short stay in our hospital everyone came to love him.

I am saddened at the death of a close friend, but am happy that he did beat the odds and actually lived twice as long as was expected from the type of cancer he had.

Jim's death has prompted me to write a medical column for the **Barkley Sounder**. Hopefully this will present a forum to bring relevant medical education to wider audience. I will try to address it to people living in a more rural, isolated setting. I have been to Bamfield often enough to realize that going to see the doctor isn't always an easy thing. I will be glad to address any questions that you have.

The first topic will appear in the next issue and will be about colon cancer. One sign of a great person is the ability to influence people even after your death. We will miss you, Jim.



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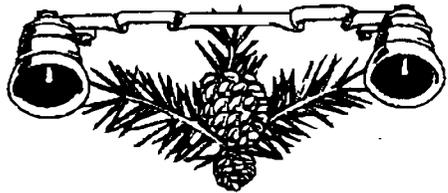
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NOTES & LETTERS

The Bamfielder,

We would like to ask your kindness in passing on our thanks to all the good people of Bamfield for all the help you have given to our family in this sad time for us. Also for the respect and help you all gave Mom during her 39 years of living in Bamfield.

To her Bamfield was "home", and she loved it. She had to come half way around the world to find it but I know she thought it was well worth the effort. Our family has wonderful memories of a loving small community and we wish to thank you all for your kind support.

*Sincerely,
Jack, Mai, Rory
& John Case.
Renton, Washington*



Jeannie,

Megan Bergersen would like to thank everyone, especially those Grappler ladies, that have been so kind since she came home.

*Thank you all from
Per and Wendy Bergersen
Bamfield*



Greetings, Jim and Jeannie,

Just the facts...I'm married (to Joan Clarke), have a daughter (Rachael, 16 months), am breaking into teaching (read "job-hunting"), have a mortgage and a \$500 station wagon and am living happily in Esquimalt. The BS'er is an occasional flight of nostalgia--about as much reading as I ever get done in a sitting.

*Bye,
Dan Thorlaksen
Victoria*



Hi,

Lorne has been in Smithers this week for meetings so I'm getting a few extra things done. We had a great trip to the UK this summer. We

flew to London then took the train to Edinburgh. We spent about two and a half weeks driving through Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Now we are settling in for the long winter. Lorne is working too hard (as usual) and I am librarian (K-12) and music teacher (K-3) at the local school.

*Hope all is well with you,
Sharon McIntosh
Queen Charlotte City*

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Welcome back, Chester!

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For more information, call Chester Clappis at: 728-1240.



OUR CHRISTMAS HOURS

From December 10 to 15 and 17 to 22:

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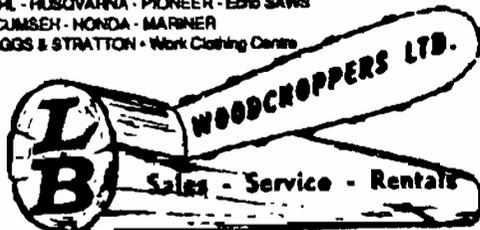
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Many people have written kind words to share their memories of Jim with me. At his memorial in our home, many wrote their recollections, some of which I have included in this last Barkley Sounder of 1990. Thank you all for being there when I needed you.

Jeanne Ferris

CONDOLENCES

Dear Jeannie,

I'll miss Jim and so will most Bamfielders. I heard, last evening, many fine words spoken in his praise, with greater articulation than mine. I heard of his honesty and sincerity--that is true--but what was most important to me was his kindness. From the first time I met him on my porch, until the last time I said goodbye on my doorstep, that's what I'll remember.

He enjoyed communication - I've heard him engaged in more than a few lengthy discussions intellectual, political, historical, etc. - none of this is my forte. But when he said, "It's good to have you back in Bamfield" or, "Listen, I've had a good life, what the hell", those were the words I truly heard. I believe he really cared and that brought joy and meaning to his life.

I admired the way he conducted his illness - he lived until he died.

Sincerely,
Bev McInerney
Bamfield

I always hoped to have a non-controversial conversation with Jim--I never really wanted an argument and I definitely never won one. I am glad to have known Jim.

Rae Hopkins/Druehl

I think Jim made us more aware of our own thoughts and views on issues by disagreeing and making us think. He made us stand up and defend our thoughts. He was also a particularly colourful and energetic character. He will live on in my memories.

Dawn Renfrew

I remember visiting Bamfield for the first time and just watching and listening to the conversation at Happy Hour. Everyone was very open and friendly but it was Jim who asked me what I thought of Bamfield and whether or not I would enjoy living here. He then went on to tell me what he thought of its strengths and weaknesses. I left that day feeling I would really

enjoy moving here and getting to know everyone better. And I was right. Thanks, Jim.

Chelsie Levitan

Jim's opinions will remain dear to me--a conviction of one's own shows great sincerity. I will miss all those heartfelt discussions. I hope Jim has found some worthy opponents and comrades! Thanks, Jim!

Jane Watson

Jim was always very helpful and generous with his time and use of his computer. He will remain my image of a typical Bamfield resident; interesting, generous and a great character.

Don Levitan

Carmen and I had the pleasure of 'house-sitting' for Jim and Jeanne on their trip away. We had a pleasant stay (with a few adventures) in the beautiful home that they have built in Bamfield. A lovely, comfortable home that is a reflection of their presence in this town. Jim will be missed for his help with computers at Bamfield Marine Station and his lively interest in people and their opinions.

Our thoughts are with you,
Mary and Carmen



Dear Jeanne,

Thank you for letting me meet you and Jim. I will never have better friends than you two. I never really realized how much I loved you two until Jim passed away. Jim will always be in my heart of computers. He taught me a lot, not only about computers but also about courage, kindness and friendship. Courage because he didn't complain about his cancer and he was also brave. Kindness because he was always happy and never made me feel down or bad. And friendship because he copied all those games and programs that he knew I would like. Jim will never be gone to me because of the things he taught me and the feeling of trust and friendship he had.

When I think of Jim Ferris I don't think of him as a man or my parents' friend, I think of him as my friend too. Jeanne, please don't be sad, think instead of the brave, noble man that loved you, and that his spirit is in all who met him.

Love,
Greg Wertsch
Madison, Wis.

[Our friend Greg turned 13 the weekend Jim passed away.]

Obituary
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Ferris, James A.

MADISON/BAMFIELD, BRITISH COLUMBIA — James A. Ferris, age 68 of Bamfield, B.C., Canada died on Friday November 2, 1990 at St. Mary's Hospital. He was born on June 21, 1922 to Morris and Esther Ferris in Connecticut. He married the former Jeanne Stalder on September 27, 1980 in Bamfield, B.C. Jim grew up in New England and served in the Army Infantry during World War II. He emigrated to Canada in 1970, where he worked as a salmon fisherman and manager of a commercial fish plant. He and his wife established and co-edited the Barkley Sounder, a monthly journal originating in Bamfield. He also wrote a weekly column for the Westerly News of Ucluelet, B.C. He was a positive force in local politics, and was involved with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District in Bamfield. Jim was a man of many talents who cleared the land and built his own home, operated a backhoe, and occasionally served as a relief lighthouse keeper. In his 60's, he became the computer guru of Bamfield, teaching courses and maintaining the computers at the Bamfield Marine Station and in the village. His energy and intelligence will be missed by his family and by his friends, both in Madison and in Bamfield, the remote fishing village where he made his home. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Stalder Ferris of Bamfield, B.C.; two daughters Sandra Ferris Earl of Brookfield, Vermont and Christine Ferris of Lasquiti Island, B.C.; a sister, Barbara Lucas of Manchester, Connecticut; and two nieces, Abigail Louine Stalder and Elizabeth Suzanne Stalder of Madison. He was preceded in death by his sister, Priscilla. Memorial services will be held in Bamfield, B.C.

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