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Into the Realm of Desktop Publishing

Thanks to Big Glory Seafoods allowing me use of their computer to produce Stewart Island News, here on the Island, we are now in the realm of "Desktop Publishing". Using a programme called "Click Art" columns can be laid out and typestyles changed in the computer, with little of the "cut & paste" needed for the first two issues of SIN.

Print quality, at present slightly "dotty" like the "edita", should improve in a couple of months when we have access to a "laser" printer, which gives good sharp-edged type.

Community Computer

Next step is to obtain our "Community Computer". A suitable model will be available, at a very reduced price, if we can raise \$3,000 by October. I am approaching one or two firms, and if any others care to contribute, please see me. With this, and power connected from the Hall, we will be able to move into Rakiura Museum, and operate as planned.

Public Meeting

It has always been the intention to make Stewart Island News a true "Community Newspaper", run by and for the Community Now that several issues have been produced, a public meeting will be held to discuss:— Incorporating "Stewart

Island News"; lay down editorial guidelines; elect officers to help business operations; and find ways to make operation of the paper self-supporting

The date for this meeting depends on when a Department of Internal Affairs Officer is available, but it should be in the next few weeks - so Watch the Noticeboard.

Further Development

Once we have the "Community Computer" we can produce small posters, tickets and reports for clubs and other organisations. In a few months we should be able to reproduce photographs in the paper.

Given time, I trust we can gradually build up all the equipment such as a reduction photocopier and laser printer that are needed for production of quality printing "masters". Who knows? In time we may even have a small "printery" right here on Stewart Island. In any event, we still have a long way to grow!

-Sam

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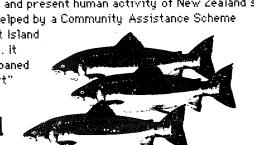
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Times = Southland Times **News** = Southland Daily News

10 Years Ago

"Mr Bill Worrall closed his Bay Halfmoon classroom uesterday after 17 years of teaching on the Island.

Born in England he worked at avariety of jobs, joining the Army for 11 years - served both in France and India. He came to Stewart Island in August 1960 a year after his arrival in New Zealand. Mr Worrall plans to remain on the Island in his retirement."

Times - 20 Aug 1977 [Great to see you still here Bill]

"The Stewart Island airstrip should be ready for sealing within 10 days, a director of Stewart Island Air Services said yesterday."

Times - 27 Aug 1977 [We celebrate the 10th birthday of the Ruan's Creek strip in Jan How about some reminicences.]

5 Years Ago

"Bleak Crayfish Outlook" - From Oct 1st next year all crayfish tailed at sea must be frozen to less than minus 18 degrees Celoius within 24 hours of being Tailed"

Times - 11 Aug 1982

The Southland Times of 20 Aug was all doom and gloom -

"Plans to scrap "Wairua" with an infrequent freight service." "Stewart Island Traffic Problems

Discussed" "Energy Crisis on Island

Worsens"

Times - 20 Aug 1982

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Sam Says: Whew - Made It

Hi Folks,

Yes, right at the moment a heartfelt sigh of relief is about all you'll get out of me, for hopefully this is the last page of issue number three to be formatted ready for printing.

The first editorial for this issue was a glowing account of the joys of "desktop publishing". Once you've learned how to "drive" the software, it

certainly has many advantages over the old "cut-and-paste" - but there can be a few distinct disadvantages. Those of you who live on the "mainland" will be familiar with system "crashes", data loss etc. Try computing on erratic power sources! [Roll-on the Power Scheme]

One of these days I'll write an article of the joys of computing on generator and battery/inverter power - it's to be called "Computing by Candlelight". Yes folks, SIN No:3 even got to that stage - all praise to my Epson PX-8 computer. Being a true portable, it kept going when my lighting battery at home ran out of qo, and I had no fuel for the generator.

Work with the Big Glory Amstrad was done mainly in the evenings using a battery and inverter, and several "saves" were lost when I ran out of juice at the crucial moment.

The major disaster in the saga was however while operating on generator power. A power "glitch" right in the middle of a "save" brought a "crash", and the output of the disc I'd been carefully storing all the completely formatted pages on was turned to meaningless mumbo-jumbo! Sixteen pages "down the tubes" - so to speak! That's why this issue is late - NO APOLOGIES!

APOLOGY

I do apologise however for delay in posting No 2 to some of our first subscribers. A combination of factors, including data loss contributed to this, but mainly it was my own slackness, if any of you still missed out, let me know and I'll rectify things!

To you all, Cheers!

Sam Sampson

Ciquains

These are five-line poems, with one word in the first line, two in the second etc. You'll find some of them done by Room 3 pupils in this issue - more in future!

PARAKEET ABOVE ME ON A BRANCH RED, GREEN AND YELLOW BY THE STEPS OF MOTORAU

- Natalia DAVIS [Std 3]

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Mike's Message

Since the issue of the last Stewart Island News, crime has stepped up with burglaries of the District Nurse's Clinic, Stewart Island Travel and Stewart Island Fishermen's Co-op. Although nothing substantial was taken, these offences against business premises are alarming. As I mentioned previously, security is paramount if you want to keep those valuable posessions.

As I mentioned in the first issue of this News, the amateur fishery is causing some concern, with the increasing fine weather allowing visitors to travel from other parts of the country to load up on fish and shellfish alike. Although this is heartening to the Island's economy, fisheries resources are dwindling at a rapid rate. Lagain unge those who see something suspicious to contact either myself or the three other Fisheries Officers

I shall be away from the Island in September and Constable STEVENSON will be relieving. He will be staying at the South Sea Hotel, so if you need to contact him in the evening, phone 391-572 and you should be able to reach him. Failing that, ring the Police Station and calls will be re-routed to Invercargill Police Operations, who will contact him by radio.

Finally, if anyone has any information on our recent burglaries Constable Stevenson or I would be keen to hear.

Mike TeAU

Arab Mines in Big GloryBay?

During August, alert salmon farm staff have had to navigate around a "Straits of Hormuz"-style Yorld War II mine, while commuting to work daily.

The sinister, deathly shape materialised one evening and seems to be moored by some means about 200m out from Bravo Island in the mouth of Big Glory Bay. Many vessels have been sighted manouvering in very slow circles around the object, endeavouring to ascertain if it is a hazard to shipping and to obtain information as to its owners.

One particular line of enquiry led to Big Glory Seafoods, after polystyrene, black paint and hacked about water pipe was found, following Greg Dawson and Lance LeQuesne's five-day shift.

But after contacting SIS [Security Intelligence Service - not Stewart Island Salmon), and examining the mine cautiously in a non-magnetic, inflatable rubber boat, a conclusion was reached that it was quite obviously the work of Arab Terrorists, employing scare tactics to ensure that Hunt Petroleum don't send the "Penrod" oil-rig back to Stewart Island. This of course would enable them to continue their monopolu on world oil prices!

Lt.Cmdr | C LOTTS-OFFEN [RNZN Intelligence]

The Dinkum Oil

Talking of "Penrod" and oil strikes, did you know it's 128 years since the world's first oil strike made by Edwin Drake at Oil Creek in Pennsylvania on Aug 27 1859? Oil had been accidentally struck while drilling for salt in 1841, and the first deliberate oil drilling began in Germany in 1857, but Drake's well is generally regarded as the beginning of the modern oil industry.

Petroleum oil rapidly replaced whale oil for lighting and lubrication, and undoubtedly had an affect on the whale industry in Stewart Island waters though overkill had already reduced whale populations to almost irrecoverable levels.

In addition to the Penrod strikes in the Great South Basin, there was "Arkwright's" oil-strike in Leask Bay - what a pity he can't play the banjo - he may have become the Island's Jed Clampert!

Airstrip Incident

Deer, paradise ducks and other wildlife appear on Ryan's Creek airstrip from time to time, but a trail of clothing leading to a naked man lying on the runway was a totally new experience, for Lloyd Wilcox when he did the morning weather check on Sat 22 Aug.

The man, in his sixties, was a visitor to the Island and had apparently been out in the open for some hours. He was badly cut and in a state of shock and was escorted to Kew Hospital by Constable Mike Te Au.

The incident provoked a degrée of mirth round the village, but it was one of those unfortunate happenings which have the potential to affect any of us.

Cinquain

SHELLS ON PATHS CRUNCHING UNDER FEET CARRIED FROM THE BEACH PUT ON PATHS AT MOTORAU

- Robin WILSON [S2]

HATCHES/MATCHES/DISPATCHES:

There have been no recent births on the Island, but it's good to see some earlier Island "hatches" home for the holidays - the lack of teenagers leaves quite a gap in our population structure at term-time.

Similarly there's a shortage of matches [though a few folks don't need them and fire up with candles and electrical flash-overs]. We are, however, going through a period of despatches. Lon Johnson and Jeremy Foley have departed north and Anne and Ken Forsyth are now over the Straits at Porpoise Bay [near Curio Bay]. Both the Pasco and McClure families also leave soon. Incidentally the rumour that an invasion of SIN into the office has driven Barry away is entirely unfounded!

LON'S GONE

[Lon Johnson left for Central Otago at the end of August - his contribution to the Fire Brigade has been much appreciated]

Another bird heads north to the summer - following the footsteps of the Blok family. I made my first expeditionary visit to the Island in 1979, on a hunting trip to Xmas Village [Don't forget the Lion's Xmas Cakes - Advt]. The trip ended rather unexpectedly. with bad weather preventing us from getting off the Island. My friends and I found various forms of accomodation, for the night. The smartest member found a house to stay in, I crawled into car which thankfully wasn't looked and the last guy was chased around by the Policeman forsleeping on "Arkwright's" shop verandah and various other places. I should have learned my lesson then, but came back.

I spent some time as an apprentice nurseryman. From there I joined the Army for three years, two of those in Singapore. From there I went to Forestry Silviculture sub-contracting and Security work for Armourguard, before coming here. I returned in Sept 1984 to join the Lands & Survey team, which took me all over the Island. doing various jobs from rat control at Pegasus, farm managing at Mason Bay, through to track cutting up Mount Anglem.

I became a founder member of DOC for a short time, but moved out to private enterprise work, aiding in the new development of Horseshoe Haven Lodge. I got myself involved with a few of the local activities, including Badminton, Fire Brigade and some Aerobics. My love for the outdoors has taken me hunting,

I'm moving up to Clyde to rejoin Roger and start work for his father's Garden Service. I've been happy to meet so many lovely people on the Island and it will always be a special place for me. It certainly won't be the last time I'll be taking the bus ride up to the airstrip. Thanks for two years!

diving, fishing and tramping.

- Lon JOHNSON

The Forsyth Saga

Ken and Anne Forsyth have long connections with Stewart Island, though they've commuted over the Tasman a lot in the past few years Each time was to be the last but each time they returned.

Ken has finally decided fishing is better this side of the big ditch, for their current move is just across Foveaux Strait, to Porpoise Bay, near Waikawa.

On a clear day Anne will be able to throw sign-language cheek to shoppers at Anchor Merchants, who'll miss her verbal banter! We'll also miss her performances with Stewart Island Players.

Thank You Mobil!

Mobil "Song Quest" gains them a lot of publicity on TV, but they also make contributions to other less well-known causes.

"Mobil Environmental Grants" began, from memory, in the late '60's, before "The Environment" became a popular issue. Around 1973, they commissioned Diana and Jeremy Pope to produce the "Mobil Travel Guide" - an excellent handbook, full of interesting information. If you don't have it, I thoroughly recommend it, to lead you to some delightful out of the way places on those two "offshore islands" north of Foyeaux Strait.

The assistance Mobil gave the Winter Sports Club for the school trip to Dunedin won't help their sales on Stewart Island - let's face it, they are the only local suppliers of diesel to keep our boats and generators going. Similarly, this free "plug" in SIN, won't go far as advertising!

So a very sincere thanks to Mobil for their generous donation of \$1,000. I went with the kids as a hanger-on. As an ex-teacher I can assure you it was money well spent. Those who planned and organised the trip did an excellent job. It was a well balanced blend of "learning", sport, recreation and plain good fun - real education. - Sam

& Southern Air

Thanks are also due also to Keith and Southern Air for providing free flights across the Straits for the kids. It's something to add to our appreciation for commuter cards and the assistance given to visiting performers over the years.



Dunedin Diary [27 July - 1 Aug]

Community input in Education is ever increasingly before us on TV and in the news media. This is now the "IN" topic in New Zealand, with increasing publicity and opportunity for the individual or groups to put their point of view. Now I find this very interesting, not because I am a teacher, but because I know it is alive and working well in many curriculum areas here on Stewart Island. Now take our recent trip away to Dunedin: when I sat down to write a thank you to the community, I realised this was only possible because of the effect it has on any ideal they support wholly.

The idea is like a stone thrown into a pool and from the point of immersion the ripples ring out in ever widening circles until they eventually cover the whole pool. The aim behind the trip was to give our children the best educational, sporting opportunities and experiences we could. From this came fund raising and planning. We decided the area to visit, arranged a suitable campsite, where we could remain as a family together and canvassed parents for ideas. These visits, phone calls and letters helped decide a final itinerary. Others planned a balanced meal plan, ordered and co-ordinated delivery. We discussed fare quotes, made clothing lists and arranged medical supplies, all working co-operatively and successfully to the fulfillment of the planned trip. People worked when and how it best suited them in the early stages, or others who were free accompanied the children, while still others, such as Southern Air and Mobil we thank for the financial support they gave. Finally, when all was successfully over, we met for a debriefing and noted down the improvements we can make for future success.

Thank you all for your support in helping to build our children into completely successful children. It was a magnificent effort.

Loloma SLINGSBY [Principal HMB School]

Monday 27th July

Children and parents arrived in Invercargill on several Southern Air flights, and when all were assembled, it was a case of loading and boarding the McDermott Coach, driven by Colin Wilson, then off to the Coldstream Pool. Here Phys Ed advisor Brian Jillings gave pupils [and some parents] swimming instruction. Lunch on the bus, and off to:

MATAURA PAPER MILLS

On Monday afternoon we visited Mataura Paper Mills. The building is 113 years old and makes 70 tonnes of paper a day. They make almost all the photocopy paper that is used in New Zealand. Very little paper is wasted as left-overs are put through the whole process again. Two million gallons of water are used daily. Note-pad paper has clay in it. It has to be a special clay that comes from Australia. There is some in the North Island, but it is very hard to get the sand out of it.

Sheets of dry pulp, waste paper and other ingredients are put into a large tub and mixed with water until it looks like "breathing" porridge. This is poured over a mesh conveyor belt where most of the water runs out. The paper then goes onto a felt conveyor belt and more water is pressed out with two big huge rollers. Then there is a hard rubber blade that is pressed against one of the rollers scraping off waste paper that cakes on them. They use soda ash to clean the felts.

The paper carries on through two more rollers to get as much water out as possible, then it is steamed dry. They burn 110 tonnes of coal a day to produce steam and electricity.

The dry paper is rolled onto a big roller, then is taken away to get cut into widths of about half a metre. It is then cut into sheets, packed into boxes and sent away.

Rebecca WALKER

Back on the coach, and on up highway No1, looking for company Logos on the way. Into Mosgeil, out past Invermay to the **Waiora Camp**, owned and operated by the Scout Association. Unload the coach, and settle in, for this was operations base for the week.



WAIORA SCOUT CAMP

Waiora Camp is a sprawling complex of buildings and campsites—scattered through areas of bush. The school group stayed in the main building, which is self contained with bunkrooms, kitchen, ablutions and living area. Pupils enjoyed the camp's confidence course and a few hardy souls went swimming in the creek which runs through the property.

Tuesday 28th July INVERMAY

Invermay is the headquarters of MAF TECH, research and consulting services for the Southern Region. It was set up in 1949 to look into farming problems. Invermay includes the Waiora Farm, Otara Hills High Country Units and Woodlands, near Invercargill.

We viewed paddocks that had fertiliser on, and they showed 3% more growth. The poor unfertilised ground grew rushes. Many paddocks had been mole drained. Some paddocks were Agro Forestry paddocks, with the lower branches pruned off the trees in the first ten years. The wood is a better quality as it is knot free. That trial is a long term one, taking about 30 years.

We saw cages in the paddocks. The grass in them was cut and taken back to the research centre. It was dried weighed and tested for food value.

The Quarantine Farm was double fenced, and animal breeds new to the country were kept there. All workers had to wear protective clothing. All farm tractors etc had to be washed down.

- Natesha NEYTON TASMAN WOOLSKINS

We went to Tasman Woolskins on Tuesday and saw sheepskins being washed, dried and tanned. They put the skins in a big roller to dry them out, then they put salts on them for tanning, then dry the skins again. They put them on a dry flat tray and put pegs on them, then turn them around and push them on heated walls

They also put the skins on a wheel like a grindstone which turns fast and takes fat off them easily. To dye them blue, brown or pink, they put the skins in a tub with buckets of dye. Some skins are put in a machine that spins fast and fluffs up the wool and trims it even.

— Sam HICKS

OUTRAM SCHOOL

in the afternoon we went to Outram School to play netball and rugby. In netball, the A team lost 26-8 in the first game and in the second game we played F1 and won 11-1, While the B team was playing on the other court.

When the boys came back from playing rugby they said that Outram won 26-0. After that we went and had afternoon tea with their school. Then we asked if they would like to come and play netball with us sometime.

- Carla EADE

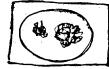
DUNEDIN OBSERVATORY

On Tuesday night we went to see the stars and planets at the Dunedin Observatory. When we got inside we were split into three groups. One group went to a telescope outside, while another looked through the big telescope inside and one saw slides. Our man who was showing slides told us that Saturn is not the only

planet with a ring around it. There are a few others. He also said the tail of a comet is the ball on the end. The reason it



looks back to front is because the closer it gets to the sun it melts so the gases burn and spread out.



After the slides had finished we went outside to look at the nearest star to earth. This is what it looks like [sort of]. Stars are made of gases that burn, which is

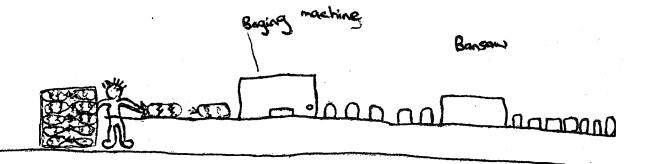
why they are shiny and bright.

Then we went back inside to look at Saturn through the big telescope. Saturn is a yellowish colour with a ring around it. The ring looks quite solid but it has got a lot of holes in it really.

I think it was very worthwhile and interesting. At first it was hard to understand the man who showed slides, as he talked very fast, but I got used to it after a while.

We bussed back to camp, crossing the narrow bridge on the way. We had a cup of Milo and some cake for supper and then all went to bed.

- Callum LEARMONTH



Wednesday 29th July OLVESTON

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Olveston is an old house. It has a dining room with a big table with twenty chairs. In another room is an old tea table and big chairs. It could seat four. One of the bedrooms has a four-dimension mirror. It made me look funny. The house has two very old clocks, over five centuries old. There is a king-size pool table in the pool room. At the front door is old Chinaware and Chinese armour and a flintlock rifle. There is a basement with ten rooms. The owner, Miss Theomin, left Olveston in her will for the people of Dunedin.

- Allan ROLTON LAURENSON'S BREAD

When we went to Laurenson's we saw the different types of wheat, grain and wheat germ. We watched the dough flop out of the mixer onto a wheelbarow type thing and then tipped down a great big chute. Then we saw how loaves of bread are baked and how they are sucked out of the tins. Then they went off down a conveyor belt to be cut and put into bags. We saw buns being cooked, glazed and sprinkled with sesame seeds.

When we were going back to the bus we got a wee bag full of buns each. We were all very thankful.

- Phillipa PEACOCK LUNCH IN THE OCTAGON

At the Octagon we had 50 pies for lunch. The statue of Robbie Burns was just behind us and homing pigeons and seagulls looked at us.

- Alice BISSLAND CADBURY FRY HUDSON'S FACTORY

We went to Cadbury's chocolate factory on Wednesday. The rules are very strict. You have to take off your ear-rings that hang down, watches and things that could fall off into the chocolate as someone could bite into it and cut their mouth.

Cadbury's make a lot of sweets - "Roses" chocolates, "One", "Two", "OK" and "Moro" bars, chocolate fish and more. "Moro" are the most popular chocolate bar in the country. They make 200,000 every five days.

The factory has 10 acres of working space and employs 500 staff. Fresh milk is used in "Dairy Milk" chocolate. In a lot of other factories they use skim or powder milk. That's why Cadbury's tastes nice!

- Stuart CAYE

The chocolate factory has all sorts of machinery. It has a machine that mixes all the cocoa and other ingredients to make chocolate. After it is made they use it to make things like easter eggs, "Buzz" bars and other chocolates. There is one lady who works at a special machine. She wraps the chocolate and puts it into boxes for the shops.

- Arnia WHELAN THE "PHYSIO" POOL

The Physiotherapy Pool at Otago Hospital is used for helping to soothe and relax people when they come out of hospital. It is also open to members of the public.

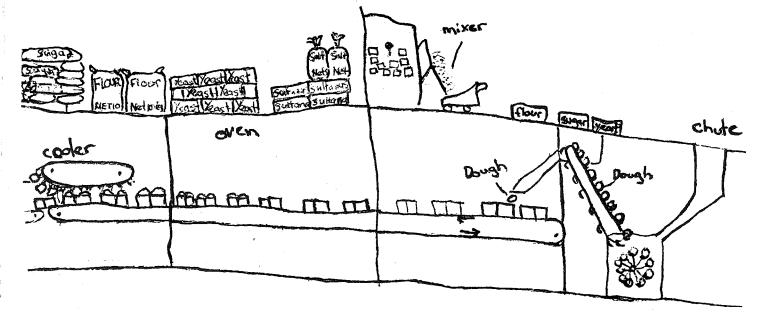
We went to the "Physio" Pool twice during our stay in Dunedin. We all thought it was really great and warm. The temperature was 37.5 degrees C and the pool had a depth of 9ft at the deep end.

- Anne TAIT

SING-ALONG

Each evening some time was spent writing up the day's activities, while the mums prepared dinner. Our Wednesday night "entertainment" was a sing-along. I thought the songs I know would be too old-fashioned, and that the kids would want to sing ones I'd never even heard of. But no, they suggested the "Golden Oldies" - which just shows that songs that feel good to sing never die! - Sam

Bread Factory Diagram - Zane SMITH



Thursday 30th July TVNZ STUDIOS

On Thursday we went to the TV Studios. First we went to the studio where they had everything set out to film "Playschool". We all looked through the big camera and saw each other on the TV screens which were in the studio.

We then went upstairs to see where the people sat who sort out what goes out for us to see on our TV sets at home. The studio where theu film the local news was readu for "The South Tonight".

We also went to a room where a ladu showed us how to use the video tapes. It was very hot, because there were lots of lights in the studios.

- Kiri Pullen

OTAGO UNIVERSITY

On Thursday we were shown around some of the Otago University. It was opened in July 1871 and only had 81 students, with a staff of three professors, with degrees in Arts, Medicine, Law and Music. Now it has around 7,500 students [75% of them come from outside Dunedin].

About 41 buildings make up the university, nine of them being Halls of Residence. One of the buildings we were in was the Computer Centre. There we had games on the computers for about half an hour. We were also shown around clubs and societies buildings, where we watched a game of pool and did some exercises with Mrs Walker. From there we went to the Physical Education room, where we played on the trampolines, with some qualified instructors showing and teaching us some tricks.

We were also taken around the student's radio station (which was very interesting) and around the Geology building, where the oldest fossil is 600,000,000 years old.

- Bridget SQUIRES

SKATE INN

On Wednesday night at 7.30pm, we went to the "Skate Inn" and roller-skated, played space invaders, drank, clapped, talked and had good fun for two short hours. Lots of people had sore joints, blisters or a bad temper at being sore all over the next morning, but everyone enjoyed themselves. The adults have decided to do this everytime the school visits Dunedin.

- Anne TAIT

Friday 31st July LIBRARY

On Friday we visited Dunedin's Public Library, which is four stories high and has many people working there. A guide showed us through all the different parts of the library.

I found the most interesting things were the old books, leaflets and pictures. Some of the very old pictures had very fine gold and many different colours in them. We were shown how to tell the difference between mechanical paper and hand-made paper. Some of the very first books to be printed were bibles.

- Bridget SQUIRES

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COLUMBA COLLEGE

When we went to Columba College we played netball and lost 2-10, but it was a good game, because there were two Otago Reps in the team, so it was a bit hard

After the game the girls bought us a pie and cream bun, an apple and a drink [Just Juice]. After we had that we talked to the girls. Then the teacher came in and told us that we had a mixed game.

Meanwhile the boys were playing rugby against Maori Hill. After the games we went to Dalgety's and they showed some of us how possum skins are graded, while Kiri, Bridget, Carla, Phillipa, Rebecca and I did a dance in front of the bus.

- Janine PEACOCK MAORI HILL SCHOOL

On Friday Morning Maori Hill School gave us a game of rugby. We wasted them - the score was 24-nil. After the game we went to Maori Hill School and had something to eat. Then a boy showed Callum, Zane and I around the plauground and his class.

They thought Zane was TOUGH, because he was giving them an arm wrestle and won. Then a guy from Maori Hill thought he was tough, but he wasn't, as Zane was much TOUGHER than him.

- Daniel NEWTON Another swim in the "Phusio" Pool, then Colin drove us back to Waiora, which really felt "home" by now. Then, as it was the last night we had a traditional:-

CAMP CONCERT



Rugby Review

A couple of weeks ago Collegiate returned to the Island for their annual match. The game was played at an extremely fast pace. The local team lost by a slight

margin, but they played very well considering many of the usual players were fishing or away on holiday. It is pleasing that

the Stewart Island forwards stayed tight, against a much stronger, heavier and more powerful Collegiate forward pack.

The next game is set down for Oct 17, against a West Otago Golden Oldie team. Hotel accomodation and travel arrangements have already been made for this team, so it is hoped that they will turn up and not be like the other clubs who have said they would come and plau here, and not showed up on the day.

Mention has also been made that the parents of the next schoolbou team coming to the Island would like a seven-a-side game against the Stewart Island team. Again this has yet to be confirmed once the number of parents coming is known.

A pleasing factor of the local games is the large amount of unknown talent on the Island, and I refer to Wayne Costello, local "Player of the Match" award against Collegiate. Wayne was recently transferred here from Alexandra, and is working for DOC. Wayne played an excellent game, as did Tracy Franks and several others. I just wonder how many other talented players are out there? We certainly need you.

- Mike TeAU

HMB Schoolboy Rugby

I wish to thank the HMB Schoolboy Team for their enthusiasm and dedication this season. On the Winter Sports Club trip to Dunedin they lost [26-0] to Outram and won [24-0] against Maori Hill.

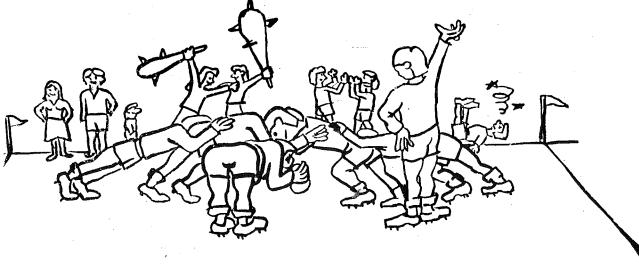
This year we devised a rugby competition for rural Southland schools of under 75 pupils. By participating in this the boys had a goal to work to and their skills improved considerably. Waimahaka School came for the day on 8 Aug and had a tough game with the Island see-sawing to a 16-14 victory. Mokoreta visited on the weekend 22-23 Aug. The Island won 32-4.

Contact with visiting teams was extremely valuable. Community support for both games was great and the rub-off effect on the boys was marvellous. Those who attended practices regularly and gave their best are to be commended. Special mention to Daniel Newton and Callum Learmonth for tactical running and thinking, Stuart Cave for sheer grit and determination to be in the right place at the right time, Zane Smith for superb tackling and general play and Sam Hicks for keeping up with and creating play. Great support by Simon Eade, Bevan Soper, Andrew Clelland and the remaining team who kept the ballmoving forward.

For the younger children who turn out regularly at practice I see positive talent for the future. I'd like to thank parents who gave time, support and encouragement, and contributors who make the competition possible. A big thank you to Waimahaka and Mokoreta for the great effort put into getting here. Without them, the competition would not be possible.

With increased skills and enthusiasm it will be well within the boys reach to retain the cup next rugby season against mainland teams. - Here's hoping!

- Peter & Denise SCHOFIELD



Peter Schofield

Mum says Rugby's A Violent Game.

Stewart Island Promotion Association aims to increase awareness of the Island both as a place to visit and to live and work. Although it mainly represents the business community, membership is also open to any private individual who is interested in promoting Island interests offshore. The annual membership fee is \$25.

The Association is preparing for the rapidly approaching summer tourist season with plans for a Visitor Survey, to provide the statistical information needed for future development in this aspect of the Island's economy. An information Board for visitors is also being investigated in conjunction with DOC and the Lions Club. This would provide basic information about the Island, with maps and directional signs, and some permanent advertising. It is hoped to have it roofed so it can provide sheltered seating near the foreshore.

Recent cuts in the Department of Conservation are raising serious concern that the finance will not be available to run the Stewart Island Summer Programme which has been so popular with visitors and locals alike for the past eight years. Cutting this programme would be a drastic blow to the Island.

Mike Dimond, who represents Stewart Island Charter Services on the S.I.Promotion Assn, was recently elected Chairman of Bluff Promotions Inc, which provides a valuable link for co-ordinating promotional activities across the Strait.

The Saga of the Missing Island

In a lighter vein, how many of you have tried "Mac's" Ales, from Nelson? Gary Neave has, and noticed that Stewart Island was left off the map of New Zealand on the labels. He drew this to the attention of the Pomotion Assn, who brought the matter up with McCashin's Brewery & Malthouse who make the fine beer. Here's the correspondence:

To: McCashin's Brewery & Malthouse 5 Jan 1987 Nelson

Dear Sirs,

Quite recently we received a 335ml bottle of your excellent Mac7s Ale on Stewart Island. On examining your most attractive lable we were astonished to discover, however, that we had ceased to exist, since your map of New Zealand excludes us entirely.

This is very disconcerting for we do really appear on most maps of this country. Furthermore,

according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, New Zealand consists of three main islands, North, South and Stewart Islands. As one of these three main islands we are somewhat hurt, to put it mildly, to find that our presence is unknown to you, although we are quite aware of your geographical location at Stoke, outside of Nelson.

As a thriving community with an export fishing industry earning over ten million dollars per annum of foreign exchange, not to mention our flourishing tourist industry, we do feel that we have established a case for inclusion on your delightful label; along with the rest of the country.

Finally, I would point out to you that if you would like to market Mac's Ale on Stewart Island, it would require you to admit that we exist, otherwise we might have to consider harsh measures, such as banning its import, since according to the label we are not here.

We feel that you will remedy this unfortunate error when you produce your next lot of labels, showing Stewart Island in its rightful place at the bottom of the map, but of course it would always soothe our wounded pride if you sent us a free sample case, in which event we would consider forgigiving you for our temporary exclusion from the label.

[Signed] Harry Slingsby
Secretary - Stewart Is Promotion Assn.

Reply: 28 Aug 1987,

Dear Sir

Earlier this year you wrote to us pointing out that our beer labels failed to acknowledge the existance of Stewart Island on the map of New Zealand.

These labels are printed in Japan and our only explanation is that perhaps an over-zealous printing apprentice in Japan removed the island from the map when the printing plates were made thinking that he was removing a fly-spot!!

However as a consequence of your observation we have insisted that Stewart Island be re-instated in its rightful place on our label and are pleased to enclose one of our new labels as proof of our action [unfortunately it wasn't attached to a bottle - Sam]

We therefore wish you to favourably consider our acceptance of your Island and trust that no prohibiting tariffs or bans are imposed.

[Signed] B D Moriartu

General Manager - McCashin's Brewery & Malthouse

Footnote: Early this year, Mick Gibb brought Kenny Meikle a bottle of Mac's to compare with his home brew. It survived the first fire at Ken's [see SIN No 1], but not the fire brigade.

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No "Mac's" on Tap - BUT!

For those who haven't been in the South Sea over the past few days, the Hotel still offers the familiar choice of "Speights", Rheineck" and "Joseph Kuhtze" on tap, but in addition there is now "DB Draught" and "Monteith's" a dark, extra bitter beer, brewed by the batch process by Westland Breweries [DB]. Paddy O'Connor will be pleased to hear that having sampled it, I may even be tempted off "Speights" [Advt for DB for a change].

Unfortunately for MacCashin's Brewery the letter redressing their slight against Stewart Island failed to reach her in time to have a sixth spigot added so we could sample their beer on tap too. Fordley did however send an assurance by radio that he would consider the possibility.

At the time he was flying for town with one of the new "antique look" nickel-plated tills, complete with digital read-outs that are another recent acquisition at the South Sea Hotel. [the second followed soon after on a Southern Air flight] It seems their aristocratic electronic sensitivities may have been upset by the up-market appearance of the new multi-outlet beer taps, which certainly don"t complement the "old-time" decor that has been developing at the pub over the past couple of years. Perhaps if the heads were lowered to bar height, instead of being a foot or so in the air, they would appear less obtrusive. Murray wouldn't have to stand on tip-toe to pour my pint either!

Never to worry - congratulations on the work that's been done on upgrading the pub Bruce, and to the DB boys who installed the new cooler and piping sustem in good time.

South Sea Hotel Stewart Island

Proudly announce that we now serve

BEERS & LAGERS

DB Draught Monteith's Speight's Rheineck Joseph Kuhtze



TARTS GO TRAMPING ON STEWART ISLAND

More tramps and tarts than expected came out of their closets to spend a thrill-packed evening at the RSA Hall on Sat 20 Aug. Approximately 60 people, appeared, mostly in costume, including some very attractive gender benders.

After difficult deliberation, two prizewinners were chosen - John Gorrie as the best-dressed woman and Karen Bowman as a convincing down-and-out. Here are a few post-party quotes:-

Karen — "Really well organised things like that should be held here more often. Full marks to the organisers"

"Friday" - "Music great - everybody had a great time - Well done"

George - "Lots of fun and laughs"

Wayne - "Good value"

"Father James" [Bissland] - "There seemed little interest as usual in lectures on the evils of strong drink and fornication. However, some sins were confessed, but judging the scene as a whole, the confessions of sins were nowhere near adequate."

Harry Slingsby — "The only thing that spoiled the evening was that the County Clerk was not able to be present dressed up as a tart"

"Fluff" — "It became really good at the end. Maybe it should have carried on for longer"

Kim - "All in all good - especially enjoyed the piano-playing at the start."

Paul - "Good value entertainment and a really smashing way to spend Saturday evening."

Norris [Andy] - "Choice"

Tart - "I think I've found my vocation in life" **Tramp** C - "Should be more of them - I enjoyed muself"

Chris Dillon - "Excellent night, Well done, Good for a change"

Kathy - "It was really good everyone dressed up"
Police - "No complaints"

John Gorrie - "Don't try to work my patch!"

Donations received at the door totalled \$250. **Proceeds will go towards the pool fund.**

Thanks To: Robyn, Alistair, Scooter, Norris, Paul, Dean, Dave, Brad, Chris, Friday, Alice, Helen, and John. Special thanks to Frank Rawle and the RSA for use of their Hall.

Next gig is planned for Halloween [31 Oct] - A "Horror Party" - so start polishing your broomsticks!

On the spot reporters:

- Susanne, Ulrike & Heather

Stewart Island Lions Club

With the upgrading of the school swimming pool being a matter of the moment, it was most appropriate for Stewart Island Lions to be addressed by George Crack, at their



meeting on Aug 27. As Charter President of SI Lions, George was a mainstay of the original pool-building project in 1972. This "Peddling Publican" of the South Sea Hotel cycled from North Cape to Stewart Island, as a fundraising venture and gained considerable publicity for the Island in the process.

Ernie and Colin Hopkins and Albert & Allan Dawson were members of his support team who are still living on the Island. Others, like Bill Dawson, kept the Island end of operations going while George and his cohorts were gadding round the countryside. The existence of the pool is a tribute to these and other early members of the SI Lions Club.

At the meeting members voted to donate \$200 towards the Southland Service Clubs Medical Trust's appeal for heart transplants for Beverley Hope and Ross Hillis. Beverley's parents, Ray and Val Wills are former Island residents, as was her brother Russell ["Blinky"].

Help was also offered the local Girl Guides, in the form of \$100 towards the cost of uniform skirts. It's still some time to Christmas but we will soon be ordering the annual supply of Xmas Cakes which we give to the "Golden Oldies" and sell [at \$9.00] to the rest of the community. If you want to save yourself the time [or are like some of us bachelors and can't cook] order yours now, through Lindley Field - Ph: 391-030

POOL APPEAL

At the rate donations in cash and kind are coming in, a start on pool upgrading looks likely well in time for summer. The target for the fund is now being approached. Reinforcing rod and about half the gravel for the floor concrete are now on the Island.

Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade

The Fire Brigade carried out an efficiency test on Mon 17 Aug, observed by Fire Commander Viner from Invercargill, and Regional Commander Bailie of Dunedin. This involved a "search" of the accomodation in the South Sea Hotel by Dick Langdon and John Gorrie, wearing breathing apparatus. Joanne Scammell as "victim" had a somewhat different view of the Pub from normal as she was brought to earth with a ladder rescue.

The exercise went smoothly, with all Brigade members working as a team, while John and Dick were complimented on their meticulous attention to B/A technique.

OVFB secretary, Beryl Wilcox, made last minute changes to her report for the AGM held on 24 Aug. The Dennis fire call that morning brought the total for the past year to 22, of which 6 were false alarms. Most serious were when Rev McKenzie helped create "Holy Smoke" with a bonfire that gutted Lyndsay and Lorraine Squires' generator and shed, the generator fire which cost Bill Hazlett a nocturnal flight to town, plus of course Ron!

The fire which was potentially most serious occured last Guy Fawkes Night. The offspring of the Brigade's 3rd Officer, plus others, ignited a bonfire outside the Fire Chief's house, despite having been told not to because of the boisterous wind and dry conditions. Both senior officers were in town, but the rest of the Brigade had a prompt turn-out and extinguished the blaze, which was licking round "Fox's" generator shed. The team qualified for a "shout" from both "Fox" and "Arkwright".

Moral: We may gripe about the weather, but the Island's vegetation does get tinder dry at times. If that fire hadn't been nipped in the bud quickly, it would have spread very rapidly with the wind, and threatened the homes on the uphill side of Kaipipi Rd.

All in all the Brigade has had a good year and can be proud of the degree of professionalism that is being developed. We've had a few losses of members, most recent being Lon Johnson who follows ex-Station Officer, Roger Blok, to Clyde. New members have joined, and the Brigade is almost at full strength. Officers are: Fire Chief, Lloyd Wilcox; 2nd Officer, Innes Dunstan; 3rd Officer, Neil Connor; Station Officer, Dick Langdon; Secretary, Beryl Wilcox; Bar Manager/General Chaser-along, Steve "Tink" Briggs.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

It is obvious that many people are curious about this group and its aims. I hope I can shine a light on the topic.

When the La Leche group on this Island lapsed some 5 years ago, it was felt there was still a need for some form of support network for parents. Initially it was aimed at young mothers with new babies - basically first time parents.

There are obviously a lot of stressful factors involved with being a parent - sometimes for a short period, but sometimes over a prolonged time. Often, living on the Island has its own stress factors as does the financial climate of recent years, awareness and often hard work are needed to maintain a successful marriage. Many young parents on Stewart Island do not have family on hand to turn to for support, contact or assistance in times of stress and difficulty.

It was felt that a group such as this could help, even if only to provide a friendly atmosphere in which to talk and relax once a month. The group is not affiliated to any other organisation and does not have any formal guidelines. A couple of parents attempt to mediate and arrange suitable times and venues for the group. These parents take on the unofficial role of leader, and from time to time evaluate and ask the group if their needs are being met and try to achieve just that.

This month were were fortunate to have APW members run a creche at the Playcentre to allow for better concentration. This was very successful. To these women goes our heartfelt gratitude. We hope it can be arranged for future meetings.

Sometimes our meetings are structured and cover the STEPS programmes [Systematic training for Effective Parenting], which is of value to parents with children of all ages and is valuable knowledge for sucess in all relationships. Often the meeting takes the form of advice and guidelines in one particular area [not professional but practical], such as convulsions, sleeping and behavioural problems etc. This advice comes from other parents who have experienced the same problems and found one or several "tried and true" solutions. We have also shown several videos and films in the evenings.

While this group cannot cater for everyone at all times, we wish we could. If people have suggestions as to how we can help them or some expertise they can offer, we are only too glad to be approached and accomodate requests or assistance.

We do welcome anybody - male or female - and we post details of when and where monthly.

- Colleen DAYSON [Support Member]

MUSIC WEEK [Sep 28 - Oct 4]

Music week is promoted by the National Music Council of NZ and aims to promote awareness and involvement in music of both young and old. Is anyone prepared to organise a house-concert, mini-cabaret, record evening or something similar on the Island during this week. If so, Stewart Island News will help with posters and other advertising.

JUMP

ROPE

FOR

HEART



The children of Halfmoon Bay School will be skipping their way to fitness in the third term. "Jump Rope for Heart" is a fully equipped fitness programme produced by the National Heart Foundation of NZ and the NZ Assoc. of Health, Physical Education & Recreation. Their aim is to promote fitness and encourage regular exercise in a fun and challenging way.

"Jump Rope for Heart" is now into its 2nd year, proving itself extremely successful last year. Equipment is provided free to schools that wish to participate in the programme. It includes a set of ropes, posters and instruction booklets which contain teaching ideas and numerous skipping activities.

We hope that the rest of the community will join in the fun and skip their way to health. The interest that has already been shown is very encouraging. We will begin the programme at the beginning of the term. We hope families and friends will encourage the children to continue the skipping at home, or better still, join them! We have order forms at school if anyone wishes to purchase their own ropes.

Please feel welcome to join our morning fitness sessions at school. These will take place at the following times:

- * Rm 1 -. 9.00am
- * Rm 2 11.00am
- * Rm 3 9.20am

The programme will be carried out over a six week period, leading up to a "Jump-off" which everyone will be invited to attend. Part of the money raised by this will be donated to the Heart Foundation - more details will be given closer to the time.

Meanwhile, have fun skipping your way to health.

- Pauline MORETTI

SOUTHERN AIR-LINES

Well, another month has come, and we're really into spring weather now. Since the school holidays started we have been extremely busy. We've carried the Otapuni Cubs and the Wanaka Scouts, to name just a few.

To keep up with all these new happenings you will notice some new faces about the Southern Air Office. The two new Pilots starting with us are Mike Ryan ex-Southland Aero Club chief flying instructor and Grant Halliday, another Southland fellow who knows the Island well. Behind the desk we now have Anne Stringer from Invercardill.

The co-operation of the travelling public, especially the "locals", Stewart Island residents and crib owners, would be really appreciated by way of identifying yourselves as ratepayers when makingpayments for tickets.

Nicky Field along with Vicki Dennis have arrived in the USA after a 4-week trip on a container ship. To finish off, our new landscape gardener Keith Smith is busy beautifying around the Southern Air hanger with Shrubs. Does this mean his next intention is to join the garden circle and compete with Irene Dennis.

- Flying PHIL

BRITTAIN NORMAN ISLANDER

Here's a little info about the aircraft you fly in. The Brittain Norman islander is especially designed for short haul work and short take-off and landing. Its rugged undercarriage is fixed, which means it doesn't retract, so less moving parts. The Islander has a wing span of 14.92 metres and is 10.9m long. It weighs 2,857kg when full and has an average useful load of 840 kilos.

The Islander is powered by two lycoming 260hp 6-cylinder engines, horizontally opposed. Next month I shall endeavour to explain to readers what all the moving parts do.

- Flying PHIL

POSTSCRIPT

Going by the number of typographical errors in this issue, we are a <u>real</u> newspaper at last. Sorry folks, but editing slipped badly the *second time around*

- Sam

Charter Service Chatter



On 7 Aug we farewelled Tony Campbell, engineer on the "Acheron". Tony has extended leave, and is abandonning the "Pavlova Paradise" for old London Town. We farewelled him with great gusto and two kegs of beer later, many lies were told and stories bold. Mike eventually flushed us all outside and into the frost. The Company and crew presented Tony with a 7-day rail pass, plus a day tour of London's famous places as an appreciation of his service and company.

August holidays got off to a busy start, with thick fog clearing off to a perfect day; those visitors who missed the last freezing sou'-west gale asking "Is your weather always like this in winter?" - "Of course!" we replu.

The "Endeavour" is back in the water at Port Chalmers and should commence the run again in early September. She's looking so much like a new boat, I reckon we'll be obliged to have a boat-warming party to welcome her back!

- Kay COOPER

"Flaming" Ron - AGAIN!

It seems Ron Dennis needs a column of his own, for he features again this month. A misunderstanding with son Tony as to who was last out, resulted in a candle being left alight in their back porch, when they left for fishing at 6.15am on Mon 24 Aug.

Rising heat from the candle appears to have melted PVC jackets and started a smouldering fire. Gumboots and other wet weather gear, then Novaroof wall cladding added to the fire, producing dense black smoke, which drifted through the open back door into the house, depositing greasy soot.

It was 8.00am before the fire was noticed, and Irene had the somewhat dubious distinction of being the first to raise OVFB with a "111" call through the new exchange.

Steven Hamilton was first on the scene and did sterling work with a powder extinguisher. He had the fire largely under control when the Brigade arrived a few minutes after the call was raised. Fortunately stuctural damage was restricted to the porch.

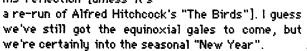
This isn't the sort of incident anyone needs, and Ron for one will undoubtedly be looking forward to 24 hr power, so he won't be starting the day by candle-light.

— Sam



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"Spring has sprung" - as the bard "Anon" once wrote. Over the past couple of weeks daffodils, fuchsia, rhododendrons and the dreaded barberry and gorse have all come into flower. Increased birdsong shows males are establishing territory for the new breeding season. Each morning recently I've had a male blackbird beating at my window - attacking his reflection [unless it's



Bats Round Oban

Despite surprised and dubious looks from many locals, there **are** bats round Oban township, and not just in the Belfry - though a couple of years ago the road just below the Presbyterian Church was a good spot to see them at dusk on a warm summer evening. Although rarely seen, bats are more widespread throughout the country than most folk realise. They are the only land mammals we have that weren't brought to New Zealand by humans. There are three types, but even the experts aren't usually prepared to identify them in flight. Let's face it, they are small and normally only begin flying at dusk, so are hard enough to see, let alone identify.

The long-tailed bat [which has short ears] is most commonly seen, and is the only one definitely recorded from around the village. They have a small dark furry body, about 40mm long, and at 8-10gm, are around half the weight of a house mouse. The tail is almost the same length as the body. It is fully contained in a delicate membrane, stretched between the legs, and on to the arm, hand and fingers to form the familiar "bat-wing" shape of illustrations. The full wingspan is about 25-28cm [almost a foot].



Their needle-sharp teeth are ideal for scrunching moths and other night-flying insects, which are their staple diet. These bats hibernate in hollow trees or under loose bank, for 4-5 months over winter, when this food supply is scarce.

These sites also form their deutines receiting spots.

These sites also form their daytime roosting spots in summer, which explains why their range has been reduced with forest clearing in European times. Some have been found in caves, seabird burrows and in old buildings, under old wooden bridges [they don't seem to like concrete and steel ones] and even in seabird burrows.



The NZ Long-tailed Bat

Searching for bat colonies in forest is an unrewarding task. In wet weather a strong ammonia smell from urine and guano can give a large colony away, but usually they are only found by chance. Mike Daniels of the DSIR Ecology Division searched Codfish Island systematically, and found two colonies of around 150-200 bats in large hollow totara trees 2km apart, along with 24 hollow trees that had been used by bats at some time. He had to check some 2000 trees to find these!

These bats were "lesser" short-tailed bats, which as their name implies have short tails [and long ears]. They are about the same size as the long-tail bat, but are less common.



The NZ "Lesser" Short-tailed Bat
[PTO]



It's our pleasure to serve you in every possible way.

However, if you can't call into DIC in person don't hesitate to give us a call (on your new telephone) or drop us a line

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Their legs and feet are stronly developed and they have a unique method of folding their delicate wings which makes them more agile on the ground and in trees than other species of bat. Possibly because of this, they can prey on a greater variety of insects and don't hibernate for long periods. It also makes them easy prey for rats, cats and other predators, so although they are found right through NZ, they're seen less often than long-tailed bats.

Least common of the bats is the greater short-tailed bat. In fact, it is probably now extinct! In recent times it only survived on Big South Cape and Solomon Islands off the south west coast of Stewart Island, while they were rat-free. The arrival of ship rats on these islands in the early 1960's brought predation and competition for food. The last positive record for this bat was in 1965. It was about twice the body size of the other bats, though its wing span wasn't much greater.

Bats have been seen around many parts of the village. I've seen them near the church [on my way to the pub, as well as going home!], below Observation Rock, in Miro St, in my clearing at home and on the Ackers Point Track, and others have seen them in different places. When did you last see one? Possibly never, but when did you last stroll round the roads at dusk looking at the sky? Our long summer twilights with minimal interference from lights are ideal for bat-spoting. Make the most of it this summer before we get street lighting!

Both DOC and myself are interested in getting solid information on the distribution and movement of pekapeka, or bats round Oban, so let us know if you see any, and especially if you find a roost tree. We would want to know the date, time, and place of the sighting, with a note on weather conditions.

Bats have a distinctive "flitting" flight, when seen against the sky and generally no self-respecting bird apart from moreporks and mutton-birds fly after dusk. We can only record sightings as "bats", but any winter sightings could be the short-tailed species. With the mild weather we're having now, the long-tailed bats should be on the move, so keep your eyes open.

If roosting bats are found alive, they should be left alone, as they are protected. Strictly speaking it's also an offence to keep dead protected species, so if you happen to find one killed by the "moggy", hand it in to DOC for identification, and they will forward it to Ecology Division.

If you do make a casual sighting, or are encouraged to go actively looking for bats, there are "Bat record cords of DOC and the Moseum.

The confounded computer gobbled up a whole line here!!

Rakiura Museum Open

Although labels and some display work are unfinished, and the official opening is still to come, Rakiura Museum has been open for a couple of hours each day over the school holidays.

It is certainly more light and spacious than the old building which stood us in such good stead for so many years, and which in some ways was a museum exhibit in its own right. Interior decorating and display work is a tribute to Margaret Hopkins and Nancy Schofield, who did by far the bulk of the work, largely self-taught, with a little help from the professionals of the Southland Museum. They laboured on in the midwinter cold and dark, and will undoubtedly be trilled when power is finally connected any time now.

If you haven't been in yet, make sure you pay a visit. Opening hours are 11.30am to 2.00pm Mon-Fri over the school holidays. Admission \$1.00 [adults], 50c [children] - it's well worth it too!

August at Halfmoon Bay

[A poem by a visitor to the Island]

While on the beach,

We stopped and stood together to say goodbye,
The waves splashed hard.

The clouds hung heavy all around us,
The wharf, the pub, the boats,
The mally readly conting through the ski

The mollymawk soaring through the sky. I drank it in,

For this is how I'll always remember us.

Our hands entwining Goodbye my friend,

We both agree no regrets will ever concern us.

It was within the month of August,

I came to spend a day at Halfmoon Bay.

I fell in love with all the beauty around me everywhere

And then inside the church I turned and you were there.

The days came and went, a month well spent.
And now the end of August is upon us.

And now the end of August is upon us.

Then time did cease, now our hands release
We turn to go, and I know

I'll always remeber how we went our separate way at Halfmoon Bay.

..... An August Visitor



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GARDEN CIRCLE

Handy Hints

- * Cuttings planted in a sausage are guaranteed to grow
- * Don't hoe cauliflower and cabbage or they run to seed * Place containers of water
- round the area to stop dogs ling on the lawns.

"A Green Thumb is Merely a Dirty Thumb - Plus a Little Common Sense"

The winter months of July and August have seen garden circle members tending to indoor and hothouse gardens, rather than brave the wind rain and cold. The recent sunny days have seen everyone out clearing up and readying for spring and summer planting.

The competition results for July were:

Winter Vegetable: - 1st | Tait

2nd M Tait & I Dennis.

3rd T.Kershaw. 1st | Tait

Spring flower:- | ist |

2nd | Dennis

3rd M Tait

August results were:

Leek:-

1st | Dennis 2nd | Tait 3rd S Munro

At the August meeting, members were treated to an interesting talk by Sue Munro on her recent visit to Canada and Hawaii. Mrs Munro had some beautiful photos to show of the Buchat Gardens in Canada and the orchid gardens in Hawaii. Everyone was impressed by the displays of flowers and it was interesting to note that the Canadians experience a climate similar to ours, apart from the snow and winds. Members went home from the meeting with renewed vigour to tackle their gardens.

September is the month for the AGM. This is to be held on Thursday 10 Sep at Mrs I Tait's. The annual subscription of \$1.00\$ will be due then.

- Linda Te AU

TOURIST PRAYERS

[It was good to see our "Irish Colleen" Elaine Nixon back on a visit to the Island in August. Another of our ex-teachers who keeps returning. Here are her thoughts on the perils of being a "Tourist".]

TOURIST PRAYER

Heavenly father, look down on us your humble obedient tourists, who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

Give us this day, divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that we may find our reservations honoured, our rooms made up and hot water running from the taps.

We pray that the telephones work, and the operators speak our language.

Lead us dear Lord to good, inexpensive restaurants, where the waiters are friendly, the food is superb and the wine is included in the price. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Make the natives love us for what we are, not for what we can contribute to their worldly goods.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, the cathedrals, the palaces and castles listed as "musts" in the guidebooks. And if perchance we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak. — Amen

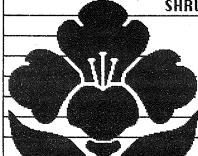
A HUSBAND'S PRAYER

Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from "bargains" they don't need or can't afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

A WIFE'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs. Above all do not forgive them their trespasses, for they know exactly what they do!

- Elaine NIXON



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- * Only written nominations are accepted
- * Victims are usually given the right to refuse nomination [unless they really deserve it]
- * The annual award winner will be chosen by some ridiculous means, yet to be devised.

NOMINEE No:6 1987/8 Mr Gordon Sargeant

On Fri 28 Aug, while attempting to start the generator aboard "Kiwa", the shoulder straps of Mr Sargeants brand new Morau wetsuit became entangled in the cooling fan blades of the Perkins motor. Sarge suddenlu shot backwards, uttering not-to-berepeated oaths. Only the quick thinking and lightening reflexes of his shift-mates saved him from looking like a shark attack victim, with a Friar Tuck haircut! It seems some people will go to any lengths to avoid diving in 9 degree C waters. Sarge is now the proud owner of a nearly-new 3-piece suit!

Nom: Richard Hare

2nd: Entire Big Glory Staff

NOMINEE No 7 Aug 1987/8 Mr Yilliam DAYSON

With characteristic enthusiasm for the job in hand, William "Tonks" Dawson failed to ascertain which "X" marked the spot before drilling a hole through the wall of the South Sea Hotel to connect the piplines for the new draught beer system. This resulted in his spending 25min drilling through the thickest stud in the hotel, instead of 2min, putting a hole of through two thin layers of wall lining.

Nom: Bruce MARSHALL [DB]

2nd: Murrau FORD

YARNING
NOMINATING OTHERS FOR A
BASIN AYARD
COULD BE DANGEROUS TO
YOUR HEALTH!

[Your own SINs may find you out, and you could find yourself in the same predicament - see next nomination!]

NOMINEE No: 8 - 1987/8 Mr Murray Ford

On Mon 24 Aug, while "moonlighting" from his gainful employment at South Sea Hotel, to act as dinghy boy for Dick Langdon, Murray neglected to release the snubbing chain when letting go the moorings. In true Oban cowbou stule the skipper gave the boat full throttle and unleashed 400 horsepower "Apache II" leapt forward for all of two metres, before indulging in "Hamilton Turns", Horseshoe Hoolas and other unbecoming gyrations - before tearing loose from her attachments.

Nom: Stormalong STANLEY
2nd: Chris DILLON

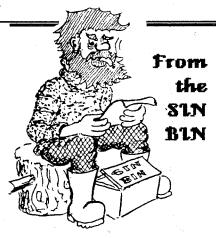
"Tonk's Special"

As Lion Bill Dawson was too busy keeping the Island end of the Pool project going to cavort round the country with George Crack & Co, here's the special "left-hand thread" version of SIN he requested - just as a favour!

NOMINEE No 7 Aug 1987/8 Mr William DAWSON

With characteristic enthusiasm for the job in hand, Bill, "Tonks" Dawson failed to ascertain which "X" marked the spot before drilling a hole through the wall of the South Sea Hotel to connect the pipelines for the new draught beer system. This resulted in his spending 25min drilling through the. thickest stud in the hotel, instead of through two thin layers of wall lining.

Nominated: Bruce MARSHALL[DB] Seconded: Murray FORD



Apparently an article hit the headlines in the USA recently which suggested that NZ harness the methane from the "wind" of our massive sheep flock as fuel - here's a local Stewart Island version!

Dear Sam,

The world-wide interest in NZ's 70million sheep and their Fatulent habits, leads one to speculate on the commercial potential of Stewart island oysters, if such an abnormality could be encouraged from these bivalves.

Think about stout and oysters with double the bubbles!

- "The MINDER"

Health Liaison Committee

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The Stewart Island Health Liaison Committee was formed in 1979 to create a communication bridge between the Island's community, our District Nurses and the Southland Hospital Board.

The Liaison Committee is elected from representatives of service clubs, education groups, the County Council, church committees, the Fishermen's Association and includes the Policeman and the Nurse and her reliever as ex-officio members. Elections are held annually, with the next AGM scheduled for November.

The committee's purpose is to assist both Board and Nurses regarding the use of Board money, manpower and materials on the Island. The committee is able to make recommendations to the Hospital Board about the nursing services, suggesting acceptale changes or adjustments regarding the nursing staff and the state of the clinic and the Nurse's Home.

If members of the community have any problems or queries regarding the nursing service they should approach the nurses directly, or the Health Committee. The committee will endeavour to iron out any problems quietly and efficiently on the Island only if deemed necessary will reference be made to the Board for its comments and advice.

To help assist the smooth running of the clinic, the public should familiarise themselves with the clinic timetable and the new telephone proceedures for calling the nurse.

Each household should have received a letter outlining the telephone proceedure for emergency calls [Dial 111] and the use of the clinic's Ansaphone.

Present Health Liaison Committee members are:-

Chairman: Gwen Neave Secretary: Bruce Skinner

Committee: Mrs A Walker, Mrs N Rawle, Jenny

Hayden, Const.Mike Te Au

- Gwen NEAVE

Ex-officio: Rose Fisher, Iris Tait.

Collector's Edition

The collector's edition of 20 copies of "SIN No1" will have a light card cover, embossed with "St George & the Dragon", using a die found at Murray River in 1910. Inside will be contributor's signatures, lead pages of Issues of SIN, up to the first "laser" print. One copy goes to Rakiura Museum, five to those who assisted with the initial project, five to rare book auctions, [Todds, two other NZ, two overseas] and the remaining nine go to the biggest donors to the computer fun by the end of October!

Farewell to Rev W Fairlie Evans [The Shepherd of Stewart Island]

The church bells shall ring out across the Bay Where small ships moored swing gently on the tide; And we shall walk again that leafy way To hear another preach Christ crucified.

Though all the dear familiar sounds of old Shall rise and fall upon the listening ear, And swelling organ music still enfold The seagull's crying, wild and shrill and clear, [searching on sunlit wings the unbounded blue; Swift as our thoughts, beseeching as a prayer.] The tui's chorus heard and loved anew - - - All as of old, but you no longer there!

The church bells shall ring out across the Bay, Where small ships moored swing gently on the tide; And we shall climb again that leafy way Remembering you with tenderness and pride!

- Mrs Daphne GOOMES

[Rev W Fairlie Evans was Presbyterian Minister on Stewart Island 1954-1959. He died at Peacehaven in Invercargill on 7 Dec 1966 aged 96.]

Classical Guitarist to Visit

Considering the size of our population it is surprising how many world-class musicians visit us, and gratifying to find that many come on return trips.

One such is the German-born classical guitarist Horst Baltes, who has delighted Island audiences with his virtuoso performances in the past. He will be visiting the Island again from 23-26 Oct.

A concert is planned for the evening of Sat 24 Oct though venue and price have yet to be arranged - watch the Noticeboard. Horst is also prepared to run a 2hr guitar workshop on the Saturday afternoon, so see Innes or myself if you are interested - Sam

Cinquains

A cinquain is a five line poem, with one word in the first line, two in the second etc, with a different thought or descriptin on each line. There are some from the pupils of room 3 HMB School in this issue.

SITTING
HEARING BIRDS
WHISTLING AND RUSTLING
UP IN THE BRANCHES
OF THE BIG RIMU TREE
- Ben HOPKINS [Std 2]



Report

E In this REAP report I'd like to write about three things - courses coming up, the course request lists at the Post Office and the idea of a summer school. Firstly, the courses coming up. There's not much new since the

last issue of SIN, but to refresh your memories ... there is a Pottery Seminar 10-11 Oct. There will also be a cello and piano recital on the first weekend of November.

There is considerable interest in a number of other courses, although dates have not yet been set for these. They include Children's Haircutting, Screenprinting, Furniture Restoration, a Horticultural Day, a Watercolours seminar and another Women's Self Defence Course. It has also been suggested that we might offer a series of seminars for women on the topics of: assertiveness, self esteem, problems solving skills and communication skills.

Before I proceed with planning these courses, I'd like some feedback from you. Which brings me to the topic of the lists at the Post Office. As most of you will realise, there are lists kept at the Post Office where you can write down what course interests you.

These lists have been operating for quite some time now and some are getting a bit out of date. So we are going to remove the old lists and start completely afresh - then it will be easier to know which lists are current. So please ask for the lists next time you're in the Post Office and add your name to any which intereest you. And please remember that you can start a new list for any topic which you are interested in.

We'll start the ball rolling with lists for the topics mentioned above. As well as putting down your name, phone no etc, please feel free to to add any details you wish. For example, any particular aspects of horticulture which you would like to see covered in the field day, or any particular timing that suits best [weekend, weekday etc]. Thanks.

Finally - the idea of a Summer School. This notion has cropped up from time to time - and I'd like to get some indication from you as to whether or not you think a Summer School would be a good idea. The sort of Summer School which is envisaged is one which would last for about one week - probably some time in January. It could have classes operating in the morning, would have the afternoon free for walking, windsurfing etc and would have musical activities in the evenings.

If we are going to go ahead with one for this summer, we will have to start planning it very soon—so PLEASE let me know what you think of:

- 1. The idea in general
- 2. The timing it could be a summer, autumn or winter school
- 3. The suggested programme [classes in morning etc]
 4. What sort of classes you would like possible
- topics include pottery, cane furniture, photography, stained glass etc
- 5. Whether you would like to attend the same class for a whole week or would rather do, say, 3 sessions in one topic, then 3 on a completely different one.
- 6. What sort of evening activities you'd like.

If a Summer School is going to happen, it will need a lot of support from Island folk - so please let me know what you think [you can even ring me toll-free powel]

One last thing, the Southland Women's Triatholon is scheduled for 29 Nov - so it is now time to pump up you bike tyres, resurrect your swimsuit, dust off your running shoes and start a little gentle training.

-Alison BROAD.

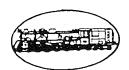
A Stewart Island Summer School?

Well folks, what do you think? We had a pretty good Festival last year - what about a Summer [or Autumn or Winter] School - maybe with events like we had at the Festival.? Alison is prepared to co-ordinate, but the ball's in our court. What do **you** want - **Sam**



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these hearings.

Although there is nothing concrete to

show as yet, work towards the

Stewart Island Power Scheme is

progressing more or less on schedule.

Surveys and initial site and building

design for the powerhouse at the Hicks

Rd corner are complete, and accoustic

investigations into the design have been

have been received and a final decision

should be made shortly. Monitoring of

power requirements of major users is

also underway. Next month we'll give

you some tips on monitoring your own

Country Planning approval to rezone

the Hick's Rd site from "Rural B" to

"Public Works". Any objections will be

heard mid-late October. Tenders for

construction of the powerhouse and

installation of mechanical and electrical

equipment cannot be called until after

residents having expressed support for

the power scheme, the majority will

hope there are no objections to the

rezoning of the Hicks Rd site.

With around 90% of the Island's

Council has applied for Town &

Tenders for the generating plants

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Power to the People

This column aims to keep you up to date with progress on the Stewart Island Power Scheme. We've lit the "Candle of Progress" and will be watching the rate it burns with interest! Major events along the way are marked - let's see what happens!

Proposed Timetable The proposed broad timetabling is:-

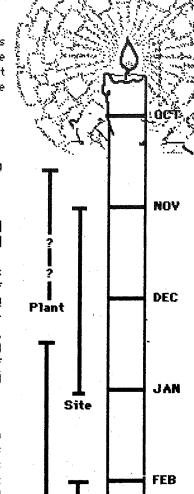
 ★ Calling of tenders for site, building mech/electrical works [late Oct]

- **★** Site works commence [Nov]
- ★ Reticulation comemnces [Nov]
- ★ Powerhouse construction [mid-Dec]
- ≢ Install mech/electrical plant [Feb'88]

*SWITCH-ON [late April/May 1988]
After the power glitches and data losses involved with producing this issue of SIN, that date can't come any too soon! We all know the difficulties of major construction jobs on the Island however, so I guess we must add the normal "fudge-factor", and look to the middle of next year as being the time we're all switched on!

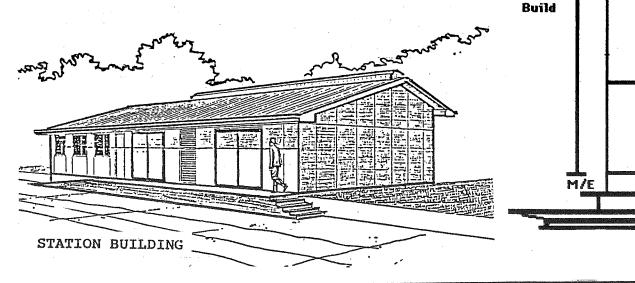
Reticulation Survey

Work on siting routes for transmission lines begins soon. Unfortunately costs have prohibited having all power lines underground. I'm sure this 6-8 week survey will team will keep scenic and environmental values in mind in their selection of routes. If you have any thoughts on views which should be preserved free of power lines, let's know!



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APR



Key to the Power Candle:- Plant = Delivery of Equipment Build = Building the Powerhouse

Site = Site Works M/E = Mechanical/Electrical Work

Cleaning Drums Before Cutting

More on the drum-cutting saga - abridged from "Welding News" Jan/Feb 1987. It seems petrol isn't the only culprit - so watch it if you're welding near diesel storage tanks! Pipes or containers which have carried soap, linseed oil, diesel, alcohol or any acid which reacts with metal to produce hydrogen or any other combustible solids which could leave dust or residue are as dangerous as petrol drums.

It is essential to thoroughly clean them before welding or cutting. Some of the cleaning tips aren't appropriate to the Island, as we don't have the gear here but are included for general knowledge.

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Michael Mullen-Moorcraft

- # Flush with water: several times if the substance is known to be easily soluble eg alcohol or acetone.
- * Steam clean: the empty container with an outlet so pressure can't build up and condensate can drain away easily. Judge the success of cleaning from the state of the condensate. It's wise to earth the drum and steam pipe to avoid the build up of static electricity.
- * Boil in Hot Water: Boil empty drum (minus plugs, bungs etcl for at least half an hour. completely immersed in water containing a weak alkaline degreasing agent.
- # Fill with an Inert Gas: such as carbon dioxide or nitrogen if it is impossible to completely remove inflammable material. The tank should be fitted with a non-return valve to prevent pressure build up.
- * Fill with Water: to within a few cm of the weld area, as "Metric" Maurice described last month [seems the most practical suggestion for the Island]

Never just wash the tank out or blow it out with air if the contents are unknown. Carbon Tetrachloride isn't recommended as it is highly toxic & can form phosgene gas when heated, or react with metal containers to cause an explosion.

Extreme care & careful cleaning cannot be over-emphasised.

Exercise Class

Starting 14 Sep 1987 there will be a regular exercise class at the RSA Hall, 9am Mon-Fri. Fee will be \$28.00 for regular attenders. This will pay for a 14 week period, taking us to 18 Dec. So it is about \$2 per week, which isn't bad!

Please commit yourselves and come along. Bring a mat for floor exercises. Sorry, but no pre-schoolers at this session! Casual fee \$1.00 per session.

An afternoon class for beginners will also be starting 14 Sep, at Traill Park. Minimal charge - pre-schoolers welcome! - Kathu YALKER

A Thought on SIN

Ah Too, he say - "Another fellow's sin, he like car lights always more glaring than your own!"

From: "NOTES ON PHILOSOPHY"

By: Russ TYSON

This SIN aims to be a bit like car headlights too - we want to throw a bit of light, but will try to keep it on "dip" and not be too glaring - Sam]



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2pm **Mon-Fri** [Traill Park]

MON * Busy Bees 3.15pm [Presbyterian Manse] Yoga 1.30pm [RSA]

OVFB Practice 7.00pm

TUE * Playcentre 9.30-noon Bible Study 10-11am Aerobics 7.30pm [RSA]

Last SI Lions Club 6pm [RSA]

WED * Library 2-3pm [Hall]
 Keas 3.15pm [Trail] Hall]
 Brownies 3.15pm [StAndrews S/S]
 Guides 3.15pm [Dianne Smith's]
 Darts 7.30pm [Pub]

3rd Parent Support 10.30am SICC Meeting 7.30pm [Hall]

THU * Playcentre 9.30-12
Foveaux Radio - Island News 11.40am
Cubs 3.15pm [Traill Park Hall]
Aerobics 7.30pm [RSA]
Badminton 7.30pm [Hall]

1st CWI[RSA] SI Promo Assn8.00pm[0VFB]

2nd Garden Circle [Phone 391-020]

4th APW 2.00pm

FR1 * Library11- Noon [Hall] RSA Raffle 6.30pm [Pub]

SAT * Prayer Circle 1.00pm Netball Games 2.00pm [HMB School]

SUN * Oban Presbyterian Service 10.30am Aerobics 4.30pm [RSA]

3rd StAndrews Anglican Service See Board

September/October Events

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