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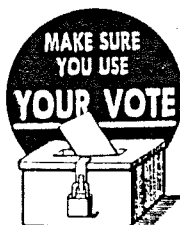
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Telephone Exchange Cut-over

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July 22 1987 was a "6-figure" day for Stewart Island, when phone number digits doubled. The County Hall was filled by 11.00am with adults and school pupils who joined Telecom Corp officials for the Ceremony to mark the cut-over of the Halfmoon Bay Manual Telephone Exchange to a computerised automatic system.

The Hall was decorated with foliage and posters produced by HMB School pupils, while a single black manual telephone was surrounded by an array of multi-coloured digital models.

Jim Williamson, Invercargill District Manager of Telecoms, was M/C for the occasion and opened proceedings with two songs by Room 3 pupils. These were followed by Room 1 pupils reciting a poem written for the event by Mrs Daphne Goomes

Poor visibility over Foveaux Strait frustrated Southern Air "Islanders", but Richard Mills was able to bring the official party by Southern Coast Helicopters - a new experience for Jim Calder of Telecom Board in Wellington. He talked of technical and commercial changes faced by the new Corporation.

The \$940,000 conversion cost for the Island's phone system is part of \$800 million that Telecom Corp is spending in order to keep up with the rapid growth of all forms of telecommunications.

Our new SPC exchange is, in effect, a large computer. It opened with 244 subscribers, many of whom have taken advantage of multiple sockets, more than one phone and extras such

as abbreviated dialling and call diversion. Big Glory Salmon now have computers on either side of the Straits which can "talk" to each other via the phone.

County Chairman, Bruce Ford, spoke of the changes which 24 hour phones will bring and commended the way in which the Telecom Team have fitted into the community while here.

The last call through the old switchboard had been made by Shirley Newton from Stewart Island Travel, when at 11.30am Anne Tait rang the manual phone on the stage to ask the technicians to cut over to the automatic exchange. She was the last to wind a handle to lodge a telephone call on Stewart Island!

The actual cut-over involved removing connections to the old switchboard, while "odd things" happened in exchanges throughout the country. In a very short time a new phone on the stage rang and those in the Hall were informed that the new exchange was cut in.

Another school pupil, Zane Smith, was then invited to make the first automatic call to Island identity Mrs Neta Rawle. Her amplified conversa-

tion with Bruce Ford emphasised the sense of security which 24 hour communication would bring and the cost-saving for businesses which would result from being in the Invercargill "free-call" area.

As with other speakers, she regretted the loss of employment resulting from the change & paid tribute to the friendly service provided by telephone operators over the years. Her comments brought feelings of nostalgia for the personal contact of the "old" days.

Those at the ceremony were invited to make use of the new phones placed through the hall and to morning tea provided by Telecom Corp. The spanking new phone system intruded into festivities and there was a mass exodus of Fire Brigade members as pagers beeped and the fire siren wailed. A momentary break in the alarm circuit occurred when contacts were change from the old to new exchange - our first false alarm call-out!

The ceremony was an appropriate farewell to phones which stood us in good stead for 85 years and a fitting beginning to "hi-tech" communication.

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Sam Says: 391-406 Where?

What are your thoughts on approaching Telecoms for a "STEWART ISLAND" listing in the next phone book?

On the same score, when did you last get a letter marked "Not known in Howick"? What are current thoughts on the old chestnut of "Halfmoon Bay" "Oban" or "Stewart Island" as the name for our Post Office? The main thing seems to be to make sure you include "STEWART ISLAND" in your address!

OUR LOGO

The marked similarity between the banner for SIN and the Promo Assn logo alongside, is deliberate. The original was designed by Dawn Barry and a credit was typed for the 1st issue, but got lost in the chaos of paste-up. It would be hard to express the identity & "free-spirit" of the Island better - Thanks Dawn.

SCHOOL REPORT

You'll see this is missing in this issue. It will shortly be our first "Special Edition".

Sam Sampson - "SORTA-EDITA"

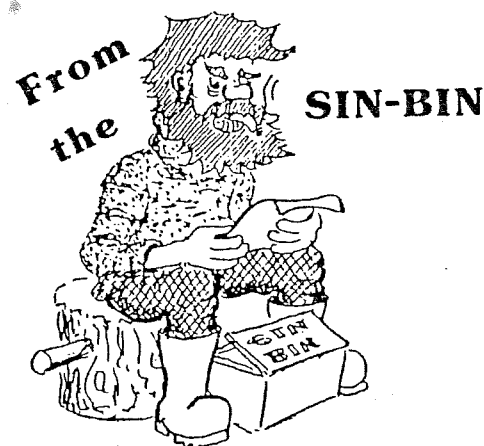
HI THERE FOLKS

Well, here's the 2nd issue of SIN - late again, mainly as I was away with the school trip to Dunedin at the end of July.

PHONES

How are you adapting to push-buttons? I think we're all using the phone more than we did. In my own case it's the convenience of a socket by the desk so no more traipsing up & down stairs.

My biggest gripe is "loss of identity" - which started when we were lumped as "DISTRICTS" in the phone book. Now, being in "INVERCARGILL" seems a wee bit worse. No offence meant, it's like listing Picton under Wellington & rough on visitors wanting to pre-order food from a "shop on Stewart Island".



Hi Sam,

Back from a lovely weekend at Stewart Is. We want to thank all the friendly people we have met by sending a letter to the SIN-BIN. We took the "Acheron" to the Island and when we came off, still with a strange feeling in the stomach Ann Pullen was there with a smile, to take our heavy back-packs with her car.

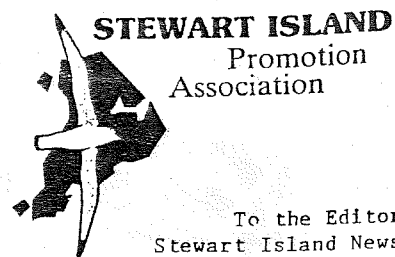
We walked to her home and she offered us a good New

Zealand lunch. We explored the village and went to Observation Rock to enjoy the scenic view. On our way back we were invited to go to the pub by a hard-working Telecom-man. No doubt which one, because there is only one.

The pub was nice, warm and the wine was good. We talked to several people, and of course when you think of the Island you think of fish, good fish. It was possible to get some at the wharf, so next morning we went there and got some.

That day we walked to Ackers Point and on our way found some beautiful shells. The weather was not that bad, 5min sun and 5min rain with beautiful rainbows, all free.

In the evening we had a fight with the stove. As spoiled girls, used to central heaters, we hadn't an idea how to light a thing like that and within 5min the room was full of blue smoke and our eyes tearing!



STEWART ISLAND Promotion Association

To the Editor
Stewart Island News

Sam, on behalf of the Stewart Island Promotion Association, I would like to record our appreciation for an excellent job well done. Getting the Stewart Island Newspaper off the ground and operating, has taken much of your time given unselfishly for a community project overdue.

Stewart Island News is well co-ordinated, explains issues fully, entertaining, and gives an insight into local politics and various items of interest.

Keep up the good work for your future issues and your eager SIN subscribers.

Best Wishes

Lloyd A Wilcox

Chairman

Stewart Island Promotion Assn.

[Thanks for the kind comments "Fox" and all you others who liked SIN Nol. My only regret is having to be away from the Island to do typesetting & layout. Hopefully this is the last time and SIN No3 will be produced ONSHORE - Sam]

On Sunday we went towards Maori Beach but never arrived there. We stopped near Little River Bridge and sat there, just feeling happy because we were so lucky to be here and eaten by sandflies.

On our way back we saw a funny game - sleighing on the beach, pulled by some kind of Landrover. Because we travel like that we asked for a lift and got one. That was fun! We've never done something like that before.

Because it was our last day, in the evening we went for a cup of tea at Ann's place. The best feeling you Stewart Is. people gave us, was the feeling of being at home, everybody smiled and waved at us during our day walks.

We are going back to our countries, Holland and Switzerland, with a happy memory of Stewart Island.

Thank you very much

- Angeliq & Franky

Rob Hicks Century

Stewart Island is a place where batting averages in the "game of life" are consistently high. At last census [Aug 1986], almost 10% of the population were aged 80 plus.

Congratulations to Rob Hicks on scoring his century. He is remembered most for his long involvement with Ferndale - a boarding house known for its hospitality by generations of visitors to Stewart Island.

Did you notice the misprint in the "Chronicle" Advt we reprinted last month for sections near "Mrs Kick's"? Rob certainly proves he has plenty of "kick" left.

Last month I took him [and a few others] LARGE PRINT copies of Stewart Island News. If you know of anyone else who's eyesight isn't the best, let me know - copies twice this size are much easier to read!

- Sam



Mike's Message

Although a few minor offences have been reported since the last issue of this paper, crime in general has been very inactive.

A major concern to Police throughout the country is the ever increasing offences relating to the fraudulent use of cheques and the various plastic cards. Only a few cases have been reported on Stewart Island and this may be an opportune time to warn those accepting cheques and the like to verify as many details of the user as possible. This assistance greatly enhances any investigation at a later date should it be required.

Firearm Licence Testing has caused several problems since the resignation of Fritz Jury as the local Firearms Instructor. Recently, however, both Kingsley Timpson and myself were appointed Mountain Safety Firearm Instructors, and although we currently have a backlog of Firearm Licence applicants, testing will be undertaken shortly. If there are any others wishing to obtain a Firearms Licence, I suggest they contact either Kingsley or myself and we will get the ball rolling.

On the subject of firearms, I have seen not only hunters visiting the Island, but also locals walking round the township area openly carrying firearms. On most of these occasions the firearm bolt has been closed giving the appearance that it is ready to fire. This is an extremely dangerous practice and in such circumstances in the past has taken innocent lives. I cannot stress enough about this foolhardy practice and I will not hesitate to prosecute if it continues.

-Mike TeAu

Newton Family Reunion

On Feb 6 1844, Bishop Selwyn performed a Christian marriage ceremony for Wharetutu and George Newton, at Murray River, Stewart Island. As was the Bishop's policy, Wharetutu was given the Christian name of Ann. We will never know the Bishop's motives for doing this for Maori brides, but it's been suggested it was because he couldn't pronounce their Maori names.

In Feb 1983 many descendants of this couple met at the Kew Bowl, Invercargill, for a reunion of their family line. At that time the idea was mooted to produce a book containing the Whakapapa of the "original" couple from this mixed marriage.

This has been done, and TAPROOTS REVISTED: The Whakapapa of Wharetutu & George Newton was released Nov 1986.

The system that has been created using a Data General Computer recently installed at Southland Community College has been called TAPROOTS - symbolising the return to the very Taproot of the mighty Family Tree. TAPROOTS RESEARCH was the name given to the research procedure & documentation, used initially to produce the George Newton family lines, then for other families of Southland's early marriages into the Maori people. It soon expanded to encompass all known early Southland families.

The TAPROOTS method has been introduced as a course at Southland Community College since August 1983.

At the 1983 Reunion it was decided that a further reunion be held five years hence, [1988] and again in 1994 to celebrate the couple's 150th wedding anniversary.

Planning is well underway for the 1988 Reunion, which will be held in Bluff, home of many of the original Newton childrens families. Activities will be centred around Te Rau Aroha Marae and Bluff Town Hall.

Southern Air and South Coast Helicopters have put together a variety of configurations of flights to, from and around Stewart Island on Fri 29 Jan, with flight paths extended to pass over Murray River [where the marriage took place and where George Newton is buried] The Neck [where gravestones of some earlier descendants are located] and Ruapuke [where Reverend Wholers ran a Mission Station for almost 40 years].

Further information will appear in later issues of SIN but descendants who have not already been contacted are asked to write to the address below [no stamp required]:

- Lew Dawson

Wharetutu & George Newton Reunion Committee
FREEPOST 134
PO Box 1429
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The First Island Newspaper

It seems "Stewart Island Chronicle" [No 1: 1/1/1920], has lost the title of being the first Stewart Island newspaper. In 1980, Wm. Todd & Co sold a page of "The Waipounamu Gazette & Stewart Island Observer" [No1: 1/1/1900]. Unfortunately there is no record of who it was sold to nor is it held by any NZ library, but - the search is on!

"Chronicle" Contributors

S.G. August, known throughout Southland as Sam [some significance here] was a merchant who specialised in floor-coverings, with a business in Spey St.

In his spare moments he was a vigorous organiser of charity and other entertainments, in which he frequently participated, contributing character songs such as "The Old Sundowner" and other lugubrious ditties.

In the days when there were five boarding houses in Half-moon Bay, he was a regular summer visitor, and could be relied upon to comb the guest lists for visiting talent, and to organise at least one concert in the old Athenaeum Hall in the summer holidays, during and after World War I. The present County Hall was built in the late 20's, round about the same time as the South Sea Hotel building, which was then Hansen's Oban House.

Crosby-Smith was a well-known naturalist in his time, and Claude Kirkland, who until his death some years ago was the principal of Frost & Co,

Dentists, of Cambridge Place. He was also a frequent visitor to the Island, and in his day was a noted swimmer. He was also, for many years, president of the Water Safety Council.

I cannot recall actually seeing the Chronicle, but Island doings received occasional publicity in Invercargill newspapers, particularly the "Daily News", the local correspondent being the late Fred Traill, who operated Woodsley Boarding House.

The other publication, journal, or whatever, with a tenuous connection with the Island was the "Bluff Press & Stewart Island Gazette", published in Bluff by the Bannermans, father and son, who lost their lives in WWI and WWII respectively, precipitating the demise also of the Bluff journal.

- Tui McDonald

In addition to Tui's notes, here's some more information on Joseph Crosby-Smith, who wrote for "Stewart Island Chronicle".

Mr Crosby-Smith was born in Yorkshire in 1853, and at 23 emigrated to Dunedin, as a book-keeper at H.E. Shacklock's foundry. He became a shorthand teacher in 1879 and in the late 90's joined the Otago Institute and the Otago Field Naturalist's Club.

In 1902 he started the hardware firm of Smith & Laing in Invercargill. Part-time botanical work was done at Lake Hauroko, the Takitimu's, Longwoods, Milford and Campbell Is, as well as on Stewart Island. Mr Crosby-Smith wrote several scientific papers, but

was better known for newspaper articles and lectures with coloured lantern slides.

He was on the Southland Education Board and chairman for a time. Eminent botanist Leonard Cockayne wrote: "Crosby-Smith was one of that honourable band of self-educated naturalists which has played a distinguished part in investigating the natural history of the British Empire", and also "He was a delightful companion - his Yorkshire humour always to the fore - a true lover of nature." What more can you say? - Sam

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20 Years Ago

10th July 1967 - DC Day
Change to Decimal Currency, remember the guinea, pound, shilling, penny, half-crown, florin, "quid", "bob", "zac", "thrupenny bit" and "tanner"?

10 Years Ago

"The Stewart Island ferry Wairua completed her first trip yesterday with supplies and fuel for the Island since her annual survey and dispute-plagued stay at Lyttleton.

The crew continue to occupy hotel accomodation in Bluff in spite of the "hard-lying" allowance negotiated earlier this month."

Times - 20 July 1977

5 Years Ago

"A subsidy on diesel-powered commercial operations on Stewart Island has been sought by the Stewart Island County Council. Cr. Gwen Neave from the SICC said that Islanders were "extremely careful" about conserving generator fuel.

Times - 13 July 1982

"More than 120 people explored BP's experimental salmon farm at Big Glory Bay during an open day on Saturday. For many it was their first opportunity to look over the farm which has been operating for six months."

Times - 12 July 1982

Rob Hicks

When coming to Stewart Island a few years ago to live, one of the first things I wanted to do was to find people who might remember my grandfather, Charlie Jamieson and my great-grandfather, Rev David Jamieson. One of the persons I was told who would remember was Bob Hicks Snr, who no longer lived on the Island.

One day I discovered he had arrived back on a visit to relatives and I quickly made contact to see if it would be possible for him to visit. The reply was yes and shortly after 3pm on a sunny afternoon he arrived at my front door. We sat on the sofa with my grandmother's photo album going back over the years.

I was able to show him a letter he had sent her on the death of my grandfather and our eyes grew misty as we re-read it. Mr Hicks not only remembered my grandfather but had been close to His father too, and the afternoon was pure delight as the stories flowed.

The following year we had an addition to the family, a son, Anton Erik. To my delight Mr Hicks came and visited us at

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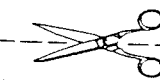
Dolly Leask

1 1/2 cups flour
1/4 lb butter
Pinch salt
3/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp baking powder

Rub butter into flour, sugar, baking powder & salt. Add egg & enough milk to make a stiff dough. Roll out 1cm thick, cut into rounds with biscuit cutter.

Place on cold tray, cook in very hot oven till brown. Take out of oven, split in half, then return to oven to brown again.

Printed as a tribute to "Dolly" LEASK - July 1987



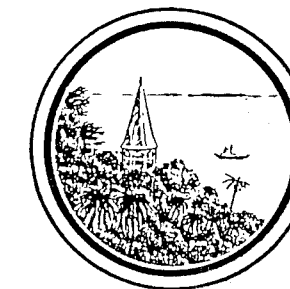
the hospital and we gave him Anton to hold. I knew Anton would never know my grandfather or great-grandfather, but how wonderful to be held by someone who knew them both. I took a lot of photos of Mr Hicks and Anton together that day which are very precious memories, as our little fellow was only to have a short life. Cot death mysteriously took him 4 months later.

As Bob Hicks Snr celebrates his 100th year at the end of July, a special thank-you to him for some very special moments which I'll treasure all my life.

- Jo Riksem

"CLIP AND SAVE"

Recipes



From

Oban

Presbyterian Church

"Dolly" Leask

A link with Ferndale Guest House and Mason Bay farming was broken when Mrs Agnes "Dolly" Leask died at her Island home recently.

"Dolly" Laidlaw, one of a family of 10 came from Nightcaps to work at Ferndale. She met her future husband, Stanford Leask, while walking to Doughboy Bay on the west coast of the Island. Mr Leask and his brother had a small sheep run at the south end of Mason Bay.

Mrs Leask began married life at Leask Bay, but soon moved to Island Hill, a larger farm at Mason Bay. Here she brought up the family, cooking, housekeeping and gardening, as well as helping the men, particularly mustering.

Islanders remember her as a talented needle woman, carefully using every scrap of fabric & for delightful stuffed toys made from opossum skins for her children and grandchildren.

Frequent visits from scientists staying at Island Hill developed Mrs Leask's interest in plants. She was an authority on Stewart Island Orchids and

where they could be found flowering. She could be relied on as a guide to the rare *Gunnera hamiltonii* on Stewart Island (the only other locality is in the Oreti area).

In later years the Leasks stayed at Island Hill to shear the sheep and do other essential work spending the rest of the year in Leask Bay where she enjoyed the company of her daughter and grandchildren.

A quiet lady, Mrs Leask was known for her sense of humour and love of family and garden.

Mrs Leask is survived by her daughter Joan and son-in-law Eddie Kirtlan and their four daughters, Dawn and Graham Deaker, Helen and great-grandson Ross Edward, Anne and Lynne and Doug Dennison. Her three sons and their families are Ian and Meri Leask with Brendan and Karyn; Peter and Joye Leask with Peter, Rhonda and Aaron and Cyril and Carol Leask with Amber.

- Helen Bissland

FOR: 500 gms lean white fish fillets
 1/4 cup flour 1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs
 1 tsp paprika 1 tsp chicken stock pwdr
 1/8 tsp pepper 1/2 tsp celery salt
 1 1/2 tsp oil 1/4tsp ea: ground sage, thyme,
 basil & garlic powder

To make coating combine all dry ingredients Add oil & mix until well dispersed thru'out This may be kept in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Dip fish in coating mix, pressing well in Place in baking dish. Cook, uncovered, 5min on HIGH.

From - MICROWAVE SPECIALISTS

Microwave Cooking Class

Microwave ovens, like TVs, computers and many other things are fast becoming a part of every home. But unlike the Tv, one needs to know and understand more than how to operate the on/off button. A microwave can be an expensive coffee maker, or a real asset to the family.

To help people how to understand how their microwave works and of necessity, how to change their cooking habits and techniques, microwave cooking classes can set the ball rolling. These classes are designed to show you how to cook a simple meal and keep it hot without the need for re-heating everything. Also during classes the little "secrets" of how to do this or that quickly, simply and with

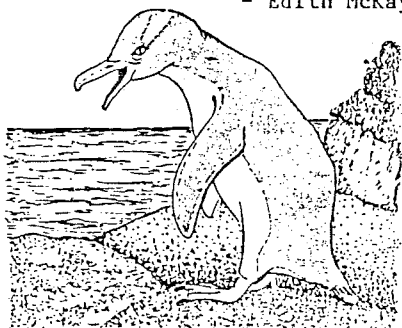
good results are revealed.

I have had considerable experience in the field of microwave cooking and in my classes use everyday recipes and foods, as I feel that this is what the average person wants. The topic of gourmet cooking is touched on, as is how to dry herbs and how to use your microwave for crafts, eg: drying wood for turning.

The class is not just for those who have microwaves but also for people who may be considering purchasing one. The class would give prospective owners an idea of what to look for in a microwave.

Come to the seminar on 15-16 Aug and learn how to tame the monster in the kitchen.

- Edith McKay



"Come On South"

Late last year Reynolds Film & Video Productions of Auckland produced a promotional video for the Southern Regions. The production was funded by Southern Air, Invercargill Licencing Trust, H&H Motors, Air NZ, Stewart Island Travel and others. The video covers Southland and Queenstown and includes quite a large section on Stewart Island.

The video is now available for hire from Stewart Island Travel [\$4.40/night] or for sale. It could make an interesting gift for overseas friends.

Malcolm McNeil

Islanders were treated to a musical feast by popular balladeer and jazz singer Malcolm McNeil, at a Cabaret Concert held in the South Sea Hotel Dining Room on 27 July.

Acknowledged by many to be one of NZ's finest entertainers, Malcolm's superb voice & technique left his audience in no doubt of his professionalism. His diction is always faultless and he is a master of scat singing, with a voice like a rich, soothing liqueur.

His 2hr concert included many vocal evergreens and selections from his 3 albums. Old favourites like Ellingtons "Satin Doll", Horace Silver's "Doodlin" and Van Morrison's "Moondance" delighted established fans who also warmed to the inclusion of his own composition "Melissa", a sweet musical tribute to his wife.

Malcolms use of a beer crate as a prop for Randy Newman's "Short People" was inspired and set a relaxed tone for the second half of the show.

Travelling with Malcolm and providing instrumental backing for him were bassist Paul Dyne [Wellington] and guitarist Keith Petch [Christchurch]. Both these artists are superb musicians in their own right and their backing enhanced and enriched Malcolm's performance. The audience appreciated their solo spots and their intricate improvisations.

Visits to the Island by performers of the calibre of Malcolm, Paul and Keith are all too infrequent. Thanks to the Southern Regional Arts Council's Touring Programme we were able to enjoy an artist Cleo Laine and John Dankworth acknowledge as a "singer whose work is admired by connoisseurs of good music all over the globe." - Gwen Neave

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The View From

Tory Island

It was a real taste of "Auld Ireland" for the 55 people who saw Neville Presho's videos at the Doc Information Centre on Sun 13 July.

All six 25min documentary-stories told an effective tale with a minimum of commentary and plenty of lilting Irish music. They record ways of life threatened modern lifestyles. Crafts like thatching, horseshoeing and making and using butter churns were shown in active use, but now they are gone.

Tory Island was as Neville depicted it in his article last month. A vastly different environment and lifestyle which, while not directly comparable with ours, has some similarities. Curragh [canvas covered boat] building and use was shown, along with traditional wooden boat building, a craft that was once important here.

Overnight drift-netting for salmon in Western Ireland is a far cry from life on a Stewart Island salmon farm, and their is little fear of this fishery taking over the US and Japan markets if the hygiene standards of the processing shed featured are typical.

One programme, set in the busy Belfast shipbuilding and dockyard area also contained more than a hint of nostalgia with old-time coal-fired steam still working.

A water-powered sawmill and violin making led up to a village's mini-outdoor-music festival. Food for thought - it's a while since "Beyond the Pluff" - how about a mid-winter festival next year?

All-in-all, a most enjoyable evening, from which the Pool Fund has benefitted to the tune of \$40.00. Thanks Neville - Sam



Horseshoe Haven Lodge

Horseshoe Haven was started in 1976 by Colin and Betty Corrie. The chalets, lodge and kitchen unit proved popular with holidaymakers. Visitors to the Island include tourists who want full facility accommodation, families looking for cheaper units and trappers and divers who often prefer group accommodation.

In recent years Stewart Is. has experienced an annual increase of 10-15% in visitor numbers and there are indications it will be 20% this year. Both air and sea services are finding lack of beds limits summer bookings - with more beds, there would be more visitors.

The Corrie's have been joined by Doug and Leslie McGrath in an expansion programme to include a 60 seat licenced restaurant with conference facilities and 10 new up-market chalets. Their hill-side setting gives magnificent views over Horseshoe Bay and landscaping is planned so they blend with the surrounding bush. Existing chalets are being upgraded and refurbished too. The 60 available beds will be spread over the full range of accommodation needs.

Doug McGrath is building

contractor and Arrow International of Dunedin are project managers for design and construction co-ordination through to actual start-up.

This is the largest construction project undertaken here for many years and will be a major step to realising some of the Island's tourist potential. It will benefit other local services and provide more employment opportunities on the Island.

Work to date was hampered by weather and some supply delays but after a mid-winter break the team is now back on the job. The restaurant complex is roofed and closing-in of the building is underway while flooring and some framing for the new chalets has begun.

Mr David Lange left a Prime Ministerial "footprint in the sands[concrete] of time" on his visit on 3 Aug. Allegations that this was an attempt to provide him with "concrete slippers" are strongly denied!

With the building closed in and hopefully a continuation of present weather, construction should progress apace. The official opening will be held at 12noon on the 12th day of the 12th month of 1987!

- Horseshoe Haven Lodge Ltd

Pool

PRE-CRAY CABARET

Fund raising for upgrading the school swimming pool is going well, with \$3,000 promised from SI Lions Club, around \$1,000 from the Pre-Cray Cabaret and \$40 from Neville Presho's video evening, in addition to other donations.

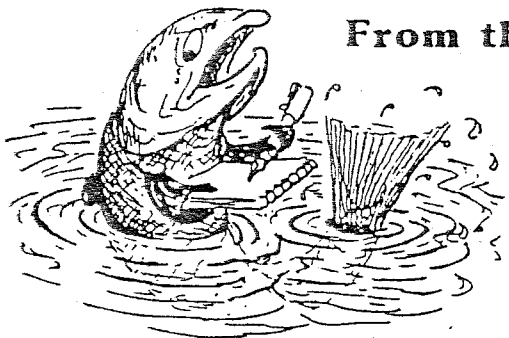
Cement & gravel for concrete work on the pool floor are in Bluff and should be here on the Island shortly. NZ Salmon are donating Alvin Holt's services for a week once work gets underway. Perhaps other local businesses could spare staff to give him a hand?

All in all, progress towards having the pool operational again for the start of next swimming season is looking good. Funds still need a good boost, however, if the goal of automatic chlorination and heating is to be achieved.

The Pre-Cray Cabaret held at the County Hall on Sat 25 July was a great success for the 140 odd people who attended. It provided a welcome mid-winter break in that period when cash flows out before the crays run in.

Music was provided by "Cecil Peak & the Remarkables" who fortunately brought no snow with them from the Mainland. The pool appeal has benefitted to the order of \$1,000, thanks to Maaki Goodwillie donating his services.

Maaki's visit was marred by him falling from a truck after a "fishing" trip. A fractured skull and two broken ribs were the result, putting him in Kew Hospital for a time. Many thanks for your efforts for the Pool Fund Maaki - and best wishes for a speedy & complete recovery now you are home.



From the Salmon Pen

S.I. Salmon Tastes Better Blind

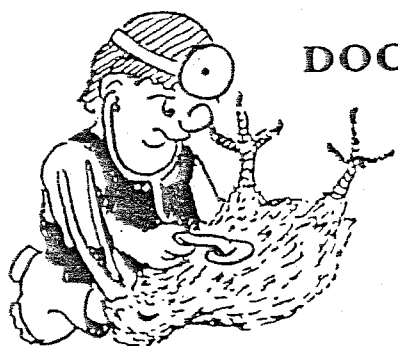
The results from a recent blind tasting contest in San Francisco, proved what we on Stewart Island already know - that the Island's cool, clear and unpolluted waters produce some of the World's finest seafoods.

The San Francisco Professional Food Society matched farmed salmon from New Zealand, Norway, Chile and farmed and caught salmon from the West Coast of the USA. New Zealand farmed King Salmon decisively out-pointed the highly regarded Norwegian Atlantic Salmon and the Chilean Coho Salmon.

The winning salmon was produced by locally owned and operated Stewart Island Salmon Co and was praised for its flavour, firmness, colour, silky texture and oil content.

- Steve Richards

[Who'll take the crown next year? - Sam]



DOC's Diagnosis

Over the past month life with DOC has been fairly busy. We hit the national news with the transfer of two Kakapo from the southern end of the Island over to Codfish. This move has been aimed at for quite a few years and should give the birds a much safer existence. Over the next couple of years we will continue to search for and transfer more Kakapo. In conjunction with the transfer work we have had teams working at Pegasus on cat control and another group is down there now.

Codfish Island is now permanently manned, this is in line with other valuable island reserves around the country like Little Barrier and Kapiti Islands.

Maintenance work on the huts and tracks has slowed down over winter, but we are looking to complete more work on the Link Track and hopefully upgrade some of the huts.

At Island Hill Farm, work is still continuing with the scrub being cut back along fencelines so we can get the muster done in early October.

Wally has spent most of his time making up new signs which are appearing on all the walking tracks around the town. He's now started on the signs for the North West Circuit. Several people have asked us what the Conservation logo is supposed to be. Different meanings have been suggested, including an upside-down kiwi, but the official DOC statement alongside will let you know as much as we do about it.

After 5 years of hard work, dedication, loyalty and giving everyone a hard time, Tony Dennis has decided that there's more to the world that he should check out, so he's finished with DOC and will soon be off to seek fame and fortune.

Four new workers have started, they are Shane Hancox from Omarama, Wayne Costello from Alexandra and Nick Mein from Dunedin, also Jane Hare from Stewart Island as Administration Officer. One of the team was forgotten when the list of workers was made up for last month's issue, so to make it official, the forgotten worker was Travis Hughes from Tokanui.

- Andy Roberts [Conservation Officer]

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LOGO

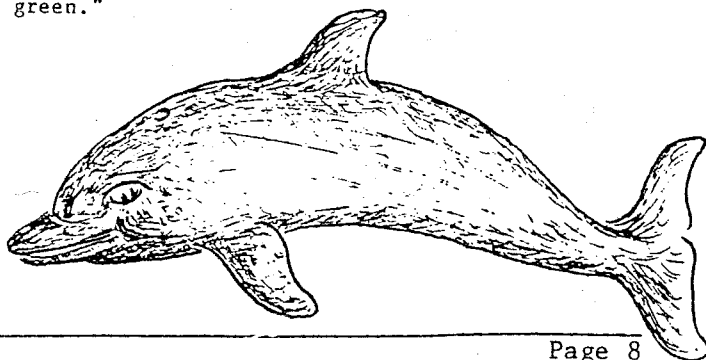
"The logo design supporting the corporate identity of the new Department of Conservation is derived primarily from a blending of established cultural symbols, both European and Maori.

The role of the Department, with its guardianship of New Zealand's natural, cultural, scientific and historical lands is depicted - both in the traditional heraldic shield form and in a representation of the ancient legend of Rangī, Papa and Tāne-mahuta, spirit of the forest, guardian of life from the earth.

Tāne is represented as the white frond-like form beneath Rangī, the sky father, appropriately rendered in blue, and in a protective stance over Papa, the earth mother, clothed in green."



CONSERVATION



The Poet's Patch

FOR POEMS & "OFFSHORE" PROSE
WRITTEN BY ISLANDERS
[Pseudonyms allowed]

PACIFIC ISLAND PHONES

These young fellows don't know much. Now when I was a young bloke about five of us put up 8 miles of telephone line in 5 days. That was about 1942 and we were a new unit going to operate of Kukum airstrip on the North side of Guadalcanal. The line was to Tuf radar and Henderson Field, for calling a scramble.

We were issued with a well battered truck, a couple of blunt axes and nothing to sharpen them with, a pick and crowbar. Now, unlike the Hebrides, the Solomons were young coral, mainly like concrete, and five days was nothing.

Leading Aircraftman is a rank unknown to the US Navy who had a decent sort of Seabee store, where Hero called and acting as if in authority collected all sorts of stuff, including gelignite, detonators and fuses. After that any decent crowbar hole was easily enlarged, and we blew our way across the Lunga Plain.

Trouble was, we were short of something to ram around our good bush poles, but time was the essence so we just did our best and decided to tidy up later. When we got into jungle we really got a move on, simply using branches or trunks. And when we got to the other side we were only two posts from an existing line which saved a few hundred yards.

Fourteen months later those poles were still in their original drunken state, but I never did find out what happened when that Navy stores wallah found out what a Leading Aircraftman really was - if he ever did.

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This poem by Mrs Goomes was written for the opening of the Automatic Telephone Exchange, 22 July 1987, and was recited at the Cut-Over Ceremony by pupils of Room 1, HMB School.

TELEPHONES

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and two
There was something achieved of interest to you;
Sir Joseph Ward, while leading the nation
Saw fit to help us overcome isolation.
He too loved this Island, and for laying a cable
Across Foveaux Strait, he was willing and able.
Thus for the first time the Islanders knew
They could contact the Mainland from out of the blue
Great blessings may come in many disguises,
Just as telephones do in all shapes and sizes.
Those he gave us were blessings indeed,
But these new ones will service a much greater need!
And so on this day of July twenty-two,
Just eighty-five years since the cable came through,
We thank all those people who worked in some way
To bring modern technology into the Bay.
To the last, least and loveliest Third Island of New Zealand.

- Mrs Daphne Goomes

FROM THE "ANCIENT MARTINET"

We came up from our Island and swam in a warm blue pool,
Then on by bus to Whare Flat, and never played the fool.
We gave it heaps at Invermay, then on to see some skins,
Then to school at Outram, where we kicked them in the shins.
That night we saw old Saturn, complete with all his rings,
We asked unanswerable questions - saw many interesting things.

Next day along to Olveston, where they lived in bygone days,
And then to see the baker's art and his many different trays.
Lots of pies in the Octagon, 'neath the gaze of Robbie Burns,
And then along to Cadburys, "Ach! how the stomach churns".
We saw them making "Moro" bars and great big Easter eggs,
Felt sorry for the wrapping girls and their often aching legs.
We ended that day at the Physio Pool, mid shouts unlike a choir,
Then filled with chicken & icecream, sang songs around the fire.

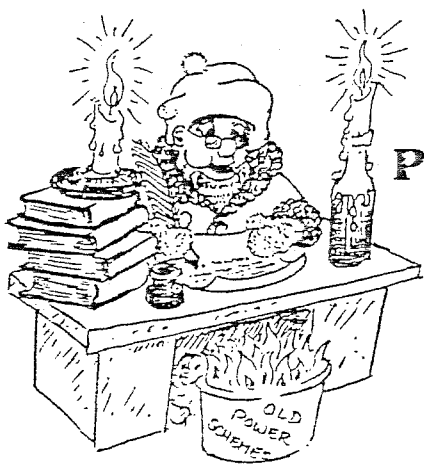
On to Otago Uni, to give the computers heaps,
Then on beaut big trampolines we performed astonishing leaps.
And forward to the World of Wheels, which we fixed upon our feet
We mixed it with the experts - my word it did look neat.

Next day to the Public Library, with many and many a book.
Jana has recovered, but Callum now is crook!
We battled with a rugby team at a place called Maori Hill,
And despite the loss at Outram, we massacred them at will.
Along the road at Columba, their netball team we fought;
We played two games and lost one, and left them deep in thought.
Now to see some possum skins and how to skin them right.
26 bucks for the best ones - the possums at home take fright!
A final burst at the Physio Pool - it almost felt like home,
Then back to Camp at Waiora, where we shall no more roam.
A concert in the evening, with acts and fun galore,
Fish & chips at Balclutha - then home to our Island's shore.

- Jim Bissland



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COUNCIL COMMENT

Power to the People

Progress towards the power scheme is going on apace, with Council having purchased the land at the corner of Hicks Road for the Power House. Town and Country Planning approval is now being sought to change part of this "Residential B" land to "Public Works" zoning. Hearings of any objections to this rezoning will be held in mid-September, if needed. Assuming there are no appeals, site work can begin shortly after this, so a start could be made on the Power House building by November. Preliminary sketches of the Powerhouse Building have been made by MWD architects and

detailed plans are being prepared. These and site plans should be with Council by mid-August.

Tenders for the diesel generating sets were called on 11 July and close 7 August. The 30 page tender document is very detailed, and can be inspected at the County Office by anyone interested. Tenders will be examined by Project Co-ordinators [MWD] in Wellington and their recommendations will be passed on to Council in mid-August.

Planning of the reticulation system is also underway, and tenders for this and for construction of the powerhouse should be called in the near future.

Understandably Council still can't give us the magic figure we all want to know. Unit cost for the power we will get will have to wait until such time as tender prices for all work and more detailed information on loads are known. - Sam

Rates

Have you paid your rates and got the early payment rebate? The 16.9% rise this year was less traumatic than last year, when many of us faced a bigger increase after Government Valuation of our properties increased significantly.

The general rate is struck by Council each year on the basis of land values. In 1986/7 it was 3.645 cents in the dollar. For comparison, in 1912 it was a penny in the pound [0.83c in the \$], in 1937 it was 5.5d in the pound [4.565c in the \$] and in 1962 it was 9d in the pound [7.47c in the \$]. Which all goes to show something about rates, land values, inflation or some such, but I wouldn't have a clue what it is! - Sam

Council Poisons Ratepayers?

How's that for an outrageous headline - bet it caught your attention though!

There is some interesting reading in the old minutes of Stewart Island County Council meetings. One item that really made me do a double take was in the minutes for 1903:

"Council instructed the Clerk to spend two pounds [\$4.00] on poisoned groats for the ratepayers."

"Groats" are hulled or crushed oats, and I sincerely trust that councillors meant them to be used on rats, not the ratepayers themselves - Sam

Bygones

75 Years Ago - in July 1912, main Council business dealt with roading contracts.

50 Years Ago - on 1 July 1937, Council threatened to prosecute anyone felling trees or taking firewood from Council land. It must have been a cold winter, for the practice still continued on 22 July, so local carriers were asked to report on anyone who wanted them to carry firewood from roadlines.

Mrs S A Marshall and Mrs L Naismith were given permission to practice a play for "public benefit" in the back room of the Hall. A forerunner to today's "S I Players".

Also in July 1937, County Chairman George Turner was instructed to bring up several remits at a Conference of MP's & Representatives of Local Bodies. These included asking Government to:

- * Start a road from HMB to Mason Bay to provide off-season work for fishermen.
- * Erect a Hostel at the Island
- * Arrange for the "Maunganui" to call more frequently. [Presumably a replacement ferry while the "Tamatea" was being converted from a steam to a motor vessel.]
- * Give the Island more publicity as a Tourist Resort.

It seems surprising that Mr Turner had no instructions to press Bob Semple further with the power scheme proposals of earlier in the year.

25 Years Ago - July 1962 James Manson was appointed as road surfaceman and Council wrote to the MOW concerning the availability of a self-propelled barge to bring gravel from Paterson Inlet.

Mrs Willa complained about Mr W Nilsen's noisy "engine" and Council agreed it should be silenced. In a year or so that could well be a complaint of the past for us all!

On 18 July 1962, a special meeting of Council passed a By-law introducing the 20mph [30kph] speed limit to the Island.

Mardi Gras (Otahuhu) Ltd became the new owners of South Sea Hotel on 1 July 1962, with Roy Nudds as the Proprietor.

Political Prattle



Well, we had an article from Jeff Grant [National] last month, and from Heather Simpson [Labour] here. Both have visited Stewart Island, so you've had a chance to meet them. I haven't received anything from the Democrat candidate for Awarua in time, and there's no Independent Stewart Island Party [I-SIP] as yet: Now's the important bit - make your decision

VOTE on SATURDAY 15th AUGUST 1987

* SPECIAL VOTES may be cast before this: [Contact: Mrs Slingsby]

* POLLING BOOTH - Room 1 HMB School [Open: 9.00am - 7.00pm]

Heather Simpson

Dear Islanders, I am writing this at the end of a couple of very pleasant days on the Island, talking to the "natives", as it were.

Firstly, therefore, I must say a sincere thank you. I haven't been on the Island often, so I don't claim to be totally familiar with all aspects of Island life. But I learnt a lot on this visit and I am looking forward to discovering more as part of my duties as MP.

Of course there is a slight hurdle to overcome before that happens, and that is the small problem of the election on 15 August.

I have no doubt that the Labour Government will be re-elected. Most of the people I talked to over here agreed with me that we had done a fairly good job, and not only did they think we would be re-elected, but they also agreed that we deserved to be.

There are of course still problems facing the Island. The fishing quota system is causing concern. The discussions I had here confirm the feeling I had from fishing people in Bluff, that there needs to be some adjustment to the quota system to account for the fact that the Southland situation is different from that up north. Obviously therefore some work on that is going to have to be a high priority for the new MP.

Electricity on a 24hr basis is on its way but there may

well be a case for further Government assistance in that area, and perhaps we need to find some money to help with your new sewage scheme.

While these are areas of particular local concern, I know the Islanders are also worried about the wider issues such as education and the economy. On these issues, Labour is offering the only real option. The National Party education policy revolves around funding schools strictly according to the number of students. This would be a disaster for isolated schools such as yours. The National Party economic policy on the other hand, is a little unclear. It depends a bit on which version you listen to.

Labour is offering the real chance to continue the job we have started in terms of getting the economy into full efficient production, and using our resources to rebuild our education and health systems. Then we can end up with both a wealthier and fairer society.

So folks the choice is yours. I believe we need a clear effective voice in Wellington and we can ensure that by voting in a Labour Government MP.

Mind you, whatever you decide, I still had a good time on the Island and am looking forward to my next visit. - Thanks again,

Heather Simpson - Awarua Labour Candidate

[General Election 1887]

VOTE

JOSEPH WARD

FOR AWARUA

I'll get you telephones on Stewart Island If it takes me 15 yrs



Heather is a keen squash player, coach & administrator. This campaign brochure cartoon is used with her permission.



Garden Circle

OLD GARDENERS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST SPADE AWAY

The Stewart Island Garden Circle was first formed on Sep 11, 1968. Monthly meetings were held and consisted of a motto on gardening, then a roll call, where each member brought a reading, hint or verse on gardening. Members also brought along any gardening problems they had and an exchange of plants or cuttings took place.

Throughout the years Garden Circle members have been involved in many community projects such as planting round the RSA Hall, roadside banks and taking care of the War Memorial Plot.

Meetings today follow much the same pattern as previously with the added interest of a monthly quiz testing gardeners knowledge and skill. Flower and vegetable competitions are held at each meeting and points awarded to be tallied up each year.

Current President is Ann Walker and Secretary is Linda TeAu. New members and visitors are always welcome at meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at member's homes.

- Linda TeAu

Some interesting hints from Garden Circle members over the years are:

- * Jeyes Fluid will get rid of most pests
- * Soot or salt keeps slugs at bay
- * Dust cabbages with flour to remove caterpillars
- * Violets like the teapot emptied over them
- * Ammonia around flower borders keeps cats & dogs away

GARDENING WITH GORDON

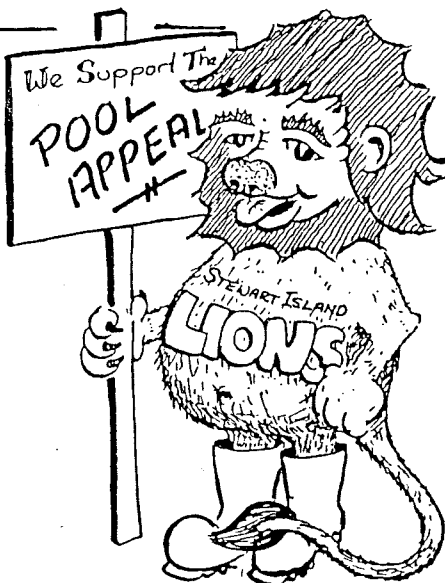
Cuttings sprout well if dipped in talcum powder instead of hormones - better if you run the powder through your toes first.

Elaine's back promoting Pentland Dell Potatoes - strong Irish strain - plant with eyes up - Rueben and young Bill found they have a tendency to try to go back down to Nother Ireland.

If your dog dies, don't waste it - Plant a grape!

Suggest you try macrocarpa cuttings between your rows of potatoes - you won't get any wireworm - or spuds either.

- Gordon Buxton



The July meeting of the Stewart Island Lions Club was a Ladies Night, with a pot-luck tea to mark the change of officers and directors for the 1987/8 year. These are:

President: Gerry Field
 1st Vice Pres: Ron Dennis
 2nd VP: Ron Cushen
 3rd VP: Philip Smith
 Past Pres: Lloyd Wilcox
 Directors: Herbie Hansen
 Ian Munro

Sec/Treas: Ron Cushen
 We look forward to a new Lions year, with involvement in the Pool Appeal and other local projects.

A.P.W. News

DID YOU KNOW THAT

SIN isn't sin but
 Stewart Island News
 DOC isn't a weed but
 Department of Conservation
 SIP isn't a little drink but
 Stewart Island Players
 GOFTA isn't a spook from
 outer space but
 Guild of Film & TV Assns

THEN THERE IS AN
 APW

Here on Stewart Island
 it is the
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 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
 Who meet on the 3rd Thursday
 of each month

Oban APW began life in 1932 as the PWMU [Presbyterian Women's Mission Union]. Our interests range from support for the Church in New Zealand to special overseas projects. This year we contributed to Leprosy Mission, Vanuatu Hurricane Appeal, an X-Ray unit at Jagadhri India and a Womens Refuge Home in Hong Kong.

Funds are raised by sales of work with stalls run by APW members and friends. Donated goods such as cake, produce, plants, handwork and books are sold.

All interested women are cordially welcome.

-Joan Buxton

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COME ON CLUBS!

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LURKING OUT THERE

MORE COMMENT PLEASE!



Recently player/manager Jack Frew received notification that the Bluff Senior C grade rugby team intends coming to the Island shortly to play a game. Although a date has yet to be finalised, it is thought to be the 1st or 2nd week in August.

Still no word has been received of the Palmerston or Te Anau challenges, but it is hoped they will come after the end of this season. Rumour has it that Collegiate will return near the end of August or early September and we look forward to this visit.

As the crayfish season is getting into full swing, a major proportion of players will be unavailable, however it is hoped we will still be able to field a team.

As previously mentioned, the highlight of home games is the continued support shown by spectators and we hope this continues with the proposed Bluff and Collegiate games. - Mike TeAu

SIN TIP #1

CUTTING FUEL DRUMS

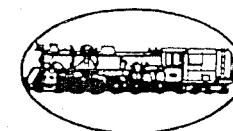
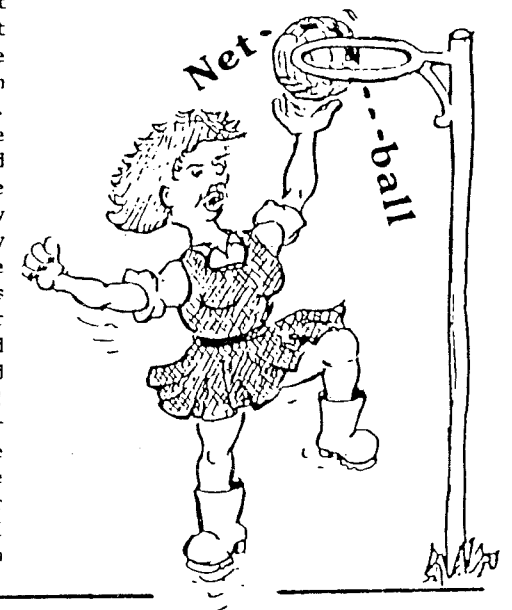
A spark will ignite any mixture of fuel fumes and air, and if they are in a confined space such as an "empty" fuel drum the result can be proof of the "Big Bang Theory" - Take this tip if you intend cutting drums with a "gas axe"!

"No need for all these exploding fuel drums. The secret is to fill them with water to the point where there is only enough room for the cutting jet to operate. About 30 of those millimeter things, or 1.25 inches will do. The idea is to keep gas temperatures under control. - "Metric Maurice"

[PTO]

If you feel the urge for a bit of physical activity, why not try a game of netball? The Netball club meet at 2.00pm on Saturdays at the school court. Come along gals [& guys] give it a go - all ages, shapes and degrees of ability are welcome

Basic rules are reasonably straightforward, but ex-rugby players will have trouble learning to stop as soon as they take the ball, rather than sprinting for the far end of the court. You'll also find it can be just as exhausting! They tell me WA stands for "wing-attack". I'm not so sure - I reckon it stood for the sound of gasping breath after the first 5min of play when I had a go last weekend - Sam



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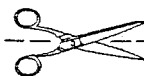
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There was also a flat edged Shearing Chisel which cut out a strip in the way of a lathe parting tool. Again an ordinary Cold Chisel can be used to split a drum, by keeping the angle as small as possible so the chisel is all but lost in the slot.

Once you get the trick it's not hard. Use an oval or flat chisel, not a round one and sharpen to an included angle of about 30 degrees at the cutting edge.

- "Metric" Maurice GILBERT



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A note of thanks to Owen Gerrard of McKenzie Menswear, for all his work with Stewart Island Players

We'll catch you next month for a Proper Ad - here's an appreciation!
-Sam

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WORDFIND is a valuable teaching tool to help learn spelling and new vocabulary. A block of letters contains words that are related to a particular topic. Wordfinds are popular with the kids in Rooms 1 & 3 at HMB School, who make them, as well as do them. Adults will find them heaps of fun too!

"TELEPHONE WORDFIND" - above, was made by Christy Soper from Room 3. It is one of a number of good examples done by the class to celebrate the cut-over to automatic phones.

Words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Mark the words as you find them. Use a "highlighter" or put a light line through them or a ring around them, as in the example on the right.

Those who think you're pretty good - try the smaller one to the left. No clues, but there are 20+ "telephone" words and enough others to build quite a phone story.

Best results published next month!

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School Trip

"SCHOOL REPORT" will appear soon as a "special edition" on the Dunedin Trip. In the meantime, read Jim Bissland's poem to see what happened. Thanks to: WINTER SPORTS CLUB - For planning, fund-raising & making the trip possible. To ADULT HELPERS - For cooking, helping studies & grouching at bed-time. To COLIN WILSON - For driving us round, waiting & always staying cheerful. To McDERMOTT COACHES of Winton for their good price. And:

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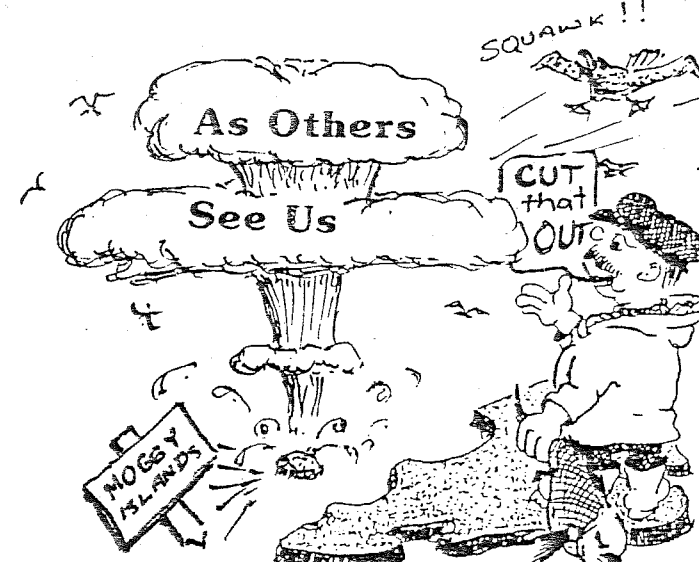
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| Old Fashioned | Winchester |
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There are many different views on Stewart Island, but Mitchell Heath's is one of the more bizarre I have come across. It seems we are part of a confidence-trick he is perpetuating in SE Asia. The two articles are reprinted here with permission of NZ Truth. The one to the right appeared on 7 July 1987, the follow-up below on 21 July.

Historian Eva Wilson wrote the book "Titi Heritage" [Craigs] about the muttombird islands and the intricacies of their "ownership". Taproots Research and others are checking Heath's "rights", but we can be sure he is not "King of the Titi Isles".

Senior Truth reporter, John Wilson, is also following up the story, and will keep us informed of further developments - Sam

Maori 'chief' plans N-waste dumps on remote islands

KING CON!

'KING CON' IN STRIFE WITH HIS SUBJECTS

HUNDREDS of South Island Maori mutton-birders are angry at claims by Philipines-based man Mitchell Heath that he is the king of their tiny islands.

But they are more worried by fears that they will be inundated by hundreds of Asian refugees to whom Heath has sold "passports".

This follows the disclosure by Truth that the Kiwi conman is claiming sovereignty of the tiny Titi Islands which surround Stewart Island.

The islands are the mutton-birding grounds of a group of South Island tribes who guard their rights zealously.

The news that they have a King came as a bombshell to them, says local historian Eva Wilson.

By John Wilson

But more worrying was the news of the hundreds of new "residents" they have suddenly acquired.

"There is not a word of truth in Mitchell Heath's claims," says Eva Wilson.

"He is either mentally unbalanced or a complete fool."

Mrs Wilson said her ancestors were the original owners of Big Moggy and Little Moggy Islands (part of the Titi Islands), and their descendants now owned them.

There were now 500 registered owners of the Titi Islands, she said - and Mitchell Heath wasn't one of them.

Mrs Wilson said there were "about sixty" mutton-bird islands in the group and Mitchell Heath might be a distant relative of somebody who was entitled to catch mutton-birds there.

"But there's no way he's king of them," she said.

Mitchell Heath, a former Southland Maori, has been operating in the Far East for several years in a variety of entrepreneurial roles.

A Dargaville man, who met him recently in Manila, said Heath told him of plans to negotiate with the US and France to dump nuclear wastes on "his" islands in the Titi group.

A REBEL Maori "king" has claimed a dozen small islands near Stewart Island and is reportedly planning to offer them to France and the US as nuclear waste dumps.

By John Wilson

The man who calls himself "King of the Titi Islands" is former South Island Maori Mitchell Heath.

"He is issuing passports and has even appointed a mate as the Governor-General," said Dargaville farmer Morley Powell.

Mr Powell met Heath on a recent holiday trip to the Philippines.

Rebel King Heath's kingdom is a scattered, rocky group near Stewart Island which includes Big Moggy and Little Moggy Islands.

The only inhabitants are about 250,000 mutton-birds who visit them annually to breed - and local Maoris who sail over to harvest the chicks.

Heath is apparently the son of a former chief of one of the few South Island tribes entitled to gather the mutton-birds.

Heath is based in Manila where he is involved in shipping - and running his remote Down Under kingdom.

Powell said Heath showed him documents of recognition of his claims by the United Nations and the International Court in The Hague.

Claim

He claimed his documents of Independence - which Morley also sighted - were drawn up with the help of a team of ex-President Ferdinand Marcos' solicitors.

Morley said Heath was now preparing to claim several other un-

inhabited islands around the New Zealand coast.

"He has researched the nuclear waste dumping thing very thoroughly," said Morley.

"One island is apparently basalt and is suitable for the underground dumping of nuclear ash."

Morley said Heath would be "a joke" if it was not for the thoroughness with which he appears to have approached the marketing of his kingdom.

"He claims to represent all the Maoris south of Temuka," said Morley, "and he reckons his family gave him the (Titi) islands when his father, the chief, died."

A former Vietnamese secretary employed by Heath showed Morley some "amazing" documents and letters dealing with nuclear waste and the US and French governments.

"The money mentioned was in the millions," Morley said.

Heath, who is aged about 40, gave Morley photos of himself and his part-Aborigine-part German "ambassador" with President Marcos and his wife.

FOOTNOTE: It is understood that two US Treasury officials are due in New Zealand soon to make inquiries about the rebel king Heath and a financial transaction in which he was allegedly involved.

COINCIDENCE

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Garden Circle

OLD GARDENERS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST SPADE AWAY

The Stewart Island Garden Circle was first formed on Sep 11, 1968. Monthly meetings were held and consisted of a motto on gardening, then a roll call, where each member brought a reading, hint or verse on gardening. Members also brought along any gardening problems they had and an exchange of plants or cuttings took place.

Throughout the years Garden Circle members have been involved in many community projects such as planting round the RSA Hall, roadside banks and taking care of the War Memorial Plot.

Meetings today follow much the same pattern as previously with the added interest of a monthly quiz testing gardeners knowledge and skill. Flower and vegetable competitions are held at each meeting and points awarded to be tallied up each year.

Current President is Ann Walker and Secretary is Linda TeAu. New members and visitors are always welcome at meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at member's homes.

- Linda TeAu

Some interesting hints from Garden Circle members over the years are:

- * Jeyes Fluid will get rid of most pests
- * Soot or salt keeps slugs at bay
- * Dust cabbages with flour to remove caterpillars
- * Violets like the teapot emptied over them
- * Ammonia around flower borders keeps cats & dogs away

GARDENING WITH GORDON

Cuttings sprout well if dipped in talcum powder instead of hormones - better if you run the powder through your toes first.

Elaine's back promoting Pentland Dell Potatoes - strong Irish strain - plant with eyes up - Rueben and young Bill found they have a tendency to try to go back down to Mother Ireland.

If your dog dies, don't waste it - Plant a grape!

Suggest you try macrocarpa cuttings between your rows of potatoes - you won't get any wireworm - or spuds either.

- Gordon Buxton

The July meeting of the Stewart Island Lions Club was a Ladies Night, with a pot-luck tea to mark the change of officers and directors for the 1987/8 year. These are:

- President: Gerry Field
- 1st Vice Pres: Ron Dennis
- 2nd VP: Ron Cushen
- 3rd VP: Philip Smith
- Past Pres: Lloyd Wilcox
- Directors: Herbie Hansen
Iain Munro
- Sec/Treas: Ron Cushen

We look forward to a new Lions year, with involvement in the Pool Appeal and other local projects.



A.P.W. News

DID YOU KNOW THAT

SIN isn't sin but
Stewart Island News
DOC isn't a weed but
Department of Conservation
SIP isn't a little drink but
Stewart Island Players
GOFTA isn't a spook from
outer space but
Guild of Film & TV Assns

THEN THERE IS AN APW

Here on Stewart Island
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Who meet on the 3rd Thursday
of each month

Oban APW began life in 1932 as the PWMU [Presbyterian Women's Mission Union]. Our interests range from support for the Church in New Zealand to special overseas projects. This year we contributed to Leprosy Mission, Vanuatu Hurricane Appeal, an X-Ray unit at Jagadhri India and a Womens Refuge Home in Hong Kong.

Funds are raised by sales of work with stalls run by APW members and friends. Donated goods such as cake, produce, plants, handwork and books are sold.

All interested women are cordially welcome.

-Joan Buxton

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WE KNOW YOU'RE

LURKING OUT THERE

MORE COMMENT PLEASE!



Recently player/manager Jack Frew received notification that the Bluff Senior C grade rugby team intends coming to the Island shortly to play a game. Although a date has yet to be finalised, it is thought to be the 1st or 2nd week in August.

Still no word has been received of the Palmerston or Te Anau challenges, but it is hoped they will come after the end of this season. Rumour has it that Collegiate will return near the end of August or early September and we look forward to this visit.

As the crayfish season is getting into full swing, a major proportion of players will be unavailable, however it is hoped we will still be able to field a team.

As previously mentioned, the highlight of home games is the continued support shown by spectators and we hope this continues with the proposed Bluff and Collegiate games. - Mike TeAu

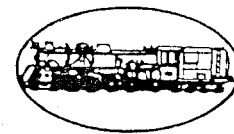
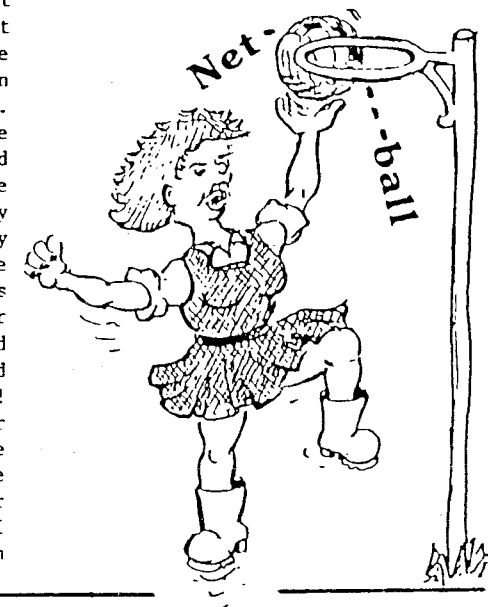
A spark will ignite any mixture of fuel fumes and air, and if they are in a confined space such as an "empty" fuel drum the result can be proof of the "Big Bang Theory" - Take this tip if you intend cutting drums with a "gas axe"!

"No need for all these exploding fuel drums. The secret is to fill them with water to the point where there is only enough room for the cutting jet to operate. About 30 of those millimeter things, or 1.25 inches will do. The idea is to keep gas temperatures under control. - "Metric Maurice"

[PTO]

If you feel the urge for a bit of physical activity, why not try a game of netball? The Netball club meet at 2.00pm on Saturdays at the school court. Come along gals [& guys] give it a go - all ages, shapes and degrees of ability are welcome

Basic rules are reasonably straightforward, but ex-rugby players will have trouble learning to stop as soon as they take the ball, rather than sprinting for the far end of the court. You'll also find it can be just as exhausting! They tell me WA stands for "wing-attack". I'm not so sure - I reckon it stood for the sound of gasping breath after the first 5min of play when I had a go last weekend - Sam



Gennards

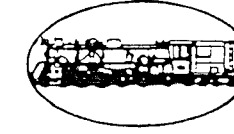
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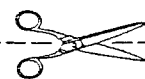
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There was also a flat edged Shearing Chisel which cut out a strip in the way of a lathe parting tool. Again an ordinary Cold Chisel can be used to split a drum, by keeping the angle as small as possible so the chisel is all but lost in the slot.

Once you get the trick it's not hard. Use an oval or flat chisel, not a round one and sharpen to an included angle of about 30 degrees at the cutting edge.

- "Metric" Maurice GILBERT



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A note of thanks to Owen Gerrard of McKenzie Menswear, for all his work with Stewart Island Players

We'll catch you next month for a Proper Ad - here's an appreciation! -Sam

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School Trip

"SCHOOL REPORT" will appear soon as a "special edition" on the Dunedin Trip. In the meantime, read Jim Bissland's poem to see what happened. Thanks to: WINTER SPORTS CLUB - For planning, fund-raising & making the trip possible. To ADULT HELPERS - For cooking, helping studies & grouching at bed-time. To COLIN WILSON - For driving us round, waiting & always staying cheerful. To McDERMOTT COACHES of Winton for their good price. And:

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WORDFIND

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WORDFIND is a valuable teaching tool to help learn spelling and new vocabulary. A block of letters contains words that are related to a particular topic. Wordfinds are popular with the kids in Rooms 1 & 3 at HMB School, who make them, as well as do them. Adults will find them heaps of fun too!

"TELEPHONE WORDFIND" - above, was made by Christy Soper from Room 3. It is one of a number of good examples done by the class to celebrate the cut-over to automatic phones.

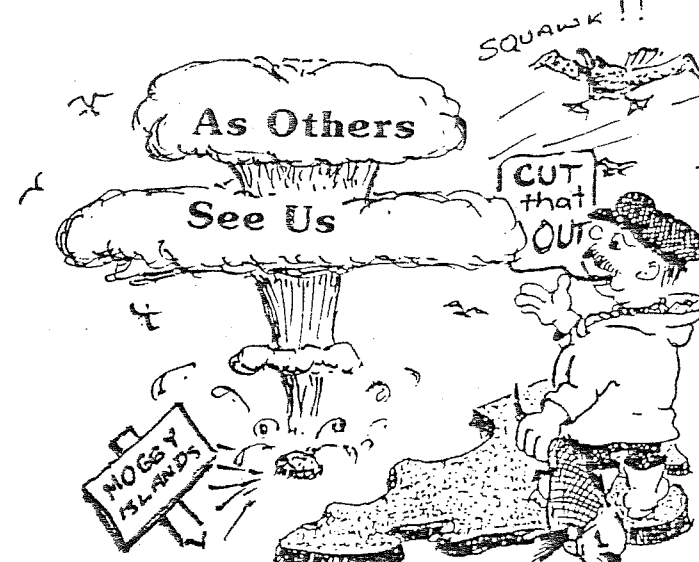
Words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Mark the words as you find them. Use a "highlighter" or put a light line through them or a ring around them, as in the example on the right.

Those who think you're pretty good - try the smaller one to the left. No clues, but there are 20+ "telephone" words and enough others to build quite a phone story.

Best results published next month!

ISLANDZ NTLMOKM QEKOIJN AWWHBY GACSFTRE RQWASZ XTFTCUB

FIND Stewart Island News [Advt]



There are many different views on Stewart Island, but Mitchell Heath's is one of the more bizarre I have come across. It seems we are part of a confidence-trick he is perpetuating in SE Asia. The two articles are reprinted here with permission of NZ Truth. The one to the right appeared on 7 July 1987, the follow-up below on 21 July.

Historian Eva Wilson wrote the book "Titi Heritage" [Craigs] about the muttombird islands and the intricacies of their "ownership". Taproots Research and others are checking Heath's "rights", but we can be sure he is not "King of the Titi Isles".

Senior Truth reporter, John Wilson, is also following up the story, and will keep us informed of further developments - Sam

Maori 'chief' plans N-waste dumps on remote islands

KING CON!

'KING CON' IN STRIFE WITH HIS SUBJECTS

HUNDREDS of South Island Maori mutton-birders are angry at claims by Philipines-based man Mitchell Heath that he is the king of their tiny islands.

But they are more worried by fears that they will be inundated by hundreds of Asian refugees to whom Heath has sold "passports".

This follows the disclosure by Truth that the Kiwi conman is claiming sovereignty of the tiny Titi Islands which surround Stewart Island.

The islands are the mutton-birding grounds of a group of South Island tribes who guard their rights zealously.

The news that they have a King came as a bombshell to them, says local historian Eva Wilson.

By John Wilson

But more worrying was the news of the hundreds of new "residents" they have suddenly acquired.

"There is not a word of truth in Mitchell Heath's claims," says Eva Wilson.

"He is either mentally unbalanced or a complete fool."

Mrs Wilson said her ancestors were the original owners of Big Moggy and Little Moggy Islands (part of the Titi Islands), and their descendants now owned them.

There were now 500 registered owners of the Titi Islands, she said - and Mitchell Heath wasn't one of them.

A REBEL Maori "king" has claimed a dozen small islands near Stewart Island and is reportedly planning to offer them to France and the US as nuclear waste dumps.

By John Wilson

The man who calls himself "King of the Titi Islands" is former South Island Maori Mitchell Heath.

"He is issuing passports and has even appointed a mate as the Governor-General," said Dargaville farmer Morley Powell.

Mr Powell met Heath on a recent holiday trip to the Philippines.

Rebel King Heath's kingdom is a scattered, rocky group near Stewart Island which includes Big Moggy and Little Moggy Islands.

The only inhabitants are about 250,000 mutton-birds who visit them annually to breed - and local Maoris who sail over to harvest the chicks.

Heath is apparently the son of a former chief of one of the few South Island tribes entitled to gather the mutton-birds.

Heath is based in Manila where he is involved in shipping - and running his remote Down Under kingdom.

Powell said Heath showed him documents of recognition of his claims by the United Nations and the International Court in The Hague.

Claim

He claimed his documents of Independence - which Morley also sighted - were drawn up with the help of a team of ex-President Ferdinand Marcos' solicitors.

Morley said Heath was now preparing to claim several other un-

inhabited islands around the New Zealand coast.

"He has researched the nuclear waste dumping thing very thoroughly," said Morley.

"One island is apparently basalt and is suitable for the underground dumping of nuclear ash."

Morley said Heath would be "a joke" if it was not for the thoroughness with which he appears to have approached the marketing of his kingdom.

"He claims to represent all the Maoris south of Temuka," said Morley, "and he reckons his family gave him the (Titi) islands when his father, the chief, died."

A former Vietnamese secretary employed by Heath showed Morley some "amazing" documents and letters dealing with nuclear waste and the US and French governments.

"The money mentioned was in the millions," Morley said.

Heath, who is aged about 40, gave Morley photos of himself and his part-Aborigine-part German "ambassador" with President Marcos and his wife.

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Mitchell Heath, self-styled "King of the Titi Islands", isn't the first with such grandiose claims. Another "Pretender to the Throne" was en-route for New Zealand 150 years ago.

In 1820, Baron Charles de Thierry met Maori chiefs Hongi Hika and Waikato, who were in England with Thomas Kendall. He gave Kendall 800 pounds [\$1,600] to purchase what was, in effect, the whole of Northland. After Kendall had returned to New Zealand, he duly informed de Thierry he had bought 40,000 acres for him.

The Baron proposed colonising New Zealand, with himself as Viceroy, and on Dec 2 1823, wrote to the Earl of Bathurst asking for concessions to help him with the scheme. As Britain had no desire to annex New Zealand at that time, he was turned down. Soon after he tried to put a spanner in the works of the 1st attempt to colonise Stewart Island. In a letter to the Earl in April 1824, he wrote:

"A Captain Stewart, of the whale trade, is to wait upon Your Lordship, to request that Government will grant him the Island, which bears his name, on the Southern extremity of New Zealand. I will not enter into any length on the hostile tendency of the step towards myself, and will confine myself to two facts, the one that he Deserted from HM Royal Navy; and only dared return to England on the general pardon some years back; and the other, that he has deserted me, who had employed him not knowing his former offence.

I write not to you, My Lord, as an Informer, but simply that Your Lordship may be enabled to draw the line between an aspirant who Deserted the service of the King, and a claimant who has served him faithfully, and will ever be at his disposal."

Stewart was presumably the Baron's agent, but left to establish a shipbuilding colony at Port Pegasus, which he had charted in 1809. This seems small grounds for de Thierry's vindictive letter, as the Baron's claim was to the other end of the country. There's no other evidence that Stewart was a deserter from the Navy.

In the event T & D Asquith, who subscribed the capital for Stewart's venture applied to the Earl and were presumably also turned down.

On Oct 8 1824, Stewart left England for Port Jackson in the schooner Prince of Denmark. After a year of sealing, selecting the site and the men to staff it, Stewart and his colonists arrived at Port Pegasus around late March 1826.

Stewart left his men under the charge of William Cook in August that year. The venture as such failed, as it was undercapitalised and sealing couldn't be relied on to offset establishment costs. Cook and the men stayed on to build whaleboats for Maoris, Codfish Island sealers and visiting ships. The gang helped build the first Southern shore whaling station for George Bunn & Co, at Rakituma in Preservation Inlet, in 1829, but returned to Pegasus, and in 1831 finished a schooner they had begun in 1826.

When the New South Wales Government began to

licence boats built in this country, the first ship on the New Zealand register was Joseph Weller - the schooner built at Port Pegasus.

But what of Baron de Thierry meanwhile? He seems to have been a dreamer, for the Joseph Weller had been registered for 4 years before he even arrived in New Zealand. Despite being "ever at his disposal", the Baron turned from the King when he got no British help for his schemes, and tried France and Holland for support - which was again denied.

He next spent 8 years in America, gathering a band of followers, upon whom he bestowed all manner of ranks and titles. In early 1835 he was on the Marquesas Islands, where he persuaded the easygoing local natives to let him add "King of Nukuhiva" to his self-appointed title of "Paramount Chief of New Zealand".

He then went to Tahiti to await funds and reinforcements and wrote to James Busby, British Resident to New Zealand, at Kororareka [now Russell], to inform him he was on his way to claim his land, signing himself "Sovereign Chief of New Zealand". Busby, who had already formed the "United Tribes of New Zealand", complete with a "Declaration of Independence", wasn't impressed, and replied in no uncertain terms that the Baron would meet "the most spirited resistance from a population well supplied with arms and ammunition".

De Thierry reached Sydney in June 1837, but no-one took him seriously and treated him as an eccentric. He drew up an "Address to the White Residents of New Zealand", but now only claimed sovereignty over the land Kendall bought him.

The Baron finally arrived to claim his "kingdom" on Nov 4 1837. He was greeted by a 21 gun salute, no doubt fired in mockery, then was largely ignored, though there was some fear that he was part of an ill-defined French Colonial Plot [No, not "Rainbow Warrior or Nuclear wastes on the Moggy Islands].

To his chagrin, de Thierry found his 40,000 acres had been whittled to 200 by the sole survivor of the Maoris who sold the land to Kendall. He was Tamati Waka Nene, whose sister Tiraha was married to William Cook - Stewart's shipwright. Their second son, Harry, was born at Pegasus in 1827. It's asking too much of coincidence to suggest that Tamati was seeking utu for the Baron's "betrayal" of Stewart in that 1824 letter to Earl Bathurst, but it does show how closely lives intermeshed along the length of New Zealand in those early days.

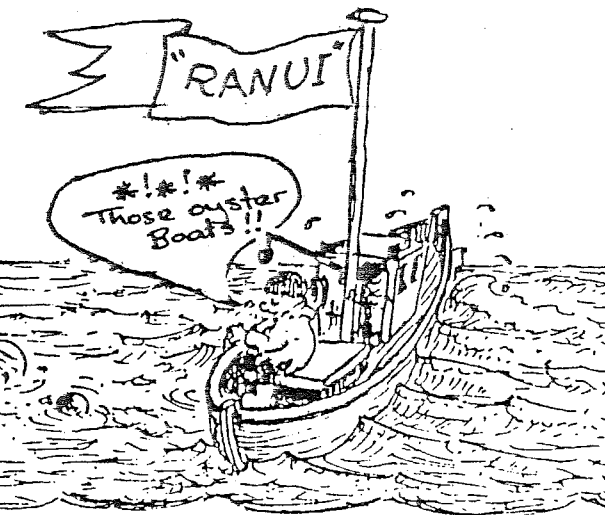
The Baron was eventually granted nearly 1,000 acres by the Maoris and he raised his personal flag over this, but, deserted by his followers he gave up his estate five years after the Treaty of Waitangi, to teach music in Auckland.

So there we have Baron Charles de Thierry, a grandiose dreamer with some tenuous links with the early European history of Stewart Island. As a southern Maori, Mitchell Heath undoubtedly has some claim to Moggy Island - as do many others. He's an amateur title-grabber compared with the Baron, but it's quite a coincidence that he's doing the same thing exactly a century and a half later, isn't it? - Sam

We're too busy fishing for "Fishing Lines" so instead let's go:

For Telephone

Fishing Lines



It seems a weekly mail service whetted Island appetites for quick communications, for talk of telephones began soon after the "Awarua" commenced the run. Joseph Ward fuelled discussion when he promoted the cause in Parliament in the late 1880's.

Foveaux Strait is relatively shallow, so large diameter "land end" cable, heavier than that used for deep sea work was required. Ward suggested splicing short lengths together but although Government were willing, there weren't enough "bits" to do the job.

His next proposal was to buy second hand cable, for 4,200 pounds [\$8,400]. The country was in the 1890's depression and an expected annual income of only 25 quid [\$50] meant waiting 160 years for the bill to be paid, so Premier Richard Seddon was more than reluctant.

In 1902 Joseph Ward was Postmaster General and also acting Prime Minister while Seddon was in London at the Colonial Premiers Conference. On 5 June he heard there was sufficient "land-end" cable in stock to cross Foveaux Strait, so "pulled rank" and told Telegraph engineers and Capt Post of the "Tutanekai" that he expected a Stewart Island phone link within a week.

The Boer War had ended a few days before, so euphoria from this may have spurred everyone on. Within a couple of days landing sheds were being built at Ocean Beach and Lee Bay and connecting land lines were being strung.

The "Tutanekai" loaded cable in Wellington and reached Bluff on 10 June to check the cable landing sites. Early on the 11th Joseph Ward and close on 100 dignitaries boarded her to drop the Ocean Beach end and pay out cable across the Strait.

A 7km detour was needed to clear the oyster beds but by 2.30pm the ship anchored at Lee Bay, just as the last connections were being made to the land wire from Halfmoon Bay. Once the cable was landed, the "Tutanekai" steamed round to Halfmoon Bay for the 5.00pm opening at the Post Office. Ward then sent a telegram to the Governor, Lord Ranfurly, and the ship and officialdom departed for the mainland after the reply came in at 8.30pm.

It took Ward 15 years to achieve his election promise, but the final outcome was done with the characteristic dash and flair which took him on to become Prime Minister in 1906.

This information was gathered from Basil Howard's book "Rakiura", published in 1940 - when he wrote:

"To-day, however, the cable grows old, and when storms sweep through the Strait, it chafes upon its sandy bed. Then communication becomes difficult, and only he who possesses the remarkable combination of angelic patience and a stentorian voice can succeed in conveying his thoughts to the tensed listener upon the mainland."

In the rush to get the job done in a week, little thought was given to the route and the cable passed over many obstructions. Naturally there was more movement of the cable in the shallow water at the shore ends. The gently sloping beach at Lee Bay caused few problems and the only record of a break at the Island end of the cable was in 1939. The steep exposed shore at Ocean Beach was a different story and this was where most breaks occurred.

Simple breaks were repaired using local boats such as the "Ranui", but even this was an expensive exercise, as cable repair technicians had to be brought down from Wellington. The approximate position of a break could be detected electrically, then both ends of the broken cable had to be found by dragging grapnels and brought aboard the repair vessel. Technicians worked in a small tent on deck, repairing the break and re-waterproofing the cable. Major breaks where cable had to be replaced necessitated bringing the "Tutanekai" from Wellington.

Government balked at the cost of repairing a break that occurred early in 1931 so the Island was without phones for some months. Island and Awarua radio operators had quite a medical education relaying messages for the District Nurse. Finally in July a radio telephone was installed at the Halfmoon Bay Post Office to provide the link until the cable was finally repaired in December 1931. The Ocean Beach end of the cable was replaced again in 1944.

In 1926 the first multi-line cable designed specifically for telephones was laid across Cook Strait. Others followed, but by the early 1940's the original one had to be lifted to provide a route for a new co-axial cable. It was taken to Wellington and reconditioned.

In June 1945 the "Tutanekai" brought it south. This time it was no rushed job. Repeated echosounder passes were made to find the best route across Foveaux Strait and the final link-up wasn't made until 19 Dec 1945. This time the South Island landfall was made at Oreti Beach.

The new cable gave the Island 3 high grade toll lines to the mainland. The "original" 1902 cable [like grandad's axe with 3 new handles and 2 new heads] continued in use as a telegraph cable until finally abandoned in 1947.

Storms weren't the only problem. Oyster boats and an overseas ship dragging her anchor in 70 knot winds have also cut off conversations. When Maurice Reid wrote a 50th Anniversary article in the "Southland Daily News" in 1952, he found no record of the breaks before 1920, but there were 12 from then until 1947.

At first there was just the one telephone on the Island, at Halfmoon Bay Post Office. Around 1906 a private line was run from Tom Leask's house in Leask Bay to "Ye Traveller's Rest", the old boarding house at Harrold Bay, so Mrs Leask could keep in touch with her daughter Mary Jensen. Later other private lines were also run - [does anyone have information on these please?]

For many years there were only 4 phones, at the post office and postmasters residence, Fragg's Store [now Anchor Merchants] and Jensen's Store [on the site of the present Post Office generator shed].

The exchange was upgraded and about 70 phones installed when the present Post Office opened on 20 Oct 1954. Installation was done by Murray Cushen, who died earlier this year, having spent much of his retirement here on the Island.

Peggy Wilson's father, Edgar Jensen, was Murray's linesman, and continued with this work on a part-time basis. He used to carry a long bamboo pole to untangle wires which had been twisted by storms. The lines along Lonneckers beach caused many problems in this respect. Line tangles became a thing of the past when multicore overhead cables were installed. Now underground cables have replaced many of these.

One Maori name for Stewart Island is "Te Punga o te Waka a Maui" - the Anchor of Maui's canoe. Has anyone else noticed that Bluff Hill seems further away than it was in the late 1960's before the radio link took the place of the telephone cable? Surely the rest of New Zealand will drift off if they don't replace the anchor cable - now if they were to hook it into Tiwai....!

- Sam

Sister Swain - District Nurse

You may recall from last issue that the District Nurse had trouble with wireless interference from the Hall lighting Plant.

Sister Peters was born and raised in Christchurch and in 1918, trained as a nurse in Dunedin. She was a missionary-nurse in India, returning to New Zealand in 1925.

She was nursing in Tapanui when she was appointed Nurse to Stewart Island in 1933, a position she held until 15 Dec 1948, 15 years to the day from her appointment. She still remains as the longest service nurse to the Island.

The role of District Nurse in her time was a far cry from what it is today. Basic health problems were much the same as now, but she was also midwife, dispensing chemist and dentist. She had no vehicle or phone and there was no air service for emergency cases. Mercy dashes to Bluff were made by fishing boat - often at night in rough weather.

In 1938 Sister Peters formed the 1st St Johns Ambulance Brigade on Stewart Island. In the first 4 years of classes 35 certificates and 7 medallions were awarded. Miss Dulcie Young gained her medallion just before her 17th birthday - yes folks, that's the same Dulcie who is a Basin Award Nominee this month!

In 1943 she married George Swain, one of the well-known Island sawmilling family, who was living in "Turner Cottage" and looking after the house "Raroa", and the boat "Pearl" [now owned by Tui McDonald] as the owner, George Turner was in England.

Having been doctored by Sister Peters for 10 years the Islanders had some trouble adapting to her new name of

Sister Swain, for she continued nursing for another five years.

As is so often the case, ill-health, this time of George, meant they had to leave the Island to live on the mainland in the 1960's. There Gladys Swain wrote "Stewart Island Days", published by Whitcombe & Tombs in 1970 [now out of print] an easily read account of her life as a nurse and the people of the Island. Here is a quote relevant to the theme of this months issue:

"In 1933 the nurse's cottage had no telephone. When the need arose I had to telephone from the post office or from the postmaster's residence. Once a patient was very ill at Horseshoe Bay, I needed medical advice but first I had to raise the postmaster, who at that time was living at Oban House. [That was the unlicensed boarding house we now know as the South Sea Hotel - Sam]. We went to the post office but could get no reply from Dr Ross. So the postmaster radioed Awarua and the man on duty there rang the postmaster at Bluff who in turn cycled to the Bluff post office. From there he rang Dr Ross and told him to answer the Stewart Island telephone."

Shortly after this a phone was provided for the nurse and later she had a direct line to Invercargill as the exchange closed at 5.00pm. I wonder how Sister Swain would react to the Ansaphones, pagers and ill calls of today?

Gladys Swain died in July 1982 - five years ago this month.

- Sam

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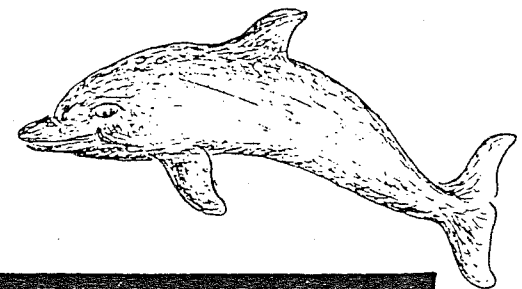
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DISTRICT NURSE - 391-098
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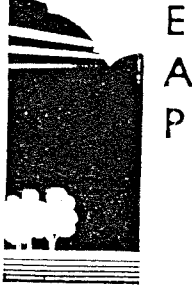
The clinic has an ANSAPHONE which the duty nurse can check remotely. The nurse's private phone should only be used in urgent/serious cases. Use 111 in emergency, as they can page the nurse wherever she is.

POLICE - 391-020

Mike can divert his calls to Invercargill Police Station when he is away from home, so if they answer, don't panic. Make sure you let them know it's Mike TeAu of Stewart Island you want to contact as there are several other Mikes in the Police Force!



RURAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME



Well, it has taken a while to catch up after my time in Wellington - but I am pleased to say that I am gradually getting some REAP activities planned for the Island. The next programme will be a Microwave Cooking class, to be held on the weekend of August 15th & 16th (we always seem to coincide with the election - remember the folk music festival in 1984?). This seminar will be taken by Edith McKay, who will demonstrate how to prepare everyday meals in the microwave. So if you have a microwave oven at home or on your boat - or are planning to get one - it might be a good idea to come along. Contact Lorraine Hansen for details of enrolment.

We also have a Pottery seminar scheduled for the weekend of October 10th & 11th. This will be concentrating on hand-built pots, and the tutor will be Olive Keast. Enrolment forms will be available closer to that time.

For the music lovers there is some good news! Marc Bonetti, cellist, and Kathryn Lambert, pianist, have scheduled in a visit to Stewart Island as part of their tour of New Zealand. They will be on the Island on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th November. They will be available for a public house concert, and for a demonstration / concert at the school. The programme will include pieces by Bach, Sculthorpe, Servalis, Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev.

Colleen Rae-Gerrard may also be returning to the Island. She is planning a tour with Rachel Valler, from Sydney. The programme of piano duets will include both well-known and lesser-known works. The tour is scheduled for April and May 1988.

Other programmes in the pipeline may include Children's Hairdressing, Screenprinting, and Furniture Restoration. We have tutors willing to travel over to take each of these. We are also looking into the possibility of a Calligraphy class - so add your name to the list at the Post Office if you are interested.

I thought you may also be interested to know of some of the REAP activities held over on the mainland. Speakers at recent seminars have


included Jack Shallcrass of Victoria University Ros Noonan of the Royal Commission on Social Policy, and Marilyn Waring who is possibly New Zealand's best-known goat farmer!

If you would like to be kept in touch with what programmes are being offered in Invercargill, you might like to join the mailing list for our newsletter. The newsletter, "Barbed Wire", is actually primarily produced for the Southland Women in Agriculture network. But many of these programmes may also be of interest to you, and anyone is welcome to join the mailing list.

A programme in which some of the Stewart Island women may be interested is a weekend workshop planned for the last weekend of Oct. (Halloween!). This weekend is to focus on leadership training - including such things as communication skills, group working skills, media skills, decision-making skills, etc. It will also have a component of outdoor confidence - taken by no less a person than the editor of this revered publication. The workshop (dubbed "SuperWagger") is to be held at Borland Lodge. It should be heaps of fun! If you are interested, please let me know.

I will be visiting the Island again on August 19th and 20th. So if you'd like to see me about any of these things - or anything else - please contact me then.

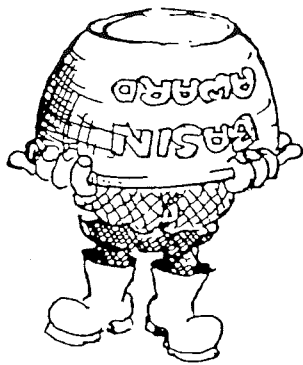
- Alison Broad



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The Basin Award

The BAY-SIN AWARD for "pudding - head" activities giving the best belly laughs in the "Bay"

- * Only written nominations accepted
- * "Victims" given right to refuse [in most cases]
- * Annual award winner chosen by some ridiculous means yet to be devised.

NOMINEE #2 - 1987/8
Mrs Dulcie Whipp

Having left SI for a 6 month trip to England Mrs Whipp lost her passport, so phoned Lil Skipper to look for it - to no avail. Having cased Dulcie's pad thoroughly, Lil tried to ring her, but was told there was an incoming toll-call [remember the days when the exchange was "Ansaphone" for us all?]. Sure enough, it was Dulcie, who had found the passport in her handbag. Have a good trip Dulcie, but I bet you did forget your Stewart Island Passport, and watch it, you may get sold a Titi Island one while you're away!

Nominated - Lil Skipper
Seconded - Iris Gibb

NOMINEE #3 1987/8
Mr Alastair Weir

On 14 July, while on duty at Rig Glory Salmon Farm, Mr Weir towed 2 pens to their site with a dinghy. Standing on the pen to which the dinghy wasn't attached, he released the binding between the 2 pens. Alastair stayed cool as the other pen and dinghy drifted off and took a rope from the "mort sock" attached a corner weight and lassooed the run-aways. This self-rescue halved the fun for the others on the farm, so therefore halves Alister's Basin Award Points.

Nominated - Merv Whipp
Seconded - Entire Big Glory Staff.

NOMINEE #4 1987/8
Mr Bruce [Fordley] Ford

On 22 July, in his capacity of County Chairman, at the Official Exchange Cut-over Ceremony, Mr Ford blatantly advertised his wares by reading his speech notes from the back of a "Bottle Barns" poster.

Nominated - Robbie Paterson
Seconded - Russell Squires

NOMINEE #5 1987/8
Mr Ronald George Dennis

On Mon 27 July, Mr Dennis molested visiting Jazz Artist, Malcolm McNeil at a function at the S/S Hotel. He allegedly mistook Malcolm for a "friend" of his and attacked the singers "derriere" with a wine corkscrew. Not nice Ronald!

Nominated - Garry Neave
Seconded - Sam Nichol

APOLOGY

I wish to publicly apologise to said Ronald George for my scurrilous and unwarranted attack on him in the adverts column last month. It seems the merry little jape was taken seriously in some quarters, for "missing" Ron was left off the phone list.

His No is: 391-110

-Sam

CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to contributors to this issue. Some material has been held over as copy for future "anniversary features". I'm still looking for material to have on "hold" for the summer-time "silly season", when I'll have less time for "paperwork"

-Sam

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Last month we had "Free SIN on Stewart Island" thanks to REAP sponsorship. Copies sold on the mainland for half print cost. From now on, we all pay for our SIN. Charges for single copies will be \$1.00 - which just covers the cost of printing a 20 page issue, which will be the normal size. You'll save yourself a couple of bucks by taking out an annual subscription:

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Post Office History

1911-13 Subsidy of \$24/yr for weekly mail delivery to Murray River Sawmill.

1919 - 1st automatic exchange in NZ opened in Masterton.

1923-Feb1 - Ulva Island Office closed. It was incorrectly dubbed "Southernmost Post Office in the World" & since the turn of the century was only a tourist attraction. The privilege of sending "Ulva Is Postcards" written on mutton-bird scrub leaves was withheld around 1920.

1935 - 1st regular NZ airmail

1950 - Amphibian Airways began flights to Stewart Island with some mail brought by plane.

1954 - Present HMB Post Office opened with manual exchange of around 70 subscribers.

1976-Mar5 - STD introduced in NZ: 1st pushbutton phones.

1987-April 1 - After 106yrs as an "integrated" service Post Office separated into NZ Post, Post Bank & Telecom Corp.

1987-June 22 - CUT-OVER DAY Stewart Island goes automatic with STD and full facilities.

1987-???? - Banking computer introduced to Stewart Island Post Office - staff reduced to one person.

????-???-?? - 1st computer-produced edition of Stewart Island News sent via phone-link to a laser printer in Invercargill. Who knows folks, that could be before the end of 1987 at the rate things are going. Here's hoping! - Sam

Early dwellers on Rakiura were seafarers, so the trip to Bluff by canoe or whaleboat was a commonplace event, controlled only by whim and weather. However, the sawmillers, merchants and others who came after the Island was bought from the Maoris in 1864 required more regular and reliable communication with the mainland.

Julius Vogel's vigorous Public Works scheme of the early 1870s combined with the reunification of the bankrupt Southland Province with gold-rich Otago, brought the start of many changes in communication in the south, from which the Island benefitted.

Here's an historical summary of major events in the story of Post & Telephone communication on Stewart Island:

1840 - 1st NZ Post Office at Kororaraka [now Russell] a month after Treaty of Waitangi

1862 - 1st telegraph in NZ: Electric Telegraph Dept formed in 1865: 1st cable across Cook Strait 1866

1872-Jan1 - "Stewart's Island" Post Office opened on Ulva Is with naturalist Charles Traill as Postmaster. It was central for those at the Neck & other places in Paterson Inlet, but inconvenient for HMB residents

1872-Sept1 - Halfmoon Bay Post Office opened Charles McLaurin Postmaster. Haphazard mail service depended on chance vessels from Bluff. Many complaints in Stn Newspapers.

1875-May - Keel for cutter "Ulva" laid at Sydney Cove by Smith & Co, boatbuilders from Bravo Is. Boat launched 1876 the year the 1st trans-Tasman telegraph cable was laid.

1877 - 1st NZ experiments with telephone: Jan1 Weekly mail service started with "Ulva" under William Joss [subsidy \$150-180/year]. "Ulva" continued service to end of 1884 when D Hanning took over with "another boat" for 6 months: Jul1 - Horseshoe Bay Post Off opened, Archibald McCallum Postmaster - closed Feb20 1881

1881-Jan1 - Post Office & Elec Telegraph Depts combined as Post & Telegraph Dept

1883-Nov17 - Ing'11 telephone exchange opened.

1885-July1 - Bluff Harbour Bds new paddle-tug "Awarua" took over mail service to HMB & Ulva. Contract initially \$600 but halved by 1890 Harbour Rd let contract lapse to 1892 Ulva mail then taken from HMB by cutter. HMB PO raised to status of Money Order Office

1887 - Joseph Ward promoted phone link from Stewart Island to Bluff in election campaign.

1889-Feb23 - Port Pegasus PO opened during tin-mining boom, Louis Rodger Postmaster. Closed April19-1891 reopened Jan23-Aug12 1893

1898 - 1st issue NZ pictorial stamps [Do stamp collectors know of any Stewart Island pictorial stamps?]

1899 - cheaper "Magazine" post rates introduced. SIN is now registered as a periodical and qualifies for these.

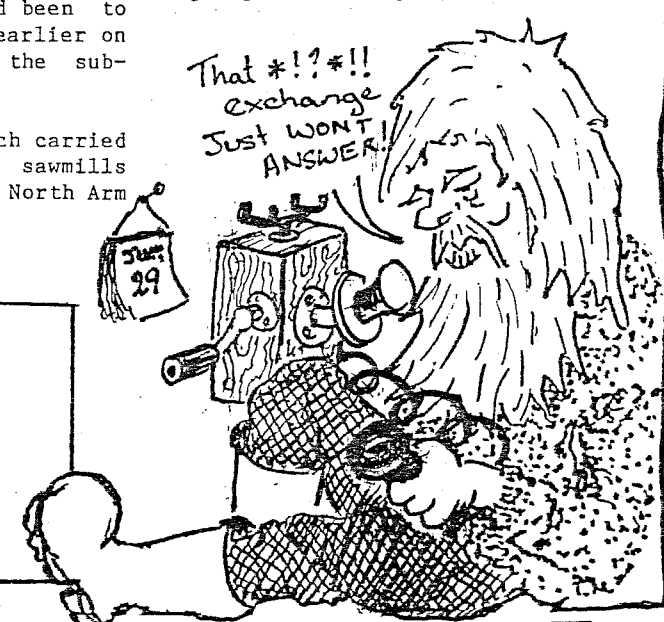
1902-June1 - Foveaux Strait cable laid & connected by "Tutanekai": she had been to the Island 6months earlier on the annual trip to the sub-Antarctic islands.

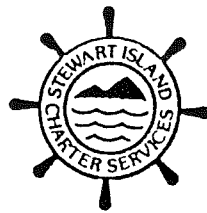
1904-16 - Steam launch carried mail on contract to sawmills at South West Bay & North Arm in Paterson Inlet.

As of 10 August, all outward mail will close at Halfmoon Bay Post Office at 12.30pm, so Airmail should be cleared at main centres next morning. Reduced staffing means the Post Office will close from 1.00 - 2.00pm daily!

APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE!

- Innes Duston





First of all SOUTHERN AIR would like to congratulate the Stewart Island News editor, Sam, on the 1st edition of the paper, which was of great interest to both locals and visitors.

There have been a few changes within Southern Air in the past months. Karen left us in late June to venture to Australia. Nicky also departed in July for the USA on a container ship and hopes to continue on to Europe.

Replacing these two ladies are Leesa Ferris and Leane Wills, both of Invercargill. It is quite a task for them to learn who everyone is, who is travelling on commuter fares, and what belongs to whom, so your patience is much appreciated.

Don't forget, in this new age of free-dialling phones, to make sure you clearly identify whether you are coming from Stewart Is to Invercargill or vice-versa, otherwise it could be embarrassing for you and us.

As you all know the weather hasn't been the best to us lately with a number of delays for travellers. However it is gratifying to note that there has been only one complete day lost in flying during the past month.

Over the winter months we are operating two aeroplanes on service, with ZK-FGR on lease in Wellington, hopping across Cook Strait. I dare say it won't be finding much of a change wind and rain-wise, but the temperature will be a shade warmer. FGR will return south in October, ready for the busy summer season.

And speaking of warmth, this winter we have endeavoured to keep you all nice and cosy by having the heaters operating and installing new carpet on the floors of the aircraft. New leather upholstery on the seats is the current ongoing project, along with new stainless steel door surrounds to prevent any snags and reduce noise levels.

Celebrities we have flown to the Island lately include the Prime Minister, David Lange and his campaign entourage, Malcolm McNeil and his band, and not forgetting poor old Maki Goodwillie who flew over to play at the Precray Cabaret and returned as an ambulance case after he "fell off the back of a truck".

It was an honour for Southern Air to be presented with a Prime Ministerial Plaque by David Lange, in appreciation for the service which the airline provides. This shield will be on display at Southern Air's Office.

It was also interesting to note Mr Lange's remarks that Stewart Island is certainly being recognised as "The" tourist destination of the south. In the near future there is lots of weekend activity with several fishing groups flying in to "try their hand", along with rugby groups coming for return challenges.

And last but not least, our plane's weight carrying capacity is up by 24 kilos all because of Dusty's great effort on the "micro-diet" - well done "Slim Dusty".

Well, I'll sign off for now - over and out!

- "Flying Phil" [for Southern Air]

Stewart Island Charter Service has been running the ferry service for eighteen months now, so it's definitely time to introduce ourselves!

Jo Ricksem is in charge of freight landed at the HMB Wharf. She can be contacted at 391-134 while the boat is in, or else at home [391-230] If you have queries about invoices, or want some specific information, phone Bluff 37-8376 or 37-89-129. Mike Dimond is handling all business from the office in the ferry terminal.

The skipper for the day varies; Mat Kaio will be running the "Acheron" until the "Endeavour" returns from Port Chalmers. Terry "Tot" Black is engineer for the "Endeavour" Tony Campbell looks after the "Acheron's" two Cummins motors and pumps the blood of Stewart Island industry - diesel fuel.

Eric "Tracker" Black, Phil Hawk, Lyn Voigt and Kay Cooper are the all-weather deck-hands. The lady who takes your money in the office and assists you ashore at the other end is Raewyn West. Vince Richards is in charge of the yard at Bluff; he does an admirable job overloading us each morning.

If you have any enquiries or queries, we are all very approachable.

Our first computer-processed accounts went out for June. There have been a few mistakes but everything is humming smoothly now. The increasing amount of freight being handled demanded our move into software in order to increase efficiency and keep pace with trends.

June and July have been quiet months, with the weather providing no incentive to would-be visitors to head south for a holiday. But if last years' trends continue we will be back into full swing and up to seven days a week again, come September. The upward trend in passengers travelling by sea continues, an encouraging sign that tourism is definitely the major growth industry for the Islanders.

While the "Endeavour" is away for her refit in Port Chalmers, "Cindy Harding" is doing the salmon food runs, live fish transfer and heavy freight, under the hands of either "Sonny" or "Gordy" Johnson. "Endeavour" should be back on the run by mid-August.

- Kay Cooper [Stewart Island Charter Service]

Southern Air-lines & Charter Chatter will be regular features in SIN to help pass the time as you heave across Foveaux Strait on the ferry or wait in SIT for the fog to lift. We'll feature Charter Services 2nd birthday in November: Southern Air's 10 years of land-based service in January. In the meantime, thanks to both services for keeping us going!



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EVENTS CALENDER 1987

REGULAR "HAPPENINGS"

WINTER TIMETABLE - Mon-Fri

In'gll	Stewart Is	In'gll	
Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr
9.00	- 9.20	9.30	- 9.50 am
1.00	- 1.20	1.30	- 1.50 pm
4.00	- 4.20	4.30	- 4.50 pm
Sat-Sun			
10.00	-10.20	10.30	-10.50 am
1.00	- 1.20	1.30	- 1.50 pm
4.00	- 4.20	4.30	- 4.50 pm

Reporting Time

Invercargill - 30min before flight
 Stewart Is Travel - 40min before flight

Exercise Class - 9.15-10.15am Mon-Fri
 Traill Park Hall

- MON * Children's Busy Bees - 3.15pm [Presb.Manse]
- * OVFE Fire Practice - 7.30pm
- TUE * Playcentre - 9.30am-Noon -HMB School
- * Neighbourhood Bible Study - 10-11.00am
- * Aerobics - 7.30pm [RSA Hall]
- last * SI Lions Club - 6.00pm [RSA Hall]
- WED * Library Open - 2-3.00pm [County Hall]
- * Keas - 3.15pm [Traill Park Hall]
- * Brownies - 3.15pm [Ang Sunday School]
- * Guides - 3.15pm [Diane Smith's]
- * Darts - 7.30pm [Pub]
- 3rd * Parents Support Group - 10.30am
- " * SICC Meeting - 7.30pm [County Office]
- THU * Playcentre - 9.30am-Noon [HMB School]
- * Foveaux Radio - Island Events - 11.40am
- * Cubs - 3.15pm [Traill Park Hall]
- * Aerobics - 7.30pm [RSA Hall]
- * Badminton - 7.30 [County Hall]
- 1st * Country Womens Institute - ????? [RSA]
- " * S.I.Promotion Assn - 8.00pm [Fire Stn]
- 2nd * Garden Circle - Ph: Linda TeAu 391-020
- 4th * Ang/Presby Women's Group - 2.00pm
- FRI * Library - 11.00am-Noon [County Hall]
- * RSA Raffle - 6.30pm [Pub]
- SAT * Prayer Circle - 1.00pm
- * Netball Games - 2.00pm [HMB School]
- SUN * Oban Prebyterian Church - 10.30am
- * St Andrews Sunday School - 10.00am
- * Aerobics - 4.30pm [RSA Hall]
- 3rd * St Andrews Anglican Church - see Board

Stewart Island Charter Service



Box 24 Halfmoon Bay STEWART ISLAND
 Ph [021] 37-8376 BLUFF

WINTER TIMETABLE - Mon, Wed, Fri.

Bluff	Stewart Is	Bluff	
Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr
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	9.30am-5.00pm	Sat/Sun
Post Office	9.00am-1.00pm	Mon-Fri
	2.00pm-5.00pm	"
South Sea Hotel Par	11.00am-10.00pm	Mon-Thu
	11.00am-11.00pm	Fri/Sat
Lunch	Noon-1.00pm	Mon-Sun
Dinner	6.00pm-7.00pm	"
[Casuals	book before 4.30pm]	
The Fernery	- Closed until August Hols	
Museum	- closed for display work	
County Office	9.00am-Noon	Mon-Fri
DISTRICT NURSE	10.30am-Noon	Mon-Fri

EVENTS DIARY FOR AUGUST

- Mon 10th * Port Liaison Committee Meeting
- Thu 13th * Garden Circle
- Sat 15th * ELECTION DAY - 9am-7pm
- [Polling Booth - HMB School]
- W/E 15/16 * Microwave Instruction Course
- * Collegiate Rugby Club Visit
- Sun 16th * Anglican Service - 5.00pm
- [Rev Sylvia Aldridge]
- Tue 18th * Book Club Meet - Beryl Wilcox 391-293
- Wed 19th * County Council Meeting - 7.30pm
- Mon 24th * Start of Secondary School Holidays
- Tue 25th * S.I.Lions Club - 6.00pm [RSA Hall]
- Thu 27th * Anglican/Presbyterian Women's Group
- Mon 31st * Start of Primary School Holidays

LATER EVENTS

- Thu 3 Sep * Country Womens Institute
- * SI Promotion Assn - 8pm
- Early Sep * Cello Recital by Mark Bonetti
- [Date to be advised]
- Wed 16 Sep * Stalker Stilt Theatre [Proposed]
- Sat 19 Sep * St Andrews Flower Show & Bring & Buy
- Sat 17 Oct * Central Otago "Golden Oldies" Rugby

AND THERE'S BOUND TO BE MORE FOLKS

But its heaps better than last time, thanks to:
 Beryl WILCOX - Ph:391-293
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 Let her know what's going on!

Postscript!

A door-to-door collection on behalf of:
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