

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

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Free SIN on Stewart Island

Thanks to REAP sponsorship, this first STEWART ISLAND NEWS is offered free to "locals" with a charge to cover print costs for non-residents. In future we'll all pay for our SIN. Many thanks to Southland REAP Co-ordinator, Alison Broad for her help.

The Wages of SIN

Stewart Island News is being introduced thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Community Assistance Scheme. It covers \$3,000 for running costs and \$7,000 for wages, at \$7-00 an hour and is administered by the Museum Subcommittee of SICC.

It is a "one-off" grant, which will hopefully be enough to see SIN established and running.

Many thanks are due to Margaret Sykes, from the Dept. of Internal Affairs, Dunedin, who obtained the grant for us. Her enthusiasm for the project was wholehearted and immediate, and is very much appreciated. Every effort will be made to justify her support.

Sorry folks, but all of you who had hoped to make your fortune with a copy of the first newspaper published on Stewart Island are due for a bitter disappointment. That honour appears to go to "Stewart Island Chronicle", the first, and possibly only issue of which appeared in January 1920.

We quote: "We consider we are sending out a worthy souvenir, which is useful to visitors and has the distinction of being the first paper published in Island interests."

It was certainly written more for visitors than locals, with articles such as "The Charm of the Island" predominating. The only current local issue that was mentioned was:

"Urgent requirements at the Island are bathing sheds, a bowling green and a tennis court. If these appurtenances of civilisation are to materialise, it is for visitors to see the ball rolling. It would be a good idea to make a start in that direction this season."

Oh for the simple life of 1920 with no thought of power, sewage and district schemes! Bathing sheds have been and gone at Lonnekers and Bathing Beach, but the bowling green and tennis court are still here - even if they aren't used as much as they could be.

There were many advertisements in the "Chronicle", mostly for Invercargill firms, with little reference to the Island.

The "Chronicle" was produced in Invercargill by S.G. August, who seems to have been in the publishing business. Mr Crosby Smith wrote on natural history and Alex Robertson on photography, while business rep. was Claude Kirkland. Are any of these gentlemen still alive or can any of our readers supply information about them and the "Chronicle"?

There was a paper published in Bluff which included "Foveaux Strait" or "Stewart Island" in its title. Any information on this, or any other paper with a strong Island input would be much appreciated.

Halfmoon Bay School have also produced a local paper from time to time over the years. It would be great to reprint some of their articles if anyone still has copies!

Present school pupils are still doing great work, as you'll see in this issue. They will be regularly involved in SIN [don't panic parents - it's only an abbreviation for Stewart Island News].

So there we have it. We're certainly NOT the first!



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Sam Says

"AN EDITA-TORIAL"

Would you believe it? After a year of false starts, hiccups and procrastination, here it is, STEWART ISLAND NEWS - known affectionately as SIN to its friends, cursed as a sin by its enemies [hopefully none yet]!

Why have a monthly Island paper, when the SOUTHLAND TIMES already covers our major news as it happens? The role of SIN is entirely different to that of the TIMES. If you have something important to say now, contact our local TIMES correspondent, Helen Bissland, send them a press release, or write a letter to the Editor.

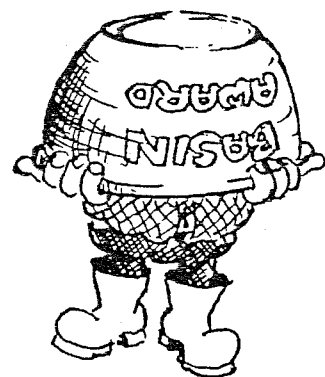
If it's got an Island flavour and isn't too urgent - your views on local issues, club

activities, gentle poking the borax or whatever; write it down and put it in the SIN-BIN.

The main aim of Stewart Island News is to promote community awareness in this rather unique little corner of the country. It has the potential to be:

- * A forum to discuss issues and help Council gauge opinions.
- * A record of our history as it was and as we make it today.
- * A souvenir for visitors, which can help promote our Island.
- * A way to help language, art & computer skills, by involving school pupils [& adults] in all phases of production.
- * An outlet for local humourists artists and writers to show their talents.
- * A heap of fun and a barrel of laughs. Let's not take life too seriously - it's bound to get worse!

We'll produce SIN by Island rules. Every effort will be made to keep a regular end-of-month publication, but it's a part-time effort, so some delays will be inevitable. Layout and production will change as we learn and grow [I trust], and it's quite possible even the name



The Basin Award

The BASIN AWARD [pronounced Bay-SIN - Advt] is for the person in the community who gives us the best belly-laughs from their "pudding-head" activities.

- * Only written nominations of a non-malicious nature will be accepted
- * Victims [whoops nominees] will be given the right to refuse nomination [in most cases]
- * The annual award winner will be chosen by ballot, public acclamation, random chance, editor's whim, or by some suitably ridiculous means yet to be devised.

A suitably inscribed basin will be presented at a function on or about the shortest day each year.

GET THOSE NOMINATIONS ROLLING IN

Nominated - Shirley Newton
Seconded - Phil Kean

will change from time to time to fit special occasions.

Above all else, I want to see Stewart Island News develop as a true community newspaper. The funding for my work is only for a year, at the end of which I hope we're involved in communal SIN, with a team producing the paper on a voluntary basis.

My most sincere thanks to all those who have contributed, to Alison Broad for letting me use the REAP computer for a week, to Neville Cheyne of the Community College printery for all his guidance, to "Flying Phil" for providing a bed and taxi service, to the County Council, Lions Club, Promotion Assn and others who supported my application for a Community Assistance Scheme Grant, and most of all to Margaret Sykes for obtaining it.

Barrels of midnight oil [roll on the power scheme], a mountain of fag-ends, and a few whiskeys [best NZ Wilsons of course] lubricated this issue. There'll be "typos" and other boo-boos I haven't picked up - what the hell - hope you like it!

Sam

Sam Sampson - "SORTA-EDITA"

From the SIN-BIN



From the SIN-BIN is a column for comments, snippets, letters to the edita and other bits and pieces. SIN-BINS will be set up shortly in various places round the community, so you can "post" your contributions. Until then, drop them in at Stewart Island Travel, or give them to me when you see me - Sam

Explosion

Rocks Oban

World Cup Rugby was disturbed for many fans when a violent explosion rocked Oban's Sabbath silence.

Speculation was rife, with some thinking Telecoms were blasting without giving notification, and rumours that the IRA (Independant Rakiura Army) had re-emerged and was in secret training for the forthcoming General Election. It was even suggested that some poor soul had overdosed on Arkwright's pickled onions!

True cause was Ian Munro, using a "gas-axe" to cut the top from a 210 litre drum. The explosion threw the top over 100 metres. Congratulations on being no more than shamefaced and shaken Ian!

Bill Hazlett wasn't so lucky a few weeks back when he used a gas lantern while refuelling a petrol generator. The result was a burnt out generator and shed, while Bill suffered severe burns to the arms.

Fortunately flying conditions were perfect, with a bright moon, so Murray Donald and Phil Kean were able to bring in an Islander for an 11.00pm emergency flight.

MORAL

Many of us have done similar things and got away with them. Ian and Bill were caught. The moral is that petrol fumes and naked lights or sparks don't mix. Bear it in mind when Tink is filling the underground tanks at Stewart Island Travel!

Information Wanted

A hammer and cold chisel cuts tops from drums quite quickly. Has anyone got a safe and speedy way of cutting them lengthwise? If so, let us all know.

District Scheme

The Stewart Island District Scheme is currently being revised by Council, and a draft copy should be available for inspection at the County Office within a couple of months. This will be your chance to make objections.

A New Community Centre?

Over the next three months Councillors Margaret Hopkins, Max Kershaw and Ann Pullin are to investigate the need for a new Community Centre on Stewart Island. This is an appropriate time to consider the idea, with the County Centennial due in 1992.

Our present County Hall was built around 80 years ago, on an old sawmill waste dump - hence the "sprung" dancefloor. It is at the stage where the cost of maintainance is hard to justify as it has only another 10 years projected life-span.

A new Community Centre would be costly, particularly with power and sewerage schemes on the way. Some donations have already been offered and there are limited Government subsidies available.

What would we use a Community Centre for, and how much use would it get? Council Offices, library, indoor sports, dramatics, meetings, dances and all the other uses of the present Hall are obvious. What other activities would maximise use and justify the cost?

There is no time like long winter nights to consider the proposal, so give it thought, and pass you ideas on to Ann, Margaret, Max or the SIN-BIN.

50 Years Ago in 1937, Rakiura Picture Co were making little money, so stopped showing movies in the "Athenium" [Hall]. Council declined to purchase their "Talkie" plant.

It seems these "talkies" disturbed District Nurse Sister Peters, who complained that the

Hall lighting plant caused wireless interference. The problem may have been the magneto, for a new one was bought. Incidentally the engineer in charge of the plant had to be in attendance at all times. Today's generator is more reliable - usually.

Hall highlight for 1937 was the Coronation Ball for King George VI. Council gave free use of the Hall and lighting, and spent 2 pounds [\$4-00] on flags. The Harbour Board spent 5 pounds [\$10-00] on fireworks.

Can any of the Golden Oldies remember the occasion? When was the last Formal Ball held in the Hall? Who will run the next one?

25 Years Ago, in 1962, movies were still uneconomic, for Oban Pictures Ltd were given free use of the hall for 6 months. Movies declined as TV took over and Fox [Wilcox, not 20th Century] made the last commercial showing in the hall in the early 1980's.

NZR made two excursions from Dunedin to Stewart Island in early 1962. The Hall was used for lunch, and the "Youth of the Yachting Club" made funds by providing hot water.

The "Stewart Island Athenium & Hall" has undoubtedly reverberated to many an occasion of note over the years. Let's hear of them!

Island Drums Beaten!

Stewart Island could become another "Island in the Sun", with the biggest steel band outside Jamaica, since the Oil Companies have made oil and fuel drums a non-returnable item.

With all our petrol and oil coming to the Island in drums, there stands to be a monumental pile-up of empties. There's a limit to the number of king-size barbeques, rubbish drums and Sunday bangs we need. Could we build a pontoon bridge to Bluff?

Drums can be sent to a recycling plant in Dunedin, but the \$5.00/drum they pay is eaten up with freight charges. Stewart

Island Promotion Assn have arranged with Joe Cave for free transport to Bluff, where the Harbour Board will provide free storage until they are collected. Any profits will go to promoting the Island "offshore".

If you have empties to dispose of, contact Neil "Arkwright" Connor, who is storing them, bung down on his Morris Street section.

PRO's Visit Island

No, you grubby-minded beast, not that sort! These were 20 Community Public Relations Officers, from Kaitaia south, who visited the Island on June 22-23.

They had been in Invercargill for the weekend, at their annual conference, organised by Edwin Lewis of Southland Promotions, who sees the Island as an essential part of any visit south.

Monday was taken up with a visit to Ulva Island, where the Lions Club produced one of their renowned barbeques, with steak, venison, salmon [smoked a-la Ron Dennis] and other goodies. A highlight was still-twitching puaa and kina, eaten as a school of Dolphins paraded across Post-Office Bay, right on cue.

Ron Tindal and other DOC staff led guided bush walks, then all returned to the Jasmine and on to Big Glory Bay and the Salmon Farms.

The CPRO's joined local Promo-

tion Asn members and others who provided hospitality, for dinner at the South Sea, then watched videos of the day's activities, shot by Dick Langdon.

The day wound up with a knees-up and sing-along, led by the dazzling digits of Edwin Lewis on piano. Predictably "locals" were last to leave.

Tuesday saw a bus tour with "Fox" [minus glitter] before the plane trip back to town. Most then continued on to Dunedin for the Tourist Industry Federation Conference.

Weather was at its brilliant winter best, and the team were all enthralled with the Island and its hospitality. We can be sure they'll be passing on the message.

Rakiura Museum

The long slow process of re-building and setting up the museum is still going on. The whole project is taking much longer than anticipated mainly due to the lack of practical people to help. We are very grateful to all those who have helped to date with painting, carpet laying etc.

It is hoped that we will be open for the August holidays but the official opening ceremony may be a little later, when we have finished landscaping the front of the building.

WANTED - crabs, starfish, shells

Many of the crabs, starfish and shells in the museum collection have deteriorated with old age and are in need of replacement. If you find or catch anything of interest please contact Nancy Schofield or myself.

Margaret Hopkins

SIN IN THE MUSEUM

The offices of Stewart Island News will be located in the Museum as soon as possible, partly to make a "home" in the Bay and partly to help extend the Museum opening hours.

I shall be providing a range of office and darkroom equipment, that will be available for community use. We will need help with furnishing such as filing cabinets, storage cupboards and tables. If you've anything to offer, see me - Sam

Acker's Stone House

Historic Places Trust has begun restoring Acker's Stone House at Harrolds Bay [built around 1835] but there is a halt to work, pending archaeological investigation. We'll feature the house when restoration is completed.

At the moment there are 12 people working on the site. When finished there should be about 20 staff members.

The cost of building the complex is about \$1.5million. Maintenance-free materials are being used on the buildings. Hopefully the Restaurant will open just before Christmas 1987.

Alan Rolston - Rml HMB.School

Long Wire "Endeavour"

Don't panic folks, Ian Johnson doesn't want us to haul our freight ferry across Foveaux Strait on the end of a wire. "Long Wire Endeavour" was an Army Communications Exercise initiated by the O/C of the Signals Platoon, 2/1 Battalion RNZIR, Cpt.S.B.Cook. Wonder if he's called "Sideband"?

Five 3-man teams were spread throughout the South Island in mid-June, establishing mobile communications networks. Maybe Cpt.Cook, like his namesake, was a little unsure of the existence of Foveaux Strait, but Stewart Island was included in the exercise. At least the Army see us as part of the country.

The first of three teams to visit the Island arrived on the Acheron on Wed 10 June. It would have been too much coincidence for the Endeavour to have brought them.

They couldn't find their planned accomodation, but DOC came to the rescue with beds at the Education Centre, for which the

boys pass on their thanks.

Communication was established with their base at Burnham and with other mobile units at Lake Rotoiti, D'Urville Island, Shag Point and Raes Junction. Not too bad with only a 3m whip aerial. Radios used were ANPRC 104's, a SSB HF portable weighing about 15kg with batteries. They've been in use for about a year and are a far cry from the "wind-up" sets RSA members will recall.

Thanks to L/Cpl Mike Green and Ptes Simon O'Neill and Manu Pariera for the information - I hope your interference problems on the first night weren't a result of your involvement with the Darts Club.

Pool Problems

Maintenance and running costs on the school pool far exceed the Education Board allowance, so some form of pool charge will be introduced this summer.

This could involve locals "buying" a key for the season, with casuals charged for key hire each time they swim.

As in 1920, the Island has a bathing shed problem. The pool one needs finishing work and drain boards. Other urgent needs are to replaster the pool floor, and to replace the rusted handrails with stainless steel. Roof flashing is also needed to stop it leaking.

Longer term projects include automatic chemical dispensing and some form of heating to extend the swimming season.

HMB School Committee are seeking donations for this, and several fund-raising projects are planned. First is in the County Hall on Sat 25 July. Chase away the mid-winter blues, and come and dance to "Cecil Peak & the Milford Sounds", at the Pre-Cray Cabaret.

Fire-call Ken

The fire-call to Ken Meikle's on Thur 18 June [his 2nd this year] brought a full muster of OVFB but turned out to be a false alarm. The ceiling wasn't alight as he feared, nor had his home-brewery run-amuck as some Brigade members feared. Smoke was blowing back into the roof from a gap in the brick chimney.

Just a thought for everyone - when were your flues last cleaned? Chimney fires are the main fire-calls in Oban. Have the chimney sweep check your flues for safety when he comes over in spring, especially if you have an older house.

The 1987 Budget has reduced Government funding to the Fire Service, so as Insurance Companies already fund much of the Service, premiums will rise. In this day of user pays, OVFB may have to charge for calls to un- or underinsured properties. Don't leave the rest of the community to support you, get that insurance paid up at a realistic level!

Nothing changes does it? In June 1987, muttonbirder's now use choppers.helicopters, we've got a new ferry, objections to the District Scheme are being heard, weather still stops flights fuel in drums is still a problem, a sperm whale was stranded at Mason Bay, and here's a new Island publication. So what's NEWS - "Life gets teejus don't it" - Sam

PAST NEWS

COMPILED BY PEGGY WILSON

SDN = Southland Daily News
Times = Southland Times

25 Years Ago

"The vessel "Wairua" berthed at Bluff last night with 113,000 muttonbirds on board. Her holds crammed full with more than 3,000 tins and 150 kits full of birds, about 40 bags of feathers and all the birders' personal gear which they needed for their two months stay on the Islands. Captain I.D.Williams, master of the "Wairua" (launched in 1961) said the voyage had been a good one with conditions almost perfect for the 66 passengers."

SDN - 25 May 1962

10 Years Ago

"The hearing of objections to the Stewart Island County's district scheme began as planned yesterday. Because sea conditions were too rough on Tuesday the Stewart Island Air Service's amphibian had been unable to fly to the island and, if the same conditions had prevailed yesterday there was a possibility the hearing would have been postponed."

Times - 30 June 1977

"Stewart Island's diesel fuel reserves continue to dwindle rapidly because the "Wairua's" replacement, the scow "Te Aroha" cannot keep up with the demand. Meanwhile the "Wairua" is still in drydock at Lyttleton for her annual survey and no date can be fixed for her return to the Stewart Island service."

Times - 30 June 1977

5 Years Ago

"Olga Sansom's 2nd book (1st "The Stewart Islanders"), "In the Grip of an Island" published by Craig Printing, Invercargill, went on sale. Mrs Sansom who is 82 years old has personally signed the limited edition of 1,200 copies."

Times - 19 June 1982.

"Nineteen dead whales have been found on a beach in Little Glory Bay in Paterson Inlet. The pilot whales (known as blackfish) are an assortment of male and female adults and calves, the biggest being about five metres long."

Times - 31 June 1982

The Visitor Scene

As we're right in the heart of winter, it isn't suprising to find visitor numbers low, so far fewer "Southern Air" Flights and less crossings of the "Acheron" than we are have in summer. Islanders attitudes to visitors vary, but without them our services would be much reduced. Tourism, in all its forms is as much part of our lives and livelihood as is fishing and salmon farming.

Visitor numbers to the Island have increased by about 10% a year over the past few years and should continue to do so.

In the past two years visitor facilities have improved dramatically. Stewart Island Lodge offers more up-market accomodation than was known in the past and South Sea Hotel is getting quite a facelift. developments at Horseshoe Haven Lodge will give accomodation for a full tour coach load of visitors for the first time, since Ferndale Guest House burned down.

The DOC Information Centre is a far cry from the old building and will soon be complemented by the new Museum.

Council and DOC have done good work landscaping the village and some roadside areas. Public loos are inadequate, but even this perennial problem should be set to rights quite soon.

More developments are in the offing and some will undoubtedly be in place. All strength to those who are looking at diversifying their activities to cater for visitors and all of us.

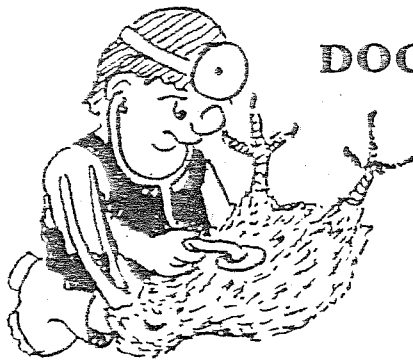
Horseshoe Haven Lodge

A fully licenced restaurant and more accomodation units are being built at Horseshoe Haven to entertain and house people who come to Stewart Island.

The Restaurant is to be 8.5m high, 18m from one end to the other and will cover 400sq.m.

The Restaurant is on the top storey and will seat 75 people at one sitting.

On the ground floor is the Bar, Reception and entertainment area. The total amount of beds in the accomodation units will be 90.



DOC's Diagnosis

PROJECTS AT PRESENT UNDERWAY

- * Location and capture of Kakapo for relocation on Codfish Is.
- * General maintainance on tracks and huts within the North West Circuit.
- * Island Hill farm maintainance.

As one very young person to another we congratulate the birth of this newspaper.

The birth of the Department of Conservation on 1st April was not without trauma, however New Zealand now has for the first time in its history a strong single advocate for conservation uncluttered by other and often conflicting responsibilities.

The department will use discussion, advice and education, backed where necessary by statutory measures, to promote the Conservation of New Zealand's natural resources and their long-term sustained use.

Local traditions, both Maori and Pakeha, vary from district to district. These traditions, together with wide differences in climate,

landscape, natural vegetation and native wild-life around New Zealand will guide Departmental Conservation Officers in work within the community they serve.

The unique qualities of the "Rakiura" land and seascapes, our native plants and wildlife make them part of the heritage of all mankind. The Department's task is to hand our heritage on to future generations so that they too can identify with the distinctive character of Rakiura - Stewart Island.

In further issues I will keep you informed on work projects and developments with "DOC".

Ron Tindal - District Conservator - Rakiura

DOC Staff on Stewart Island

Ron Tindal - Dist. Conservator
Kingsley Timpson - Consn Officer
Andy Roberts " "
Sandra King " "
Robyn Young - Receptionist
Airdry Dyson-Leask - Clerical

Work crews are made up from:
Wally, Alan, Alan, Paul, Tony,
Terry, Simon, Billy the Lid,
Ann, James and Fred.

Forest & Bird 10th Anniversary

Although the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society (founded in 1923) have had members resident on Stewart Island for many years, it was only ten years ago, on June 24 1977, that moves were made to form a local section, under the Southland Branch.

The impetus came from Kem and Ida Collet, who took on the responsibilities of Chairman and Secretary, positions they filled with dedication until they left the Island in 1983.

It is interesting to note that of the eight people who attended the first meeting, only Mrs D. Jenkin, Mrs N. Fife and Mrs E. Tindal are still residents. However membership has swelled to 82, a level which, when compared with the total population, must be the envy of many larger branches.

The minutes of the first meeting set out some of the reasons for establishing a local section as follows.

- * Stewart Island with its unique flora and fauna, seemed an ideal place for Forest & Bird activities.
- * Members on Stewart Island, being somewhat isolated, would have better contact with the Society as a whole.
- * A section would provide interesting activities for members.

- * It seemed appropriate that the management of Turner Cottage, bequeathed to the Society, should be in local hands.

In 1982 the section was granted Branch status, with Mrs Ida Collet as first councillor. Also in that year the branch honoured the 90th birthday of two of our members, Mrs Dorothy Jenkin and Mr Roy Traill. Both have made notable contributions to the understanding of Stewart Island fauna and flora.

The Branch has always shown a keen interest in the management of Stewart Island, its surrounding waters and islands, and is represented on the local Port Liaison Committee. As a Branch we are perhaps more fortunate than most in that much of Stewart Island is under the management of the Department of Conservation and so does not have the problems that more diverse land ownership can lead to. This concern has been recognised in the past appointment of Kem Collett, and presently that



of Max Kershaw to the Southland Parks and Reserves Board.

Each year over Conservation Week the local school children present appropriate projects which are judged by members, with books donated by the Branch as prizes.

Meetings are held about every two months, usually with a film or guest speaker. Anybody interested in attending should contact the Chairman, Peter Tait, phone 51.

Finally, Stewart Island Branch of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society wish to compliment Sam Sampson on his attempts to establish this newspaper, and wish the publication every success in the future.

Peter Tait - Chairman

TELEPHONE Talk

100 Years Ago, When Joseph Ward entered Parliament in 1887, he told his Island constituents that telephone communication with the mainland was urgently needed. He did his best to persuade Government to lay a cable, but they were hesitant, as usual.

His chance came when he was acting Prime Minister. On June 5 1902, he heard that sufficient cable was available, and by June 11 it was laid, and a phone was working on the Island. How's that for speed? So this month is the 85th Anniversary of our phone link to the mainland.

Cut-over to the new automatic exchange is scheduled for Wed July 22, probably at 11.30am. Let's have some reminiscences on the old manual exchange for next month. I'm sure there's some good stories from both operators and users. How about something from the Telecoms Team too!

Individual phone lines will be tested before June 22. If your new phone gives a continuous - brr.brr...br.br.. as in town, answer it instead of the manual phone as we do now. You'll be asked to call back to 391-567 to test the line, then you'll be hooked back into the manual exchange and phone, until cut-over. Get those button-pushing fingers ready!

The Telecom team have seen hiccups when other exchanges cut-over to automatic, so have some advice:

- * DON'T wind the manual phone handle after cut-over - it could damage your new phone. To avoid inevitable lapses, tie or tape the handle down until the old phone's taken.
- * LIFT the handset to make a call. There's only 10sec to start dialling or a 5sec pause in the middle before you're cut off and have to start again. Most trouble seems to be with new local numbers. Wasn't it nice to give a name when you forgot the number?
- * FIRE CALLS are 111 The local siren will be triggered from Invercargill. 111 will also get Police or Nurse if you've forgotten Mike or Rosie's new numbers in an emergency.
- * Watch the kids. STD bills can be horrendous if tiny-tots "play phone" and get Upper Yapworth, Lithuania.

EXTRA PHONE FACILITIES

Are you aware of extra goodies that can be included with your new phone? Up to 3 of these can be installed for a few dollars extra on the rental?

Abbreviated Dialling gives 3-digit codes for 10 commonly called numbers, including STD.

Hot Line is good for the infirm or elderly. A pre-set number is called if the handset is off the hook for 8sec - no dialling in an emergency.

Direct Dialling is less use. The preset number is called immediately, so - you can only call one number.

Call Diversion is good for those who visit a lot. Incoming calls are diverted to any one of nine preselected numbers. [Watch it Fordley, the "Office" phone may overload with this one!]

Call Waiting is almost as good as having two lines. A beep when you're on the phone warns of another incoming call. The incoming caller doesn't get the "engaged" tone, and either party can be put on "hold".

See Innes or the Telecoms boys for further information on these optional extras.

Hank's Hocks

Those who have tried Hank's marinated pork bones won't need tempting. For those who haven't, here's a great taste sensation.

Marinade

2 cups sugar, 2tblsp salt, 2tblsp Soy Sauce, 4tblsp Golden Syrup or Treacle dissolved in enough hot water to cover about 2kg of pork bones.

Soak bones in the marinade for 24hrs, then roast for about half an hour in a moderate oven, with fat & a small glass of marinade in the dish. Check progress to make sure the sugar doesn't catch and burn.

Thanks to - Hank Anderson

HOW ABOUT MORE LOCAL RECIPES?

A Tramp To Mason Bay

About 20 years ago my father Cyril Leask and his family lived at Mason Bay. While there, Cyril and his brother Peter did a lot of tramping, camping and farming. They built the original huts at Bensons Peak, Big Hellfire and Little Hellfire. These were used for many years by grateful trampers, until eventually they were replaced.

Last May holidays my father and I decided we would go for a tramping tour. He took me up the Freshwater River by boat and we walked to Masons. My dad is a fast walker and doesn't need to stop often. I will stop if I need a rest, however.

We stayed in the hut at Masons, and while we were there we heard kiwis.

Next we travelled along the beach to the north end and over a big hill to Little Hellfire. I grumbled a bit because of the mud.

We stayed at the hut, which has been renewed, and next morning went on to Big Hellfire. At the top of the sandhill you got the impression that the waves were moving in slow motion, because it was so high.

Next we carried on past Bensons Peak to camp halfway to the river at a site that Mr Roy Traill used when he was a Ranger, many years ago.

Next morning we went straight on to the river and just caught the tide. At the mouth of the river the boat stopped. Dad managed to get it going again, helped by his own special brand of language. We motored back to Deep Bay and went home.

Even though I grumbled at the walking I would like to return and do the whole trip again.

Amber Leask - Room 1 HMB School

SCHOOL REPORT

If the work I've seen done at Halfmoon Bay School recently is any indication, there should be a good crop of SCHOOL REPORTS going out at the end of the year. I'll be doing a lot of work with the school producing this paper, and am really looking forward to it! There are some good contributions in this issue, and I'm sure we'll see a lot more in the future - Sam

School Trip to Ulva Island

On Friday, June 12, Room 3 of Halfmoon Bay School went to Ulva Island. We walked over to Golden Bay, to be picked up by "Pegasus", the DOC boat. Our class was divided into three groups, leaving Golden Bay at different times.

On Ulva Island we all first went to leave our bags in the shelter at Sydney Cove.

One group went with Mrs Pullen on the bush track to Boulder Beach. We were learning to identify trees for Arbor Day. On the way Mrs Pullen would stop and tell us what the trees were called, and what they were used for in the old days. Later we had to tell her the names of the trees she pointed out.

We saw rata and rimu trees, and even a miro, which has bark that looks like it has been hit with a hammer. We also saw umbrella moss and weka and kiwi footprints in the mud.

There were miniature houses in the bush, near white markers. These are "rat motels", used to poison rats. The lid is lifted, and poison bait is put inside. There are walls to stop wekas from poking their heads in. Rats can jump over the walls to get the bait and jump out again. They take the poison back home and eat it, then die.

Mr Andy Roberts took each group to see the old Ulva Island Post Office. It was the first post office on Stewart Island. It opened in 1872 and closed about 60 years ago. The mail was delivered by boat from Dunedin, Christchurch and Bluff. Sometimes it only came once a month.

The Postmaster, who was Mr Charles Traill, flew a flag from Flagstaff Point when the boat arrived, so the people would know when to collect the mail. They rowed to Ulva Island by dinghy from Halfmoon Bay, Golden Bay, the Neck and other parts of Stewart Island. Mr Roberts told us that in the

Practical Experience Classes

Halfmoon Bay School children have had a varied history adapting to changes in the practical experience subjects of woodwork, metalwork and home economics,

Sometimes lessons were taken in the homes of local people. Most recently boys have done metalwork in Jim Bissland's workshop and all Room 1 pupils have done cooking in the Hall kitchen.

Practical experience has been the basis of all the programmes as students make and do things to give them useful knowledge and skills for everyday life.

This year Room 4 classroom is to be remodelled at last. We will have facilities to encourage a variety of significant skills.

Mr Ted Jones, our woodwork teacher, has encouraged boys and girls with both old and new materials. Perhaps the item most valued is the "treasure chest". This traditionally shaped box is taken away to boarding school,

early days people used to write letters on leaves from muttonbird scrub.

The Post Office also sold groceries. It was a great meeting place. Sometimes the people had parties when they went there and stayed in a cabin beside the Post Office.

Mr and Mrs Traill both died in bed and were buried at a point beside the Post Office. We especially liked the visit to the old grave.

We had lunch by the shelter at Sydney Cove. Mr Timpson made a fire and boiled water for Cup-of-Soup and Milo. We played on a long tree swing and some of us built a dam on the beach. We saw a few wekas and heard some waxeyes and parakeets.

After lunch Andrew's group went into the bush with Miss Moretti and Mrs Wilson to do bark rubbings. We put paper over leaves and bark and rubbed crayon over it in the opposite way that the bark was growing. We came up with the fantastic idea of rubbing the crayon in different places, so it made a pattern or picture.

We did this work on the Nature Trail, then came back to Sydney Cove and spent 15 minutes doing a sketch of anything we saw.

When we arrived, there was a tree across the track which we had to crawl under. When we returned Mr Blok had cut it in two places to clear the track.

Later we left Ulva on the "Pegasus" and returned to Golden Bay. Crossing over was calm, but the return was a little rough, and not so good. There was some light rain during the day.

We would like to thank Andy Roberts, Roger Blok, Mr Timpson, Mrs Pullen, Mrs Schofield and Mrs Wilson for their time and help.

Room 3 - Halfmoon Bay School

where the owner can keep their personal treasures safely locked away.

Helen Bissland is at present teaching the girls copper jewellery making skills. Later in the year sewing classes will use local muttonbird feathers to cushion warm padded jackets. The teachers encourage the kids to value the resources around them.

Natesha Newton & Kiri Pullen
- Room 1, HMB School



COUNCIL COMMENT

Rates Up 16.9%

Power to the People

Investigations were recently carried out by Ministry of Works & Development to ascertain if the 17ha section on the Horse-shoe side of Hicks Rd corner will be suitable as a powerhouse site for the proposed power scheme. If the site proves suitable Council will purchase the land from the Anglican Church immediately and seek Town Planning approval to construct the powerhouse.

MOW has been commissioned to carry out building design for a powerhouse which will achieve acceptable noise level control. They will also undertake specification preparation, the calling and analysis of tenders and the investigation of key electrical loads on the Island.

It is impossible to indicate the exact unit cost of electricity at this stage.

It is anticipated that construction of the powerhouse and reticulation of Halfmoon Bay for electricity will be underway by this summer. All residences and businesses will be reticulated as soon as physically possible. It is hoped that residents will understand the need to reticulate the areas of heavy use first but we want to dispel rumours that the project is to be staged over several years.

In order to cause minimum disruption to road surfaces it is hoped that reticulation of sewerage pipes will be undertaken in conjunction with the laying of power cables. Negotiations are being held with the Engineering Division of the N.Z. Army to see if they will undertake construction of the Halfmoon Bay sewerage scheme.

Councillor Margaret Hopkins

Rate demands come out in early July, with a 16.9% increase on last year. What with inflation and GST, this seems reasonable.

Stewart Island County must have the smallest rate-base in N.Z., with only 589 assessments being sent out. As some people own more than one property, the number of rate-payers is even less.

Where do our rates go? There's the office, hall, library, plant & equipment, rubbish collection and road maintenance. Footpaths are slowly extending, even if folk still walk on the road. Then there are lawns and gardens to tend.

Finally, quite a proportion of our rates go to wages - for jobs within our community. It's just 25 years since Council advertised on the noticeboard for a full-time road surfaceman, and for men to dig a bit over 100m of drain along Main Rd.

We may grumble about what we do and don't get for our rates, but with the extra costs of Island life taken into account, we seem to do quite well.

If there is sufficient interest there'll be a report on where our rate dollars go, so we can all put some constructive thought into how to get the best possible mileage from them.

Noxious Plants on the Island

Old Man's Beard

A recent meeting between members of the Noxious Plants Authority, Southland Country noxious plants officers, SICC and the Anti-spray Committee has resulted in a decision to undertake a joint programme for the control of roadside gorse and broom.

After a road inspection the Noxious Plants Officers agreed that in many instances gorse and broom are helping to maintain erosion-prone banks particularly on the roads to Lonnekens and Ringaringa. They are concerned that isolated patches of gorse and broom be controlled now, before they establish themselves further on our roadsides.

The Council Works Committee have voted against calling in a contractor to spray gorse and broom. Instead it is proposed that cutting and painting stumps with "Tordon" be carried out where practicable, and in some instances knapsack sprayers will be used to target isolated areas which are not prone to erosion. "Tordon" and "Roundup" are the chemicals most likely to be used as Council maintains its deci-

sion not to use 2.4.5-T.

Because the control programme is labour intensive, Council is asking all residents who are able to give a few hours here and there to contact a Council member or Phil Clarke.

Rather than a full scale cutting effort like that carried out on the road to Lonnekens last year, it is envisaged that 3 or 4 people at a time work under the supervision of County Staff to ensure all work is carried out is effective and well directed.

Remember all those people who asked Council to take a special stand against 2.4.5-T that unless you are prepared to help, then Council may be forced into a situation where a contractor will have to do the job in a much less discriminatory manner.

The Noxious Plants Officers have asked for assistance in identifying areas where Clematis vitalba [Old Man's Beard] is growing. This is a potentially dangerous plant capable of smothering and destroying native bush as well as garden shrubs.

There are at present 3 known locations of Old Man's Beard here and steps are being taken to eradicate these.

Barberry

The spread of South American Barberry is also of concern. It is more of a potential nuisance than gorse or broom which both require high light levels to survive. Barberry is capable of establishing itself in dark bush areas and choking out natives. It is hoped that public awareness of this potential problem will encourage people to destroy barberry plants where possible.

Cr. - Margaret Hopkins



Sewerage Scheming

Public acceptance of a central power scheme is almost unanimous, but it seems opinions differ on the sewage scheme. Do we know what is involved? Plans of the area covered by the scheme and details of the Imhoff system will be published next month is there is enough interest. - Sam

On Stewart Island we have the most interesting down the garden path toilets. Soon, many of these ancient little outhouses will be a thing of the past. Some people have indoor loos, but only if they have a large section to cope with the drainage.

Daniel Newton - Rm 1 HMB School

Raising a Stink

Getting to the bottom of the Stewart Island sewerage debate is a messy business. Feelings run high yet Council is pushing ahead with the proposed Imhoff tank system leaving arguments over alternatives, it would seem, bogged in futility.

Materials have been ordered for construction of the Imhoff system and work is expected to begin in the summer.

After some processing in the Imhoff tanks, waste will be pumped through a 1000m pipe, out to Big Rock in Halfmoon Bay, and discharged at the rate of about 67 cubic metres per day. The discharge will tend to rise being freshwater released in sea water.

The system meets health regulations because the discharge is diluted rapidly in seawater, bringing bacterial counts to within limits set by Southland Catchment Board.

Southland County has conducted flow tests around Big Rock to ascertain where the discharge may go. Test results have satisfied County officials, but there is concern locally as to their adequacy.

The Imhoff system will cost something over \$600,000, to be financed by a Government grant of \$260,700 and capital contributions from residents at the rate of \$1,905 per toilet.

Residents will, in addition, be billed for the connection cost of laying pipe from dwellings across private land. A small council loan may need to be raised to cover any shortfall.

Some months ago Council wrote to residents outlining three schemes and asking which one residents would be prepared to contribute towards. A majority of residents have returned the form opting for the cheapest scheme, the Imhoff tank.

Council has appeared to take this returned letter as a kind of postal vote giving majority approval for the scheme. Yet it is far from clear that residents were ever aware that it would be treated as such.

A public meeting in 1984 is reported to have voted that a poll be held on the issue. Such a poll has not been held, and neither is it likely to occur at the councils initiative. For a poll to be held at this stage, 15% of residents within the affected area must so demand.

Over the years a number of alternative sewerage schemes have been proposed and discarded often for cost reasons. However, some residents still believe that such a large scale and expensive system as the Imhoff tanks is not necessary.

The argument goes that the main offenders in the Bay, with poorly functioning sewerage systems, should just be made to clean up their acts, literally.

There appear to be a number of

smaller-scale and cheaper alternatives, though as this article went to press their feasibility was unclear. Against this, officials say the soils, and water-table in the Bay are inadequate for anything but an extensive system that pipes effluent away from the area.

A number of building proposals in the Bay are being held up because of current inadequate sewerage facilities - this is one factor delaying pensioner flat plans.

An Army survey of sewerage facilities in the scheme area has just reported that 34.3% of properties visited had "nuicance conditions". The preliminary report says: "The standards of many of these systems is far below an acceptable level. The result is that sewerage effluent unable to be absorbed by the soils finds its way into the stormwater system." This seems to imply that it is the systems and not the soils that are the problem, though a fuller report from the Army is still expected.

Council plans soon to send a circular to affected residents about the sewerage scheme. This is a necessary step, given local concern about the scheme, and it is to be hoped the Council will address the issues of the poll, the tersting of effluent flows in the Bay, and the canvassing of cheaper, more innovative small systems.

Jane Blakie

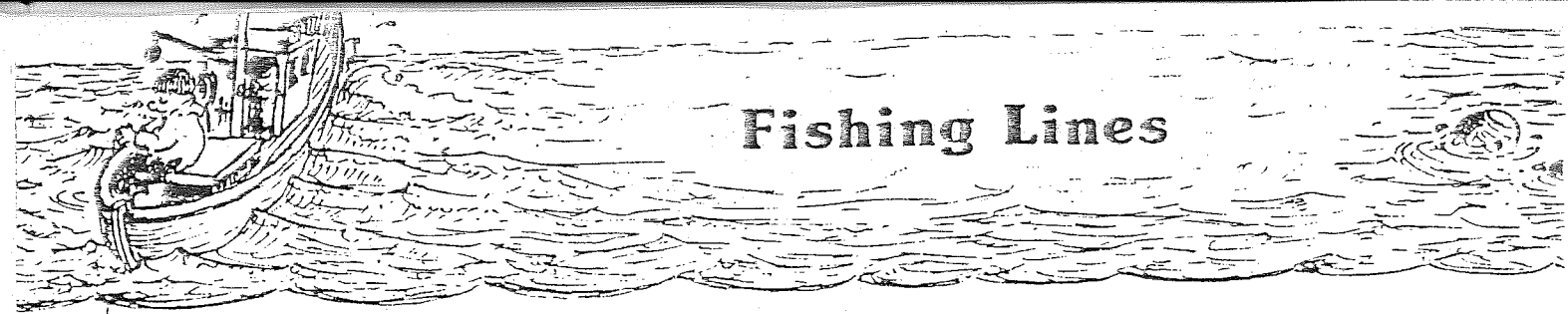
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Fishing Lines

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Like all Islanders, our fishermen are rampant individualists, yet most would agree that recent years have brought more change and controversy than any others. This first "Fishing Lines" is a simplistic look at some concepts and terms which visitors and the non-fishing fraternity may strike in pub debate. Thanks to Merv Moodie for help preparing it - boo-boos are mine! - Sam

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

We need only look at the boom and bust of sealing and whaling on Stewart Island 150 years ago to realise that living resources must be maintained at levels where they can breed and replace stocks. Controls to maintain catches at sustainable levels and research to find those levels are surely needed.

Few would deny the need for some control to overcome drastic overfishing in some of N.Z's inshore fisheries and that potential in others.

A new concept in fisheries management evolved and resulted in the new Fisheries Act introduced by Government last season. Recent Government attempts to raise some resource rentals astronomically makes cynics wonder if the real purpose of the Act was to provide revenue for MAF in this day of user-pay,

FIN FISH

The quantity of major fin fish species [ie fish-type fish, not cray- or shell-type fish] taken in N.Z. waters is controlled by TAC's. No, Cecil, they aren't speared with a nail on the end of a stick, it is the Total Allowable Catch for each MAF management region. That's Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, not half the MAFia.

When the new Fisheries Act was introduced existing fishermen and companies were granted an ITQ - an Individual Transferable Quota, or total amount of fish of specified species which could be caught each year. On Stewart Island, this includes cod, moki, rigg and school shark.

As the quota is transferable, part, or all of it can be bought sold, leased or subleased.

PAUA

Some months before fin fish ITQ's were brought in, paua divers were issued with IQ's. [Only self-preservation stops me commenting on that one!] These Individual Quotas are as yet non-transferable so can't be sold or leased.

A hiccup resulted when the total weight of paua IQ's issued for the country totalled more than the TAC for the species. A scheme where Government buys back extra quota has now been approved by Cabinet, so MAF can work towards introducing ITQ's to this fishery too. A relief to frustrated local divers who feel Government moves even slower than paua.

ROCK LOBSTER

ITQ's have also yet to be brought into the Rock Lobster [crayfish] fishery but their format is currently under negotiation. Hopefully hindsight will bring a smoother transition and less

controversy when ITQ's for rock lobster are introduced [probably next year] than was the case with cod and other fin fish.

QUOTAS

To a landlubber, a quota, as a one-off cost which is bought, then owned in perpetuity, is a bit like a farmer buying his land. When cod quota was traded late last year, it changed hands at around \$2,000/tonne. More recently it has fetched \$4,000/tonne - a 100% rise in six months. This is reminiscent of the dramatic increase in farm prices a few years ago. It's to be hoped quota prices settle at a viable level and don't rise to the ridiculous extent that farmland did.

Most quota sales so far have been to companies such as Sealords who own processing sheds. By leasing this quota to independent fishermen they are assured of a flow of fish through their plants. Some cod quota has already been sold "offshore" which reduces the amount to be processed in local sheds.

RESOURCE RENTALS

The new Fisheries Act included RR's - Resource Rentals, not Rolls Royces to upstage Joe Cave's Mercedes. This quarterly fee paid to Government, is based on the quota a fisherman holds, whether that amount of fish is caught or not. This is rather like a farmer paying rates on his land, irrespective of how much he produces each year.

Government sent shockwaves through the fishing industry recently by announcing drastically revised resource rental levels. Fortunately these were later withdrawn. A 300% rate increase would have farmers screaming like banshees.

WHAT'S THE EFFECT?

Those involved in fishing have thrashed out the pro's and con's of the new system. Those of us who work ashore should consider the effects too, for fishing is one of the mainstays of our community - its future is our future!

As in farming, plant cost, interest rates, and now ITQ's and resource rentals, make it almost impossible for a young person to enter fishing. Is the day of the independent fisherman doomed?

Like other small-scale enterprises fishing must be more business-oriented, as opposed to the traditional life-style it has been. Now the year's work is based on efficient use of quota, rather than cash in hand for immediate needs. The paper war increases and now filing cabinets and computers replace shoe-boxes.

Merv Tops "Fed"

Merv Moodie was elected national President of the Federation of Commercial Fishermen in late April and followed it up by being appointed a Director of S.I. Fishermens Co-op in May.

Congratulations, or is it commiserations, on the two appointments Merv. Here's hoping there'll be enough time to get to sea and fill your quota.

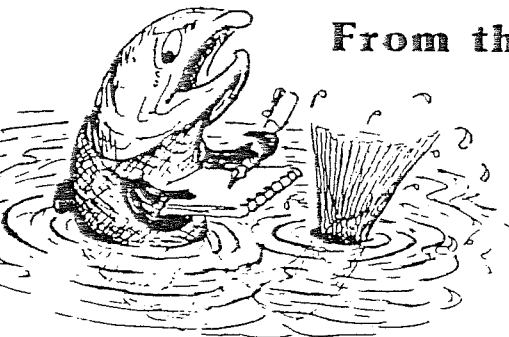
Merv has been active with the Co-op and S.I. Fishermens Assn since he left his Forest Service Ranger's job and began fishing, with the Mysteron ten years ago. He replaced that boat with the Seeker last year.

Incidentally, the Federation, which represents the majority of inshore fishermen in the country, has had a strong Island input in recent years. Presiden-before-last was Gerry Field. It's good to see these guys and other locals put time and effort into the industry at a national level.

Fishing has undergone dramatic changes and Merv sees the following issues as important now:

- * While the Resource Rental issue seems to be solved for the 1987/8 season it still needs continual watching.
- * The introduction and implementation of ITQs to the Paua and Rock Lobster Fisheries are major concerns.
- * The way inter-relationships develop between the Town & Country Planning Act, Fisheries Act, and DOC control of foreshores will need to be closely monitored, with regular input from the Fishing Industry.
- * Although local owner/operators should see little immediate effect from the new Labour Relations Act, which introduces Unions to the Fishing Industry for the first time, it has the very real potential to bring problems to the deepwater fishery and needs to be watched.
- * Fishermen need to be conscious of findings of Waitangi Tribunal Hearings which could affect the industry.

From the Salmon Pen



I paid my first visit to Big Glory Bay for several months when the CPRO's visited the Island on June 22. There have certainly been some changes up there. Unfortunately no copy arrived in time for this first edition, but hopefully there will be news from the Salmon Farms in future, so hop to it "Beagle Boys" and all the older established farms - get those Salmon Pens working! - Sam

RURAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME SOUTHLAND

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It is great to see the first issue of the Stewart Island News - definitely more up-market than the old REAP Community Bulletin! A variety of REAP activities continue to be held on the Island - the most recent have been the Bone Carving and Shell Jewellery seminar, and the Women's Health Day. Alas, some of those programmes planned for earlier in the year didn't eventuate - I suspect as a result of pre-Show fever. Not to worry, though, we can reschedule them to be held at a later time.

I have just returned from 2 months spent in Wellington - consequently there are not many programmes planned in detail for the next month or two. However, plans are afoot for another pottery seminar, we will probably offer Children's Hairdressing, and Screenprinting again soon, and there are a number of visits scheduled for performing artists. For details, keep an eye on the noticeboard, and watch this space! But a sneak preview for those of you who are classical music buffs - it is very likely that there will be a recital later in the year by a visiting cellist from London, accompanied by piano. It should be lovely.

So don't forget to keep filling in those forms in the Post Office, and let us know what you'd be interested in!

I'd like to finish with a special thank-you to Southern Air who have been most supportive of all community education events on the Island. From discussions I had whilst in Wellington, I would vote them the best airline in the country!

Alison

Hatch/Match/Despatch

I don't know what's been going on, but there's been a real baby boom on the Island in the past year. Throw in a wedding or two, and it looks like Halfmoon Bay School isn't going to have any problems with falling rolls in the next few years. In addition, the number of new faces round the community is, while welcome, a little confusing. A few friends have left, but will hopefully return on visits. HATCH/MATCH/DESPATCH will welcome and farewell - keep us informed!



Mike's Message

It may be a coincidence to report in this 1st issue that general Police work has been extremely quiet on the Island.

As we previously experienced problems with burglaries and the odd damage, it is appropriate to emphasise that when leaving the house - lock the door. This may only be a deterrent but it is often sufficient to keep those valuable items where they should be.

Traffic behaviour and vehicle condition are still disturbing facts, however with the recent visits of the Ministry of Transport (and I'm sure more visits are planned) I hope this problem will cease.

Search & Rescue has always played a major role on Stewart Island. With the two recent incidents where four lives were lost, I cannot stress enough, not only to those visiting the Island, but to local people as well, to apply a bit of common sense before venturing out. I only hope it doesn't cost a life before people realise that "when the sea takes them, it doesn't give them back"!

Finally, the amateur fishery is of serious concern to myself, local honorary inspectors and Fisheries Officers alike. Our local resources are dwindling rapidly. It is understandable that this resource is filling the coffers with the tourist dollar, however, limits are limits. So if you think someone isn't playing it fair, contact the authorities. The Regulations are very supportive.

Constable Mike TeAu

Blok's Away

It must be the weather, for the Blok family are chasing the sun to Central Otago in early July.

Roger was first here as an NZFS woodsman in 1979 working on the Lee Bay/Port William track. He then spent some time with a mineral exploration team in Nth Queensland before going to work for Dunedin Tree services.

In March 1981 he came to the Island with Lands & Survey as 2/IC under Robin Thomas.

Roger and Vi were married in Dunedin a couple of months later and Danielle was born in 1982. It looks like the next addition to the family, due in September, will be a Centralite.

Work with L&S took Roger to Codfish Is, Pegasus and other remote parts of the Island. In the past year the whole family have spent a month at a time at the old Island Hill homestead.

Roger now has his Limited Launchmaster Licence and is now skipper of the DOC boat Pegasus. Boat fever led to many patient hours restoring three venerable clinker dinghies - a 62yr old 18' Riverton surfboat, an 18' double-ender built by Ron Von-Tunzleman's father at Colac Bay and a 12'er built here on the Island by Ronnie VonT himself.

The Blok's have enjoyed outdoor life on the Island and found our small community ideal for Danielle's formative years.

They've also made their contribution, cleaning the school and maintaining the pool. Vi has been involved with Playcentre and the Vege Co-op. Roger has been with the Fire Brigade 5yrs and is now Station Officer. He's repaired small engines and put his Tree Service experience to good use felling some of the village's "curlier" large trees.

Roger's chainsaw accident to his foot and emergency flight to town earlier this year was a change of role, for he's been involved on many searches and evacuations of accident victims. It's also a lesson for us all - chainsaws bite even the most experienced of us!

Roger, Vi and Danielle were farewelled at the Fire Station on Sat 20 June. We wish them well for their new life in Clyde where Roger will be landscaping with his father's garden service business.

I guess since he'll be tree-trimming for dad, Roger will be A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOK

Cox Combs

The curly-haired character seen wandering round the school recently is new teacher Peter Cox, who replaces Glenda Thomas.

Through no fault of his own, Peter was born in Auckland, but saw the error of his ways and began to drift south. He trained as a teacher in Palmerston North then taught 3 years in Nelson.

A minor relapse took him north again for a couple of years in the Wairarapa. He taught first at Tuturumuri, then Pongaroa, where Principal Harvey Beetham, one of Fordley's Flying Friends, extolled the Island's virtues so well, that Peter slipped away when the job here was offered.

The weather hasn't been too kind to Peter since he arrived, but he still "quite likes" the rain, and finds the potbelly stoves in the classroom a novel experience. He's already given the class an impromptu fire-safety lesson when he opened the lid too fast and singed his hair.

Peter will find plenty of scope for diving and sailing and is keen to surf at Mason Bay. Hang-gliding could be more of a problem though, and we'll need a really severe winter before he can "Ski Mt Anglem".

Peter has settled into the school house above the Police Station and is enjoying the new job, finding Loloma Slingsby an excellent Principal to work for.

WELCOME TO THE ISLAND PETER

OBITUARY

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CLUB COMMENT

There are upwards of 30 clubs and organisations on the Island, a sign of how active life here can be. I would like to see CLUB COMMENT become a major feature of SIN, with regular reports on club activities. So c'mon secretaries - get into gear! Events, such as the 10th Anniversary of the local branch of Forest & Bird, which is covered in this issue, will be featured if you give the details.

A major project for this winter is to compile a Directory of Clubs, with a brief profile of history and aims, meeting times and office holders etc. Could club secretaries please see me, or fill in details on the questionnaire with this issue. - Sam



Keen interest shown by local men over the past few months has developed into the forming of a Stewart Island Rugby Club

The team, comprising ex-players and those not familiar with the oval ball, have combined well in securing two wins on the Island, against Collegiate and Owaka, and a loss against both Collegiate and the referee at Invercargill.

Players showing good performance have been Regan Burr, Doug Dawson, Wayne DeJour and John McRandle, to name a few, with players like Sam Nichol and Floyd Murray leaving the field with good games.

The team will no doubt benefit from the experience and outspoken skills of Jack Frew, who will take the paddock as fullback next game.

Local designated referee, Alister Eade, although recently presented with a jersey, has yet to take the paddock. It may be that he lacks the socks and shorts, however this will hopefully be rectified by next game.

A highlight of home games is the overwhelming support shown by spectators and it is hoped that this will continue in the future.

Future games will no doubt be Collegiate returning to the Island, with a possible trip to Owaka. Interest has also been expressed by Palmerston and Te Anau, however no arrangements have been made yet.

Mike TeAu

S.I. Lions Club

Lions is the only International Service Club represented on Stewart Island. As with other clubs our main aim is service to the community. This involves projects such as cutting firewood and distributing it to the Golden Oldies each year. The New Year Fishing Contest, dances and barbeques are good fun for us and the rest of the community, but have also raised funds for projects such as the pool, the Museum expansion and the shelter at Motorau Moana.

Our most recent project was raising \$225 for the "Nebuliser" which was presented to the District Nurses at our May dinner meeting.

Meetings are held in the RSA Hall on the last Tuesday of the month, and provide a good night out. Membership isn't as high as we would like, but a pot-luck tea in April attracted a number of potential new members. C'mon fellow Lions, bring those guys back to our next meeting!

Being a Lion means commitment to community involvement, but its also a load of fun, and lots of satisfaction too. If you are interested see our President, Secretary or any other Lion.

Remember fellows, July 28 is change-over night for the new Directors.

President - Lloyd Wilcox
Secretary - Jerry Field

PORTABLE NEBULISER

The nurse at the Stewart Island clinic has obtained a portable nebuliser "Porta-Neb", by the generosity of the Lions Club. This unit is used for the treatment of asthmatics. It allows the administration of drugs in aerosol form, for inhalation directly into the respiratory system. The unit has two great advantages:

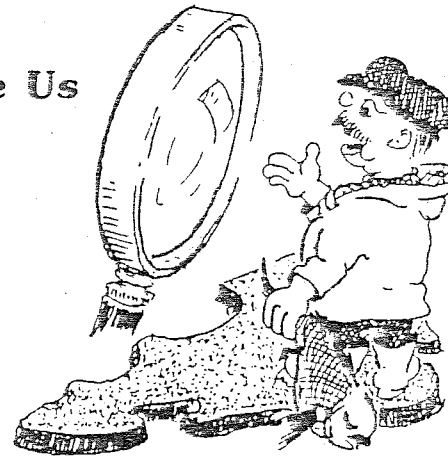
- * It is designed for flexibility and is easily transported, yet gives maximum use.
- * It can be used from 12volt sources such found in a car or boat. This is an advantage where power is inaccessible on the Island.

Such an asset as this nebuliser on the Island provides security for the large number of asthmatics, for they can obtain relief within seconds of an attack. It also offers a wide variety of patients a simple, easily understood method of delivering nebulised medication into their respiratory system.

Rosie Fisher - District Nurse

As Others

See Us



As the Acheron steamed into Halfmoon Pay on a gloomy Saturday afternoon, in time for the France-Australia rugby match on TV, I was first struck by the lush vegetation enveloping the Island and the beauty of the Bay, with its all-weather anchorage.

Back home, on Tory Island (Ireland's most remote island - 4km by lkm) 16km off the NW coast, there isn't a tree in sight and when the wind gets up the boats have to be hauled up too. Sitting as it does, exposed to the Atlantic gales, it's not unusual to get 160kph winds with 30m seas breaking over the 90m cliffs at the back of the Island. So it's not surprising that the only tree to survive is an Arctic Willow growing horizontally among the grass tussocks. Maybe in years ahead, Stewart Island will help re-forest this treeless place, as I hope to take back and plant some seeds from the hardier tree species found here.

Although Stewart Island is further from the mainland than Tory, communications here are much easier. On Tory we have a twice-weekly mail service on Tuesday and Friday from Bunbey, a port on the mainland 50km down the coast. The mail boat, a 30m trawler, also brings in supplies when the Island's half-deckers, 9m in length, are hauled up for winter. The trip takes two and a half hours - weather permitting.

In the summer months (May-Sept) the Island boats unload their catches of salmon, lobster, crayfish, crab and dogfish at the nearest mainland port Magneroarty, just 16km opposite the Island, and bring back supplies of turf (peat) for the winter fires, and any visitors that wish to run the gauntlet of the uncertain weather.

As there is no airstrip on the Island it is sometimes possible to be isolated for 8 weeks in the winter gales, when during a lull only an Army helicopter can bring in emergency supplies.

As there is no fixed passenger rate on the mail boat or half-deckers, the return trip costs an average of \$20 and sometimes nothing at all, depending on the inebriated state of the skipper.

Apart from the trawler and half-decks a trip can sometimes be had with the Irish Lights chartered helicopter which relieves the lighthouse keepers on the Island once a fortnight and also brings the doctor and pharmacist for their surgery.

If you happen to be at the back of McFadden's Hotel in Gortanork, the nearest mainland town, you'll see the helicopter being closely observed by two armed gardai (Irish Police). The police now guard the helicopter as it was hijacked by the IRA a few years ago and loaded with milk churns filled with explosives, which were then dropped on a police station over the Northern Ireland border.

We're a tiny dot in a big world, yet there is a lot of interest shown in Stewart Island and our ways, for island life is just a little different.

Neville Presho makes TV documentaries for Irish TV and lives on Tory Island, off the Irish coast. He's currently crewing for John Leask.

Here are his comparisons of the Islands and the lifestyles the people lead.

The View From Tory Island

Tory Island could fit into Stewart Island over 500 times, yet despite being so desolate it has a population of 120 and back a couple of generations it had 350. There have been people living there since the Iron Age and the round tower on the Island, built by St. Columba, who then went on to found the monastic settlement of Iona in Scotland, is about 800yrs old. Indeed, Tory has a T-shaped cross or Tau cross, the only one in Ireland, proving it had trading links with the Coptic Christians, now found in Egypt. So it has a long seafaring tradition.

Its isolation is also illustrated by the fact that the families on the Island are called Rodgers Meenan, Doogan or Doonan. Having survived so long on such a barren rock has made them a fiercely independent and hardy people. As I overheard an Island woman say to a stranger, "you could live here for 100 years and you wouldn't be a Tory Islander!"

Stewart Island has a police and fire station, fish factories and a long-established pub, while Tory has only recently acquired a "legal" pub, but has had a 24hr island-generated central electricity supply which took over from individual generators 10yrs ago.

Although Tory has no police, that would be an unwelcome interference with one of the main winter pastimes poitin (potcheen or moonshine) distilling, the place is very peaceful. Police or Gardai only come out to supervise the ballot box during elections, which are held on Tory two days ahead of the rest of the country for obvious weather reasons, or if the poitin exports to the mainland seem to threaten mainland distilling!

Unwittingly, Tory Island hosted some unwelcome guests during the last war, when Ireland was neutral. In the shelter of the steep cliffs at the back of the Island, a pack of German U-boats used it as a base from which to launch surprise attacks on Allied shipping in the North Atlantic.

Although Tory has a continuously manned lighthouse at its western tip, which also acts as a radio beacon for trans-Atlantic aircraft, several ships have still managed to crash into it. The last major collision took place in 1935 when the Wheatplain from the USA supplied the Island with corn and flour for many years. There a still a few "characters" who are up at dawn every day, scouring the beaches and rocks for any salvageable item, which can range from giant 10m diameter rubber bouys to the odd elephant.

There is a marked difference between houses on Tory and Stewart Island. On Tory they are built of stone with walls 1m thick and have slate roofs,

cemented down for weather security. Heating is traditionally by an open turf fire, although nowadays, anthracite (hard smokeless coal) is being burnt in ranges which also provide hot water and central heating, in some cases.

Indoor flush toilets are only now becoming common and each house has its own septic tank. Drinking water is still from the well and water for other purposes is collected in concrete tanks from the roof. A water supply was built a few years back but in winter this is salty, as the sea washes over the cliffs and thence into the lakes.

Cooking is done using bottled gas and the 24hr electricity supply has allowed people to have fridges and freezers for the first time.

Our phone system isn't as flexible and large as here, there are only 5 phones, the PO, the priest, the nurse, the shop and the lighthouse. The phones stop at 8.00pm and from 12-2.00pm on Sunday. However, nearly every home has a CE set to communicate with the boats at sea and with their friends on the mainland.

Fishing is the main summer occupation, along with a little farming. Salmon is caught by drift-net, lobsters by pot and crayfish and dogfish with tangle-nets. In the past dogfish was considered a menace and thrown away, but a market has opened and they're now on their way to extinction as they're so easy to catch.

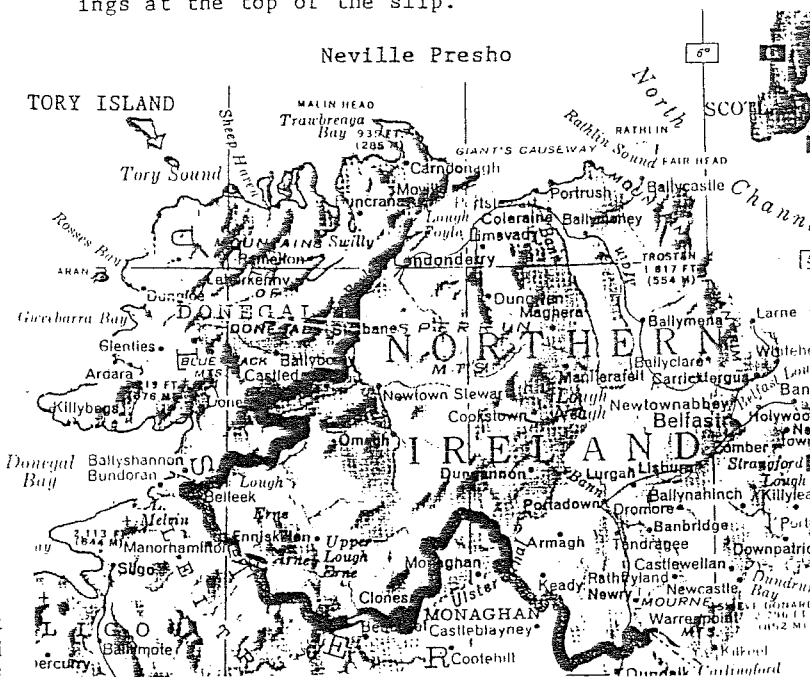
Large trawlers fish around Tory's shores for herring, mackerel, whiting and cod, but due to the lack of a proper harbour and the fact that the boats have to be hauled up, the Islanders cannot take part in this larger operation.

The Island Development Committee has achieved a few minor goals, such as a knitting factory, the water scheme and the mail boat service, but its main goal, to construct a proper harbour, has fallen on the deaf ears of successive Governments.

The Islanders have survived on this bare rock for hundreds of years, while other islands around the coast, far more accessible to the mainland and with their own supply of peat, have long since been abandoned. It is perhaps their strong sense of independence, self-reliance and tenacity that allows them to remain generation after generation.

Yet now, as they see their friends on the mainland get bigger and bigger boats, while they are restricted to small ones, the time may come when the attractions of mainland life may beckon them across Tory Sound, and a unique Irish-speaking Gaelic culture will be lost forever. The only thing that can save the Island for future generations will be a proper all-weather anchorage.

So, as you sit on Stewart Island on a rough windy day when the rain lashes down and the cold numbs the knuckles, look out at your boats bobbing in the safety of the coves of Stewart Island and spare a thought for the Tory Islanders, as they stand in the shelter of house gables during a storm, watching to see if the waves this time will lick at the boats and pull them from their lashings at the top of the slip.



Neville has some videos he produced with him, including one on Tory Island - we'll arrange a public showing - so watch the noticeboard!

From One Islander to Another

Recently I shifted to Stewart Island. Living on an island is not a new experience for me, as I have come from Dangar Island on the Hawkesbury River, Sydney.

Dangar Island has a population of about 50 people, who enjoy the relaxed life-style, with swimming and fishing.

Each day people caught the ferry across to Brooklyn and so on to work. I caught a ferry and also a bus to school, which was like this island one, as it had three classrooms too. There was only one shop, which sold bread, milk and drinks.

Stewart Island is much bigger and has some cars. Dangar Island has no cars, as there is not enough room for them. There are more school activities here and more equipment. The subjects we study here are different too. This week we have studied about Parliament and Law.

I notice the colder temperatures and look forward to swimming in the pool. The water around Dangar Island was not pleasant to swim in, as you got pelican lice, which makes you itchy, with red dots all over.

Arnia Whelan - Rml HMB School

Political Prattle



PAST POLITICS

Despite being one of the first parts of New Zealand settled by Europeans, Stewart Island was for many years, a political no-man's land.

Last century there was talk of having Island representation on the Otago then Southland Provincial Governments, but nothing came of it.

Joseph Ward seems to have been the first politician to take an interest in Island affairs, when he entered Parliament 100 years ago. He presumably had some influence in having the Stewart Island County Council created in 1892.

Did you know that Bob Semple, then Minister of Works visited the Island in early 1937? A few months later Council wrote to him expressing concern that there had been no sign of the "experts" who were coming to investigate an electrical supply for Stewart Island? Yes, our power scheme has been in the political arena for 50 years!

With a total of something like 400 votes on the Island I guess we can't expect much political clout, but it'll be interesting seeing just what has happened as we go through old papers and County records. - Sam

In 1887, Joseph Ward, the Mayor of Bluff, first entered Parliament, as Member for Awarua. He was later knighted and was twice Prime Minister. One hundred years later we will again have a new M.P. after the coming General Elections. Here is a personal profile from National Party Candidate, Jeff Grant, who was on the Island on June 10 and 11. Hopefully there will be profiles from the other candidates next month.

Jeff Grant - National Candidate

Congratulations on the first edition of Stewart Island News, and thank you for the opportunity to write for this first copy.

On leaving school at the end of 1975 I spent three and a half years working in different areas of New Zealand and Australia, either in farming or farm related occupations.

During the year of 1978 I completed a Diploma of Agriculture at Lincoln College. Late in 1979 I returned to Balfour to take up part-time farming and went shearing for three seasons.

In 1983 I bought a 380 acre farm, which I now work in partnership with my wife Julia. Last year we purchased an extra 70 acres.

Since my selection as National Party Candidate for Awarua I have been on the road travelling throughout the Electorate for three months, visiting various types of business communities and organisations which are directly or indirectly associated with Awarua and Southland Province.

This has been the most interesting and exciting period since my involvement in politics. "One massive learning curve" is the only way to explain it.

Wed 10 and Thur 11 June were spent visiting Stewart Island, which provided me with the opportunity for a break from the suit and tie brigade. It was also a chance to return to see the Island after 10 years. Thank you to all those people who made my stay so enjoyable, also to those

who taught me a new game of pool at the pub!

The only commitment I have made to the Island is that as the M.P. I would return to the Island on a regular basis, six times a year. I believe that the first priority of any MP is to serve the Electorate and its people. To do so, one has to get out and visit all the Electorate.

Many people have asked why, at 29 years of age, one would want to get involved in Politics. It was not my intention to get involved so soon, but as a taxpayer I have had enough of the amount in which Government is involved in our lives and at the large increase in the Welfare cost of this nation.

My basic philosophy is built around my personal perception that to create a strong and healthy society as a Government, we must provide a stable economy and more importantly a stable environment that promotes the family unit.

My impression on what is happening to New Zealand is that we are not providing this environment that gives the individual a desire or incentive to achieve.

I will be returning to Stewart Island at the end of July or early August for a couple of days but if you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to ring Invercargill 86-813.

Jeff Grant - National Candidate
Awarua Electorate

AS OTHERS SEE US.

I hope we receive more articles like these two, which compare us with other Islands. If you're visiting Stewart Island, why not write us an article and drop it in the SIN-BIN - include an address so we can post you a copy when its printed.

Quite a few articles on Stewart Island appear in overseas papers & magazines. If you have any, please let me know, so we can publish excerpts from them.



Southland Promotions Incorporated

Our congratulations to Stewart Island News on the commencement of your Community Newspaper.

This will be a great step forward toward a better informed community and an encouragement toward greater community participation in Island affairs. In order for this newspaper to succeed, every Islander is urged to support it both by reading it and by providing news and editorial comment.

At a time when Stewart Island is faced with "growth decisions", this newspaper will play a key part in both the airing and sharing of Community viewpoint. For this reason the development of this newspaper is very timely.

Good luck for future editions - You have our total support.

SOUTHLAND PROMOTIONS INCORPORATED.

CONTRIBUTORS WANTED

If SIN is to survive it needs help from the Island community.

WE NEED

- * Information on Club and other activities. No one knows what to say better than you do!
- * General interest articles on the history, natural history and Island day-to-day life.
- * Cartoons, sketches and comment to liven up our pages.
- * Visits from offshore trade and service people.

When we're installed in the Museum I hope we have a team to help with all aspects of paper production. If you can help, let me know - Sam

FIRST EDITION

This copy of STEWART ISLAND NEWS could be worth a mint [how about a MINTIE?] in 50 years time, but probably won't fetch a brass razoo! Never to worry - I'll sign copies [for a donation to the COMMUNITY COMPUTER fund] for those who want GST [God Sam's a Twit] added to increase the value.

Twenty autographed copies are being printed on special paper.

- * Ten go to those who helped the ORIGINAL SIN
- * Ten go to the Computer Fund's TOP-10 DONORS

The value of these as collectors items is beyond all calculation, so get the gorse out of your pocket and donate to the COMMUNITY COMPUTER

SUBSCRIPTIONS

National Candidate Jeff Grant set a precedent by enclosing a cheque for \$10 as a subscription to SIN, when he sent his copy for this issue. As the printing cost for this edition works out at a dollar a copy, this seems a realistic rate.

Advertising and sponsorship will hopefully bring this down, but in the meantime, expect:

SUBSCRIPTION - Island \$10
Posted in New Zealand \$15
Overseas \$10 plus postage

WE'LL CONFIRM NEXT ISSUE

A COMMUNITY COMPUTER

This copy was prepared on the REAP computer at Southland Community College, as there is no letter quality printer on the Island. One objective of SIN is to obtain a Community Computer for the Island to be housed at Rakiura Museum.

It would be used to produce this paper and to teach school pupils keyboard and other computer skills and would also be available for club use.

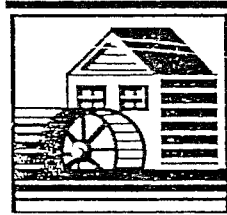
Several options are being investigated. Requirements are for a system that:

- * Is "User-friendly", so you needn't memorise vast numbers of "control codes"
- * Can produce a range of typestyles and sizes, including headlines, and show them "on-screen".
- * Has "desk-top publishing" software available at a reasonable price.
- * Has laser printers available in Invercargill, so layout can be done on the Island and a disc sent to town for high quality printing.

The only computer I've found so far that fits all criteria is the Apple McIntosh, which can be seen at "Computer Court" in Dee Street. It would cost \$8-9,000 depending on software options. We'll keep you posted. These samples show a few of the things it can do.

WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO DONATE
TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A
COMMUNITY COMPUTER?

If so, give an indication of how much
in the questionnaire with this issue!



THE WATERMILL

The Monthly Newsletter of THE WATERMILL Re

FEBRUARY 12, 1985

VOLUME XIII

Grand Opening of New WATERMILL in Rolling Hills, West Virginia

Rolling Hills, West Virginia will soon be the proud host to a new WATERMILL Restaurant, opening in March. A print ad campaign, offering a free coupon good for one glass of wine or a slice of our famous Chocolate Toffee Pie, will run for two weeks in local newspapers prior to the opening.

Take a valentine to
lunch or dinner!



THE WATERMILL
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Now Celebrating
25 Years of
Fine Dining

(See feature article, page 3)

WATERMILL Training Course

ISLAND PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

Consult Traill and Co. Ltd., re securing one of the following Summer Cottages:

GOLDEN BAY ROAD:

Old Cottage and Small Section, on rise and overlooking the Bay for £115.

Small Section and Hut, £65.

Beautiful Section with Superb View £65.

Section in same quarter for £20.

These are all near the township on Golden Bay Road.

Then in the bay square we have two nice cottages for £150 and £170.

On the rise near Mrs Kicks' boarding-house we have a cottage and furniture for £160.

An old four-roomed place for £150, a section for £55 and a good house for £250.

We have properties in all parts of the Island.

Consult as Early

Traill and Co. Ltd., Esk Street, Invercargill.

NOW COME ON DIANE & PHILLIP - MATCH THESE PRICES FROM THE "CHRONICLE" - Jan 1920

Real Estate

Great interest is presently being shown in Stewart Island Real Estate, with record sales in the last twelve months.

New owners of property are an even balance of local people and those who are just discovering our Island paradise - some from as far north as Auckland.

Consequently, our current set of listings is small, but offers excellent value. New listings are urgently needed - especially holiday homes of ALL types. Permanent residences, blocks of land and sections are also sought after.

Please phone us at HMB 44
or 391 144 from 22 July
[Toll free from In'gill area]

Diane & Phillip Smith
TODD REAL ESTATE AGENTS

* One only, attractive "A" frame holiday home - fully furnished on 1/2acre site - \$45,000

* One only, permanent residence, beautiful solid timber home set on 11.1ha (27acres) of native bush - \$95,000

* One Commercial Property - the Island's number one site for development of tourist accommodation. The original Ferndale Guest House site, which has been successfully operating as a Caravan Park since the fire.

* 12 sections, varying in type and locality, priced between \$3,500 & \$15,000

* 3 blocks of bush-clad land, priced between \$12,000 & \$30,000

ADVERTISING

Most newspapers rely on advertising for around 60% of their income. I'm not too keen to see SIN end up full of adverts as do some small papers. However we'll accept small ads such as:

- * BUY/SELL/SWAP
- * LOST & FOUND
- * LOCAL AGENTS ADVERTS
- * VISITING TRADES-FOLKS ADS

Charges will be \$1.00/column cm, which means it would cost Irene a buck for the following:

LOST - one husband, answers to name "Ronald George", last seen at S/S Hotel, finder please keep

Cheap isn't it?

As SIN is a community paper, advertising rates for clubs will be lower, and up to half page adverts for upcoming events will be accepted.



To all our friends on Stewart Island - congratulations on this publication, your very own Stewart Island News.

As a new venture, we trust that the community involvement is the same as our visit to the Island received - which brings me to say, "Thank you Stewart Island, for your hospitality and for supporting all those from the D.I.C., who travelled over and opened up shop in the County Hall".

We had a fantastic time in and out of our shop, and the question you will all be asking, "Are you coming back?" - The short answer is "YES", and through your Stewart Island News, we will keep you informed regarding when.

Once again, thank you and good luck with your new paper. - Ross McKenzie



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EVENTS CALENDER 1987

WINTER TIMETABLE

Effective: 1st May, 1987

Invercargill To Stewart Island

Flight No.	Days	Depart	Arrive
SJ 151	Mon. - Fri.	9.00 a.m.	9.20 a.m.
SJ 161	Mon. - Fri.	1.00 p.m.	1.20 p.m.
SJ 167	Mon. - Fri.	4.00 p.m.	4.20 p.m.

From 1st September SJ 171 replaces 167 Departing 5.00 p.m.

Stewart Island To Invercargill

Flight No.	Days	Depart	Arrive
SJ 152	Mon. - Fri.	9.30 a.m.	9.50 a.m.
SJ 162	Mon. - Fri.	1.30 p.m.	1.50 p.m.
SJ 168	Mon. - Fri.	4.30 p.m.	4.50 p.m.

From 1st September SJ 172 replaces 168 Departing 5.30 p.m.

Weekends Only

Depart Invercargill	Depart Stewart Island
SJ 153 10 a.m.	SJ 154 10.30 a.m.
SJ 161 1 p.m.	SJ 162 1.30 p.m.
SJ 167 4 p.m.	SJ 168 4.30 p.m.

Extra flights normally available for passenger convenience.

BUSINESS HOUSE HOURS

Anchor Merchants	9.00am-5.00pm W/E 10-12
Co-op Chandlery.	10.00-11.45am Mon-Sat 1.30-5.00pm Mon/Wed/Fri
Stewart Is. Travel	8.30am-5.00pm W/E 9.30-5
Post Office	9.00am-5.00pm
Exchange	6.00am-Midnight W/E 8am-10pm
County Office	9.00am-Noon [9-3pm 20-23 July]
South Sea Hotel Bar	11.00am-10pm
Lunch	Noon-1.00pm
Dinner	6.00pm-7.00pm
[Casuals book before 4.30pm]	
The Fernery	- Closed until August, but phone 75
Museum	- closed until August for display work

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

MON	OVFB 7.30pm Fire Practice
TUE	
WED	Library 2-3.00pm Darts 7.30pm Pub
THU	
FRI	Library 11.00am-Noon RSA Raffle 6.30pm Pub
SAT	
SUN	

SORRY FOLKS THERE'S LOTS LEFT OUT - THE EDITA LEFT
A BITTA PAPA AT HOME - HE NEEDS HELP
SEND IN THE TIMES WHEN YOU MEET
LET US KNOW WHAT EVENTS ARE COMING UP

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TIMETABLE FROM: 1st MARCH 1987

Bluff — Stewart Island

Monday
Wednesday Depart 9.00 a.m. arrive 11.15 a.m.
Friday

Stewart Island — Bluff

Monday
Wednesday Depart 2.00 p.m., arrive 4.15 p.m.
Friday

EVENTS DIARY FOR JULY

Thu 2:	S.I.Promotion Assn [Fire Stn] 8.00pm
Wed 15:	Council Meeting [Office] 7.30pm
Fri 17:	HMB School closes to Mon 27 [MID-TERM]
Mon 20:	County Office open to 3.00pm [PAY RATES] MALCOLM McNEIL CONCERT [SSH] 6.30pm
Sat 25:	PRE-CRAY CABARET [Hall] - see Noticebd.
Mon 27:	School reopens after mid-term break
Thu 30:	S.I.Lions [RSA] 6.30pm

Postscript!

WELL FOLKS, HERE IT IS! I'm stuffed, me hair's gone greyer, me shake are worse, but she'll be right. I'm looking forward to getting home, and having a pint [SPEIGHTS of course - advt] from me own pint-pot [GST model] at Fordley's. Just printing and folding to go - so off to the Printer who is;

ROBERTSON'S PLACE - INVERCARGILL

Printing was arranged by TAPROOTS PUBLISHING LTD, who have some very long-standing Island connections. There'll be a feature on them next issue!

