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Caution Live Wires

The new generators have now been load tested, and reticulation work is progressing to the stage where lines and cables are being live tested. From now on overhead wires and underground cables are likely to be enlivened at any time. The first areas to be connected will be from the Power Station at Hicks Rd to Horseshoe Bay, and to Halfmoon Bay.

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TREAT ALL LINES AND CABLES AS LIVE!

We have not had to consider the hazards of live power lines along the roadsides in the past. Main points to consider are:

* **KITE FLYING** - a kite string can conduct electricity from the wires to you, especially if it is wet.

* **BOAT MASTS** - making contact with live wires have caused many fatalities!

* **CRANE JIBS** - digging equipment, tip truck trays etc can also contact wires and make the whole vehicle live.

* **FALLING TREES** - that contact wires can also conduct power to ground.

In general, we must all now keep aware of the presence of those wires overhead, and of the lethal effect they can potentially provide.

With provision of 24 hour power just around the corner, we'll all find we are having to think about turning lights and appliances on and off at

the wall switch, rather than having them run full-time while the plant is running too. A bit of a change, to our life-style, eh!

With the activity of electricians round the village in recent weeks, it seems that most folks should be well on with having their house wiring checked, and upgraded where this is needed. Meters are being installed, but there are still formalities to be completed before they can be linked to your house wiring.

REMINDER Electricity Connections

A large number of Permits have been sent out to Electricians to enable them to do the necessary work on premises, so that they can be connected to the power supply. When your electrician has completed work on your property, will you please ask him to forward the completed permit to this office, so that inspection can be made and the job approved for connection.

-H C Slingsby
SIESA.

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Past News

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Times - Southland Times
News - Southland Daily News

10 Years Ago

From the 20th Annual Conference Fishermen Call For Survey Standard

The conference adopted a Stewart Island remit asking that all boats engaged in commercial fishing operations be required to be surveyed before being permitted to operate.

"We believe the reason for the cut off at 20ft when the existing regulations were drafted was that at that time vessels under 20ft were not venturing all over the ocean as they are today as registered fishing craft"

Times - 8 June 1978

Mystery Woman at Island

A strange tale has emerged from the remote areas of Stewart Island. It involves a middle-aged Japanese woman, who has been living in huts and caves in the remoter areas for the past five months. Stewart Islanders have known of the woman since she arrived on the Island about last November, and many have seen her.

Kei Agatsuma of Tokyo speaks little English, but from what communications have been possible, it is obvious she loves the island, "she never realised a place like this existed".

Times - 28 April 1978

"Kei to fly out of Invercargill today with her brother, who came to NZ to take her back to Japan".

Times - 9 May 1978

5 Years Ago

A Britten Norman Islander aircraft bought by Southern Air to replace its Nomad on the Stewart Island run arrived at Invercargill airport yesterday morning.

Times - 28 May 1983

Thirty five years at sea in Foveaux Strait, linking Bluff and Stewart Island has been rewarded with the Queen's Service Medal for public service, for Captain Ian Williams of Bluff, master of the ferry Wairua.

Times - 11 June 1983

Back Copies of SIN

Back copies of *Stewart Island News* will be reprinted as soon as we have our new systems in full operation, so all those who have requested and paid for back copies we are working on it.

Current News

Ordination of Airdry Dyson-Leask

Trinity Sunday, 29 May 1988, was a very important day for Mrs Airdry Dyson-Leask, as she was ordained into the priesthood in St Andrew's Anglican Church, Stewart Island.

The church was full as the Right Reverend Peter Mann, Bishop of Dunedin Diocese first confirmed Callum Learmonth as a full member of the Church.

After the Indroit Piu Jesu, by Tim Lloyd-Webber was sung, the Ordination continued. Bishop Peter Mann was assisted in taking the service by the Archdeacon of Southland, the Venerable Ken Light, Vicar of St John's, Invercargill, the Reverend David Winfield, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Invercargill, the Reverend Jeffrey Marsh, Vicar of All Saints Invercargill and the Reverend Cushla McMillan, Assistant Priest of St John's Invercargill.

Mrs Neta Rawle presented and spoke as a representative of the congregation for both Callum and Airdry during their respective services. During his sermon, Bishop Peter Mann said that this was a memorable ordination. It was the first held on Stewart Island, where services have been held for over 90 years. It was also the first where the new priest sang a solo at their own ordination.

The Reverend Airdry Dyson-Leask will be the first resident priest on Stewart Island since the mid-fifties. She is licenced to conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as taking regular services. She will be assistant to the Venerable Ken Light, Vicar of St John's and the Mission District of Stewart Island.

After the conclusion of the Ordination, all present attended a Pot Luck Tea in the RSA Hall. After the meal Mrs Lorraine Squires made a presentation on behalf of the Presbyterian Church and wished Airdry well.

The Reverend Airdry Dyson-Leask took the Early Communion Service at 8am on Monday morning. The ordination requires this be done within hours of the laying on of hands. A Parish breakfast was served afterwards, leaving the clergy free to return to Invercargill. A fog bank in Foveaux Strait altered the plans, so the *Acheron* took them back.

- Helen Bissland

Award for Bert Johnson

The RSA Hall was rocking nicely - not from the earthquake, but from the guests at Bert Johnson's merit award presentation. The Merit Award was made in recognition of Bert's long service with the local RSA and his involvement on the committee of that Association over many years.

The presentation was made by District President, Mr Hugh Keown of Gore. Eight RSA members and wives from Invercargill and Gore were entertained by local members. This was their second attempt at visiting the Island for the presentation for Bert. The first, when they were to have been joined by a group of Tasmanian RSL members, was foiled by the weather.

The sixty-odd guests at the Award Presentation for Bert Johnson included 28 Johnsons and near Family. During the evening Stewart Island Players presented a bracket of war-time songs, that was much appreciated by those present. A great time was had by all!

- Ted Rooney

Farewell Concert for Frank and Neta Rawle

Neta and Frank Rawle had no idea when they went to dinner at Lynley and Gerry Field's on Saturday 28 May that there was a surprise worthy of *It's Four Life* ahead of them.

Accompanied by fellow guests Airdry and John Leask, they were driven to the County Hall, somewhat puzzled by the numerous cars parked outside, surely more than necessary for the Stewart Island Players practice they expected to watch.

The Rawles walked into the Hall to see most Stewart Island residents on their feet, singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" - it took them some time to walk to their front row soft seats.

Mrs D Jenkin presented Neta and Frank with flowers, then Maestro of Ceremonies, Gwen Neave, welcomed them, expressing the wish that, like the *titi*, they return regularly to *Rakiura*.

The Stewart Island Lions Club performed *Swamp Lake*. The Corpse de Ballet, Ian Munro, Sam Sampson, Jason Eriksson and Wayne Frew danced together, memorable in white tulle, satin and full make-up. Solists Colin and Margaret Hopkins performed with elan and confidence, their mutual support climaxed with the Prince bodily bundled over the ballerina's back and hustled backstage.

The pupils of Halfmoon Bay School sang, recited and exercised under the supervision and guidance of Mrs Bonnie Selbie, Mr Peter Cox and Principal Barry Rhodes.

County Chairman, Mr Bruce Ford described the wide community interests the Rawles shared, their long involvement with the Anglican Church, School and Bragg's Store.

The Stewart Island Guides and Brownies sang the Farewell Song from *The Sound Of Music*, with appropriate actions, accompanied by Marion Lindsay.

Sam Sampson read a poem by Margaret Mahy, describing in detail sanitary problems experienced at her home in Governor's Bay, but very similar to some in Halfmoon Bay. The theme being if you didn't enjoy mud, smells, spiders and damp, please use your own lavatory, dunny or toilet, before visiting the author.

Messrs Merv Whipp, Lloyd Wilcox and Barry Rhodes led the audience in a bracket of sin-a-long favourites.

Mr Ted Jones shared his memories of Bragg's Store, and mentioned that with Neta's departure, it would be the first time in over 100 years there would not be a Bragg living on Stewart Island.

The Oban Volunteer Fire Brigade led by Fire Chief Lloyd Wilcox displayed their digital dexterity with *Flic* lighters, to be outgunned by Richard Langdon's fire extinguisher, explanation and example.

The children of the St Andrews Anglican Sunday School sang two spirituals.

Mrs Beryl Wilcox read a poem written by Mrs Daphne Goomes, especially for the occasion.

After a second sing-a-long bracket, the Stewart Island Players performed a mime prepared to recognise the role Mrs Rawle played in starting the Spring Flower Show in the 1940's and with Frank continuing to organise it until 1987.

Mesdames Ruth Eade and Susan Whaitiri manoeuvred a tractor tyre on to stage and filled it with "sand". A bashful Mervyn King obscured by a ponga was lifted into the tyre and adjusted to form a centre of interest. Botanically bushy Sam Sampson was used to fill out the background. Airdry and John Leask as Rose and Daffodil were cajoled into suitable places then Bruce Ford, clutching a bouquet of broom and gorse, was encouraged to shelter on one side.

Tom Learmonth, dressed as a magnificent Scott's Thistle, complete with kilt and a massive beret took his place and a drooping hydrangea, Gail Learmonth, was arranged decoratively over the tractor tyre.

The florists busily sprayed their arrangement, water for most, 2,4,5-T for the publican. All was ready - a regal figure walked forward - The Judge - Mrs Pat King. After suitable scrutiny the "Sand Saucer" was awarded First Prize.

Mr Mervyn Moodie outlined the advantages of living in Invercargill for the Rawles - no more cutting kindling, a garbage disposal unit and electricity at the flick of a switch.

Ex-staff of T.Bragg & Co, or as Neta said "Our Girls" sang a modified version of *The Quartermaster's Store*, while sitting on the seat usually on the shop verandah.

The Stewart Island Players sang a selection of songs from shows they have presented with Airdry Dyson-Leask as soloist.

Then Mr A S McDonald, a long-time friend of the Rawles, farewelled them and presented a cheque and painting to them. The water-colour painting of Bragg's Bay by Margaret Fairhall delighted them. As Neta said "Margaret knows how special that nugget in Bragg's Bay is to me. It's a delight to have this, as Margaret was working in our shop when she started painting."

Neta and Frank both spoke with feeling about the nostalgic memories the concert had aroused and how much they appreciated the hard work put in by many, particularly the organisers, Gwen Neave, Beryl Wilcox and Barry Rhodes.

A substantial supper was served, providing a chance for all present to say their own farewells.

Neta and Frank Rawle left Stewart Island on Thursday 2 June for their retirement home in Invercargill. Long may they be spared to enjoy their time and return to the Island.

- Helen Bissland

BRAGG'S Emporium

STEWART ISLAND

Visitors to Stewart Island will find in Bragg's Emporium a varied selection of goods, chosen with an eye to repairing any omissions in outfit or luggage, providing articles specially suited for an Island holiday.

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BRAGG'S Emporium

Half Moon Bay, Stewart Island.



Ross's Rumblings

There's not too much to rumble about in the column this month, except for the state of some vehicles
- GET THEM FIXED!

The search for Kerry Brown went well, even though the searchers didn't help things by not being where he was supposed to be - turning up at Abrahams Bay, about 12km from the search area. Many thanks to all the numerous persons involved, especially Kingsley Timpson and all the DOC staff. Thanks too for the food and gear DOC supplied and the use of their headquarters. Ron Tindal certainly knows when to go on holiday - in fact he thumbed his nose at me as he was walking to the Travel Centre the day that Brown went missing - hope you enjoyed your leave Ron.

To other non-DOC personnel like Bill Hamilton who skipped the DOC launch, Phil Smith and Paul Burrows, who got a wet behind after the helicopter pilot dumped them in the river when they were in the scoop net, to the Invercargill people - thanks very much - especially John Delury for his input.

On a lighter note, there were two of the DOC staff who I reckon didn't want to be found. They spent two nights in the scrub, resisting all efforts of helicopters and boats to get them back to civilisation - don't stand up Sandy and Fred!

To Fritz Jury and his mate - Fritz thought that being an advisor got him out of the walking part - Sorry Fritz.

Ivan Saunders was annoyed with me - we told them no shooting. The deer must have heard and were running circles around Ivan.

To Richard Mills the helicopter pilot - thanks Richard, it sure beats walking.

For those of you who are statistically minded, here are a few figures to play with:-

The search involved 30 personnel, took 7.2 hours in the helicopter and 22 hours of boat time. There was the charter of a Southern Air aircraft to get the searchers from Invercargill back there plus about 20 toll calls to various places like Auckland, to satisfy the next of kin that we were doing the right thing.

Personel time is voluntary, but I suppose it costs money depending on how much you think a person is worth - 606 man-hours were spent on the search.

On the other side of the coin, I received a thank you letter from Kerry Brown, with a donation enclosed - if you were at the de-brief you know what I mean.

Enough of the search. There have been a couple of dinghies get loose over the last two or three weeks, due to the weather conditions. Make sure your launch, boat, yacht, dinghy or whatever is properly secured please.

Til next time

- Ross Dymock

One Hundred Years Ago "A Guide to Southland"

Extracts from a guidebook published in 1888

- Compiled by Peggy Wilson

"Stewart Island is becoming a favourite resort for tourists, who are attracted by its healthfulness, its charming scenery, and the facilities for various health-giving recreations, as boating, yachting, sea-bathing, fishing, shooting and fern collecting. The place is now easily accessible from the Bluff, from which the P.S. Awarua starts every Monday morning after the arrival of the first train from Invercargill and steams direct to Halfmoon Bay. After landing passengers and cargo she proceeds some four miles further to Sydney Cove one of several safe harbours in Paterson Inlet. Here a supply of fish is quickly put on board from boats alongside and the steamer at once returns to the Bluff, calling again however at Halfmoon Bay for mail and passengers. The fare is moderate, a return ticket available for three weeks costing 7s-6d [75 cents].

At the head of Halfmoon Bay lies the township of Oban, boasting of a school (presided over by Mr Peterson), church, post office, lock-up, and several boarding houses. Either open boats or decked craft may be had on hire.

The only timber now cut on the island is sent from this bay and consists chiefly of red pine. Totara and white pine are however, also converted into timber. Some tinning of fish and oysters is carried out both at Horseshoe Bay and here, but not on a large scale. Two cutters, a yacht and many boats are owned by settlers, the cutter being employed in oystering and fishing.

The old settlers gave to this bay the name "Horse Shoe" while the adjoining one to the north was known as "Half Moon". On the Admiralty Chart the two names were transposed which led to some confusion, but gradually the names were adhered to that appear on the chart. The population of Halfmoon Bay is now about 160, all told, this being the chief centre of European population. The attendance at the school is about 35.

Next month "A Trip to Port Pegasus"

[At the time this was published one hundred years ago there was still quite a big community on the Neck. Saw milling had been going on for around 25 years, and fish canning for about 10 years. Population built higher when more sawmills were operating in the early 20th Century. Tourism was quite popular, and the Island was beginning to thrive]

- Sam

Playcentre Progress

Stewart Island Playcentre is springing its way into winter with afternoon sessions, beginning at 12.15 ending at 2.45, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have 14 children on the roll and we run a Toddlers session on Wednesday mornings.

Our sessions are run on a Group Supervision System, which entails having three Parents on duty each session. We have a high adult/child ratio and as most parents stay for the whole session, we have a lot of involvement and interaction between child and adult.

Three quarters of our Parents on the Island are involved in the Parent Education Programme, which begins at a Parent Helper level and continues to a National P.C. Certificate.

We consider our Parent Education Programme extremely important. It is part of Playcentre philosophy that Parents undertake this training, as it is from this and working with the children that we learn Child Development, Creative Play, Leadership and Communication Skills and areas which develop and extend our children. Congratulations to Fern Davis and Anna Watson who have recently completed workbooks.

We are planning an extension to the sandpit area at present. Ideas and designs are being carefully and enthusiastically discussed. A super team effort will produce a stimulating and constructive area that our children will gain much from.

A beneficial trip was made to Greymouth by six S.I.P.C. Parents last term for the annual Convention. Those who attended arrived home with ideas and activities which have been used in the centre with great success.

Playcentres 40th Conference was held last month in Wellington and was also attended by 3 Parents from the centre. The motivation and knowledge gained here was also extremely valuable.

Activities planned for the winter term include a visit to the P.O., family tree day, medical day, soup and bread making, circus, fireman and policeman theme, plus our regular session activities. Out of session workshops include Prepare Your Child For School, Using Milk Cartons Creatively, Viewing of Films relating to Child Development, Messy Play and Developing Manipulative Co-ordination.

Fundraising from Playcentre for Community Projects include donations to the School Pool and the Computer Fund. We have hosted a Make-Up evening and catered for the builders working on Mr and Mrs Rawles House as well as holding a Open Community Teddy Bears Picnic.

This year, Playcentres throughout New Zealand are to be the reception Centres for Telethon donations. Our centre will be open for this, dates and times to be arranged.

We welcome you, as part of our community to drop in and have a chat and a cup of tea, to brighten up these dreary winter days.

- Denise Schofield

Advice on Winter Flu

The viral flu' going around at present has symptoms of high temperature - fever - hot and cold shivers. It is important to stay indoors, keep warm and preferably go to bed. If temperature persists, phone your doctor or the nurse. Antibiotics are only given to combat secondary infection and do not cure the infection or flu'.

Honey and lemon drinks and steam inhalations are advised for the cough. Again, I urge you to stay indoors and prevent it from spreading.

- Rosalie Fisher
[District Nurse]

Southern Air Lines

Well, the year is nearly half over already - very shortly we'll have the shortest day, or longest night, whichever you prefer. Both Easter and Queen's Birthday were reasonably busy, with 330 passengers flying on Easter Tuesday. We have flown the Telethon team over, so this year Stewart Island will feature on the screen.

This year has certainly been different weather-wise. As a matter of interest, six gale-force winds blew during May. These are winds over 34 knots and according to statistics, only one usually blows in May. Another point of interest was low-cloud/drizzle type weather coming from the west and south-west over the past 18 months. You normally get these conditions with wind from the south-east.

Tell your friends and relations about the Southern Air Winter Fishing Special. Coming over for either a day trip or staying overnight, it's a really good deal.

During the winter we are going to paint-strip and refurbish FFL. The new "Bead-Blaster" makes the job a lot less tedious and smelly than chemical paint-stripper.

Capt Mike Ryan is enjoying his working holiday in Fiji, flying Islanders for Sunflower Air.

Well, I'll sign off now - "Over and Out"

- Flying Phil

A Surprise for Dulcie

Frank and Neta Rawle weren't the only Island Residents to have a surprise farewell from the Island during May. The weekend before their farewell concert a surprise party was held at Ian and Sue Munro's house for another long term Island resident.

Dulcie Whipp was brought up on Stewart Island and was one of Sister Swain's prize-winning St John's personnel. She was away from the Island serving with the Armed Forces, and became a staunch member of the RSA on her return, taking on the onerous job of Secretary to the Stewart Island Association for many years.

This was the role that many people will remember Dulcie by, as she was always to the forefront when RSA raffle tickets were sold at the South Sea on a Friday Night. Her lively banter certainly made parting with a dollar relatively painless. Weekends would find her firmly planted in the Pub kitchen, as cook - again the job was done most cheerfully.

We're bound to see heaps more of Dulcie as she visits us from her new home in town - in the meantime a small memento that was left out of last issue

- Sam

BASIN AWARD Nomination

It seems that Sue and Bruce's wedding and the days leading up to it were all a bit much for Dulcie. The night before the wedding Dulcie had had a few drinks and was a bit under the weather the next morning when she woke up. A pounding headache saw her groping around in the kitchen looking for some headache pills to relieve her condition.

The packet on the kitchen windowsill looked just the thing so Dulcie downed a few of the pills hoping for quick relief. However the cold light of day (and perhaps the twitching of her whiskers) brought the realization that she had actually taken some of the cat's hormone pills instead of aspro! Needless to say Dulcie was a bit ill that morning.

Nominated: Lions Ladies

OBITUARIES

Bruce Edward Skinner

On Anzac Day, 25 April, Stewart Island lost one of its more dynamic residents, through the sudden and untimely death of Bruce Skinner.

Bruce was just 52 years old. He was born in Christchurch and spent his early childhood there, attending Cathedral School. His family moved to Makarora, where they lived until Bruce's father was drowned in a tragic accident in 1951. Their next move was to Mosgiel, where Bruce received his secondary schooling at Mosgiel High.

On leaving school, he worked for the Department of Lands & Survey in Dunedin, before joining the staff of Geological Survey. In 1962 he married Jennifer Maginnis.

Bruce began crayfishing as a part-time job from Port Chalmers. This recreational interest in the sea and in particular diving, extended over 30 years. In 1971 he was awarded a Bronze Medal for Bravery by the Royal Humane Society, for his heroic rescue of a fellow diver who was attacked by a shark in Otago Harbour in 1968. Bruce and another friend had seen the attack from shore and had, without regard for their own safety, dived back into the water, heedless of the shark's continued presence.

Characteristically, Bruce never referred to his award, and many friends and acquaintances were unaware of its existence.

Bruce made several visits south to the Island before moving to settle here permanently in 1970. His consequent involvement in the local fishing industry extended to a deep allegiance to the Island's Fishermen's Association, of which he was an Executive member for many years and President at the time of his death.

He was largely instrumental in the establishment of the Paua Divers Co-operative and his commitment to the rights of fishermen and divers was formidable. He was always meticulous and tireless in his written and verbal battles with MAF and government bureaucrats on behalf of the southern fishing industry. Bruce was always concerned for the conservation of fish resources and highly articulate on behalf of his fellow fishers.

Bruce avidly devoured books. His literary and musical tastes were eclectic - he enjoyed sharing classical and modern music with his friends and would often debate the merits of new records, books, videos and films with informed enthusiasm. His memory was exceptional and aided his considerable debating skills.

Bruce's vitality will be sadly missed by the fishing fraternity and the Island community.

He is survived by his wife Jennifer and two children.

- Garry Neave & Jan Skinner

Ernest Samuel Nichol

A long association with Stewart Island was brought to an end with the death, in Invercargill, of Ernest Nichol on 28 May 1988. Born in Bluff in 1909, he was the grandson of Sam Nichol, owner of the *Chance*, a well-known whaleship that worked Stewart Island waters last century, skippered by a colourful character, Paddy Gilroy.

Ernie visited the Island with his father many times between the two World Wars. His love affair with Stewart Island resulted in him buying land and a crib in 1948. In that year he also bought the launch *Benghazi*, so he could enjoy the outdoor life of picnicking and fishing to the full.

In 1951/52 he built the house which formed the nucleus for Stewart Island Lodge when it was added to a few years ago. In 1957 he bought *Suranne*, a twin engined launch which was built and launched in Auckland. This vessel enabled him to extend his sea trips further afield and in it he made many trips to Pegasus and the West Coast Sounds.

Although he was never a permanent resident, Ernie made many close friends on Stewart Island on his frequent visits and will be missed by them, as well as by his immediate family.

- Sam Nichol

Ellen Lora Johnson

The death occurred recently of Mrs "Nella" Johnson in Invercargill, aged 81. Although she has not lived on the Island in recent years, she spent her entire childhood here, being a pupil of Halfmoon Bay School. She was Dux of the school in 1919 - the year when gold medals for Dux ceased to be awarded. Her father, Mr Robertson was County Clerk, and the family lived in a house on Kaipipi Rd, near Black Bridge.

She left the Island to further her education at the Southland Technical College, then went to work at Fairlight Station. She married Mr Wallie Johnson and had one son, Fred, who died at a football practice at the age of only 19 years.

Mrs Johnson retained her love for the Island, and around 1949 bought a house here, which she used as a holiday home for many years. This is now the home of Lyndsay and Lorraine Squires.

She is survived by her only brother W. Robertson, now of Bluff, who was for many years in business as a grocer on Stewart Island.

- Doug Baillie



DOC's Diagnosis

Hunting the elusive white-tail deer is nothing out of the ordinary for local hunters; shooting a red deer is more of a novelty. However the reverse is true for visiting hunters, for whom reds are nothing special. The whitetail

population on Stewart Island is one of only two in the country, the other being at Glenorchy. Stewart Island is known in hunting circles throughout New Zealand as being the place to hunt whitetails.

Although there is no defined hunting "season" as there is for game birds, hunters are keenest during autumn and early winter. This is the mating season or "rut" and stags in particular are in good condition. Receptionist Robyn Young has been kept busy during the last three months, dealing with enquiries from hunters, issuing permits and processing kill returns. With the main period of interest almost over, it looks like the number of hunters visiting the Island will increase from last year, although it is too early to get an exact figure. The roar was fairly quiet and despite good animal numbers very few good quality heads were taken out.

Some of the most popular hunting blocks include those on the south eastern coast, Abrahams Bosom, Kellys Beach, Shelter Point, Tikitatahi and Lords River. The Mason Bay blocks, Cavalier Creek and Martins Creek, were, and still are heavily booked. In the Inlet, Little Glory, Abrahams

Bay and Rakeahua were popular.

Only one hunter got himself geographically embarrassed this year, and Department of Conservation staff assisted the police in what turned out to be a major Search and Rescue operation. The hunter was found on the third day of the search, safe and well, but a bit hungry, after three nights in the bush. After his experience several hunters passing through the Information Centre assured us that they at least had a map!

The Education Centre at Horseshoe Bay has been well used over the past few months and DOC staff have been involved with trips to Ulva Island, seashore and bush studies and slide talks. School and Scout groups from Otago and Southland have visited, with some from as far afield as Timaru. The children and the parents who accompany them are almost always interested and DOC staff find themselves bombarded with questions.

The standard questions; "What's that plant called?" "What do paua eat?" "Can I eat some?" "Is it dead?" are answered without too many problems.

However, being asked by a nine year old, "How do birds mate?" came as a bit of a surprise. Not even the parents were willing to tackle that one.

Congratulations to Kingsey and Delwyn Timpson on the birth of Amanda, and to Terry and Cathy Morecraft on the birth of Rachael. Also to Robyn Young and Andy "Norris" Roberts, who will be come Mr & Mrs Roberts on 3rd December.

- Sandra King

Garden Circle

Mrs Jo Riksem was hostess to the May meeting.

Competitions for the month:

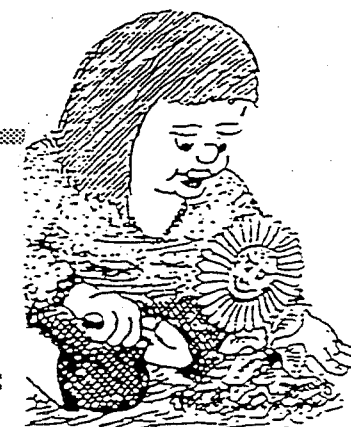
Brussel sprouts;	1st Mrs M.Tait
	2nd Mrs L.Slingsby
Branch of berries;	1st Mrs L.Slingsby
	2nd Mrs P.Wilson
	3rd Mrs D.Jenkin
Hostess competition was number of herbs won by;	Mrs P.Wilson.

A special meeting was held at Mrs Iris Tait's where Gordon Hodgson (Garden with Gordon) talked of his life and experiences with gardening. Mr Hodgson gave a lot of tips on why fertilisers are necessary and warned not to use too much as plants can only use a small amount and any extra only gets washed away.

June is time to:

- * Plant roses.
- * Gladioli should be stored in a dry place away from rats.
- * Ground should be dug over when dry enough and left to stand over winter. Fertilizer and lime can be added for vegetables.

June meeting will be at Mrs Joanne Firestone's.
Competitions - a flower
- piece of conifer.
Meeting second Thursday of the month. Phone 391-230



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Stewart Island News

Power to the People

Electricity Tariff Structure

[Note: all prices include GST]

The tariff structure has been divided into three categories - domestic, commercial and industrial. In each financial year, all consumers will be charged 44c/unit for the first 4,000 units. Those exceeding 4,000 units will pay the commercial rate of 38.5c/unit continuing up to 116,000 units. Any consumer using more than this will pay the industrial rate of 33c/unit.

Thus charges are:

Domestic	44c/unit up to 4,000 units
Commercial	38.5c/unit from 4,001 to 116,000 units
Industrial	33c/unit from 116,001 units upwards

The term *unit* means one kilowatt hour, which in turn means that 1,000 watts of electricity has been used for one hour, costing 44 cents. In other words, if you use a single bar heater, rated a 1,000 watts, [1KW] for one hour, it will cost you 44 cents.

To make it easy for everyone to understand, we print below a chart of **average power use** of some domestic appliances.

Appliance	Wattage	Time to use 1 unit
Blanket	80	12.5hrs
Clock	2	500hrs
Fan	60	16hrs 40min
Freezer	300	3hr 20min
Fridge	200	5hr
Heater [one bar]	1000	1hr
Iron	600	1hr 40min
Jug	1500	40min
Light [av room]	100	10hr
Mixer	100	10hr
Range plate	1800	33min
Television Set	200	5hrs
Toaster	600	1hr 40min

From this you can see that you can watch TV for 5 hours or watch an electric clock for 500 hrs, all for 44 cents. Or mix a cake [not concrete] for 10 hours. A refrigerator runs for 5 hours for 44 cents, costing 8.8 cents/hour [Note: fridge & freezer motors don't run full-time unless you've by-passed or thrown away the thermostat, so that cost is only for running time, which will depend on how often you open the door, and load up with new food.

When all is switched off, it is costing you nothing, but electricity will be available for instant use every second of the 24 hour day.

The More You Use, The CHEAPER It Gets

The more electricity that is used, the cheaper it becomes to produce, because the plant will then be operating to capacity. Every year, the Power Authority will review these charges, and as soon as consumption makes it possible, the cost per unit will be reduced. Furthermore, approximately 12 cents of the unit cost is to pay for loan finance, and when the day comes that the loans are paid off, the price of power will then come down by 12 cents a unit.

The Standing Charge

The Standing Charge of \$16.50 [inc GST] per month is towards writing off the high cost of supplying everybody with a free connection in the first instance. If we had put the system in, but left it to everybody to connect to the reticulation, supplying and fitting their own meter box and meter, it would have cost everybody at least \$500 to \$600 capital outlay. In some cases where the house is a long way back it has actually cost over \$2000 to supply service to them. In addition to supplying the service right up to the properties, the Authority is also responsible for restoring the supply if there is a failure. In other words, if the power fails, we have to restore it, and there is no charge to the consumer. It is a statutory obligation for a Power Authority to do this work. The charge also helps to cover the cost of meter reading, invoicing and accounting procedures.

All Power Authorities make a Standing Charge for these reasons, but in our case, the sum charged is a little higher (though not by much) as other Authorities do not provide free connections, meters, etc. This added around \$200,000 to the contract price, but it was felt better to introduce power by way of a free connection and recover the cost gradually by building it into the standing charge, thus getting the maximum number of consumers. This approach has proved successful and we have over 300 applicants for connection, which is rather more than was anticipated. As soon as possible, the standing charge will be reduced and it will be reviewed each year, along with the unit costs.

- H G Slingsby
Secretary
SIESA

[So there we have it folks, as the poet said "There's no such thing as a free lunch" - we'll be paying for our power and for our connections - but never to worry. The generators have been load tested and are quite, it and it seems the hook in to the transmission wires is close - here's hoping

- Sam]

Rakiura 2000 Incorporated

Rakiura 2000 is an incorporated society formed recently on Stewart Island.

This Society's aims are:-

- * To preserve the unique character and natural beauty of Stewart Island
- * To keep its members and others informed of developments affecting the Island.
- * To encourage its members and others to contribute to the future of the Island.
- * To ensure that all future developments are carefully and openly planned.

To be achieved by:-

- * Co-operating with Stewart Island County Council, the Department of Conservation, and Maori Land Owners, and other authorities.
- * Searching for and pooling information on topical issues.
- * Producing a society newsletter and holding regular meetings.

A communication gap exists between the planners, principally the SICC and the ratepayers. Rakiura 2000 will fill this gap!

Here's your chance to influence the future of Stewart Island, be it business development, rubbish disposal, sewerage, power, water reticulation, marine reserves etc. All residents and ratepayers will be sent an application form to join Rakiura 2000. Anyone interested in finding out more about Rakiura 2000 [inc] phone:

- Simon Marwick [Chairman]
Ph: [021] 391-169

A Sylvan Sacrifice

"How are the mighty fallen!"

The bluegum that stood so graceful and tall,
At the bend of the road, has fallen forever.
It's spreading arms cradled generations of birds over the years.

Every morning the sun would come up out of the sea
And fling jewels of gold into its branches.
At evening the western rays would light up its splendour.
Now it has gone forever; felled by the chainsaws of men
Who will replace it with a concrete electricity pole.
Cold and grey and unlovable, that will carry power
To the homes above it. The people wanted power
To eliminate the need for the candles and lamps and generators of old.

The people wanted power; and power they will have;
But nothing will compensate for the loss of the king of bluegums

Which stood so proudly at the bend of the road.
"How, indeed, are the mighty fallen!"

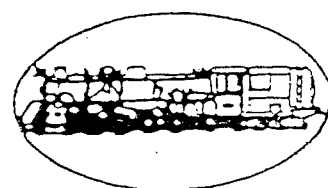
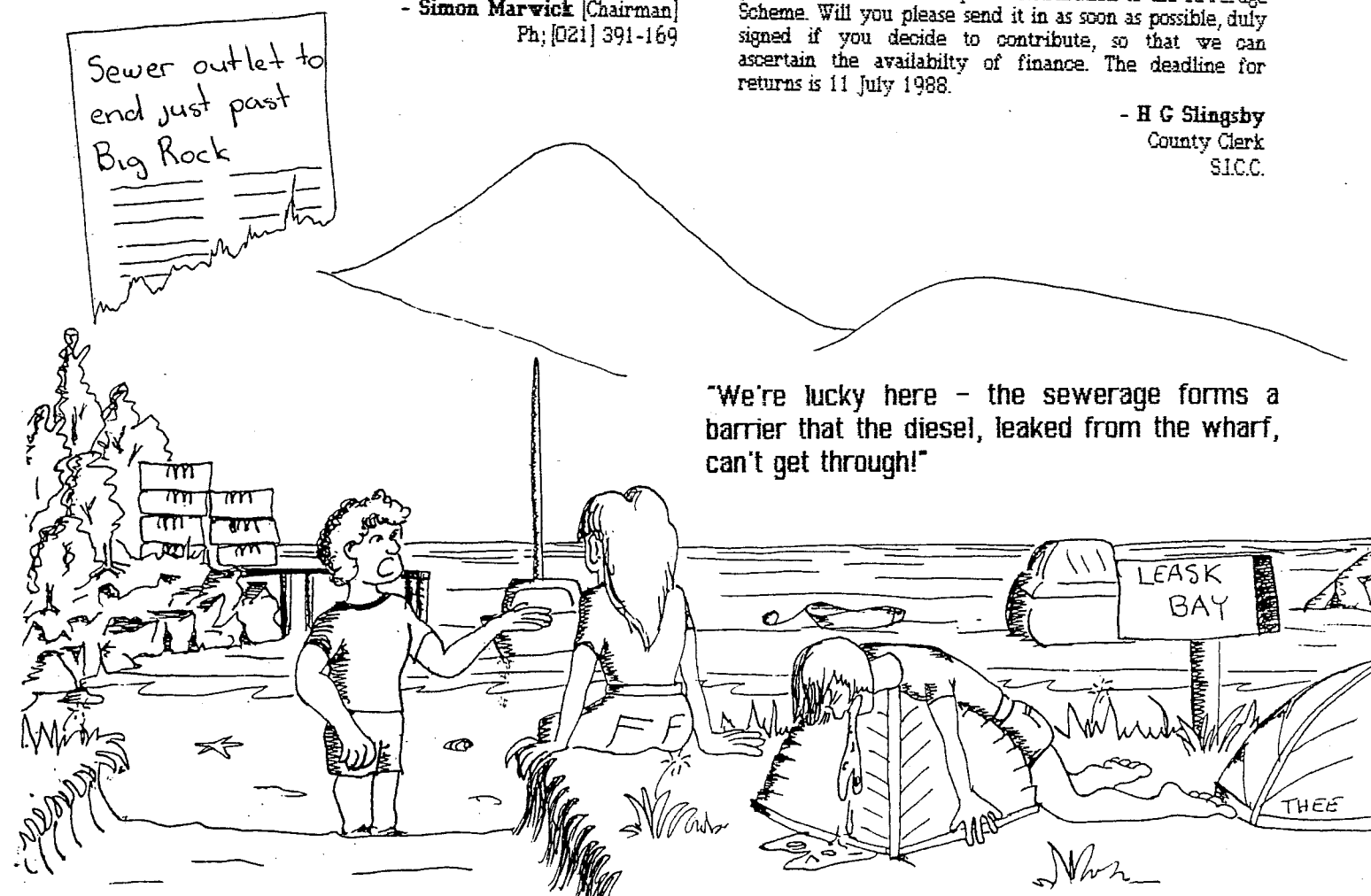
- Daphne Goomes
15 June 1988

REMINDER

Capital Contributions to Sewerage Scheme

If you are one of the residents in the Oban Urban Drainage Area, you will have received an official form to sign if you intend to make a Capital Contribution to the Sewerage Scheme. Will you please send it in as soon as possible, duly signed if you decide to contribute, so that we can ascertain the availability of finance. The deadline for returns is 11 July 1988.

- H G Slingsby
County Clerk
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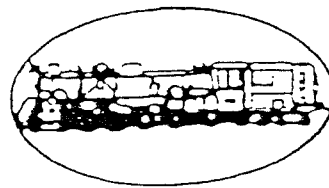
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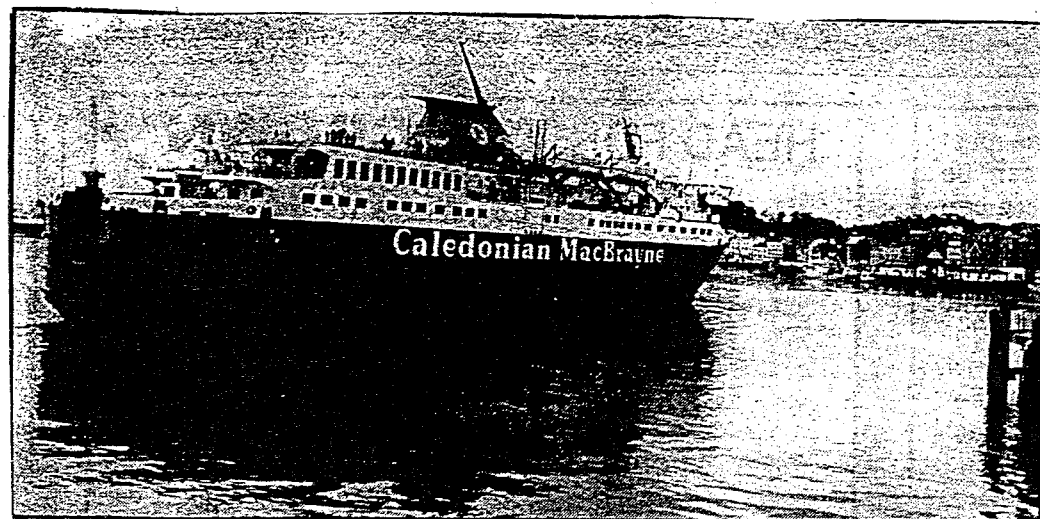
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New Car Ferry Steams into Oban



No folks, although the headline is true, this 80 vehicle, 1000 passenger roll-on-roll-off vessel didn't steam into the Bay when no-one was watching. It is here entering the Scots town of Oban that our township is named after. It entered service in March and is used on the trip from Oban, across the Lynn of Lorn to the Isle of Mull. Incidentally, just off Mull are the islands Iona and Ulva - two other names very familiar to Stewart Islanders.

The photo is from an April copy of *The Oban Times*. A copy of this major daily paper that services the Western Highlands of Scotland, was brought back by Stephen Hamilton, who thought we may be interested.

Some other headlines also seemed a little close to home.

Oban's Animal Farm

This could well have referred to the spate of scuffles that have occurred recently in the South Sea Hotel, but was in fact an article on Oban's Rare Breeds Park with its unusual breeds of sheep, cattle, pigs and poultry.

Many thanks Stephen. Some information on places like Iona and Ulva that's in a supplement to the paper, will appear in future issues of *SIN*, and we'll keep in touch with *The Oban Times*.

- Sam

SIN in Canada

I was rather surprised to receive a letter from a Canadian newspaper the other day, who had heard about *Stewart Island News* over Canadian Broadcasting Radio. The paper, *Savary Island News* is also known locally as *SIN*, so they felt obliged to make contact.

Savary Island is a low sandy island, 9km long by 2km wide, in Queen Charlotte Sound, between Vancouver Island and the mainland of Canada. Like us, the Island has no power, and *Savary Island News* is produced on a battery-operated laptop computer, and printed on a hand-cranked Gestetener. They have a circulation of around 150 copies, many of which go to owners of holiday homes living offshore.

The copy of their *SIN* which they sent included articles on a farewell for a long-term resident, a fundraising drive for money for a new Fire Station, and many snippets, which read just like home. Life on Savary seems like it wouldn't be too different to life here. All those Stewart Islanders who like their Saturday papers and Sunday bread to arrive dead on time may find life a little difficult though. On Savary, they get fresh bread on Wednesdays only and fresh milk on Fridays only - it's a few years since we were restricted to that, eh!

I've written to *Savary Island News* and sent a copy of our *SIN*, so we'll be keeping in touch with Canada too. I'll also be getting in touch with the paper on Chatham Island. If anyone else comes across other papers with similar links to Stewart Island, I'd be very pleased to see them.

- Sam

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Coaltown Blues

The County Hall's "portable" staging has been heaved and humped, cursed and capoled. It's been stacked in corners and thrown outside, upended for use as bars, but until Monday 23 May it was never, despite its colour, a coalmine.

Assisted by Garry Neave, visiting performer Mervyn Thompson used the staging to create a set on the Hall floor for his performance of "Coaltown Blues". Normal procedures were reversed, with the audience on stage.

Mervyn wrote the script for this one-man show himself. It is the history of the decline of a small West Coast coalmining town, hit by the 1930's Depression, war, the disputes of 1951 and the final winding down of the whole industry. Much of it is, in effect the story of his childhood years, as this was the life he grew up in.

During the non-stop hour and a half he was performing Mervyn's changes of character were at times almost bewilderingly rapid. All at once he was half a class of kids and the teacher as well. Next his staunch union father

berating his compassionate wife. Then he'd become a political commentator passing on NZ history in a wry manner that often brought a laugh.

Couple this with the sheer physical energy he expended during the performance, and it was surprising he was in a fit condition to talk, let alone sing later in the evening once the show was over.

Kay Arnold, his accompanist tickled the Hall piano along with the music that possibly suits its best - that of the jazz and honky-tonk era. Lighting technician Sally had an easy time of it, with only a couple of spots to worry about - not the full battery of lights used for the show on the mainland. Apart from a few signs and a chair the props were limited to a wooden crate, which took the place of a coal skip. Southern Air has some odd loads at times, but the real-life skip used on the tour just wouldn't fit.

All in all the 25 folk who braved a chilly night to see the performance were treated to a display of versatility and ingenuity in staging and in acting - a good night out.

- Sam

Sam Says



Now we have finally reached *SIN* No: 7, I'm beginning to wonder if the Seven Deadly Sins may be those first issues, rather than greed, gluttony and all the rest. What with going to town to produce the first issues, power glitches at inappropriate times on the Big Glory computer,

missing the boat when it shifted to the barge and finally using five different computers, with three different operating systems and several different programmes, I began to wonder if it was all worth the candle. For those interested in computers there'll be an article "Computing by Candlelight" in the July issue of "Bits & Bytes" that tells the story of the saga of *SIN* with computers, in the July issue of "Bits & Bytes" magazine.

Finally there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel - once those misbegotten power-poles are doing something aside from being decorative. The desktop publishing software we are using on the school's new Laser 128 computer does the job well. Print quality is much better

than we had in recent issues, and the "Edita" is feeling a little less dotty too.

The computer population of the community is expanding by leaps and bounds. Shortly, hopefully even more people will be able to come to terms with these beasts and become involved in aspects of production of this little paper. As I've said from the start, I want to see it become a true community newspaper. With luck, and a lot of hard work, we'll soon appear on a more regular basis.

In the meantime, thanks to all who have supported *SIN* to date, a big thanks to those who have contributed material - especially to those whose previews became reviews, or totally irrelevant because deadline dates had well and truly disappeared.

A big thanks to Big Glory, Joe Cave, Peter Tait, Fordley, and Fox who provided computers or the power to drive them. Once the umbilical cord from the school to the pub can be cut for the nightshift, all should be well.

Finally thanks to Barry Rhodes and the Halfmoon Bay School Committee for allowing use of the new computer for work on the paper. Before long the kids will be learning new skills helping to produce it.

The past year has been a bit of a battle, but it has been worth it.

Cheers

- Sam



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BABIES.

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Mandy & Paul Burrows, a son, Dale.
Cathy & Terry Morecraft, a daughter, Rachel.
Fiona & Joe King, a daughter, Lea.
Jeanette & Murray Ford, a daughter, Nicole
John & Debbie Barry, a daughter, Lea

MARRIAGES.

Bruce Ford married Sue Thomson
Douglas Johnson married Sherie Gill.
John Parry married Shirleen Hopkins.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Janene Hamilton to Kelvin Lewis.
Debra Jones to Brian Davies.
Robyn Young to Andy Roberts.

NEW ARRIVALS

Ex-Southlander, Peter Taylor has returned to the fold from Nelson, with his wife Marilyn, and son Nathan. We'll undoubtedly someday meet daughter Kerry, who's stayed on at Waimea College in Nelson, and eldest son Paul, who's in "Oz". Welcome to the Island folks, and keep that power flowing out the taps or wherever, Peter.

Welcome too to the "Cave Corp Crew", Scott Pringle, Tom White and, sorry Warren, I don't know your surname.

BEEN THERE DONE THAT'S

On reading the Southland Times of OCTOBER 10 1935 the following item appeared in the STEWART ISLAND NEWS column about the comings and goings of Stewart Islanders and their visitors.

(From our correspondent)

"Mr E.Sinclair, health inspector, is paying a business visit to the Island and is staying at Ferndale House.

The Rev. J.Johnston, of Dipton, is staying at Ferndale House.

Mrs H.A.Prinz and Mrs Martin, of Orepuki, returned home last week after spending a holiday with Mrs C.Thompson.

Mrs H.Pollock has been spending a fortnight on the mainland and returned home last Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs A.Martin arrived on Wednesday and are staying with Mr Martin's sister Mrs Nicholaysen. Mr Martin is stationmaster at Waiwera.

Mr Daniels of Invercargill, is staying at Oban House.

Mrs H.Squires is paying a visit to her mother, Mrs Hansen of Oban House.

Mr Grey, of Invercargill, is spending a holiday at Pegasus with Mr W.Thompson.

Messrs J.Hawkins and T.Hardwick are still inmates of the Invercargill hospital."

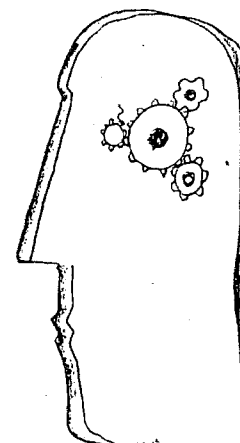
It seems that the comings and goings of the Stewart Island population is not worthy of newspaper mention these days but a quick summary of those who have travelled overseas from the Island in the past 18 months indicates that the Island boasts a very mobile population.

Susanna Gorrie	Germany
John Gorrie	Canada
Euan Bethune	Vanuatu
Simon Marwick	Canada, Norway, Scotland
Stu Bain	Australia
Bob Markam	England
Jim Bissland	England
Helen Bissland	U.S.A.
Sandra Brand	England
Arianne Brinkman	Holland
Joe Cave	Japan, Tasmania
Paul & Mandy Burrows	Dallas
Paul Burrows	Tasmania
Jim Colyer	Canada
Ron Cushen	Canada, U.S.A.
June Cushen	Hawaii
Owen & Judy Eriksson	Rarotonga
Joanne Firestone	U.S.A.
Jeremy Foley	Germany
Ivan Gorton	Norfolk Is., Australia
Isabel Gray	Australia
Doug Griffith	U.S.A.
Bruce Ford	Canada
Bruce & Sue Ford	Singapore
Colin & Margaret Hopkins	Hong Kong, Singapore
Bid & Ernie Hopkins	Hawaii
Joe & Fiona King	Australia
Dick & Jill Langdon	Norfolk
John & Airdry Leask	Australia
Ian & Sue Munro	Canada
Colin Neighbours	France, Europe
Shirley Newton & family	Australia
Linda Neave & Nathan	Australia
Alvin Holt	Australia
Jan Skinner	Australia
Michael Squires	U.S.A.
Joanna Scammell	Australia
Dulcie Whipp	England
Carolyn & Russell Squires	Norfolk, Australia
Storm Stanley & Heather	Norfolk
Don & Kathy Walker	U.S.A.
Alan & Joy Duston	Fiji
Bert & Anne Walker	Canada
Ann & Allan Watson	Australia
Andrew Hamilton	Australia
Jason Munro	Taiwan
Megan Jones	Australia
Gareth Hamilton	Australia
Tony Dennis	North Africa

There may even be others who have slipped away undetected!

- Margaret Hopkins

Laser-128 Computer at HMB School



Thanks to the generosity and the support of the community this school has purchased the first of three computers. This is a Laser 128 with a colour monitor, a Star printer and also a modem. The second

computer is on order and will be arriving any day now. It is to be an Apple computer with a monochrome screen. Computer number three will be another Laser 128 and will be ordered when the last of the finance becomes available.

The computers will be mostly used in school

for word processing and each child will have their own disk in order to save their stories for future reference. The benefits in having this facility are great as if any child wishes to alter, insert, delete or re-order any part of their work they can simply retrieve the story and edit it again. To do this by the pencil and paper method means often means children don't rethink their efforts through but simply hand it in. The computers will certainly not replace writing in the traditional manner but will add variety to the children's language programme.

We intend to hold familiarisation sessions for parents and other interested people in the community when all three computers are up and running as many people have expressed an interest in finding out what computers are capable of doing.

- Barry Rhodes

Telethon '88

As part of the television pre-recording of segments from all the "satellite" areas involved in this year's Telethon, a television crew and Telethon co-ordinator for Southland, Mr Bill Paskell, arrived on Saturday 11 June.

This Telethon is noteworthy in that it is the first time that officialdom has recognised and promoted the notion that our Island is a part of N Z - the activities and reports are being advertised as from Cape Reinga to Stewart Island.

The SI Telethon programme owed much to the courtesy fares and hosting from Southern Air and the South Sea Hotel. Often such events would never eventuate without their willing help to promote the Island and its community.

The TV crew had Playschool presenter Kristen Gillespie with them, and she enthusiastically joined in with all the planned activities.

Firstly, the Playcentre had planned a "painting faces" session at the S/S Hotel on Saturday at 5.30pm. There were many original designs, and Kristen sported zig-zags, stars, and multi-hues, having been decorated by the children. Following this a raffle was held in the Public Bar. Joe Cave of SI Salmon had generously presented a salmon, which raised just on \$100 for Telethon. As it happened, the winning number was held by the TV cameraman, who was ecstatic at his win.

The following day, Sunday 12, began early [according to the parents, who were hoping for a sleep in]. Most of the school children and

many adults were on the HMB beach at 9am, shaping out the words "Stewart Island", with each person linked together by green and gold crepe paper [school colours]. This was filmed aerially, for maximum effect.

Next came the serious activity of the day - the Great Stewart Island Dinghy Race. Invitations had been previously sent out to the participants who represented DOC, SIFCo-op, NZ Salmon, Cave Corp, SI Salmon, SI Lions Club, Playschool [rowed by Big Ted]. Racing from the HMB beach, the teams rowed out to a marker beacon and returned. Competition was fierce, excitement was rife and broken oars a feature. [Maori cunning was seen at its best], but the race winners were SI Salmon with Joe Cave and Phillip Smith at the helm. Naturally enough, Joe had many "scientific" theories as to the win, but was not so keen on the accompanying stomach cramps.

Then the Brownies and Guides gathered on the foreshore, making paua shell displays and fern arrangements, followed by the Cubs who diligently worked "Bob-a-Jobbing" by cleaning crayfish pots and buoys. The only event to mar the weekend fun was when it was discovered by the local constabulary "Roving Ross", that Kristen didn't possess a SI Passport. After the threat of arrest and the resultant handcuffs, she willingly purchased one, along with many other souvenirs to remind her of her Island excursion.

This Telethon Report was screened on Saturday 18 June at 6.40pm on Channel 2.

- Beryl Wilcox

Regular Events

Daily Mon-Fri
Jazzaerobic Class - 9.30am [RSA]

Monday
Aerobic Class - 6-7pm [RSA]
OVFB Practice - 7pm
Every 2nd Monday
ITC Meeting - 7.45pm [School]

Tuesday
Playcentre - 9.15-Noon
Bible Study - 10am [Ph:391-199]
Busy Bees - 3.15pm Presbyterian S/S
Last Tuesday
SI Lions Club - 6pm [RSA]

Wednesday
Playgroup - 9.30-Noon [Playcentre]
Library - 2-3pm
Keas - 3.15pm [Traill Park Hall]
Brownies - 3.15pm [St Andrews S/S]
Guides - 3.15pm [Dianne Smith's]
Darts - 8pm [Pub]
3rd Wednesday
SIOC Meeting - 7.30pm

Thursday
Playcentre - 9.15-Noon
Cubs - 3.15pm [Traill Hall]
Aerobic Class - 6-7pm [RSA]
1st Thursday
CWI - 2pm [RSA]
SI Promotion Assn - 8pm [OVFB]
2nd Thursday
Garden Circle [Ph: 391-020]
4th Thursday
APW - 2pm [Ph: 391-230]

Friday
Library - 11am-noon
RSA Raffle - 6pm [Pub]

Saturday
Prayer Circle - 1pm [Ph: 391-199]
Netball - 2pm [School]

Sunday
Oban Presbyterian Church - 10.30am
2nd & 4th Sunday
St Andrew's Anglican Church - 10.30am

Coming Attractions

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Weekend 18/19 June
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Weekend 25/26 June
TELETHON
Thanks to those who helped with the pre-filming for this. It seems there may be more to come on the day.

Weekend 9 July
"BLESS 'EM ALL"
Stewart Island Players show for 1988
[See Noticeboard for details]

Wed 13 to Fri 15 July
HMB School
LANGUAGE & READING PROGRAMME
[See Noticeboard for details]

15/16 July
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23/24 July
MACHINE KNITTING COURSE
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Departures

It is always pleasing to see new people arrive on Stewart Island, but not such a joy to see good friends depart, and we've had a few farewells in recent months.

Barry & Lynne McLure

Barry & Lynne have now parted for warmer climes - after a somewhat premature send-off by an earlier issue of SIN. They are now in Marlborough, where Barry is working for Regal Salmon. He is fortunate that his work entails the firm sending him back to the Island to spy on the obvious superiority of Island farming techniques, so despite the distance we should still see quite a bit of him.

Ken & Rene Boniface

It was a great day for music lovers on the Island when Ken and Rene arrived here to stay. Having spent many years practicing on the Civic Theatre organ in Christchurch, plus running his own radio show on 3ZB, Ken finally felt he had reached the level of proficiency where he could come south. It wasn't long before the organ in the Lounge Bar of the South Sea Hotel was producing sounds it never thought possible. Friday night sing-a-longs were a joy for many patrons.

Ken developing throat cancer was a sad blow to their plans for a new life on the Island. Despite heroic battling, Ken and Rene have been forced to shift to Riverton, so Ken can be nearer medical treatment.

Fortunately Riverton is close to home, so hopefully we will still see Ken and Rene regularly. Here's wishing you luck in your new life across the water.

One of Ken's great attributes was his ability to tackle the Hall piano, getting life out of the Stewart Island Players voices that they hardly knew existed. His playing of either piano or organ for rehearsals and shows, was a great help to the cast.

We are all hoping that Ken will be back few weeks to play the organ for:-

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Business House Hours

Anchor Merchants

9.00am-5.30pm Mon-Fri
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10.00am-11.45am Mon-Sat
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Post Office

9.00am-1.00pm Mon-Fri
2.00pm-5.00pm

Rakiura Riders

10.00am-5.00pm Most Days
[Phone: 391-011 if closed]

Stewart Island Travel

8.30am-5.00pm Mon-Fri
9.30am-5.00pm Sat/Sun

SI County Office

9.00am-Noon Mon-Fri
1.00pm-3.00pm

South Sea Hotel

Bar 11.00am-10.00pm Mon-Thu
11.00am-11.00pm Fri/Sat
Lunch Noon-1.00pm Daily
Dinner 6.00pm-7.00pm
[Casuals must book before 4.30pm]

The Fernery

closed until August Holidays

Kraft-Korner

10.30am Wed 2.30pm Sat

Rakiura Museum

By appointment - Phone:
Mrs T Kershaw 391-458
Mrs M Hopkins 391-126
Mrs N Schofield 391-340
Mr W Fisher 391-099

Stewart Island Library

2.00pm-3.00pm Wed
11.00am-Noon Fri

DOC Information Centre

8.00am-4.30pm Mon-Fri
[A/H see notice on door for Duty Officer's phone no.]

DISTRICT NURSE CLINIC

10.30am-Noon Mon-Fri
[Phone: 391-098]

POLICE - Ph: 391-020

Southern Air Ltd

Box 860 INVERCARGILL Ph [021] 89-129

WINTER TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

Invercargill	Stewart Is	Invercargill
Dep	Arr	Dep
9.00	9.20am	9.30
1.00	1.20am	1.30
4.00	4.20am	4.30

Saturday/Sunday

10.00	10.20am	10.30
1.00	1.20am	1.30
4.00	4.20am	4.30

Reporting Times:

Invercargill Airport - 30min before flight
Stewart Island Travel - 40min before flight

EMERGENCIES

DIAL

"111"

Stewart Island Charter Service

Box 24 Halfmoon Bay Stewart Island
Phone [021] 37-8376 - Bluff

Winter Timetable

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Bluff	Stewart Island	Bluff
Dep	Arr	Dep
9.00	11.15am	1.30

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