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THE MASTREAD by Jeanne Ferris, Co-Editor

Well, 1984 is over and Big Brother didn't smoop into my affairs. I know, because he would have sent me a nice little computer so we could feed the words of the BARKLEY SOUNDER through a processor.

Our Christmas supply of pickled herring didn't quite make it to the New Year. It was too delicious. We used the recipe from Jimmy Scott (on Page 5 of the BAMFIELD BUFFET), and we also used herring provided for us by Jimmy and Eileen. Jimmy was in the hospital in Victoria until shortly before Christmas, but they let him out on a four-hour pass one Saturday. He extended it to seven hours, which was long enough for him and Eileen to go down to the docks in Victoria and pick up six buckets of herring, take them home and clean and salt them down, so they'd be ready for pickling come Christmas. Then Jimmy trundled back into the hospital (where they wouldn't let him clean fish in his room!) Jimmy and Eilean have got the kind of spirit it takes to enjoy living out here. Thank you

for the herring!

I would also like to say "thank you" to Rev. Vern McEachern, who cleaned up the Potting Shed kiln room for us. A mink or an otter or ten rats or a hundred mice had come in through the plastic window and

set up housekeeping.

Ida and Leslie and I were nearly knocked out by the stench, and while we were trying to co-ordinate mops and buckets and a garden hose and intestinal fortitude, Vern braved the muck and went in and cleaned up the mess for us. He also boarded up the window, to prevent further occupation. Thank

you, Vern!

The New Year's Dance was completely sold out, as usual. Every
one of the Community Hall's 120
chairs was occupied by someone
enjoying roast beef with all the
trimmings. It was a real treat to
see folks I'm accustomed to seeing
in dripping raingear with mud on
the boots, seaweed on the cuffs and
maybe a fish scale or two caught
in the eyebrows all dressed up in
elegant evening dresses and threepiece suits (counting the necktie).

MASTREAD (continued)

Taking tickets at the door, I felt like a bus had pulled in from Victoria. Not very likely, when you remember that the road was open in one lane only in some places and was very icy (more on the downhill than the uphill, I'm told). There were a few brave souls who braved the weather just to be here for the New Year, including one who came all the way from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A. to Bamfield, Florida, Canada.

All the very best to you and yours in 1985!

NOTICE

The January Community Affairs Meeting will be held on

Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30. There will be a visitor form the Alberni-Clayoquot Development Society, Mr. John Olsen. See you there!

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Thank you to linda Haylock, our cover artist for this first issue of 1985. I especially like the Old Year, heading off to do the West Coast Trail after 366 days of hard work.

IN MY OPINION by James Ferris, Co-Editor

Sitting here looking out of the window at the snow, I am struck by the fact that the snow is still white, even though nine days old. We are fortunate, indeed, to have the clean air that we enjoy. I have lived where the snow seemed to turn black on the way dawn.

The cold snap seemed unusual to me, but one of the old timers tells me that it really has been cold here in the pest. It was so cold one winter that the inlet froze and the ice was covered with fish. I gather that the fish jumped and the water froze before they came back down.

That is cold, but I remember one winter when conversations held outdoors were not heard until Spring. That was when the words thawed out.

The problem with a column like this one is the lack of things to say that are not controversial. I can rhapsodise about the beauty of Nature and the joy of living but that becomes quickly boring. There are so many things that appear wrong that it is natural to write about them. The Auditor General's Annual Report would make a grown man cry. And yet nothing seems to change. The same abuses continue year after year.

Our Prime Minister, after waxing poetic about the horrors of the previous government's patronage appointments, boldly makes a bunch of his own and seems to see nothing wrong in it. It appears, in terms of government morality, that it is only wrong if someone else does it.

On a level that is real, the \$12,000 that it cost us to fly a cabinet Minister to Florida for a four-hour talk with the Prime Minister would give a person at the poverty level \$1,000 a month for 12 months, enough to be able to live at a decent standard. That would not increase our government's expenses by a single penny, and de good where good needs to be done.

Perc's are one thing, and go with the job, but blatant waste

OPINION (continued)

and extravagance are inexcusable when deficits are enormous and basic services are being curtailed. As the cynics would say, "So what else is new?"

I am trying to find the difference between "using" and "exploiting". When I cut a tree for firewood, I am using it. When I cut it down to sell to someone else, I am exploiting it. Does that make sense to you?

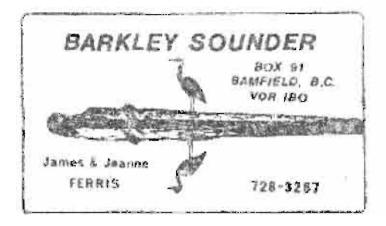
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PLP Provincial Emergency Programme

by

Fred Welland

This months article is concerned with tidal waves, their nature, the warning systems that have been set up, and recommended precautions.

Bamfield is no stranger to Tsunamis, but to date, owing to the nature and timing of the wave and the location of the initiating earthquake, little local damage has resulted. However, living as we do in an area vulnerable to such disturbances, sooner or later circumstances will coincide to hit us with a nasty.

The precautions that would be wise to take are dictated by the nature of tidal waves. A Tsunami is not one wave but a series of waves with a period between crests varying from ten to forty-five minutes. They travel at a speed of from 300 to 600 miles per hour, depending on location and undersea topography. Off shore, the wave crest way be only a few inches, but as it encounters shoal-

ing on its approach to the coastline the speed of the advancing wave diminishes and the water piles up- in extreme cases to heights of over 100 feet.

Usually the first indication of an approaching tidal wave is the withdrawal of the water caused by the trough preceding an advancing wave, although, less often, a rise in water level may be the first indication. This will be followed by a series of waves that may continue for several hours. The severity of the Tsunsmi will depend on the configuration of the coastline, the ocean floor, and the character of the advancing wave, as well as on local prevailing conditions such as tide state and wind conditions.

Fortunately, we do not have to wait until the wave is actually upon us before becoming aware of its existence. Because of the tremendous destruction and loss of life caused by Tsunami in the past, an extensive warning system has been set up. The Pacific Tsunami Warning centre, at Honolule, receives reports from a widespread chain of seismic and tidal monitoring stations around the Pacific Ocean

area. In addition, the Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre in Alaska, is responsible for issuing information in the event of earthquakes in Alaska or the adjacent area. The bulletins issued by these centres are of two types, a "watch" bulletin, and a "warning" bulletin. The "watch" bulletin is issued when an earthquake is detected which is big enough and in such a location that a Tsunami may have originated. A "warning" bulletin will be issued when positive evidence of a Tsunami has been received. These bulletins will contain estimated times of arrival and wave heights.

The bulletins from the Tsunami Warning Centres are routed through NORAD in Colorado through MARPAC Operations to the Provincial Emergency Program Director. He in turn notifies the RCMP and the PEP Coordinators. In general, we here in Bamfield can expect to receive the warning at least two and a half hours before the wave arrives. Updates will be issued as the wave progresses down the coast, at intervals not exceeding one hour, containing data on wave height, etc.,

and amended estimated arrival times.

When a warning is received
here in Bamfield it will be passed
to residents either by telephone
or--hopefully-- by the siren PEP
is endeavouring to locate for us.
When you get a warning, shut off
power, water, gas and fuel oil, and
head for high ground. We are in the
process of planning two reception
centres for Pamfield, one on the
East side and the other on the West
side. When all the preparations are
completed, the reception centres

will be able to provide shelter,

etc., Mrs. Eileen Scott will be

food, emergency medical treatment,

in charge of the Emergency Recep-

tion Services aspect of the local

Emergency Brogram organization.

As usual, Bamfield is going to show its uniqueness by presenting some unusual problems. For example, what about the boats moored along the harbor? If left where they are, they may be severely damaged -- and cause severe damage -- by being thrown against each other and shore installations by the Tsunami. On the other hand, if the skippers elect to sail the boats into deeper

water, they won't have time to

8 properly prepare their homes and ensure their families are safely away, so this will have to be done for them.

We hope to have our plans
finalized for this one early in
the New Year, and we will be including boat owners in the planning
process, as well as representatives
of other groups who may present
special problems. When the basic
plan is completed, it will be
presented to the community in general
for appraisal and suggestions. In
the meantime, I have available
copies of a Tsunami Survival leaflet. If you want one, please let
me know.

Incidentally, the warning system does work. We participated in a "Tsunami Warning" exercise last summer and received all bulletins as scheduled. Hope we never receive the real thing, but it could easily happen. Bamfield is listed in the "moderate" Tsunami vulnerability category -- but so is Pachena!

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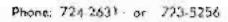
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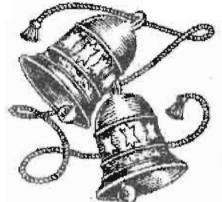
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by

R. Bruce Scott

Based on an interview with Frank Steuart

THE REGIONAL DISTRICT AND THE BAMFIELD WATER SYSTEM

Bamfield's inclusion in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District began with the Bamfield Chamber of Commerce advocating incorporation into an organized community of village status in the mid 1966's.

In order to gain information and advice on the subject, Frank Steuart and Roald Ostrom made several trips to the Department of Municipal Affairs in Victoria. Finally Steuart was asked by Mr. Baird, then head of that Dep't, to come to Victoria for discussion regarding something new in the way of a Regional District which was being considered.

being considered.

Upon his arrival Baird told him that he felt it would give Bamfield just as much benefit as

if it were incorporated and proceeded to explain its ramifications.

Upon his return to Bamfield, Steuart explained the new form of government to the Chamber of Commerce, including the fact that Bamfield would have no choice in the matter: it would be arbitratily included in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District with no vote on the matter. Despite this, the Chamber of Commerce welcomed the fact that Bamfield would have a voice in local affairs.

In the summer of 1966, Steuart was in Ontario when he received a relegram from the Chamber of Commerce asking him if he would be the Bamfield delegate on the Regional Board. He accepted in the hope that the change would be beneficial to Bamfield.

The first test of this new form of government iid not work out very well for Bamfield, although it was not the fault of the Regional Board. A few years earlier the Chamber of Commerce had been instrumental in getting electric power in Bamfield and then set it's sights on a water system. A proposal was submitted to the Regional Board, who wanted an estimate of the cost. Steuart and Ostrom spent a lot of

time on the project, eventually persuading the Provincial Government to send someone in to make an estimate. This was done and the estimatef.or a complete water system was \$144,000 with a user fee of \$12.50 per month. The people of Bamfield were agreeable to the price and very happy at the prospect of getting a water system.

The estimate was submitted to the Regional Board, since they would be required to sell debentures to cover the cost, which would then be paid off in taxes over a period of twenty five years.

The Board agreed with the

proposal. The Provincial Government then sent a young man to attend a meeting of the Regional Board in Port Alberni. He informed them that \$12.50 a month was too much to expect users to pay. Anything over \$6.50 a month, he said, was considered unacceptable. He was adamant about this and so the whole project was abandoned. The Regional Board wanted it, Bamfield people wanted it, but it was vetoed by this young man representing the Department of Municipal Affairs.

A decade later Bamfield got its long-sought water system but it cost over \$600,000 with a user fee of \$14.50 per month.

Steuart said he had an estimate from a firm in Nanaimo for five miles of three iach plastic pipe with 100 take-offs, 100 valves and 100 'O' rings for less than \$15,000.

Incidentally, the Dept. of Municipal Affairs had stipulated that the pipe would have to be buried three feet deep- which was impossible in this rocky terrain. Tofino had run pipe on top of the ground for years. Since water was always flowing through it twenty four hours a day, it never froze.

A similar fiasco vill be described at a later date regarding the Bamfield Cable Station Property.

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IN MEMORY OF THEIR PASSING by Ebba Jennings

The old year has passed, the New Year awaits on our doorstey, Mearly forgotten memories of days gone by, of old friends and friends no longer with us are swakened and shared. That which we thought we had lost becomes alive and clear as we remember how they enriched our lives. We forget, no matter what we say, that we do have to depend on each other, and without this dependence on another, there is no friendship to help us along life's way. Just as they who have gone before shared their gift of dependence. love and friendship with enother, so may we as we cross the doorstep of a New Year, remember that we each have a gift to share with another.

Arthur Hutchinson

Arthur Hutchinson, who passed away in the Port Alberni Hospital on December 8th, was seventy-five.

Early memories bring to mind the Camp Man on the Kynquot Trollers Camp scow, buying fish and sorting the fresh supplies that arrived on the Packer from Victoria. When he had tree lime from his work on the scow he could be seen hand-trolling in his Mitinat cance, or with a friend and two sets of oars akimaing up the inlet like an eagle scaring the sky, heading out to catch a trout upstream or over to Trout Lake to look for a mallard.

He was one of those rare people who always have time for kids no matter what age. He would help them catch a perch, keep an eye on them swimming and sometimes join in the fun if no boats were waiting at the camp. He was interested and would listen to them.

The war came along and he became one of the boys in blue as the Navy patrolled the coast. Commercial fishing followed, and he would drop by on the "Norads". There was now a new generation of kids to enquire about. After his marriage he brought his wife Patricia to meet friends. Ucluelet became their home. Painting was of great interest to him and there ere many canvases and glass balls painted with a local scene treasured by friends scattered afar. In the days before colored films, he would tint photographs. His handtinted culargement of our 1930's Bamfield gyn class, taught by Ralph

Patsy Lamb

Rosseau, which was taken on the long gone wooden tennis court that stood on the now overgrown playground and hall field at the Cable Station, is a treasured record that with honour and happy memories graces my wall -thanks to Art, who arrived one day and said, "Would you like to have this?"

Ralph Rosseau, our teacher, died in Mount Arrowsmith some years ago, Neens (Logvinoff) Broughton and Kioshi Hirisoka, who are in our gym class photo, fought their lingering illnesses like Art, with spirit and courage.

We from that group, scattered hither and yon, share a common bond with others of remembrance of the time when he too was part of this

community.

To Patricia his wife in Ucluelet, to his brother Tom, retired from fishing, to his sister and other family relatives, our sympathy to another home.

The passing of Patsy Lamb in mid-December from a heart condition came as a shock to family and friends.

She was just a young nother, but one who was, we are sure, justly proud that in these days of dropouts, her daughters Karen and Judy both graduated from high school. will certainly give full encouragement to their younger sister Jo-Anne of eleven years, and help her to persevers along that school trail in the years ahead of her.

Patsy was laid to rest beside her grandfather in the Nitinat. He had raised her and, when she was a young girl, they moved into Bamfield.

In later years, due to illness, it was necessary for Patsy to be in Vancouver, leaving the girls in the care of their father, Gordy, and his parents, but she would return whenever possible.

The loss of a young life is always sad, but that of a young mother is more so. We often ask why as we seek understanding to comfort the young ones who are left. There seems no logical answer, but faith in the

IN MEMORY (continued)

belief that her purpose in life was fulfilled, the battle she valiantly fought was conquered and she is now at peace and at rest in another Valley.

To the family who will miss and mourn this young mother our deepest

sympathy.

Bernard Kolness

Bernard Kolness, who passed away at his home in Victoria on December 23rd, was born in Norway in 1903.

He arrived in Montreal in 1926 and like so many of his fellow countrymen came west to the B.C. coast in 1927 to fish.

Our coustline from Bamfield to Victoria and north to Prince Rupert was well known to him. It was during the early 30's that he began to pass through Bamfield, earning the nicknume of 'Silent Ben'.

He was a hig, strong and husky quiet man who would anchor midstream rather than tie up at the floats and

Chatter the day away.
One day he and his wife Edna and

their son Danny arrived on the "Sleipner" to take up residence, buying the property adjacent to the East Dock, on the north side.

By now there were other Ben's in the fishing fleet, so he became "Sleipner Ben", after his boat.

Before long, Ben and Edna cleared their lot of stumps and bush and terraced it so that Edna, with her green thumb, could spread her cuttings for a riot of bloom which would greet them on return from their ten-day summer fishing trips.

Their ramp and float were characteristic of Ben himself -strong and sturdy. Very few knew that it was Ben in his quiet way who filled in the pot holes on the adjacent walking road.

It is twelve years since they moved to Victoria, but evidence of the spread of the cuttings they began bursts into bloom each year.

Ben saw the passing of many old timers from the fleet. Not until August did the time come when he was no longer able to go down town on his weekly visit from his home at 168 Lurline Avenue, Victoria.

Despite her heart surgery and battle with arthritis, Edna was granted the needed strength and courage of body and soul that enabled Ben to travel to that other fishing shore from his own home.

In our expression of sympathy to Edna and son Danny and family. in this passing of another old timer, Sleipner Ben', we ask that her physical strength, so sorely taxed, may be restored.





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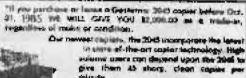
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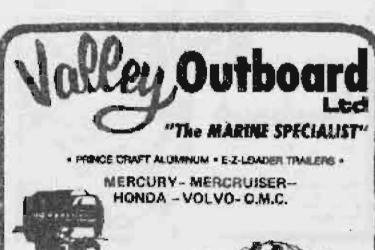
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The cover of the 1985 directory features a photograph of a farm near the Yellowhead community of

McBride, B.C.

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Tetters In The Editor

Dear Jim.

Thanks for the latest BARKLEY SOUNDER. I missed it during the month-long layoff.

Does anyone in Bamfield know how Cuthbert Boughton Whaley came to be called "Bill"? I asked him once and

here's how he explained it:

"Those initials, believe it or not, stand for Cutabert Boughton, so you will easily understand that everyone addressed me as 'Hey You'! However, my father's name was William and when he was a guest at the Cable Station back in 1911 some of the boys woke him up for Night Duty as a gag. His reply was, 'You've got the wrong Bill, boys,' and went off to sleep again. So that's when I got a new name."

I'll always treasure the many years I knew Bill Whaley and I'm sure that's how everyone feels about

him.

Sincerely, Graham Elliston

Letthes (continued)

Dear Jeanne,

On behalf of my cousin Selyvia kittle from Delta, B.C. and myself I'd like to thank Samfield for our lovely visit this fall. We met so many new friends we won't forget, or when Ted took us for a walk up to the waterfall and I fell into the mountain, or the night Selyvia got stuck in the mud and Michael Jay pulled her out.

Would you please send calendars to me and Selyvia, we'd like to have more of Michael's drawings as he has done watercolors of Ted's house for us both and they are

beautiful.

Yours truly, Anne Austin

Dear Jeanne,

I hope that copies of the BARKLEY SOUNDER, and previous Bamfield publications, are being kept for Bamfield Archives. They would provide a fruitful source of Bamfield history for future researchers.

Yours sincerely, R. Bruce Scott Dear Mr. Scott,

I know of no one who is specifically saving BARKLEY SOUNDERS for the eventual Bamfield Archives. We do have two libraries who receive and (I presume) preserve copies: the Reference Department

the Reference Department Vancouver Island Regional Library, and

Library, and Special Collections

University of British Columbia Library.

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Sincerely,
Jeanne Ferris]

A SALMON SURFACED by Len Lovick

[A copy of Len Lovick's write up of Bill's memorial, sent to Bill's niece in England.]

A memorial gathering for C. B. (Bill) Whaley.

He had lived most of his life in the Bamfield area, arriving as a young man before the First World War to work as an operator at the Pacific Cable Station. He spent much of his spare time accompanied by a dog, or even two, hunting and fishing among the many lakes and along the streams, a happy and contented man in harmony with the outdoors, A man of polite manners, he garnered a wealth of friends of all ages with his ready wit and gentle humour. Finally, well into his 97th year, he passed on to his own happy hunting grounds.

It was no surprise when his longtime friends, Johnny and Kay Wallace, retired in Port Alberni, decided to round up some twenty-five other bygone friends from near and far to pay their last respects to a beloved friend, and for a sultable dispersal of his ashes. They came from Vancouver, Victoria and Port Alberni to join the several locals in a simple ceremony on the banks of the Pachena River, one of his favourite fishing haunts.

Saturday afternoon, December 1st, 1984, was clear and sharply cold, sending the ladies on to shelter in the warmth of Jennings' hospitable home in Bamfield, while the men paused to drink a toast to Bill's memory and, in a simple ceremony, scatter his ashes over the flowing waters.

As the ashes gently settled on the water's surface, a salmon rose and surfaced, as if in tribute to receive them.

The atmosphere at Jennings' home was warm and convivial, for many of those adults had known Bill when they were youngsters, and could recall a host of stories and anecdotes to set the mood for a happy occasion.

"Just what Bill would have enjoyed the most," they said.

BAMFIELD WEATHER REPORT by Peter Janitis

The Climatological Station Report page for Bamfield this December looked more like a government statement about the financial situation or cutbacks. Lots of minuses.

On twenty-four days the mercruy was at zero or below zero. Personally, myself, I do not remember that happening before and I have been doing weather here for the last 25-plus years.

The low temperature of -4°C was on the 18th of December. Our high of 10°C was on the 13th (the high temperature for Canada that day-Tofino reported 9°C). Only once, on the 29th, the temperature did not go above the zero mark.

Mean maximum 5.8°C Mean minimum -0.5°C Mean temperature 2.65°C

It was colder than in 1983, when

it was also very cold, with the 25 mean minimum at -0.2°C and the mean temperature at 2.75°C. Our temperature didn't drop as low as it did in December of 1983, when it hit -9°C, but we had more continuous steady cold weather.

Precipitation. Yes, we had snow this year. It fell on the 28th and 29th of December, totalling 16 cm, or 6.5 inches. At the end of the year the depth of snow on the ground was 9 cm (3.5 inches).

The total precipitation for December, 1984 was 12.63 inches, which is below average, average being 16.8 inches.

Total precipitations for 1984 was 130.64 inches. Average annual precipitation for Banfield is 108.73 inches.

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REGIONAL BOARD REPORT by Al Benton, Director

At the end of my first year as your Regional Board representative, I am happy to report that the Regional District is still a viable and healthy organization. As I reported to you some months ago, I thought that some of the new legislation concerning Regional Districts, particularly Bill A (which allows municipalities to opt out of the Planning function), night so emasculate them that they would no longer be functional. Fortunately we weathered that storm, and Port Alberni is still actively involved in planning.

For 1985, Mayor Penny Barr of Tofino has been re-elected chair-person. I am sure that she will continue to provide excellent

leadership.

One of the major items coming up in 1985, hopefully, will be the establishment of a committee on Mariculture. I proposed this to the board, and they endorsed it some months ago. I expect we will take some action on it in the next month or two. The idea

is to have a group of people who are intimately involved in the budding mariculture industry give us some guidelines which will enable us to make consistent recommendations to the Provincial Government on the issuance of Mariculture Leases.

At the present time we have a number of conflicting opinions and studies available to us which make it almost impossible for a group of non-experts such as the Regional Board to make rational decisions. I shall endeavour to ensure strong Bamfield representation on this committee, and must thank Ron Foreman for suggesting the concept to me.

I hope that within the next month we will have a Canada Works program going for Centennial Park and the Water System. For any of you who are interested in working on this project, notices should be posted in the latter part of January.

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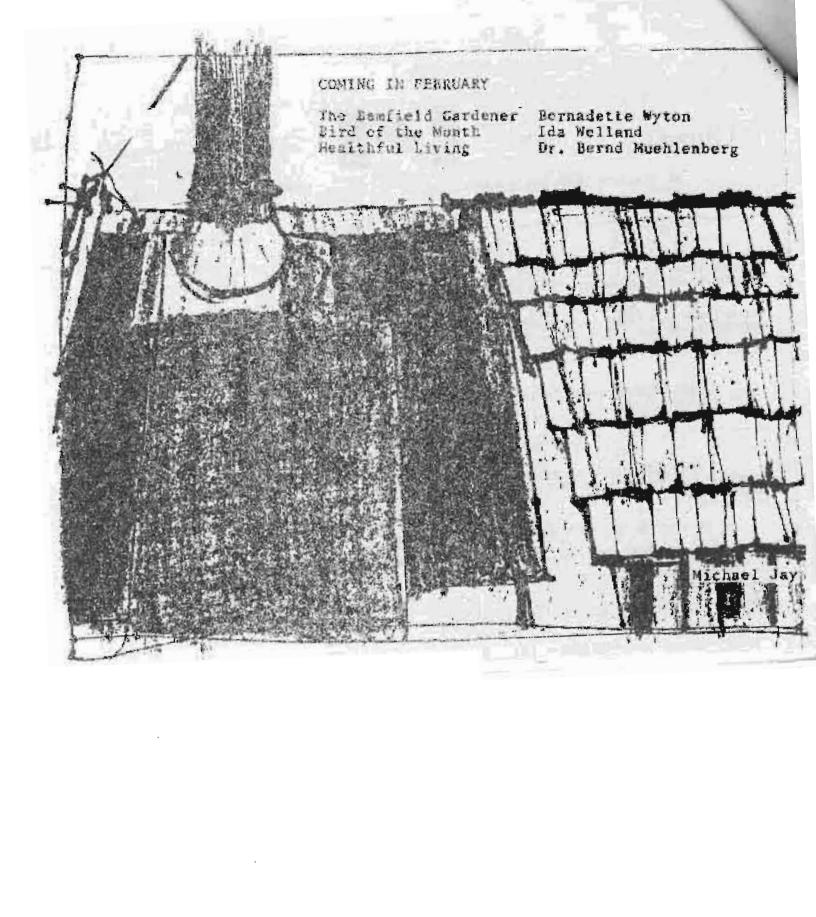
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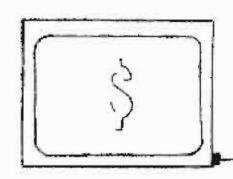
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