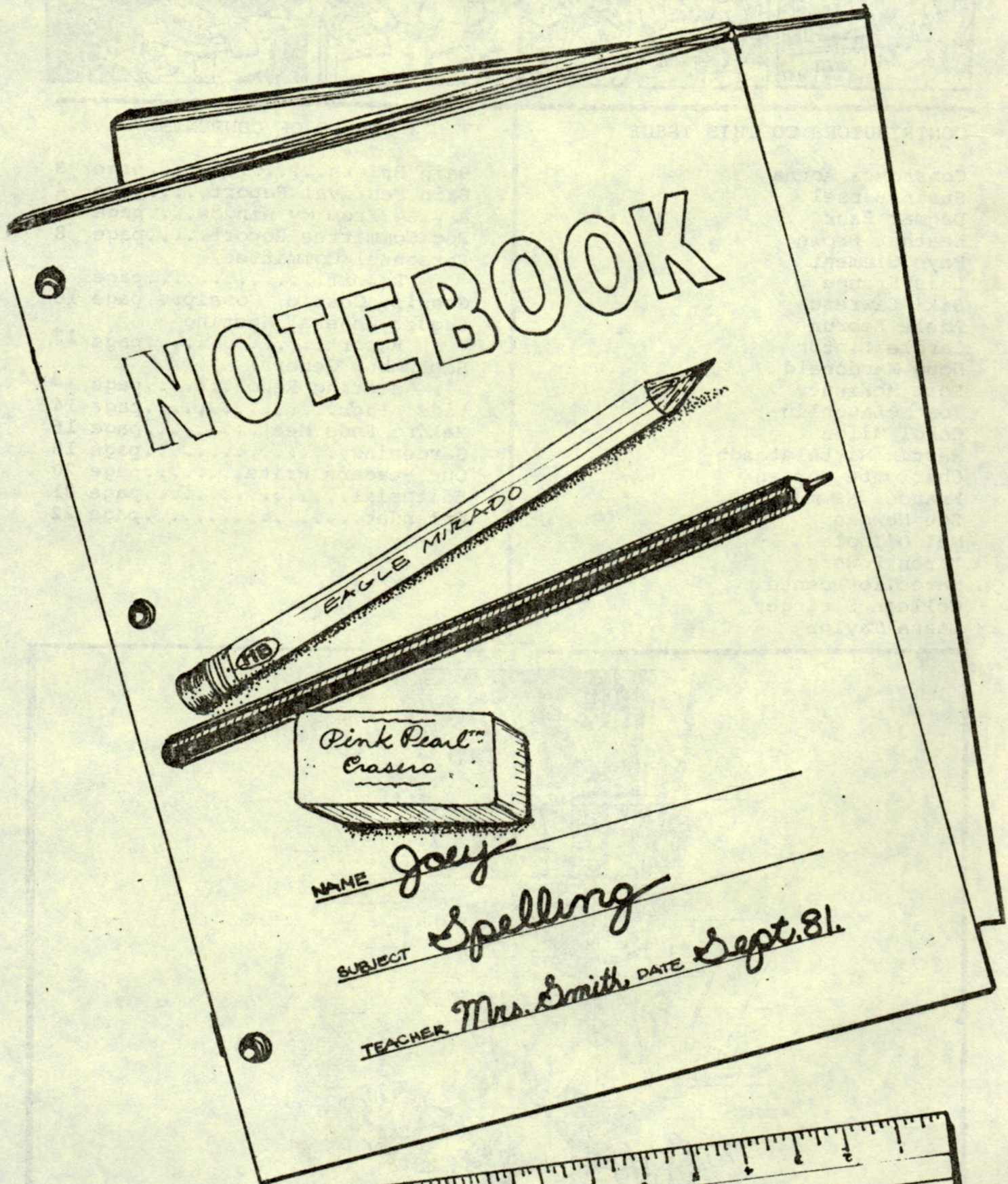


BAIN CO-OP NEWSLETTER



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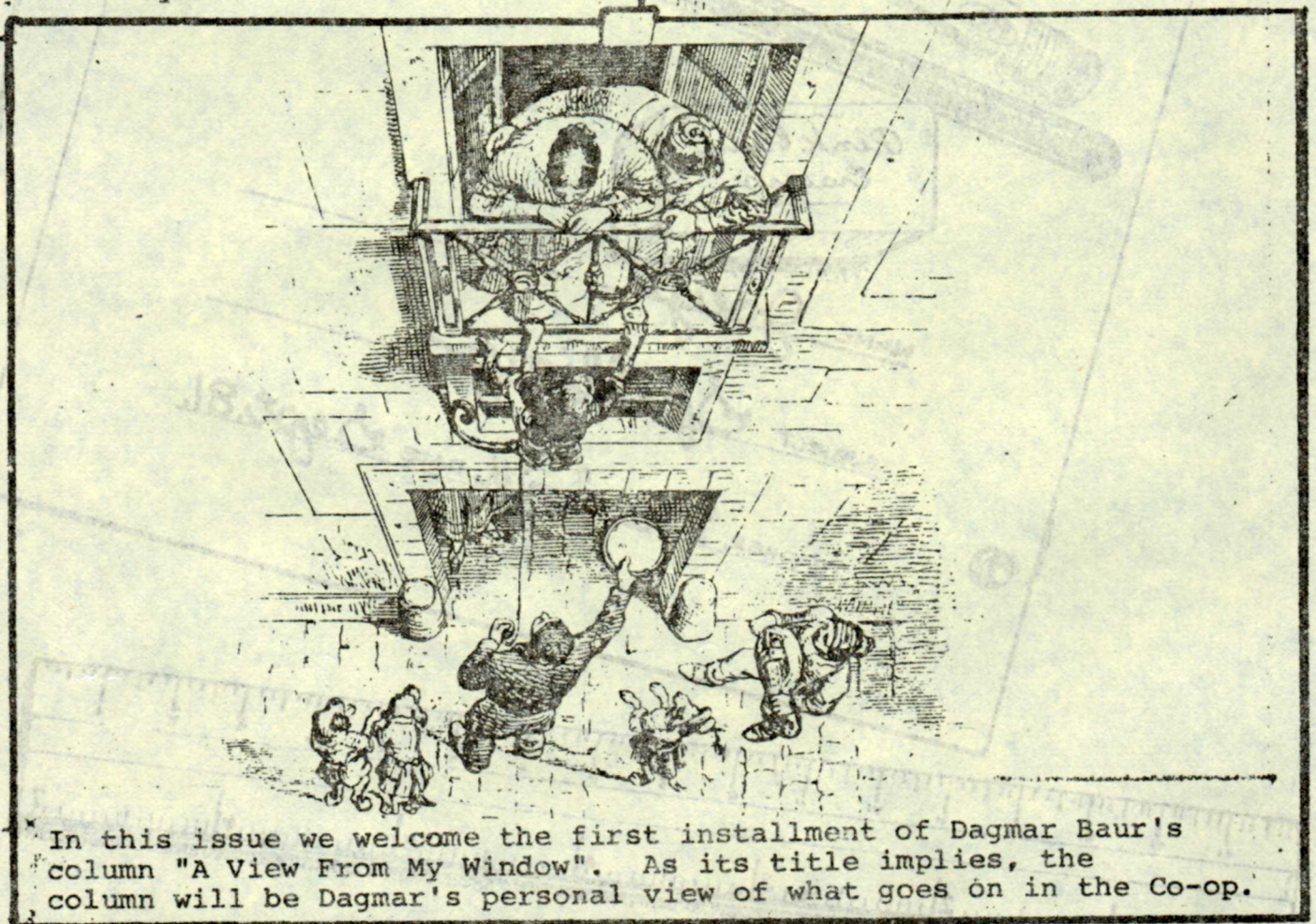


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In this issue we welcome the first installment of Dagmar Baur's column "A View From My Window". As its title implies, the column will be Dagmar's personal view of what goes on in the Co-op.

bain briefs

LEAD CLINIC

Low level lead pollution has existed in Riverdale for far too long.

All available evidence suggests that children exposed to persistent low levels of lead will suffer permanent nerve and brain damage.

Therefore, the Environmental Health Committee of the South Riverdale Community Health Clinic is sponsoring a

LEAD TESTING CLINIC

during the weeks of Sept. 8 to Oct. 2 with test procedure assistance by Dr. G. J. Stopps, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

The information from the samples will define the nature and extent of the problem in our neighbourhood, and indicate the necessary corrective and preventive actions.

PARENTS AND SCHOOLS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE MAKE SURE TO GET OUR CHILDREN TO THE LEAD TESTING CLINIC.

Adults should also attend; we are not sure yet at what levels of toxicity lead concentrations in the blood become dangerous, and which are allowable. Anyone exposed to gasoline combustion fumes, for instance, which is all of us, should give a blood sample.

YUM!

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

2 cups flour
3/4 cup sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 egg
1 cup milk
1/4 cup shortening
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Cream shortening and sugar, add egg, milk, vanilla and flour. Fold in blueberries. Bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes.

ATTENTION

LEARN WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A HEART ATTACK OR IS CHOKING AND CAN'T BREATHE.

Do you know what to do in a medical emergency?

Well, here's your chance to learn. I am running two cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) courses in accordance with the Ontario Heart Foundation.

The dates for the courses are Sept. 18-19 and Oct. 23-24.

Starting times are 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on the Friday and 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on the Saturday.

For more information please call 465-0968. Ask for Bill.

FOR SALE

Ingento paper cutter 16" square (finger guard removed but parts incl.)

\$60.00 (negotiable)

Paper tray on wheels, 26" square, 30"+ inches high 13 shelves (12 removable)

\$15.00 (firm)

461-4338



Rival to the

Festival of Festivals

After one of the rainiest spells seen in Toronto for a long while, the weather on Sat. Sept. 21 - the day of the annual Bain Street Festival - was one hundred per cent perfect. The weather was easily matched by a street festival which most observers agreed was by far the best ever staged in the Bain co-op.

Sharp at 12:00 noon somewhere around forty or fifty children spilled from apartments and jumped onto decorated bikes, trikes and anything else on wheels to parade up and down a by then car-free Bain Avenue. The tone for the day was set early when it became apparent that organizers of the festival had decided to do away with the competition (and inevitable heartbreak) which had marked other bike parades.

Highlights of the parade were any number of sparkling princesses, a "just married" couple in a baby-buggy, complete with roller-skating chauffeur and a fine one man band on his bicycle.

Leading the parade was a large blue banner, boldly embroidered with the initials BACI and picture of a Bain building. That banner was made by Beth Giles, Cathy Rideout, Mel Greene, and Dagmar Baur, with material donated by Fred Francine. The group is planning to do another banner for next year and anyone interested in doing embroidery over the winter is invited to contact Dagmar at 465-6906.

Next on the agenda was the young people's talent show, held on the stage in the North Maples courtyard, featuring entertainment which ranged all the way from johnny rotten punk violence to a chorus line version of "Ain't She Sweet", choreographed by Virginia Sangster.

Childrens' games, held in the South Oaks, included such old favorites as an apple bob, watermelon seed spit, balloon burst and finger painting bonanza. Again the spirit of non-competition (to say nothing of limited budget) was in evidence as prizes were more symbolic than substantial.

Dagmar Baur walked away with top spot in the bake contest, beating out arch rival Maja Ardal, and getting for her efforts a silver pin donated by Mimi Shulman. Dagmar has promised to reveal her winning recipe in next month's newsletter.

Other adult games included a shoe kick, arm wrestle, scrabble tournament (won by the Bain scrabble wiz Martha Shulman), tuff of war (two actually, one for the adults and one for the children) and chess tournament, won by Martin Mittlestaedt who then lost a sudden death play-off with last year's champ, Dan Rideout. Dan donated a wooden chess-board and beautiful hand-crafted chess set to the winner.

Toward the end of the afternoon a hard fought baseball game organized by Simon Tunnley saw the

Festival of Festivals (Cont.)

north side of Main trouncing the south side.

Those not playing ball might have been found at the dog show organized by Lois Dyer.

During the course of the afternoon Kathy Ungar, with a host of helpers, held sway over the annual rummage sale. Also in the South Lindens courtyard was Pat LeBrun offering raffle tickets to all and sundry. The grand prize, a forty ounce bottle of Black Velvet, has not yet been claimed and anyone with a ticket ending with numbers 124 should contact Pat at 461-2508. Proceeds from the raffle totalled \$49.75, all of which will be used to defray expenses of the festival.

As evening fell a pot luck supper was held in the South Maples courtyard and a volleyball game played on the street. After dinner, dishes were cleared away and a candlelit coffee-shop, organized by Para Watts and others from the Bain Food Co-op, took their place.

While all this was taking place the last strains from an afternoon of music in the Maples could be heard drifting across the street. Entertainers had included Bain stalwarts Susan Howlett and Bruce McWilliams, to name just a few, and Latin American and Jug Band workshops.

Children were entertained after dinner in the Cedars courtyard with The Just So stories and other films, shown by Peter Farncombe.

With the coming of darkness the annual street dance came to life - this year to the sounds of Wayne Frost and NO EXIT. Between sets the crowd was kept warm by the country singing of Bain old timer Cliff Caine.

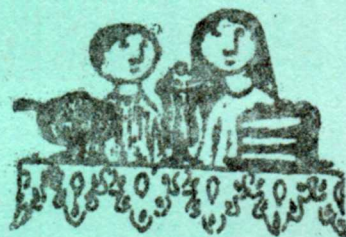
Thanks should be given to those businesses which donated prizes, including New York Spaghetti and Pizza, Steak and Burger, Chicken Deli, Ralston Purina and Hartz Canada.

Particular, and heart felt, thanks to Virginia Sangster and all those who worked so hard with her to make the festival the success it was.

Finally, a special word of thanks has to go to George of George's variety, who donated this year by reaching into his pocket rather than taking from his stock, hamburgers and hot dogs. George and his family went on a two month vacation this summer, giving the present managers of the store an option to buy.

They have now exercised that option.

George and his family will be missed.

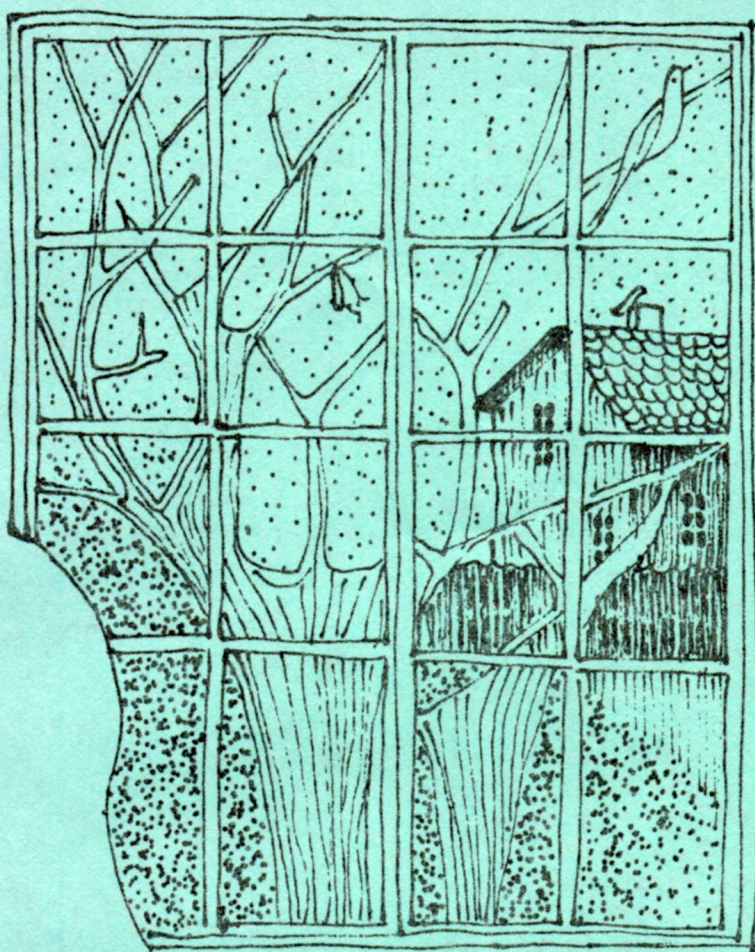


Found!!

Please call the following numbers to get back things lost during the Street Festival:

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| Bake Sale
Plates | Call Lois
461-7700 |
| South Maples
Courtyard
Plates, bowls
cutlery and a
a green blanket | Call Virginia
465-9857 |
| South Oaks
Courtyard
Kid's T-Shirts
- green
- red and white stripe
- black and orange | Call Virginia
465-9857 |

View from my Window



by Dagmar Baur

Thoughts on gardening

or

Are the difficulties inherent
in co-operative living solvable?

My sister-in-law, who recently visited, remarked how attractive she found the view from my east-facing window. So I looked at it with fresh eyes--the neat hedges, the meticulous stone-work, the carefully tended trees, including a rock-elm in the centre whose survival I once doubted. Norm McKinney and Warren Rice's loving tending of the Pines environs is rewarded by happy, healthy greenery. It's been the work of years. Gathering bricks, cement, and recycling discarded materials in labour-intensive efforts resulting in the compost heap by the boiler room which goes by the rule: "If you contribute goodies, you can get back goodier goodies".

The wild-flower garden south of the compost with sweet woodruff, bleeding heart, trillium, wild ginger, and violets (more contributions welcome). Also a gently curving path in the back of the Elms under which my bright-blue-eye Siamese called "The Boobie" is buried. This walled path leads to the Co-op tree nursery.

Other fine North Lindens gardening: at #4, #8, and #11. Nancy Kimura has a red splash of foliage beneath the shading tree and a long travelled short-cut is sanctified by delineation with logs. Don Baxter and Oliver Watts, both skilled gardeners, have been improving their gardens, are generous in sharing seedlings and even put in the centre bed--that annual problem of "OK, who's gonna do it this year? Sigh." Moira Armour's garden by the office driveway is a riot of colour and probably recreates the lushness of her B.C. Island cottage garden. And mine isn't so bad (if I dare say so) although it needs a spot of weeding.

OUR GARDENS OF EDEN ARE ALSO A FREQUENT SOURCE OF CONFLICT

Recently someone from the Summerworks committee dumped a pile of sand into Norm and Warren's nursery behind the Elms, and then, to add insult to injury, asked Norm to remove it. (At least that's how I heard it.)

So I mused on gardens and communication, how plants are planted as well as the seeds of neighbourly discontent.

Why did the sand get dumped behind the Elms? Probably because it was close to the Office, because it's a sheltered spot, because the Elms residents tend to neglect the back area in favour of the gardens fronting Logan, because it looks like no-man's-land, because sand has been dumped there before, because there's no sign that says Norm and Warren are working there.

Yet informally we know of Norm and Warren's work, and if the Elms' residents were not notified they should have been. That's my Solomonic judgement. (Apologies are not out of place either.)

I'm not entitled to pass judgement because of my vast moral superiority, unfortunately. There's sometimes a vast gap between what I know to be right and what I do. I've had some problems around these issues and I admit not handling them too brightly.

For example, a vociferous disagreement with the McKellars about the front garden. We resolved it. They do the back, I do the front, and sometimes we give each other a hand. We're also good friends, now.

Contention with Debbie Burton. Before she moved in I had gardened with Mrs. Evans. (The linden tree in the North Lindens is planted in memory of her husband, John Evans.) I removed the asphalt and planted bushes in the side garden and, thus, felt some proprietary rights. I brightly suggested to Debbie, then almost full-term with Benjamin, that we garden co-operatively, but she didn't want to think about it. You might say that I wasn't sensitive to the fact that a mother in her ninth month of pregnancy might not be interested in tomatoes or landscape esthetics. Solving that conflict took three years and some interesting vocal display including recourse to the grievance committee. This year we've started a flower-bed together and all her kids are pitching in. It feels nice.

Last but not least, my disagreement with Moira over the uncultivated space, front and back of 33L. She'd been putting excess plants from her abundance into 33 where Ursula Voss lives. But then Ursula decided to grow herbs (with my help) and we returned Moira's plants to her. We also pruned some bushes (including one of Moira's because they were in a row). The mistake was that we didn't consult with Moira who made some choice remarks about how "we'd butchered her bush". I didn't agree with everything she said, but still felt sheepish because I like Moira and didn't want her angry with me.

Time and distance are said to give perspective to problems. Since Moira is now on Vancouver Island I sincerely hope she'll get lots of perspective per mile. Besides, the bushes are growing in just fine, thank you. (Just as I had said they would, when she was too angry to listen.)

So the answer to my initial question: Are the difficulties inherent in co-operative living solvable? is YES--providing that we communicate about issues of mutual concern. And you can see from my "True Confessions" that I have as much to learn about it as the next person. The main thing is to survive disagreements and I've survived many, coming to a better understanding and faster friendship. Besides, I'm eternally hopeful. For myself and for our community.

NEXT MONTH'S TOPIC: How I found my bulldog chair nailed to a treehouse in the South Lindens by the garages and why.

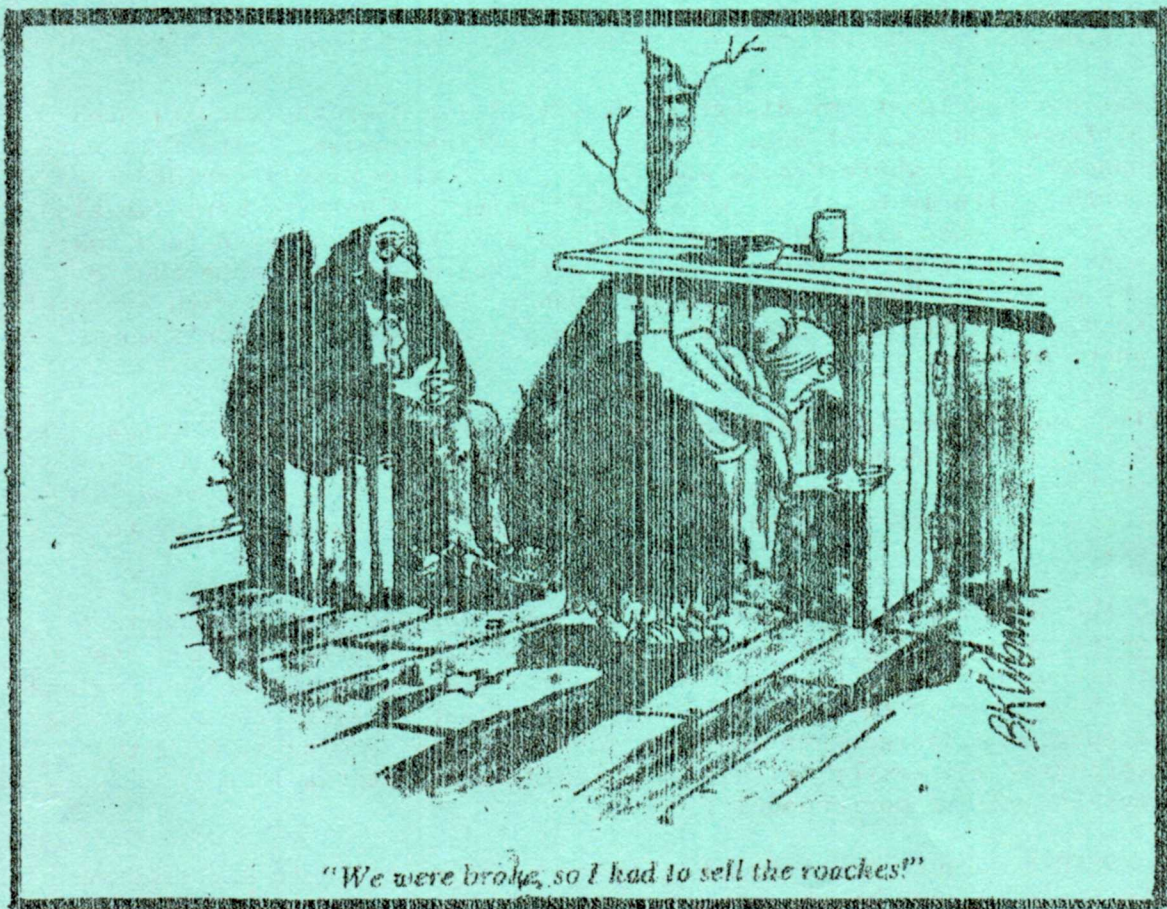
PET COMMITTEE NEWS

Yes, the Bain Co-op still has a Pet Committee. Of course, over the summer months, a few of our members have either dropped off the committee or just plain given up. A typical syndrome of the overworked committee member ... ALL BURNED OUT!

We need at least five more members to even up the work load. There is a lot more paper work involved than we thought. If you are interested in helping out and being on our Committee ...

PLEASE CONTACT: Colleen Springer 469-0834 (6-10 pm) or Sharon Berkinshaw 465-2331 (7-10 pm) or Virginia Sangster at 465-9857

MANY THANKS to Lois Dyer !!!!! for getting Dr. Harris to come to the Co-op this past month for pet examinations and inoculations. Approximately 20 pets were seen. If you are interested in having the vet see your cat/dog please contact any three of the above committee members.



Report from the Personnel Committee



This year at Bain we will spend nearly \$150,000 for the services of our eight employees. It's a large bill, rivalling such other budget items as taxes, the gas charge, and expenditures on capital projects.

To evaluate how well the money we pay for salaries is spent, the membership at Bain voted earlier this year to set up a personnel committee. The committee, which is also responsible for salary negotiations, is about to begin this evaluation.

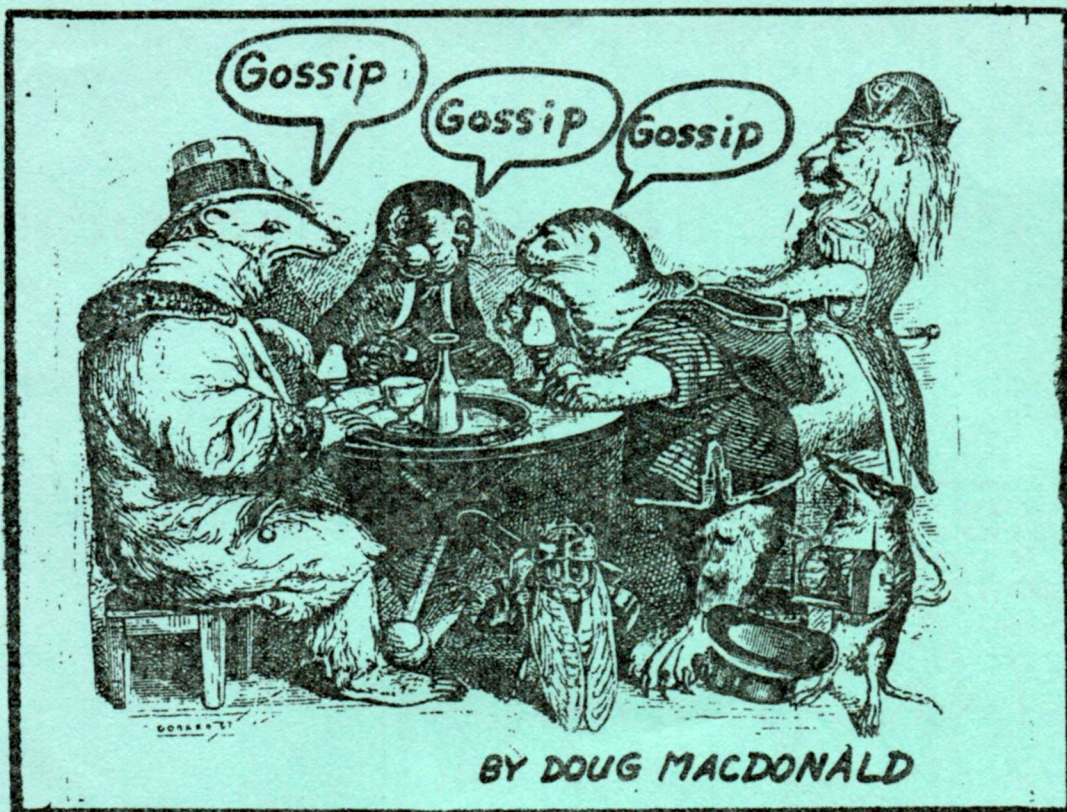
As with job reviews the world over, this one will try to find areas of inadequate performance (if any), and ways that performance can be improved. The staff will be encouraged to identify problems they've encountered and solutions to them.

As a first step, the committee sent questionnaires to the various groups at Bain which work with the staff on a day-to-day basis. The property manager and the finance manager also received one.

The survey asked general questions and tried to solicit comments on such things as whether staff members were punctual, easy to work with, etc...

The next step in the evaluation process is an interview between the committee and each staff member. After the interview, a report will be written on each employee. The employee, of course, has the right to see the report and comment on it.

Any comments from the General Membership regarding staff performance or the evaluation process in general would be welcome. They should be dropped off at 51 The Maples.



The cooler weather is here and once more the Bain Co-op is rife with gossip. For instance, we received a surprisingly vehement note the other day from a Mr. G. Ossip who gives his address as "near Freddie's Leap, East End Commune." Mr. Ossip begins by urging us to "IMPEACH FRED WEINSTEIN", goes on to state that "GEORGE IS BACK" and ends by declaring that we must have "GEORGE FOR PRESIDENT."

What is puzzling, of course, is how Mr. Ossip could be so sadly out of touch with political realities in Bain as to not realize that our Fred, not having held elective office since the late spring, is quite unimpeachable. If any impeaching is to be done - or, for those who like their political statements to ring with a more definite air of finality, any neck-tie partying or rail riding - it must be done to incumbent President Churley.

For that matter, to the best of our knowledge nor yet is George back. Can it be true?

Rumour reaches our ears of an impending coalition between SMAM (South Maples Against Madness) and GAAC (Give Asbestos A Chance). At their recent joint conference a resolution was adopted to the effect that neither were to be any longer considered as single-interest lobbies but indeed were full-fledged "social movements."

We are informed there is no connection between the recent police maneuvers on Sparkhall and Logan and that SMAM/GAAC conference.

Other gossipers are active. We received a rather touching note the other day from a fresh-faced young couple who must, sadly, remain nameless at this time, asking where the "Gossip's Nest" would be located during the street festival. Poor dears, starved for gossip they plan to spend the entire festival gabbling to their hearts' delight.

Incidentally, we are moving heaven and earth to bring you some really exciting news about this same couple, complete with names and all lurid details, in our next issue. We have a servant fee'd in their every house.

Isn't it fascinating the way Bain gossip has taken such a markedly political turn during the past few months? Even the fussy old Bain Newsletter has peeked out from behind its recipes and household hints to dip a hesitant toe in the political waters. You might have noticed that it now runs what are laughingly called "editorials" on current events in the Bain.

After trying to throw over itself, in a particularly sententious introduction, the radical mantle of the exiled and dead of 1837, it has since treated us to a bromide on general meeting agendas and then an exhortation that we look deep into our souls - reading our own entrails, so to speak - to determine wither we goest.

It is, we suppose, better than nothing.

It is hardly surprising that Bain gossip should have become almost exclusively political, given the ferment of our times. After all, there are only two things worth gossiping about - one is politics and the other is sex. Given the much greater variety of positions and movements available in the former it is hardly surprising that interest centres there.

Perhaps the best description of the relationship between the two was given by John Wilkes, that famous eighteenth century libertarian and libertine, three times expelled from the House of Commons and three times sent back by his loyal voters, spitting in the eye of the ruling class, all because of his authorship of that little known vulgarity, Essay on Woman.

Wilkes at one time publicly speculated that the pursuit of a crown must be fraught with all the same perils and disadvantages as the pursuit of a woman. "For in both cases", he said, "the posture was ridiculous, the pleasure uncertain, the expense beyond all reason, and the consequences often less agreeable in reality than in expectation."

And thus we close.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Two questions occupied the August General Meeting:--do we need a statement of co-operative principles? and can we juggle four balls without one of them falling? The latter question refers to the attempt to deal simultaneously with an overrun in the cost of asbestos encapsulation, improvements in the Elms heating system and that of the Cedars, and insulation of the condensate pipes.

Norm McKinney's proposal for a statement of co-operative principles tabled at the June General Meeting was placed on the agenda and discussed. The motion required that a statement of such co-operative principles of democratic decision-making, non-discrimination, and the nurturing of community be the basis for all co-op legislation and be prominently displayed.

Although the proposal failed, the General Meeting decided that a statement of co-operative principles would be adopted. Resident's council was given the responsibility of drawing up a procedure that would allow wide participation from the membership in the creation of such a statement of principles.

Next came a report from Oliver Watts of the Maintenance Committee. According to Oliver \$19,000 more than was budgeted will be needed to complete encapsulation of asbestos-covered pipes. He also proposed that \$13,000 be spent to insulate the condensate pipes. These are the pipes that carry hot water to the boiler from the radiators to be reheated as steam. Insulation would cut heat loss and if gas prices continue to rise 20% a year would pay for itself within four years. He also said that with the additional insulation basements in the Elms would become too cold to live in. Therefore he recommended that \$3,000 be set aside for radiators should it become necessary. Finally, he said that since the money set aside for the improvement of the Cedars heating system was insufficient, the project should be deferred so that the saving could be applied to other projects. Other cuts in the maintenance budget were proposed to cover the \$35,000 cost of the three projects.

After the maintenance report came two others--one from the Resident's Council and another from the Finance Committee. Both dealt with proposals to reallocate money in the Capital Budget and from the Operating to the Capital Budget. At the July General Meeting the Finance Committee was directed to find additional funds from these sources to pay for what were even then greater than anticipated costs of encapsulation.

The rest of the meeting was a flurry of motions delightful to masters of rapid calculation and parliamentary procedure that attempted to allocate funds between encapsulation, insulation, and the improvements in the Cedars and Elms heating systems. The motion finally passed accepted the Maintenance Committee's proposed reallocations but reinstated the \$7,000 budgeted for the Cedar's heating system and added \$6,000 to the amount. Any money left over would be applied to the insulation of the condensate pipes. As the meeting adjourned one scholarly member was heard to remark that the distribution of funds between the several projects was scarcely less difficult than Jesus' division of the loaves and knishes.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT



The September General Meeting heard a report on the financing of the condensate pipe insulation. Discussion occurred over the amount likely to be available for insulation after improvements are made to the Cedars heating system.

This item was followed by a report on staff negotiations. It was revealed that staff had demanded and the Personnel Committee had tentatively accepted pay raises of 50%. Although some members of the Personnel Committee felt that this increase was excessive, believing a 40% increase to be adequate, it was eventually decided that protection of staff wages against inflation required no less than the proposed raise.

Since no one present wished to be nominated to the Grievance Committee a committee was established to seek nominees. If you are interested please call Viola Degamba, at 12 the Oaks 464-1948.

An information report on negotiations between Bain and Withrow School stated that while the next General Meeting could be held in the music room, the use of this room for further meetings could not be promised because it might conflict with its use for daycare.

The next item of business was a proposed Housing Charge increase of 25%. Some members protested that this increase was not only excessive but that to propose it without prior notice was unconstitutional. So vociferous were their protests that they had to be forcibly removed from the...

That never happened.

Excuse me, I hear an interjection from a fat, crew-cut gentleman in the back row.

THAT NEVER HAPPENED. YOU'RE MAKING THIS UP.

Are you questioning the verisimilitude of this narrative and so far impugning my honor as to accuse me of arrant mendacity?

No, I'm calling you a liar 'cause none of that stuff ever happened.

And how would you know, you suet-faced jabbernowl, you weren't at the meeting.

I had to stay home. My parrot had a tooth-ache.

Oh, spare me your excuses. What I described could have happened. Luckily for you there was no quorum, and hence, no meeting. Make sure that you attend the next meeting at 7:30 on September the 29th. Withrow Public School.

KIDSPACE

BACK

to



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
ZOE NEWMAN
8 The Aberdeens

July and August

This summer has been a big adventure for me. For the first time in my life I went to a sleepover camp. The first two weeks of August I went to a Y.M.C.A. cultural arts day camp where I did drama, art, dance, and music. That was quite fun! Then on the 12th of August, I left for Camp Pine Crest. I had a good time there though I was homesick at times! Would you like to know what I did there? Well, I did swimming, canoeing, archery, sailing, arts and crafts and camp crafts. I got home on the 2nd of August and 1 hour and a half later I left for Vancouver to see my dad with my two brothers. I had a good time there, visited lots of friends (I lived there for six years) and had a good time. I went camping for 2 nights and three days. I went swimming, I went to the beach and I went to lots of parties. I got back on the 24th of August, and on the 26th (today's the 25th) I'm going to Montreal and then, the next day, to our cottage just outside Montreal! Enjoy the KIDSPACE.

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The School Year

I'm a little nervous about going back to school but I like school very much! I'm seven years old and I'm going into grade two. I think grade two is going to be a little bit harder than grade one. I had lots of friends in grade one and I hope I'll have as many in grade two. I think I'll have fun in school and the first day I'll give my teacher a rosy red apple.

Astra Crosby
8 The Lindens

Going Back to School

Me and two of my friends (Astra and Simon) walk to school together almost every day of the year. I'm going into grade three and I'm eight years old. I like lots of things at school but some of the things are too hard. I've heard about my new teacher, lots of people have said that she's good, but I don't know what she is going to be like. It was nice in grade two, I guess, but I wish the summer holidays were a bit longer. I guess my best subject in school is reading, but it might be math!

Gabe Clarke
57 The Maples



MAKING ENDS MEET

by Charlotte Morgan,
Marilyn Wilcoxon and
Carolyn Skelly



Marilyn and Carolyn, who live in neighbouring Bain houses, work at Interval House, an emergency shelter for women (with children) who are leaving domestically violent situations.

The staff of Interval House works as a collective and is paid the same hourly rate across the board. All tasks are assigned by job area, and each job is considered equally valuable. Jobs are realigned as required by the organization, or by the individual staff member. Each woman works a 35 hour week, but actually schedules a 40 hour week. This enables her to build up enough time to take off twelve consecutive days every eight weeks, and Marilyn believes this work schedule to be a key factor in Interval House's low staff turn-over. There is one staff meeting per week that counts as work time. Overnight, holiday, evening and weekend work is evenly divided amongst members of the collec-

tive, who try to accomodate each other's personal disuations.

Marilyn has worked at Interval House for four years. She began as a part-time child-care worker and got the job through a personal contact. She was attracted both by the type of work and by the working conditions. Carolyn has worked at Interval House for close to two years.

Women and children are referred to the refuge by police, family court, and other social agencies. Once there, the average stay is three and a half weeks, during which time they are given safe-refuge from a probably angry husband, food and, if necessary, clothing. The children attend the local school. This has caused enough problems for the collective to be pushing for a reception area within the school. While there is not a strong connection between wife-beating
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MAKING ENDS MEET (cont'd)

and child abuse, Marilyn stresses the psychological damage inflicted on a child who witnesses violent interactions as a normal form of relationship.

Interval House also provides a broad range of support services for their women in crisis:

- Legal and medical referrals
- Parenting education
- Education on separation and divorce
- Individual and group support counselling
- Court support for women who want a friend when dealing with child custody or divorce proceedings.

Interval House is an old Victorian home almost in the middle of downtown Toronto. It can house 22 people per night (or 7-9 families - one family per room). Kitchen, living-room, laundry facilities and bath-room are communal. The house is always full and maintains a waiting list of two or three women. This list is coordinated with four other houses offering similar shelter in Toronto. Waiting list priority is gauged by the seriousness of the domestic situation. Marilyn estimates that half the women who arrive at Interval House have planned to leave their homes, while half leave during a period of emergency. When they leave, approximately one third will return to their former domestic situations, having reached some feeling of reconciliation with their partners. Two-thirds will set up house-keeping alone, and the collective helps plan supportive housing in terms of applications to Co-ops, City Home, or Ontario Housing. As housing reaches critical proportions across the City, women in crisis are finding it particularly hard to find affordable, decent housing.

A big part of the job is to educate the public on the topic of wife-assault. Marilyn speaks to high-school classes, conducts workshops for professionals, contacts radio and TV stations and newspapers to talk about the subject. Another important aspect is to pursue funding. As it now stands:

- 60% of Interval House budget comes from Metro Social Services
- 20% comes from The United Appeal
- 20% comes from private donations

Marilyn foresees that more and more money will have to be privately raised as economic times tighten.

Both Marilyn and Carolyn feel they are temperamentally well-suited to their work. Both support children. Marilyn has two - Stewart (10) and Robin (6); Carolyn has one - Kanja (7). Their proximity as neighbours enables them to share baby-sitting when one must work overnight or other awkward hours. Both women feel they have managed to integrate their work with their personal beliefs and are able to get on with the job of helping other women.

MAKING ENDS MEET COMMUNITY FLASH

Former Ward 7 Alderwoman Janet Howard visited the Rain Co-op Street Festival and told a roving NEWS reporter that she has just got back from the Yukon, where had spent three months serving as camp cook to a party of geologists. The jobs are easy to get, she said by placing a small advertisement in the Northern Miner. Janet will use the money she earned so pleasantly to finance her second year at Law School.

gardening

One reader asked for some information about reproducing plants by cuttings.

Cuttings are the gardener's easiest means of replicating plants by asexual methods. It requires the least amount of equipment.

The chief points to observe are:

1. Provide some bottom heat for the bases of the cuttings in the rooting medium.

2. Keep a moist (and fairly warm) atmosphere around the upper part of the cutting to prevent drying out.

3. Guard against loss of moisture, particularly between making the cut and setting the cutting in the growth medium. Keep the cutting moist at all times. The sooner it is put into the rooting medium the better.

The following directions refer to stem cuttings.

'Hardwood' are the easiest to handle. These are 15 cm.-20 cm. pieces of the current year's twigs.

Take the cuttings when the plant is dormant (after the leaves have fallen off deciduous plants) in fall, winter, or early spring.

Select normal-looking shoots which are well-developed and have not grown too fast. (Shoots which have grown too quickly may be injured or killed by winter frosts; they have not had time to mature and 'harden-off'.)

Make a clean cut at the base of the shoot with a sharp knife. Since this is the place on the shoot where new roots will form, be careful not to split or mash the ends, or disease may set in.

If cuttings are taken when the twigs are frozen, thaw them out overnight in the refrigerator before setting them in the rooting medium. Keep them moist in the fridge.

Make the cut just below a node. Include at least two, preferably three, nodes in each cutting. (A node is the place on a stem, usually marked by leaf-scars, where a leaf [or leaves] has grown.)

Choose twigs of 6 mm. to 60 mm. (1/4" to 1") diameter; beginners should start with twigs of 12 mm. or less diameter.

Place the cutting in the rooting medium as soon as possible.

Rooting Media:

1. Clean sharp sand. (It drains easily.)

2. Peat moss. (Tricky; you must learn by experience how moist to keep it. Too much water will cause the cuttings to rot.)

3. Sand 1 : 1 peat moss, to sand 1 ; 3 peat moss (parts)

4. Shredded sphagnum moss. (This is most useful for leaf cuttings or very fine root cuttings.)

5. Vermiculite.

6. Vermiculite 1 : 1 sand.

The moisture content of the medium must be carefully regulated.

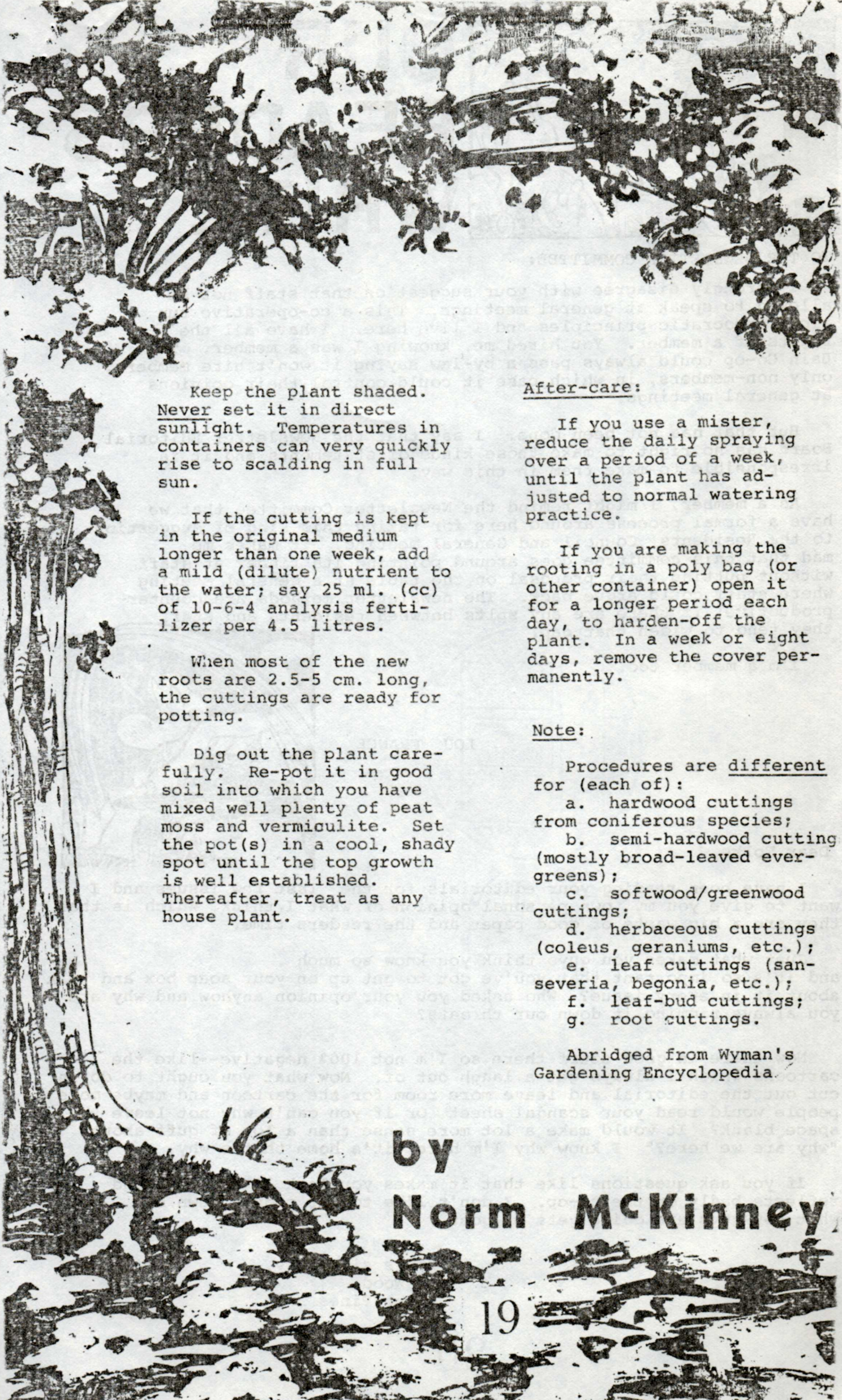
After placing the cuttings in the medium, carefully firm the earth around their bases. Water them thoroughly. Thorough contact with the growing medium is essential.

Keep the soil temperature at 22-26°C. and the air temperature at about 21°C. (The cuttings may be enclosed in a large bell jar, or a clean terrarium or aquarium with a cover, or a polyethylene bag--transparent to light.)

Promptly remove any dead or moldy leaves. If any mold appears on the medium, quickly air out the container, and spray the medium with a good fungicide. It is best to repeat this procedure two or even three days running.

Open the container every four to seven days, in any case, long enough to change the air in it.

If you have to add water--and you shouldn't--be sure it is at room temperature. It is best to use rain-water, if you have the means of collecting it. Tap-water should sit overnight to allow it to 'gas out' compounds such as phenols and chloroform.



Keep the plant shaded. Never set it in direct sunlight. Temperatures in containers can very quickly rise to scalding in full sun.

If the cutting is kept in the original medium longer than one week, add a mild (dilute) nutrient to the water; say 25 ml. (cc) of 10-6-4 analysis fertilizer per 4.5 litres.

When most of the new roots are 2.5-5 cm. long, the cuttings are ready for potting.

Dig out the plant carefully. Re-pot it in good soil into which you have mixed well plenty of peat moss and vermiculite. Set the pot(s) in a cool, shady spot until the top growth is well established. Thereafter, treat as any house plant.

After-care:

If you use a mister, reduce the daily spraying over a period of a week, until the plant has adjusted to normal watering practice.

If you are making the rooting in a poly bag (or other container) open it for a longer period each day, to harden-off the plant. In a week or eight days, remove the cover permanently.

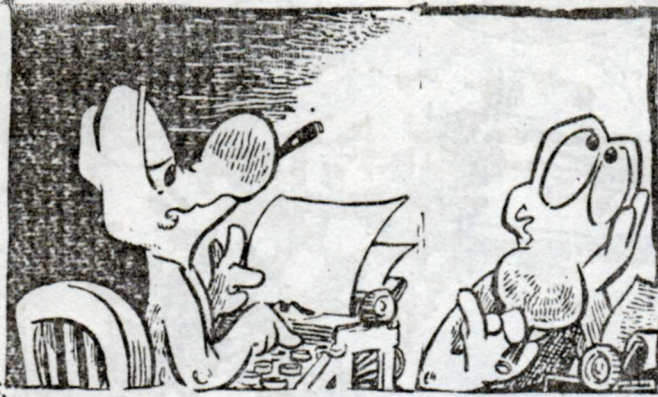
Note:

Procedures are different for (each of):

- a. hardwood cuttings from coniferous species;
- b. semi-hardwood cutting (mostly broad-leaved evergreens);
- c. softwood/greenwood cuttings;
- d. herbaceous cuttings (coleus, geraniums, etc.);
- e. leaf cuttings (sanseveria, begonia, etc.);
- f. leaf-bud cuttings;
- g. root cuttings.

Abridged from Wyman's Gardening Encyclopedia.

by
Norm McKinney



OUR READERS WRITE

TO THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

I strongly disagree with your suggestion that staff not be allowed to speak at general meetings. This a co-operative run along democratic principles and I live here. I have all the rights of a member. You hired me, knowing I was a member. The Bain Co-op could always pass a by-law saying it won't hire members, only non-members, in which case it could control their opinions at general meetings.

But that has not been done. I say that the Newsletter Editorial Board has no right to make those kinds of statements and it is irresponsible to make them in this way.

As a member, I might remind the Newsletter Committee that we have a formal process around here for taking this kind of suggestion to the Residents' Council and General Meeting. It makes me mad that this committee goes around pointing its finger at staff without putting their proposal on the table at a general meeting where staff could argue back. The newsletter methods are counter-productive: if there are any splts between residents and staff they tend to widen that gap.

I'm a member too.

LOU FRANCE



Dear Folks,

I have been reading your editorials for the last few issues and I want to give you my own personal opinion of what I think. Which is that they are a big waste of good paper and the readers time.

Just what makes you guys think you know so much and it's so important that you've got to get up on your soap box and talk about it in every issue? Who asked you your opinion anyhow and why are you always ramming it down our throats?

Now there is good stuff there so I'm not 100% negative--like the cartoons which I always get a laugh out of. Now what you ought to do is cut out the editorial and leave more room for the cartoon and maybe more people would read your scandal sheet. Or if you can't why not leave the space blank? It would make a lot more sense than a lot of guff about "why are we here?" I know why I'm here, it's home that's why.

If you ask questions like that it makes you look like a fool and reflects badly on the co-op. I don't like to put people down but what you guys are doing gets my goat.

Yours sincerely,
L. Wood
9 the Pines



LOUD APPLAUSE

People make their valedictory to Summer in various ways. Closing the cottage, buying a new winter coat, attending the CNE, resolving not to attend the CNE (for \$3.00 you're boring), starting classes - how depressing are these yearly rituals.

Here at the Bain we have a much more pleasant means of marking the change of seasons. We mean, of course, that overflowing fountain of delight and source of innocent merriment - the Bain Street Festival. A feast for the senses and a pleasure for all. It is clearly the social event of the season.

Not least of its impressive features is the way in which it is organized. As you have seen elsewhere in the newsletter, many people contributed to this year's festival. What is truly remarkable is the way in which every year a different group of members emerges - without an ongoing committee structure, without coercion or cajoling - to organize the festival.

Thanks for the good time, folks.

September & October

Co-op Office 466-2186

Emergency pager 332-2 - please use emergency pager # only for genuine emergencies. Leave name, address & phone # so that you can be contacted

Emergency 483-1003

COMMITTEES meetings, contacts

Residents Council - Stephanie Grace - 465-4781
meets 7:30 pm. office every Tuesday (except G.M. Tuesday)

Finance Committee - Helen Spork - 469-0782
meets every Wednesday 7:30 pm

Food Co-op
Steve Fruitman - 465-0464

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Festival rain date	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		news letter production					
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	newsletter planning meeting						
	27	28	29	30	ct.	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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			General Meeting 7:30 pm.	newsletter production			

