

People and Places

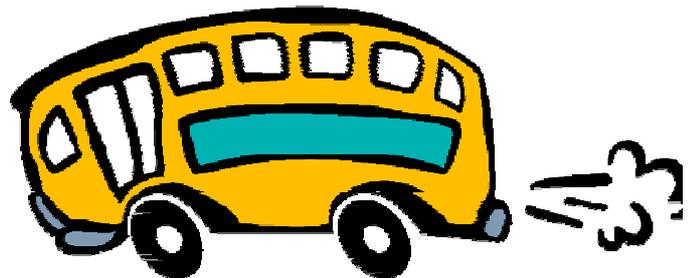
Mr Deamer's Good Idea



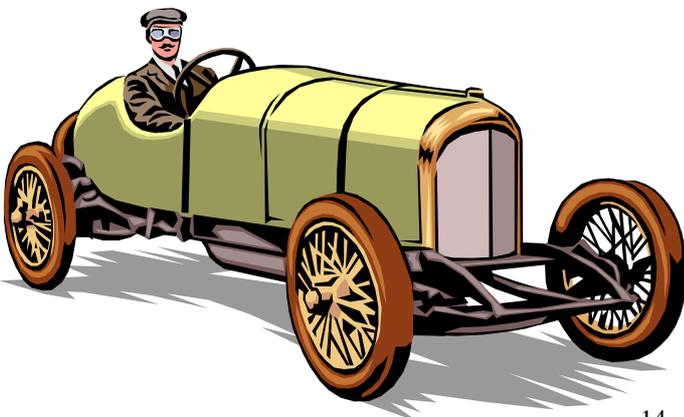
Tony Deamer is a Bahá'í who lives in Vanuatu, an island in the South Pacific. The island has beautiful beaches and sun and is covered with palm trees and coconuts. It also has some poor people because there are not enough jobs to go round, and Mr Deamer thought of a way to help them. Not only would his idea create jobs on the island, but it would also help keep the lovely clean air of Vanuatu from becoming polluted with black exhaust fumes from cars and motorbikes.

Coconuts are good to eat, and the white, milky liquid inside is delicious to drink. But Mr Deamer discovered something else: they contain oil which can be used instead of petrol in cars! Of course, the oil can't be used without having scientific things done to it

first, so don't let your Dad put it in his car otherwise it will ruin the engine! But already a bus company on the island is running 20 of its buses on a mixture of the new fuel and diesel.



In the past, people have come up with other ideas of what to use as fuel for cars instead of petrol. Some say even water can be used, but it needs special engines for that to work. Cars can also run on large electric batteries, which are recharged every night.



In the olden days, trains ran on steam, and steam rollers are still sometimes used to smooth hot tarmac on roads when they are being repaired, so these ideas are not as crazy as they seem!

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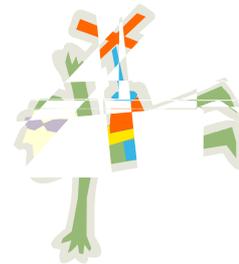
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What do you know about Vanuatu?

It is a group of 80 islands 2,000 kilometers northeast of Sydney, Australia.
 200,000 people live there. 95% are Melanesian (which means they come from
 various islands in an area called Melanesia in the Pacific).

One of its main exports is copra (not cobra, which is a snake) (kerrum inside coconuts).

The first Bahá'í to go to Vanuatu was a Bahá'í who came here in 1953 and was the first Bahá'í to be born in Vanuatu.