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## HEALTH-EDUCATION BUILDING OPENED

Local and out-of-town visitors gathered last Tuesday afternoon for the official opening of the new School Board and Health Unit Offices.

G.S. Humphreys, Chairman of the School Board, welcomed the group. He remarked on the long felt need for this new building and noted the tremendous improvement over the old quarters. The School Board Chairman said the people of S.S.I. should take great pride in the new offices.

Mr. Humphreys introduced Mr. J.R. Corney, Secretary of the Duncan Kiwanis Club. Mr. Corney, on behalf of the T.B. Society presented a cheque for \$1,650.00 to help pay for a share of the new health unit. He said that the TB Christmas Seal sales have been very well supported by the people of Salt Spring Island and the Gulf Islands. Part of this fund has provided money to help pay for over 50 health units in B.C. and the Society is happy to provide this money toward a new health unit for the Gulf Islands. On behalf of the Gulf Island School District, Mr. Humphreys expressed appreciation as he accepted the cheque.

Chairman Humphreys then introduced Dr. A.N. Beattie of the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health which serves Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands. Dr. Beattie brought greetings from the Director of Health, Dr. Whitbread, who was unable to

be present. Dr. Beattie cited the organizations sharing in the cost of the Health Unit part of the building - the Provincial and Federal Health Departments, the Polio Foundation, the Cancer Society and the TB Society. He commented on the importance of teamwork between those responsible for community education & public health. One without the other is impossible.

The official ceremonies started with the traditional ribbon cutting, symbolizing the building officially open to the public. Following a short dedication service by Archdeacon G.H. Holmes, the guests were conducted through the premises. The large board room used for school board meetings and also by the Health Unit for pre-natal classes and as a waiting room for child health conferences is spacious and bright. The School District also occupies a general office and an office for the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. Sturdy. The Health Unit includes a clerical office, the nurse's private office and a work room. This lovely modern building is bright and well lighted throughout and well designed to serve the purposes of the School District and the Health Unit. It is a very real asset to the community.

C.R. Horel, Chairman

## One resigns, two decline

Three veteran School Trustees, representing a collective 21 years of service, have resigned or declined to stand for re-election at the forthcoming Annual School meetings. It was learned at the regular monthly meeting of the school board last Tuesday night that Mrs. Hilda Prior of Pender Island and Mr. G.S. Humphreys, Chairman of the Board and representing North Saltspring Island have declined to stand for re-election. Mr. Doug Dane of Fulford tendered his letter of resignation, effective on December 31st. He had one more year to serve on his present term.

Mrs. Prior, who has been on the Board for eight years, declined re-nomination, due to health reasons.

Mr. Dane, who is a nine year veteran of the Board, and who has served in many capacities, including Chairman, is resigning because of personal reasons. A successor will be named at the Annual meeting to be held in Fulford on Nov. 21.

Mr. Humphreys, Chairman, has declined to stand for re-election, citing personal reasons for this action. Mr. Humphreys, who has served during a difficult and yet progressive four years,

was a leading architect and a guiding light of many of the Board's accomplishments.

A successor to Mr. Humphreys will be named on Thursday, Nov. 22 at the Annual meeting to be held in Mahon Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Two other members of the Board are up for re-election this year: Mr. C.W. Harrison, North S.S.I. and Mrs. H. Barner of Galiano. Other members of the Board, Dr. T. Jansch, Mr. Geo. Heiney of North S.S.I., Mr. Bill Morson of Mayne Island and Mr. J.M. Campbell of Saturna, have one more year to serve on their present terms.

of the Chamber of Commerce, said, "The new School Board and Health Unit building is a fine addition to the community and should lead to more efficient schooling and health care for our children".

The Norahlight women

of the United Church served coffee and cookies to the assembled guests.

Miss D. Ladner, Nursing Supervisor for School Districts # 62, 63 and 64 was among the guests present for the official opening.

**EDITORIAL**

With Mr. Doug Dane resigning and Mr. Gil Humphreys declining to seek re-election, the whole tenor of the School Board will be changed and DRIFTWOOD, for one, is a bit sad to see these two gentlemen leaving.

While we didn't always agree with them, and that is the way it should be, we never doubted their integrity and we were always convinced of their dedication to better education for the children of the Gulf Islands.

What we admired in both these men was their ability to fight and fight hard for what they believed - that is why you saw or heard their names bandied about so much. They didn't sit back and try to win some sort of a popularity contest. They were on the School Board to serve the children and a community - they were vocal and they soon realized that by being a good Trustee with the courage to say something besides platitudes they were going to make a few people unhappy.

In many ways it was a very thankless job, a job that grew more and more complex each year, a big, complicated job that was not fully understood by the people who voted these two men in to office. And yet it must have

been a very rewarding job, in many ways. During their tenure in office, 9 years for Mr. Dane and 4 years for Mr. Humphreys, many changes were put into effect and the school district and the school children are much better off because these two gentlemen fought and argued and compromised and worked very hard.

Let's hope their replacements can serve as well . . .

The play "Pinocchio" presented by the Holiday Theatre Group on Nov. 1st was a very great success. The pupils of the Saltspring Elementary School enjoyed the play very much. Mr. J.

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The regular meeting of the Anglican W.A. was held in the Parish Hall on Nov. 9 with Mrs. G.H. Holmes in the chair. Thirteen members were present.

Plans were made for the Christmas sale to be held on Dec. 8 in the Parish Hall. Tea convener will be Mrs. G. Laundry, Needlework stall - Mrs. V.L. Jackson and Mrs. A.R. Price, Home Produce - Mrs. N. Howland and Mrs. J. Byron, Christmas Stall - Mrs. G.H. Holmes and Mrs. W.H. Saunders, Christmas Tree - Mrs. E. Faure, Home Cooking - Mrs. H. Ashby & Mrs. E. Worthington. Mrs. H. Price will be at the door. Mrs. S.P. Beech will make tea tags.

Our corporate communion service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on November 30 in St. George's Church to be followed by the annual meeting. Mrs. Worthington and Mrs. Holmes will act as nominating committee. The group decided to give \$75 to the Primate's world Relief Fund. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Beech and Mrs. Price.

Following the meeting a special service was held in St. George's Church conducted by Archdeacon and Mrs. Holmes during which Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Price were made life members of the W.A.

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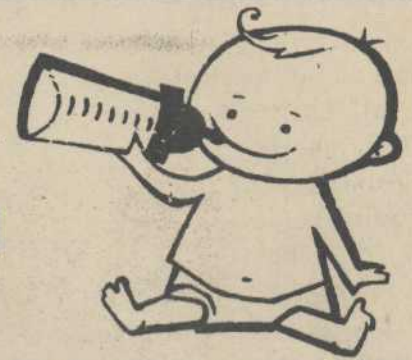
William Feather

**BOOK WEEK**

Every year since 1949 the week of Nov. 15 to 22 has been celebrated as Young Canada's Book Week to interest children in reading.

This year's patron is author Roderick Haig-Brown, a British Columbia judge. An Englishman by birth, Mr. Haig-Brown has lived in Campbell River since 1934. He is a keen naturalist, and has written several well-known books on fishing, as well as works for younger readers. His latest children's book, published this fall, is *The Whale People*.

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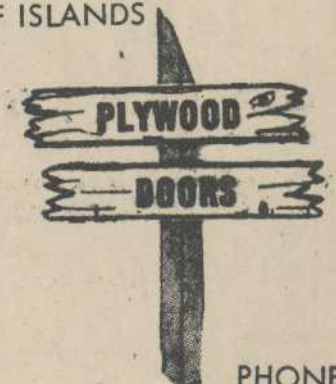
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LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

Following the opening ritual, 25 members answered the roll call at the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion on Tuesday Nov. 6 at the Legion Hall. Mrs. Ada Ashby chaired the meeting. The members were advised of the forthcoming resignation of Mrs. McLennan, secretary of the B.C. Provincial Command, after a great many years of faithful service.

Mrs. Loosmore reported making 4 visits to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands, Hospital where she saw 29 patients. Dr. & Mrs. R. Bradley made four trips to the Veterans Hospital in Victoria visiting 39 patients. Five pair of hand knitted socks were handed in for distribution at the Veterans Hospital.

Four auxiliary members help at the local library each Monday. Another member assists the Public Health Nurse each month at the Well Baby Clinic, while another has for two months driven a patient to the C.A.R.S. Clinic each Thursday.

There is to be a joint meeting of the auxiliary and members of the executive of the Branch on Nov. 26 at the Legion Hall.

The Remembrance Day dinner was reported to be under control. The poppy cavass was reported to be underway, with a tag day to be held on Friday, Nov. 9. Mrs. G. Laundry is in charge of the poppies at Ful-

ford. Of the last 25 years Mrs. Laundry has handled the poppy sales in Fulford for 21. Mrs. D. Dane and Mrs. H. Hippilsey each took charge for two year periods.

There will not be a Christmas Stocking contest this year. Mrs. T. Sharland will convene the New Year's Eve Dance.

Mrs. F. Empey displayed the Queen Charlotte Hospital layette to the meeting. This layette is assembled each year and sent to the Matron of the Q.C. Maternity Hospital, England, who distributes it among new mothers who are in straightened circumstances. Mrs. Empey received the thanks of the members for a job well done.

Members were reminded of the food shower for the Christmas hampers to be held at the next meeting, and also of the fact that nominations for the 1963 slate of officers would be received at the December meeting. It was announced that members could contribute toward the purchase of tulip bulbs for the cenotaph. Mr. Ed. Stephenson is in charge of this project. Ten cents will buy a bulb.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

As many people on the Island might testify, the Ganges United Church Anniversary Smorgasbord Dinner, put on by the United Church Women, was an outstanding success. The Committee in charge of arrange-

ments included Mrs. Fred Reid, Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. E. Parsons, Mrs. R.J. Young, Mrs. D. Abolit, Mrs. Irl Bradley, Mrs. A. Francis, and Mrs. M. Sober.

The main table, laden with its colorful array of tempting dishes in great variety, was decorated and arranged by Mrs. Young & Mrs. S. Clark. The dining tables were in the capable hands of four of our attractive C.G.I.T. girls, while members of both units boked after the serving tables & helped in the kitchen. Mu-

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ANGLICAN: St. Mark's - Matins, 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; St. George's - Holy Communion 8:30 a.m., Evensong, 7:30 p.m.; St. Mary's Evensong, 2:30 p.m.

UNITED: Ganges, 11:00 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of Grace, Holy Mass, 10:45 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Mahon Hall, 11:00 a.m.

JEHOVAH WITNESSES: Mahon Hall, 2:00 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL: Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

## COMING EVENTS:

Friday, Nov. 16 - Rod & Gun Club Cabaret Dance Mahon Hall.

Saturday, Nov. 17 - Card Social, Beaver Point Hall, 8:15 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 19 - School District annual meeting, Mayne Island Hall, 3:00 p.m.; Galiano School - 8:00 p.m.; PTA Meeting, 8:00 p.m. Home Ec Room

Tuesday, Nov. 20 - Guild of Sunshine meeting, Mahon Hall, board room, 2:30 p.m.; School District annual meeting, Pender Island School, 8:00 p.m. Saturna Community Club Hall, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 21 - Reception for Rev. Leech, Parish Hall, 8:00 p.m.; School District annual meeting, Fulford Community Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 22 - Burgoyne W.A. Tea, Nancy's Coffee Bar, Fulford, 2:30 p.m.

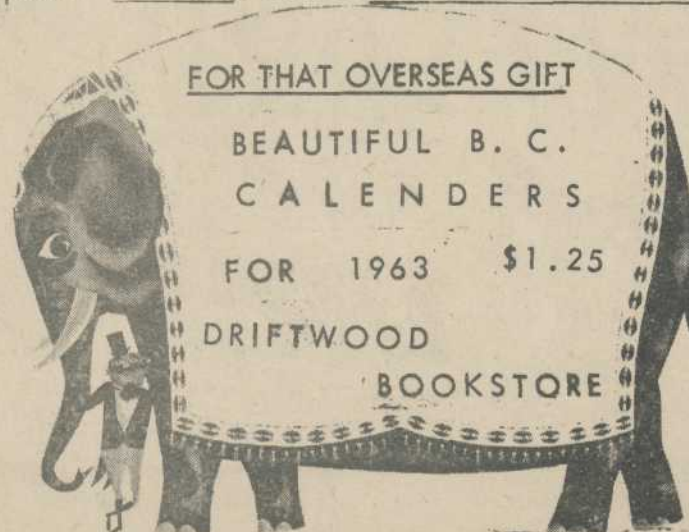
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funds our W.I. Branches collect across Canada for the "Save the Children Fund" - the cash from Canada & much of the food supplied comes from our Canadian W.I. funds so that's encouraging. It was an inspiring talk and Mrs. Palmer told us how they had to take off shoes before entering Japanese homes. She said there were 1500 delegates from all countries - even two Aboriginal members from the Northern Territories of Australia. Our B.C. Exhibits in the International Exhibition, got major mention in the newspapers. Among the exhibits was an Indian knitted wool cap from Cowichan. In 1965, the next ACWW Conference will be held in Dublin Ireland.

We all had a good time in Colwood and stayed with Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Lang, two of the well-known members, of the Colwood W.I.

The regular monthly meeting of Mizpah, the Womens group of the United Church was held in the Church Hall November 1st. with Mrs. J.D. Reid filling in for Mrs. Bidwell in the chair.

Fourteen members answered, the roll call and 10 visits were reported. Mrs. H. Ashley led the devotional period and Miss Herd gave an interesting talk on Korea, past and present.

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the date set for the annual fall bazaar. Mrs. C. Leggett, general convener, reported that all arrangements have been finalized. After Miss Herd moved adjournment, tea was served by Mrs. H. Ashley and Mrs. Frederickson.

**TEACHER'S SALARY CONTRACT TO ARBITRATION**

The Conciliation meeting held on Tuesday, to resolve the difference between the Teachers and the local School Board on the 1963 contract negotiations, was unable to effect any agreement and the conciliators have submitted the negotiations to arbitration.

Mr. Sam Hughes of S.S.I. represented the School Board and Mr. John Barsby of Nanaimo was the conciliator for the teachers.

**I.O.D.E BRIDGE RESULTS**

Final game in Group A will be played off between W.A. Mouat & Cyril Wagg and opponents Mrs. A. Jobin and Miss Z. Manning.

Winners of the 5th round in Group B: Mrs. A.E. Roddis & Miss D. Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Sharland; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morris; Mr. & Mrs. Peiler; T. Mc-

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The Saltspring Elementary School staff plans to observe "Young Canada Book Week" by taking various classes on conducted tours of the local library. This will enable the pupils to learn just how to make use of the library facilities and the books which are available.

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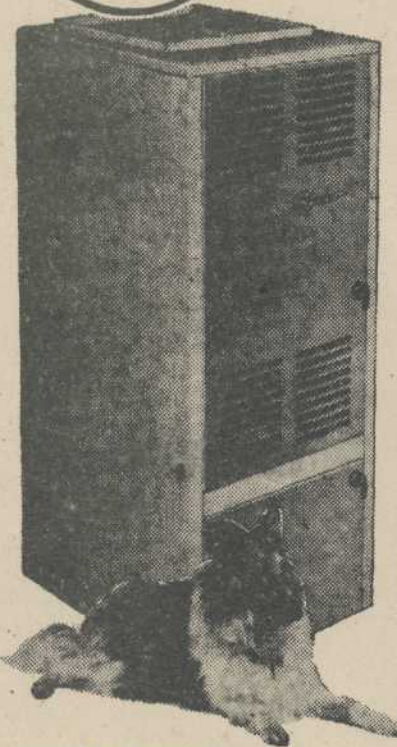
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# LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR

"Dear Sir: I was interested to see the front page pictures of two ceremonies at Ganges re War Dead.

You might be interested in my copy of the 1922 dedication of War Memorial.

The Rev. G. Aitkins, father of Miss F. Aitkins, was Anglican clergyman.

Mrs. Frank Crofton, a war nurse, was under shell fire at the Front, and passed away a few years ago.

I would appreciate return of the booklet, as I have a collection of similar things from past Salt Spring days.

Keep up the good work on your paper! (Signed) Mr. Garnet L. Young"

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(Ed. Note): Mr. Young kindly sent us his valuable copy of the Order of Service of the "Memorial Service for the Men of Salt Springs Island who fell in the Great War, 1914 - 1918 and Dedication of Monument", held on Monday, April 17th, 1922 at 3:00 p.m.

Rev. G. Aitkins officiated and Mrs. F.L. Crofton unveiled the Memorial. The Salt Spring Island men, who gave their lives in that war and who were honoured that day were: C.M. Blandy, G. R.C. Calcott, E. Cartwright, L. Carter, A.N.H. Churchill, F.H. Corbett, J.D.B. Craig, C.G. Dean, H. Emerson, P. Falkner, G.F. Haydon, N.C. Heaton, C. C. Hedges, A.G. Kemp, H. Longdon, J.R. Lumley, H. T. Lumley, J. Mason, G.H. C. Milnes, M.T. Myles, R. P.P. Norton, C.P. Storer, C.A. Storer, J.D. Whims.

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"Dear Sir: It seems to me that we, the voters, are looking at the school referendum from the wrong point of view. The School Board is not asking us what the children need; they are simply asking for permission to spend our money which is collected through taxes. Because we are used to handling money in small quantities we become alarmed when we see a sum containing more than four figures, but if the total of the Island's share were broken down, surely we would hardly notice our bit on the yearly assessment.

Isn't it ridiculous, nay, downright shameful that a school of such importance as ours (serving all the Gulf Island) has no room large enough to hold all the pupils? The principal cannot get all the classes together for a lecture, or for a special service such as they should have on Remembrance Day. Moreover, for Awards Day, for plays or for concerts, the school must be divided. The lower school doesn't know what the upper school is doing, and vice versa. Then there is the fact that the children have to walk across the grounds to

reach the inadequate building in all kinds of weather. All these reasons are to be added to the crying need for a gymnasium.

As to the adults of Ganges using the new building, won't they be required to pay rent? Wouldn't they pay their share in this way? (Signed) A Parent"

There is a wicked inclination in most people to suppose an old man decayed in his intellects. If a young or middle aged man when leaving the company does not recollect where he laid his hat, it is nothing; but if the same inattention is discovered in an old man, people will shrug up their shoulders and say, "His memory is going."

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"You might as well give a burglar an engraved invitation to help himself at your house, if you leave valuables lying about", says Lorne C. Earle, manager of the Bank of Montreal's Ganges Branch.

Mr. Earle adds that behind the steel doors of a Bank of Montreal vault is the safest place for valuables such as bonds, leases, stock certificates, passports and other important family documents.

"It costs less than two cents a day to rent a Bank of Montreal safety deposit box", he says, and explains that hundreds of thousands of Canadians use Bank of Montreal safety deposit facilities, an indication of the popularity of this service. "It pays for itself again and again in peace of mind alone", he says.

"Give the burglar a brush-off at your house", Mr. Earle advises. "Keep your valuables in your personal strong box - it's exclusively yours - in the Ganges Bank of Montreal vault.

Drop in soon and see Mr. Earle about renting a safety deposit box . . . it will set your mind at rest. ad. |||||

The bi-monthly meeting of the Saltpring Elementary School Parent and Teacher Association will be held in the Home Ec room on Monday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. These meetings are to be held every other month in hopes more parents will attend. The anticipated programmes contain excellent material.

The speaker at this meeting will be Mrs. Agnes Fraser. She is a teacher at Cordova Bay. She attended the "World Confederation of

Teaching Professions" which was held at Stockholm, Sweden in July 1962. Seventy-five countries were represented by 133 organizations of teachers at the Conference. Mrs. Fraser has attended several previous meetings of this International organization and will bring a message on Educational Trends of intense interest to all those who have children attending school.

### PICTURAMA

The third Annual Picturama, presented by the Cameral Club will be held on November 23rd & 24th at Mahon Hall at 8:00 p.m. The theme of this year's Picturama is "Around the World in 80 Slides".

A feature of this year's show will be a show of some candid shots of local people that should be quite hilarious. Price of admission will be 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children.

### WINTER SCHEDULE?

At the general meeting of the S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce held last Wednesday, it was disclosed that the B.C. Toll Ferry Authority is considering a small reduction in ferry service for the winter.

While no final decision has been made, it is thought the loss to S.S.I. will be only the very early ferry that leaves Fulford at 6:00 a.m. The late ferries on Friday will probably be kept on.

A fine idea expressed by Mr. Harry Loosmore has resulted in the local Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion being the recipient of poppy seeds direct from Flander's Fields.

Working from Mr. Loosmore's suggestion, the Legion Secretary wrote a letter to the Burgomaster of Mons, (Cont'd to P.10)

**POPPIES** (Cont'd from P.9)  
Belgium, requesting seed. An answer has been received and the seeds are to arrive momentarily.

The poppy seed will be planted at the Cenotaph next spring.

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**MUM SOCIETY MEETS**

The last meeting of the season for the Mum Society was held on Nov. 7th and election of officers for next season was held. The new President is Dr. R.W. Bradley; Vice-President, Mrs. P.G. James; Secretary, Mrs. M. Sober; Treasurer, Mrs. R.W. Bradley; Show Convener, Mr. Wallis, who will have as assistants, A. Wilson, P.G. James and W. Rogers. Show Secretary Mrs. A. Wilson; assistant show secretary, Mrs. T. Sharland; Publication, Mrs. E.E. Groff; Programme Convener, Mrs. E. Worthington; refreshments, Mrs. Syd Claibourne and Mrs. John Inglin; Field advisers; Mums, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. D. Fanning; General Horticulture, Mr. P.G. James.

The next meeting will be held in February..

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**SATURNA** (A dispatch from our foreign correspondent on Saturna Island, a reporter who is dedicated to unbiased and objective reporting except in the rare circumstances where objective reporting does not show his version of the news as plain as it should)

**SATURNA** . . . Irate rate-payers of Saturna Island met Saturday night in the Community Hall and effectively stalled the formation of the maverick Saturna Ratepayers Association.

In a hard fought procedural battle, the question of whether the meeting was an organizational one or the first general meeting of a 'Saturna Ratepayers Association was never resolved.

It was argued that since there had been no previous public call, the meeting must be an organizational one.

Promoters of the scheme who claimed that an organization with dues paying members was already set up acknowledged that no membership qualification had yet been fixed. They stated that it was not the intention to adopt a constitution until January. They declined to divulge the number of members.

It was learned that a letter had already gone forward to the Premier on transportation, and that committees had been struck to deal with other local problems.

The majority present supported the long established Saturna Community Club as the best agency through which the various community problems that arise may be dealt with.

A decisive vote at the close of the three hour meeting rejected the proposal to form a new group for the community.

The Chairman, Mrs. J. J. Conroy, was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for her capable handling of a most difficult meeting.

Following the meeting coffee, provided by the promoters, was enjoyed by all.

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