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☆ *A Happy New Year To All* ☆

SCRIBBLINGS FROM THE SCRIBE

1901 — 1950

The stroke of Midnight on December 31st will mark the close of the first half of the Twentieth Century, and the commencement of the second half. What a half century the past one has been! The changes that have taken place during the past fifty years have been more radical and revolutionary than any similar period at least in the Christian era. Life for every man, woman and child has been changed, socially, economically, politically and industrially, in fact there is nothing affecting the life of people the world over that has not been changed more or less.

For instance it must be difficult for the younger generation to realize that there was a time, not so very long ago, when there were no electrical appliances in the home, no radios or television, no gramophones, no automobiles, and no airplanes, these are all common-place things with us today; but at the beginning of this century the only means of illumination in the home, was the candle, the coal-oil lamp, or perhaps coal gas, and all the other things mentioned above were simply unknown, they did not exist. The Scribe can well remember the day when electricity was introduced as a means of Street Lighting in the town in which he lived. Before its introduction the streets were lighted by means of coal gas, in lanterns placed on cast iron posts, and every night at dusk a man used to come round and light these lamps one by one. Then electricity came and instead of each lamp being lit separately the lights all came on at once and there was nearly a panic in the town and the first night the local newspaper came out with bold flaring headlines informing the public that it was even possible to read their newspaper standing under the new street lamps. We can also vividly recall the occasion when the first gramophone came to our town. There was in those days an entertainment group that travelled from town to town, putting on a variety show, remaining in

the larger centres for a whole week. The group was known as Poole's Panorama, and they visited our town on their regular rounds. We attended the show one evening, and during the proceedings a man came to the edge of the stage and addressed the audience somewhat as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen we are now to present to you the latest and most wonderful invention from America—the new talking machine which actually reproduces the human voice as you soon shall hear. I wish to assure you that the voice you will hear proceeds from the machine itself, and in order to demonstrate that this is actually the case I am going to place the machine on a table that can be clearly seen all around and underneath then I will place this cylinder, made largely of wax upon which the human voice has been recorded, and which you may hear all over this hall by means of this trumpet-like thing attached to the machine."

The Scribe can also recall the advent of the first motor vehicle in our town. This particular machine owned by a wealthy land-owner was electrically driven by means of storage batteries, and the speed at which it travelled, about 10 or 15 miles per hour was considered marvellous in those days; and thereby hangs a tale. I was then employed as a salesman in a shoe store. There were several others employed there also. One day one of the other clerks was looking out of the door gazing into the street, all at once he turned around and excitedly yelled to the rest of us: "Come here quickly and see this horseless carriage going by." Naturally we all ran to the door to see the wonderful new invention that had just come to town. It was a horseless carriage all right, an ordinary carriage being drawn by a man in the shafts instead of the horse.

Before the motor vehicle could be generally used on the roads of England all the laws governing highway traffic had to be changed to meet new conditions, and the task was no easy one. I rode on the first motor bus that ever travelled on the streets of London, it was a small affair

seating about 100 persons and ran between Charing Cross and Putney. The trip cost six-pence instead of the three-pence the regular horse-drawn busses charged.

Today all these inventions are commonplace with us, and the end is not yet, but I sometimes wonder if people are as contented with life as they were in those days. At the risk of being called old fashioned I think that while we may have gained much we have also lost much; the people it is true

"Didn't have no 'aeroplanes'

"Didn't have no motor cars

"But they had lots of country lanes

"When pa went courting ma!"

Now the second half of the Twentieth Century is upon us. What does it hold, for us and the world? Are we going to allow these great and new inventions and discoveries, including atomic energy which the Great Creator has placed in our hands, to become the ministers to human selfishness and greed or is mankind going to learn to use them, as He intends that they should be used in the service of our fellow men, and the bringing of a fuller, richer life to all people the world over.

W. H. D.

CORDOVA BAY COMMUNITY CLUB

The next General Meeting of the Club which will be held on Wednesday the 3rd January 1951, will be the Annual General Meeting at which the election of Officers and Directors will take place.

Attention is drawn to By-Law IV, Section 2, which reads "over twenty-five per cent of the active members of the Club who are in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting, proxies counting as members present. Proxies must be in writing and are limited to one per member."

Members to be in good standing must have paid their dues for the year to 31st December 1950.

It is hoped there will be a good turnout.

SPINDRIFT

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B.C., CANADA

Editorial:

LOOKING BACKWARD

The end of another year seems to call, inevitably, for some sort of summing up of what has been accomplished during the year and to invite such questions as, Have we accomplished anything? Have we made sufficient progress towards the goal at which we have been aiming? If not, what is the cause?

The goal which the Club has set itself is the building of a Community Hall.

On November 27th, 1949, there was a record attendance at the cement pouring of 57 members and friends representing at a conservative estimate 330 man hours. "Anon's" letter of 13th November 1950 in our November issue shows that on the 1st, 5th, 8th, and 12th, November, 1950, two of which days were Sundays, the man hours totalled 66 hours. The difference even after allowing for everything is alarming and when it is remembered that the Chairman of the Building Committee has given up as useless, appeals to the members to turn out in greater numbers the situation can be said to have reached a climax.

In spite of the poor attendance work on the Hall has gone steadily on, thanks to the efforts of a faithful few and has now almost reached the point which would make it possible to continue the work under cover and with some degree of comfort through the Winter but a greater effort must be made if that point is to be reached before bad weather puts a stop to outside work.

The old saying "Ambition dies on a warm Hearth-stone" is as true to-day as it ever was. There are several members who are altering or finishing their own houses. There are still others who are giving freely of their leisure to different Club activities and there are those who being well past the prime of life and unaccustomed to outside work are finding that they are not fit to stand exposure to

the cold. Allowing for these and for those who have disabilities there would appear to be a considerable number who might be helping and are not.

Surely, Surely, the community spirit for which Cordova Bay is noted is not on the wane.

The co-operation of the P.T.A., the Club and the Community as a whole with the rest of the Municipality was successful in passing the School Money By-Laws and by means of the same combination Secession was confined to former Ward Six.

The three members of the Club who undertook the rather thankless task of finding and examining Sites for the new School and making recommendations on which should be chosen did a very excellent piece of work and it was no fault of theirs that the School Board decided on a site other than the one they considered would be most advantageous.

In our opinion it should be made clear to the School Board that never again will a Money By-Law be passed with the site of a new school undecided.

It may be hoped that the proposal for Street Lighting in the Bay, which is being put forward, will be well supported.

STREET LIGHTING

It has come to our notice that some who have read Mr. Chas. Howorth's Article on this subject in our November issue do not appear to have grasped its full import and are under the impression that only those within 300 feet of a light will bear any of the cost.

Their attention is drawn to the second last paragraph of the Article which reads. "Normally, only taxpayers whose property limits are within 300 feet of a light are charged with the cost of the improvement. However the committee considers that all residents of the Cordova Bay area will benefit to a considerable extent from the installation of lights along the main road, so a clause has been inserted in the petition asking the council to charge some

proportion of the cost to those taxpayers whose property does not abut directly on the streets to be lighted."

This clause ensures that the cost of the lighting will be spread, to some extent, over all the property owners in the Bay.

All benefit to some extent. All pay to some extent. Fair Enough.

ANOTHER COMMUNITY PAPER

Congratulations to Strawberry Vale and District Community Club on their venture into the Magazine field. May all success be theirs.

SPINDRIFT'S THANKS

This month brings us to the end of third year. It is, upon looking back on it, one for which we have much to be thankful. It has been marked by a decided and very welcome increase in the number of contributors thereby enabling us to set up and maintain a small "Backlog" upon which to draw thus relieving those responsible from any anxiety as to whether there would be enough material to fill each issue as it became due.

During the year it became necessary to lift from our Business Manager, Mr. Edgar Buckle, some of the weight he had carried for so long. For this purpose Mr. K. R. Genn was appointed to and accepted the office of Treasurer.

We take this opportunity on behalf of Spindrift of thanking the whole Staff and all who have contributed by working or writing for it in any way and take pleasure in acknowledging that without the time and energy they have so freely given it would not have been possible to produce the paper.

We wish everyone, including our readers, A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS**ST. DAVID'S-BY-THE-SEA**Cordova Bay, B.C.
Dec. 5th, 1950.

Spindrift, Cordova Bay, P.O.

Dear Sirs,

The Church Committee are glad to make this small contribution of five dollars towards the costs of publishing "Spindrift". We appreciate your publishing our Church datings of services and any news items that we may have to offer. We trust that this valuable publication will continue to be supplied to the community. The Editor and his talented helpers are to be greatly commended for the work they are doing!

Most sincerely,

St. David's-by-the-Sea Committee,
K. M. Lewis,
Warden-Treasurer.**HALL PROGRESS
IN MAN HOURS**

Tuesday, Nov. 14—Three brave men; snow and wind, gale force, not fit weather for anyone to be out.—6 hours.

Thursday, Nov. 16—One Car, presumably Whiz Bangs, painted gutters (cold night)—2 hours.

Friday, Nov. 17—Painting gutters—3 hours (slight rain).

Saturday, Nov. 18—Bracing West wall, sheeting back wall (fine day)—6 hours.

Sunday, Nov. 19—Making ready for roofing, placing gutters, staging, etc.; good turn out (fine and cold)—18 hours.

Wednesday, Nov. 22—Trimming off edges of main floor (fine and cold)—4 hours.

Sunday, Nov. 26—Sheeting in front and rear walls (fine and dull)—18 hours.

Tuesday, Nov. 28—Two cars came, but too wet to work.

Wednesday, Nov. 29—One car party (fine and dull)—4 hours.

Sunday, Dec. 3—About 7—8 good men turned out, but too much rain to start work on roof. Guess we shall have to grin and bear it, perchance the change of moon may help us out next week.

Sunday, Dec. 10—Fifteen good men turned out this day, after a week of steady rain and completed putting the roofing on the whole building—45 hours. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ward and Mrs. French.

This is real news, for now, we shall be able to do lots of work under cover and thus make more headway. Our total of hours is fairly good. Total, 106 Hours. I think this is a good time to go on the stump and call for those Good Resolutions for 1951. You know, the REAL ONES intended to be kept.

The one I greatly stress is "I do hereby fully resolve to devote more time to getting our "Hall" built as I realize it is the most important part of our Community Improvement.

Anon.

1006 Fenn Road
R.R. 4, Victoria, B.C.
Dec. 4, 1950.

Dear Sirs:

I thought the Editors of Spindrift would be pleased in knowing that their little paper goes up as far as Prince George every month.

Some friends of mine former residents of this community, Mr. and Mrs. Ken MacDonald and their two children Evelyn and Alan; known and missed by quite a few I'm sure wait patiently for its arrival into their little family circle; where it is read and enjoyed from cover to cover.

It also keeps them up-to-date with the news, progress and improvements made from time to time, and makes them a little homesick for the "The Bay" as I know their hearts are really still with us all.

Yours very truly,
Olga Johns.**MOUNT NEWTON P-T.A.**

"The Value of a P-T.A. in a School to Parent, Teacher, and Trustee" furnished a lively and interesting panel discussion at the December meeting of the Mount Newton P-T.A. Two well-known workers of the Provincial P-T.A. organization took part. Mrs. G. W. Pottinger acted as moderator for the panel. Mrs. L. E. Moutray outlined the scope of the work done by the Provincial organization. Mr. Adrian Butler dealt with the value of the P-T.A. to a parent, Mr. Arthur Vogee to the school, and Mr. P. E. Thorpe to the Trustees. Following its presentation, members of the panel replied to questions from the floor.

Mr. P. E. Thorpe urged that parents do more to follow up the work done by the teachers in the school. He contended that much improvement in public education would result from such action. Mr. Vogee pointed out how education could be helped by good books in a school library and incidentally the effect of adequate provision in this respect upon the preservation of democracy.

President R. Sinkinson urged members to listen to the P-T.A. broadcasts scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Saturdays over CJVI. Those who feel that this radio time is not suitable are asked to register their objections in writing. Mr. Sinkinson also announced that meetings of the District 63 P-T.A. sub-council would be continued soon.

Treasurer M. Connor reported a balance on hand of \$197.54.

Regulations for the P-T.A. bursary to be available next June were reviewed. Some amendment was proposed and a final draft will be presented at the January meeting.

President Sinkinson reported on activities of the District Council, and informed members that this year's Provincial Con-

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vention would be held in Victoria, March 27 to 29 inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Adrian Butler, seconded by Mr. Brammall, the group endorsed a motion of hearty appreciation of the nine years of service which Mrs. E. M. Bryce had given to the district as a school trustee. Specific contributions Mrs. Bryce had made in the development of Mt. Newton Junior Senior High School were recounted by the Principal, while Mr. P. E. Thorpe, Chairman of the Saanich School Board, expressed regret that Mrs. Bryce found it necessary to retire.

Minutes and correspondence were presented by Mrs. J. D. Holloway.

Activities of the evening concluded with refreshments being served by the Social Committee.

**St. David's-by-the-Sea
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(I)

Dawn was yet to break when I awakened in my pole walled, grass thatched hut on a little hilltop some two hundred and fifty miles from the nearest white man.

It was Xmas morning and I watched the distant hills as the rays of the rapidly rising sun clothed the trees in a rosy sheen. Perhaps, in that golden gleam, I might "catch a glimpse of that far off land of glory." My thoughts turned homewards as I remembered other Xmas mornings and my kith and kin so far away.

Far across the plains I heard the heavy roar of a lion as he finished his breakfast and sought shade to sleep away the hours of the day. Nearer, shrill trumpeting spoke of elephant on the move and, nearer still, the soft singing of my cook as he rattled his pans. And then, the soft cool of a tropic morning in the wild settled to peace. I sat and thought of the millions who were fast losing the real meaning of that day. Of the children whose day it was including my own small son and I wished then for a magic carpet to fly me in a twinkling of an eye across the eight thousand miles which separated us. That was long ago.

(II)

It was bitterly cold. The trenches were half full of water and we waded thigh deep in the soft murky stuff. All through the night there had been sporadic shelling and occasional rattle of machine guns when somebody threw a tin over the parapet to join the heap already there. Every now and again a flare would light the scene throwing into bold relief the blue faced corpses of comrades who had died and whose remains still draped the maze of barbed wire which filled the bare twenty-five yards separating us from our foe. I had tried to sleep on a bit of wire netting in a shallow dugout which reminded me of the nitch graves in Latin countries but one of the huge rats seemed determined to sneak down and chew my ear which kept me awake and irritable. Dawn, a creeping grey misty horror brought a "stand to" on the muddy fire step and down the line I could hear the din of a "gas" gong. Christmas morning. Once again I thought of those folk at home who had stinted and saved us a little home food for the great day. We hoped to change our usual diet of "bully and biscuits" and forget the emergency ration in the little white calico bag tied to our belts. Just across the way, a Hun started up "Hail smiling morn" on a brassy cornet and, as he played, one of our forward "saps" flung over a couple of hand grenades. Machine guns spluttered, guns crashed as the peace of that Christmas morning vanished in death and destruc-

tion. I wished once more for a magic carpet.

(III)

For a year the radio had screamed and shrieked of war, atom bombs and the lies of man. Big business for a month had dressed up their colossal stores in fake greenery and loaded their trays with horrid vile coloured imitations of the toys children dream of. Between the tortured news, the radio announcers in exaggerated tones had used every possible superlative adjective to describe the mass made shoddy gifts of the modern world. Prices of every staple food had soared until those, who could not join in the ballyhoo of dollar chasing, could hardly afford even bare necessities.

Choirs sang ancient hymns, some in "jazz" time, imitation bells rang on loud speakers, insured cars and drivers hurtled about the roads endangering the lives of every unfortunate child who played or old folk who walked. "Closed Shop" in labour, medico, tooth pullers and every earning walk of life screamed for more dollars without a thought or care of where they came from. Company profits were enormous, civil service sighed at the pleasant prospect of a further holiday whilst a satanic government sat back and rubbed their hands with glee at such a prosperous country. While I. In perhaps a quiet moment in this queer world in which I live, think of a Xmas as a festival for ~~CHRISTIAN ONLY~~. Of a day set aside for "Peace" in memory of a man whose brief life left us a pattern which convulsed the old world now rapidly vanishing.

I could wish once more. This time not for a magic carpet but for a miracle which would bring peace and goodwill this Xmas-tide 1950.

Quip.

CORDOVA BAY P-T.A. NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of Cordova Bay P-T.A. took place in the School Thursday, November 23rd. Mr. V. L. Goddard was in the chair. A new high of one hundred and thirteen members was reported. Members and friends were thanked for their co-operation in the recent Stone Picking Bee held on the school grounds. A vote of thanks was passed to the Saanich School Board for their part in the recent purchase of a movie projector by the P-T.A. for the school.

Following the business part of the meeting Mr. E. Argyle showed slides with a running commentary on "The Solar System".

Miss Y. Swift entertained with two piano selections.

Refreshments were served to finish the meeting.

J. Crampton,
Pub. Convenor.

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SOCIAL NOTES

NORSWORTHY—PENNINGROTH: At a civil ceremony at the Parliament Buildings on November 14th, Mrs. Marjorie Penningroth and Mr. Sidney Norsworthy were united in marriage in the presence of Mr. Norsworthy's mother and brother, Mrs. M. Norsworthy and Mr. Fred Norsworthy.

BALDWIN—BATTAN: On Saturday, December 9th, the Rev. W. H. Day united in matrimony Mrs. A. Battan and Mr. George Baldwin. They now reside on Cordova Bay Road near Agate Lane.

PRINCE: A baby son, Steven, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Prince who live near Parkview Store.

We are happy to know that Mrs. R. Ganner and Mr. E. McWean are convalescing after a stay in hospital. Also hospitalized were Mrs. L. Halling, Mrs. A. J. Passmore and Mr. Goldfinch. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to all the residents of our Community.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shaner and daughter Leah have left to live in Vancouver where Mr. Shaner has been transferred.

Mrs. Porter of Miami, Manitoba, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor, Lochside Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tucker and Linda were week-end visitors to Vancouver.

The Misses Phyllis Clayton and Lorraine Halliday left to enjoy the Christmas holidays at their respective homes up the West Coast.

From Langley Prairie, to stay with their mother Mrs. S. Norsworthy are Barbara and Betty Penningroth, now attending Mount Newton School.

Mrs. Ranger has left to spend a month with her sons and daughter at North Leford, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiper are to be away a month, when they visit with friends and old acquaintances in and around Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Miss Ann Howorth and Mr. Richard McMorran are home for the Christmas holidays from U.B.C.

The youngsters and mothers connected with the Co-operative Play Group have had a busy time closing for the Christmas season. The regular meeting of the Mother's group was held on Tuesday the 12th, with Mr. Norman Van Ness, psychiatrist with the Greater Victoria School District, as guest speaker, introduced by Mrs. Warden. Mrs. Mackintosh was in the chair. A birthday cake was cut in honor of Mrs. D. Phillips, leader of the Play Group. This was the second surprise of the day as Mrs. J. Bethell had taken a birthday cake to the Play Group in the morning for the children to share the birthday celebrations.

On Thursday afternoon the Play Group children displayed their dramatic ability to the first grade children at Cordova School, after which the first grade entertained the youngsters with a short play.

Tea was served to the mothers, with Mrs. G. McGill and Mrs. G. Ross pouring. Friday morning the youngsters had a short closing program with the mothers present. The Christmas gifts were distributed by Mrs. W. Mackintosh.

The Cordova Badminton team won a friendly tournament when they played against a group from St. Aiden's Church.

To all our readers, we Lillians of the Social News would like to express our united good wishes at this season of the year. We do hope the New Year will, in spite of world conditions today, be one of Peace to All.

Lillian Dyer and Lillian Ross.

After three years of reporting the social news, right from the first edition, I am handing my share of this job over to Mrs. Kitty Genn, who with the continued assistance of Lillian Dyer will write this social column. My sincere thanks to Mrs. J. French who has loyally recorded all the news of her particular district, in spite of all her other duties. To all, who have taken the trouble to help with the news, may I now say "Thank you all" to cover the last three years.

Lillian Ross.

ANTI-SECESSION FUND

I'm tired of seeing this headline and if our fight wasn't worth fifty cents to you property owners, forget this appeal but I will remember it.

I must acknowledge subscriptions in December from the following: Messrs. Ridley, McMurchie, Smith, Buchanan and Dyer, Mrs. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne.

Our objective was 150 dollars. Collected 33 dollars.

Loss to the organizers and sponsors to date 117 dollars. Thank you.

George Rickard,
Director of Publicity.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th December, in McMorran's Coffee Room at 8:00 p.m. under the direction of the United Church of Canada Extension Committee. The Chairman was Rev. Currie Thompson of the United Church of Canada at Wilkison Road—supported by Rev. H. P. Davidson, and Messrs. Daniels and Bracewell. The formation of a United Church of Canada at Cordova Bay was decided upon and the initial steps taken to put this into effect.

Mr. McMorran has graciously consented to the use of his Coffee Room for the morning Sunday Service. The first service was held on Sunday, 24th Dec., 11:00 a.m., when the preacher was the Rev. H. P. Davidson.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Club acknowledges with thanks a donation from Mr. Charles Schofield and Mrs. Vernon of \$2.00 to the Building Fund.

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ST. DAVID'S NEWS

The Annual Meeting of St. David's Guild will be held in the Church Hall, January 9th at half past two o'clock. Reports of the year's work and activity of the group will be read and the election of officers will be held.

A cordial invitation to all women of the district, to attend this meeting, hear the reports and enjoy a social hour, is extended by officers and members of the Guild. During the year, valuable help and co-operation has been given the Guild by many women, not active members, and it is felt, they would enjoy hearing the result of the many projects they have assisted. The Guild is most anxious for a large attendance at this meeting.

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Introduced by Mrs. C. B. Price, Mrs. Earle, Diocesan candidate, secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, opened the bazaar in the Church Hall. The affair was sponsored by St. David's Women's Guild and \$250 was realized. Mrs. J. Wyper was assisted in serving tea by Mrs. F. Pottage, Mrs. N. Andrew, Mrs. M. Fairclough and Mrs. R. Sinkinson. Mrs. A. Miller sold Tea Tickets and Mrs. J. Wilmot poured.

Mrs. C. Hill and Mrs. H. Savage were in charge of needlework. Other conveners were: Miss F. O. Lewis, Mrs. E. McWean, Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mrs. W. Ronald, Mrs. G. Rickard, Mrs. J. Hutton, Mrs. A. Taylor, Mrs. N. Westwood, Mrs. C. W. Keyworth, Mrs. B. Dyer, Mrs. K. R. Genn and Mrs. J. Reynolds.

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An evening of Choral music was presented in the Parish Hall, St. David's-by-the-Sea by the North Saanich Musical Society under the direction of Mr. Eric V. Edwards.

The varied program included carol selections and two compositions by Mr. Edwards. Among other numbers was a ladies' chorus and a male quartette, guest artists of the choir.

Soloists from the choir were Miss Vera Charlesworth, mezzo-soprano and Mrs. Grace Beswick, violinist. Neville Shanks led the audience in carol singing and Mr. A. Barnes was accompanist.

The Choral society was introduced by Rev. C. B. Price and thanked by Mr. A. Miller. Later refreshments were served.

St. David's Women's Guild,

E. M. Lewis, Presi.

M. Fairclough, Sec'y.

CLUB MEETING

December 6th saw the monthly meeting of the Club held at McMorran's. It may have been war, approaching Xmas or sheer lack of interest which kept people away but the attendance was poor.

However, I sat in the back row with the more rowdy ones and listened to a discussion on the temporary financial embarrassment of "Spindrift". Somehow we

must try to raise the wind to keep it going as I know lots of people who like reading our jottings. It might even be worth one dollar a year to you. If you think so I wish you would whisper to me. It was noted that the boys Pro. Rec was held up for want of an instructor and Mr. Lindall smiled as he talked of football results. At long last we had a report on the Regatta on which the Club netted 12 dollars. It should have been \$1,200. We live and learn perhaps. A good parking ground is being formed at the new hall and drains are needed for this. As cash is scarce the "mother of invention" must be invoked.

Mrs. Shaw announced her willingness to stand as candidate for Council no doubt urged by Mr. Genn who sat next to her. Everybody applauded and as these notes are written before the election I am going to predict a win for her enabling her to start this thankless task. A children's party was suggested for Xmas and as no funds were available I suggested no funds no party, but, Mrs. French, who takes such keen interest in the younger folk stepped into the breach and, having put me in my proper place, indicated why and how with the result that recently "a good time was had by all".

Finally our coats must come off to elect new officers for the Club for 1951 and that is to be done at our next meeting in January. I would like to see a good team including some ladies and I will put up some ideas to make these meetings more interesting and amusing. Come and help.

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