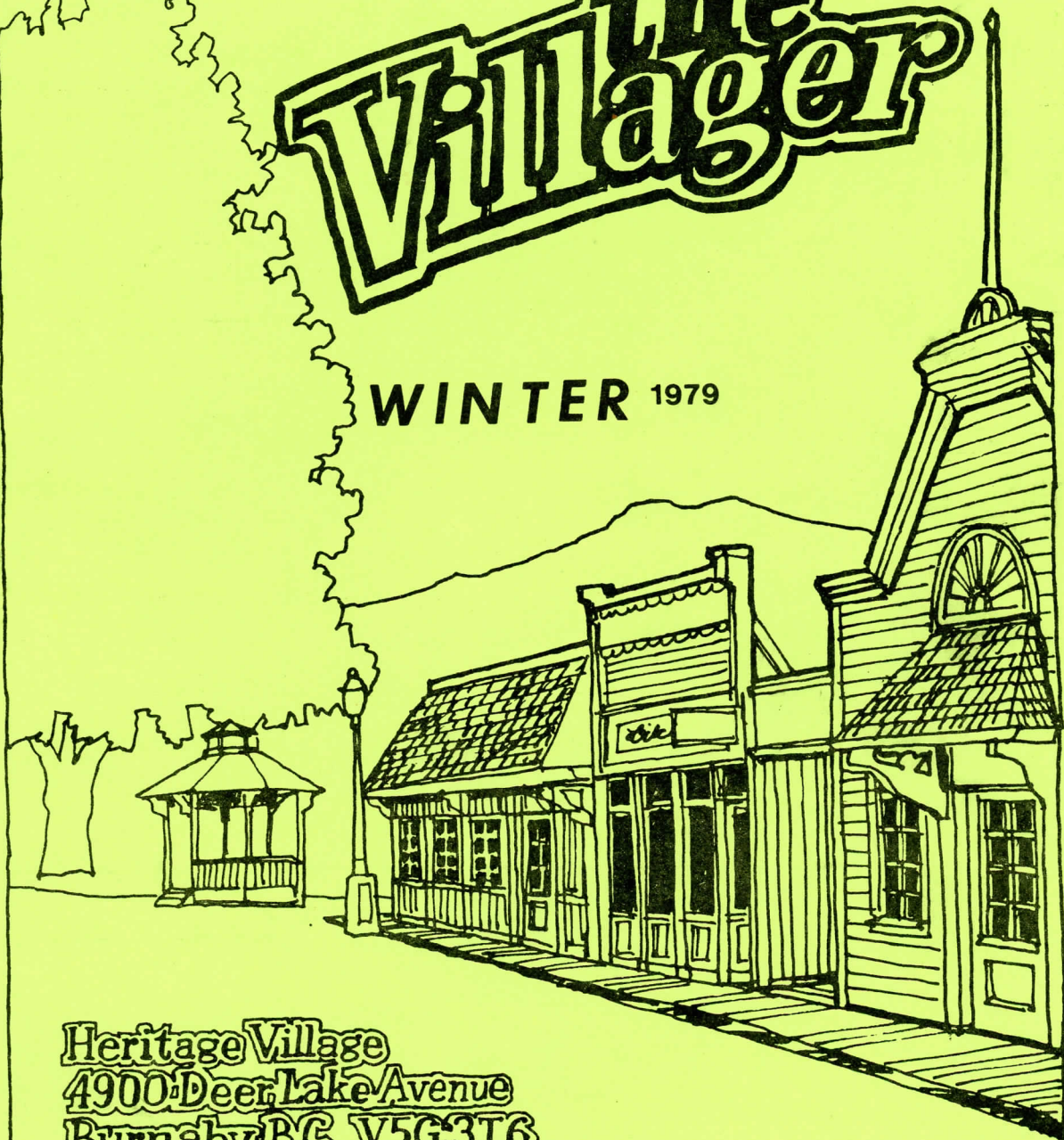


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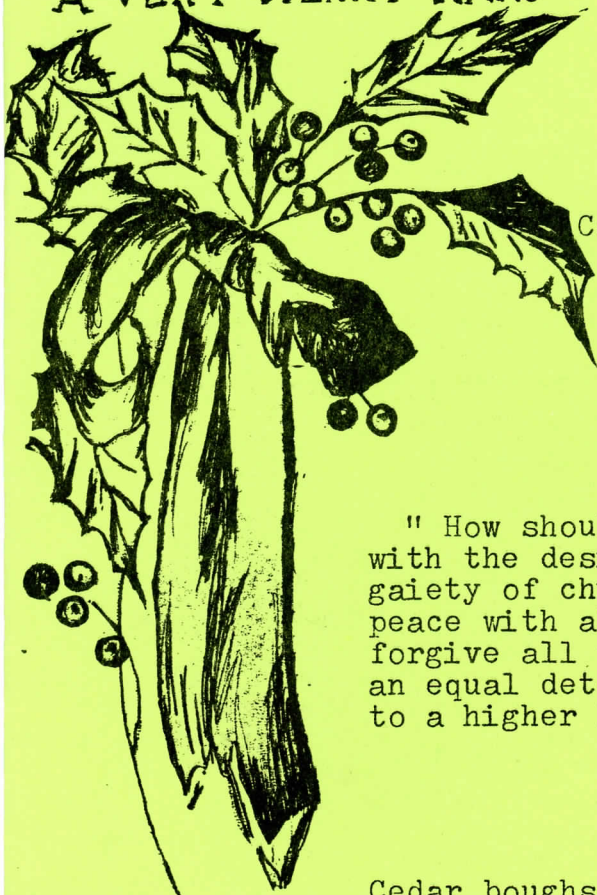
# A VERY MERRY XMAS

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## HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

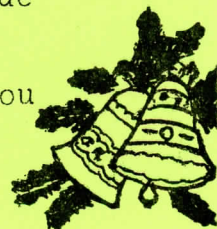
" How should we approach Christmas? Surely, with the desire to enter into the joy and gaiety of children; with the desire to be at peace with all men; with a high resolve to forgive all those who have injured us; with an equal determination to lift our own lives to a higher level. "

- Martin Burrell

Cedar boughs, holly wreaths, popcorn strings, old fashioned decorations will soon be visible as we stroll through the Village. The Church will take on its singular charm decked in Christmas glory, lights will greet us from outdoor trees and inside the buildings will be further beautifully decorated trees for us to enjoy. Surely, as members of C.P.M.A. we should put a Christmas visit to the Village high on our list of priorities. Bring the family and if you can spare time do sign up for volunteer service to help keep the display areas open for our visitors. Christmas opening:

December 13 - 31 - 11:30 - 5:30 (except Christmas Day)

Is this your lucky day? LOOK (now) on the back inside cover of your "Villager" and if you find a Christmas sticker you will receive \$5.00 in merchandise in our Gift Shop! To "cash in" take your lucky copy with you and present it to the Gift Shop attendant.





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### AWARD WINNING DISPLAY

The Burnaby-Coquitlam-New Westminster Division of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver was presented with the Canadian Real Estate Heritage Award at the recent annual meeting of the Association held in Vancouver. The award was granted in recognition of that Division's contribution to the development of an early 20th century real estate office at Heritage Village Museum.

The Real Estate building was moved from its original site on Patterson Avenue where it had been a small grocery store. Through the use of period photographs of authentic exteriors and interiors of real estate offices, the present display was planned and assembled. The building also contains a small surveyor's office and the basement is used as a Children's Museum for educational programs.



If you have not taken time to browse through this office we suggest you do at your early convenience. Also, if you or anyone you know would care to act as display attendant in a volunteer capacity please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator. Real estate experience would be advantageous but not necessary.

Heritage Village Staff extend SEASON'S GREETINGS to the many willing workers who have contributed so much time and effort to the Village during 1979.



VISIT HERITAGE VILLAGE SHOPS

OUR GIFT SHOP

OUR TUCK SHOP

**Ideas & Goodies Galore**

Trim your tree - there are hand crafted creations from the 'Sewing Circle' of your own capable volunteers. And BARGAINS - 50% off on all Spode China on Dec. 1 - 2. Dorrain invites you to visit the Gift Shop and do some of your Christmas shopping. Plan to be pleasantly surprised.

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For the sweet tooth in the family a visit to our candy corner is a must at Christmas. Dina, our candy store lady will demonstrate how to make pure chocolate goodies with Christmas motifs. These will be Santas ranging from miniature size to one pound, all different colors. She will have special packages made up of nuts & chocolates, candy canes and many other items. Creations for lovely gifts.

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Recipe for Mock Almond Paste.....from an early cookbook belonging to a C.P.M.A. member.

3 med. sized sweet potatoes	1/8 tsp. salt
Almond flavoring	2½ lbs. icing sugar

Cook potatoes. Press through sieve. Measure 1 cup & cool. Add salt & 1½ tsp. almond flavoring & blend. Sift icing sugar & work in 6 cups gradually. Taste paste & add more flavoring if necessary. Work in remainder of sugar to make stiff paste, about 2 cups. Sprinkle baking board with icing sugar. Turn out paste & knead until smooth. Roll out size of cake. Brush top of cake with mixture of corn syrup & water (4 to 1). Cover with almond paste, smooth surface with rolling pin & trim edges. Let cake stand 24 hrs. before covering with ornamental icing.

RECIPE for latter: 2 egg whites, 3½ cups sifted icing sugar, 20 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. glycerine. (Two weeks storage improves flavor. Plan to use during holiday season - will not keep indefinitely).



Winter Program

Georgie, Programs Department, says:



" Looking towards the next few months at the Museum offers a broad spectrum of opportunities. Of course, Heritage Christmas dominates the month of December and is the reason for great excitement and anticipation on behalf of all those involved. Somehow all the hours, days and weeks of planning are forgotten when the gates finally open and our first visitors smile in delight at the results of our labour. This Christmas promises to be exciting, with horse and buggy rides, choirs, children's pageants, bake sales, Christmas pudding, and carollers in a magical atmosphere of Christmas festivities.

January will be a quiet month - "outside our gates" - as we are closed to the public. But inside the fence, activities will flourish with Elworth House floors being sanded and stoves restored in both the log cabin and Elworth House; professional development seminars, displays cleaned and inventory taken. Also of great interest to us all is the workshop (see below) on volunteer/staff relations being offered on January 14, 1980. A short 30 days for a lot of "behind-the-scenes" work to be accomplished.

February 5th sees the school tours start again. We are to date having record breaking attendance in school programs as a result of the expanded schedule. I thank all the school docents for their many hours of participation and keen interest in passing our heritage on to our children. "

VOLUNTEERS/STAFF WORKSHOP

January  

14
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April reminds us to put an X on our calendars for the 14th of January, 1980, when Lois McConkey, volunteer "Volunteer-Co-ordinator" at U.B.C.'s Museum of Anthropology will be giving a workshop on volunteer/staff relations for all volunteers and staff in the Museum. We are quite fortunate to have Lois for this workshop as she has quite an extensive background in volunteerism and in communication skills. It should prove to be a most interesting and informative session. Details will be mailed to all volunteers shortly.

Does anyone recall this old Christmas carol?....source unknown.

Winds Through The Olive Trees

Winds through the olive trees  
Softly did blow;  
Round little Bethlehem  
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay  
Whiter than snow,  
Shepherds were watching them  
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy skies  
Angels bent low  
Singing their songs of joy;  
Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed  
Cradled we know,  
Christ came to Bethlehem  
Long, long ago.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Do you know:

1. Who composed the score of the Christmas carol "Joy To The World?"
2. Where the term and custom of Boxing Day originated?
3. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas" and why?

SEE ANSWERS BELOW



ANSWERS to Christmas Quiz: 1. George Frederic Handel. So called because the day after Christmas-  
mas the boxes placed in churches for casual contributions are opened and the contents distributed to those who tender small services without pay. Survival of a medieval custom when monks of certain orders used to offer mass for the safety of vessels and at the same time placed a small box on each ship to receive contributions from the sailors. 3. Ascribed to an American biblical scholar named Clement C. Moore. Written for his children in 1822.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

There are some attractive new costumes being worn at Heritage Village by display attendants and school program volunteers. April Jones who is our new Volunteer Coordinator has been very busy and resourceful. There had for some time been a noticeable lack of costumes for volunteers to wear, so a sewing circle has been formed which is held every Thursday in Brookfield Hall. Realizing that not everyone sews, the "sewing circle" has branched out to include other crafts, such as knitting, crochet, quilting and so on. Currently, the volunteers are making calico Christmas ornaments which will be sold in the Gift Shop.

April says "We had a wonderful volunteer turnout for Heritage Thanksgiving for Wednesday, Oct. 24, which was Burnaby's celebration of the International Year of the Child. In spite of terrible, rainy weather, 30 volunteers turned out, and 13 of them stayed until 9:00 at night. Many thanks for a job well done."

How To Grow Mistletoe

Find the oldest apple tree available. Make a slit in it's bark. Rub a mistletoe berry into it. Tie it with a piece of tape to avoid losing the berry, and check periodically until the tape is worn away. When a tender green shoot is seen growing from the branch....."you will know it will NOT be mistletoe."

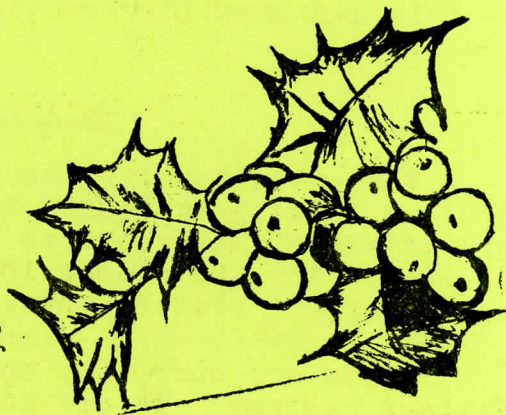
Uses For Salt.....that Grandmother would have known.

1. Salt and vinegar make an excellent tannin remover; try it on your badly stained teacups.
2. Salt added to your flower water will keep it fresh and help the cut flowers to last longer.
3. If soup is too salty, add some raw potato and cook for ten or fifteen minutes.
4. Cover spilt food on a hot stove or in oven with salt and it will prevent a disagreeable burnt odor.  
(.....and Grandma knew many more handy uses for salt).

Nancy Carfrae of our Curatorial Department, has been cataloging the Village's old Christmas Cards recently. We're sure you will enjoy some of her findings:

"No costly gift I send to you;  
Merely a tiny card,  
With a word or two, in token true  
Of a friend's sincere regard."

(from a Christmas card,  
circa 1908)



The first Christmas cards, handmade, were sent in England in the early 1840s, probably inspired by the already popular Valentine tradition. By the end of the decade, their popularity had increased such that they were commercially made, and by the 1870s Canadians were producing their own. Winter scenes were most popular in Canada, and included children, sleighs, and sports, especially snowshoeing. Canada was often mentioned by name. Religious themes were not common, and Santa Claus was a late-comer to the Christmas card world.

The practice of sending cards to all in one's address book is recent, but The Halifax Herald of 18 December 1882 tells us that "Everyone may receive a Christmas card as freely as a valentine." And indeed, by the 1880s the great mailing rush was on. Post offices across the country had to hire extra Christmas help, from a Nova Scotia town where a horse and wagon were engaged, to Vancouver where

"It has become perfectly evident to the officials of Vancouver postoffice that the majority of the citizens are in possession of plenty of spare cash. This conclusion has been arrived at after witnessing the enormous amount of mail matter and parcels which has been dispatched through the post the past week..."

(The Daily Province, 18 Dec. 1901)

But as you debate the cost of cards and stamps this year, consider that "Christmas cards are always said to be going out of fashion next year, but as a matter of fact have no more idea of going than Sir John A. Macdonald, or courting, or the fire fiend, or the Irish question, or roast beef."

(The Halifax Herald, 22 Dec. 1883)



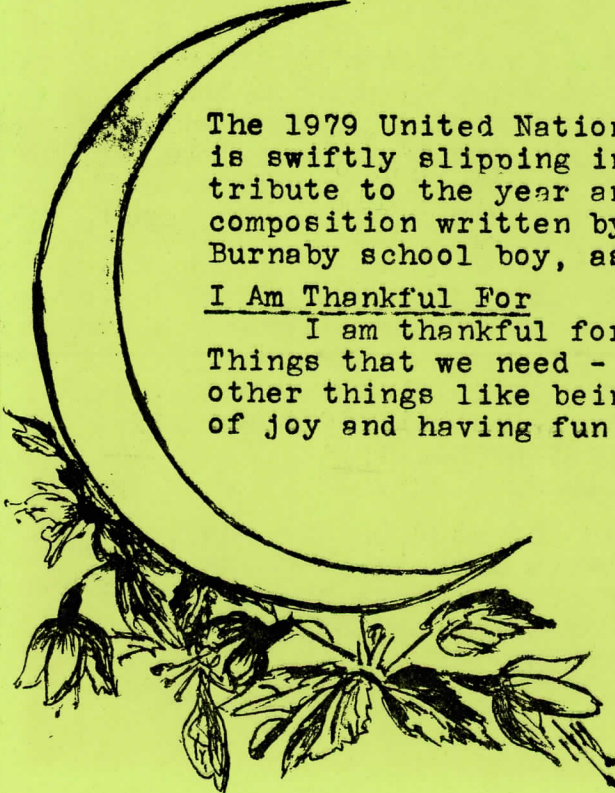
The Board of Directors of the Century Park Museum Association extend best wishes to all staff, volunteers and members and look forward to their continuing participation for 1980.  
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### Village News Items

The water fountain on the ice cream parlor porch has decided it will no longer be operational until further repairs are effected. It requires the expertise of a "1900 Circa" plumber. Any assistance in this problem would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr. Fraser at 294-1232.  
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Plans are currently underway to print a book of Heritage Village recipes. We are looking for any old-fashioned, tried and true baking and cooking recipes to include in our book.  
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C.P.M.A. Memberships - As we go to print our Membership Chairman Ethel Derrick reports that the Century Park Museum Association membership has passed the 200 mark.  
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The 1979 United Nations' designated "Year of the Child" is swiftly slipping into its final days. A fitting tribute to the year and the coming Season is a school composition written by an almost eleven year old Burnaby school boy, as follows:

#### I Am Thankful For

I am thankful for a home, food and medicine. Things that we need - clothing, love, friends and other things like being free! Being free and full of joy and having fun which we need most, and be nice to each other.

*A  
 Bright  
 New Year.*