

Suffolk road to the woods at the north end, then along a trail which brought us to a sunny clearing at lunchtime. We each laid mitts on a snowshoe for a comfortable seat and basked in the sunshine as we ate lunch. There were remarks such as "Who would want to go to Florida"?

The Old Princetown Road tour was long thought about. The Heritage Foundation and the Natural History Society had tried to arrange this "walk and ride" trip for the 1971 bicentennial of the laying out of this historic road. For various reasons it did not get off the ground. We finally accomplished it at bicentennial plus ten years on Saturday, October 3, 1981. We were glad to have several persons from the Hazelgrove area join the group making 22 persons for part of the day. All but one, a driver, walked the first mile to the first intersection. All but four walked the next 1 1/2 half miles to the Millvale Road. They experienced firsthand the difficulty presented long ago on this direct route over the steepest hills in the province. Five or six die-hards even refused a ride to South Granville church. For them it was on foot all the way from Hazelgrove to South Granville then along the nature trail to the Devil's Punch Bowl Park - six or seven miles in all. Noontime lunch at the park was very welcome. Some of the cars left at Hazelgrove had been collected by shuttle service. After lunch, the group broke up: three cars with about nine people drove to the site of the once proposed county seat, Princetown. This is a windswept, treeless area sloping gently to Malpeque Bay.

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED

It was a red-letter day for the Society when our first newsletter was published in April, 1974. Credit for the idea goes to Kathy Martin. Kathy edited the first 40 issues. Then she just kept on going and wrote a book - "Watershed Red - The Life of the Dunk River", Prince Edward Island, published 1981.

At Kathy's resignation Winifred Cairns took up the torch and carried it for the next 38 issues until August 1984 when she was about to be married to David Wake and depart for Ontario.

Once more there was someone prepared to step into the breach, Gary Schneider. When number 79 came out it had a new name, "Island Naturalist". When Gary left on a cycling trip, Sue Stephenson and Jane Symmes took over the newsletter. Gary resumed the task upon his return and continued until the 20th anniversary (number 106). A pile of single copies from 1 to 106 measures 3 inches in thickness (7.5 centimetres). That represents a stupendous amount of work and time spent by the editors and anyone who has written articles. Without a doubt, the newsletter has helped to increase the membership. Many members have written notes of appreciation. Some persons are members just for the newsletter and have never attended a meeting. Some even live out of the province. Thank you Kathy, Winifred, Sue, Jane, and Gary for our newsletter. Thank you, writers of articles, your readers and the editor appreciate the help.

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

1974 produced other good things. Director Wendall MacKay introduced the nature slide competition for members of this Society. It is held at the May meeting every year. A photographer is invited to judge the slides (about 100 in all), to select three prize winners and some honorable mentions and, at the meeting, to give a commentary on the slides. Mr. MacKay also suggested that the Society have a logo. There was a contest for a design and Claire Martin's entry