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ENJOYING A SOCIAL HOUR OR SO at Bailey Island Library Hall recently was this group of senior citizens, all of them over 70. Others who were invited and eligible to attend, were unable to do so because of pressing duties elsewhere.

## Islanders In "Golden Years" Honored At An Unusual Party

By Grace Green

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Orr's and Bailey lands held a most unusual party at Library Hall, recently in honor of its senior citizens who are in their "golden years" of 70 and over.

Corsages were presented to the oldest ladies from both islands. Mrs. Ella Hanson, 94, of Orr's Island, and Mrs. Josephine Dumont, 80, of Bailey Island, were the distinguished ladies. The oldest gentlemen present were James Perry, 90, of Bailey Island and Melvin Huff, 87, Orr's Island. It is interesting to note the combined ages of the ladies present totaled 272 and the total mens' ages as 758.

Ladies were presented a spray of roses with boutonnieres for the gentlemen. Luncheon was served at tables decorated appropriately with roses.

The guests composed their own program, which in itself was out of the ordinary. Dr. W. S. Swisher, 76, an accomplished pianist, accompanied the group singing; Mrs. George Graves, 92, gave a delightful reading, and Melvin

Huff and Mrs. Myra Stilphen, 74, sang a duet.

Another interesting sidelight of this memorable event is that illness kept none of the invited guests from the party although all were not able to attend. Some of the men had to haul traps and others were attending other social functions.

Present were Mrs. Minnie Hayes, Mrs. Alice Sylvester, Mrs. Ellen Hanson, Mrs. Effie Smith, Mrs. Myra Stilphen, Mrs. Effie Huff, Mrs. Josephine Dumont, Mrs. Alice Griffin, Mrs. George Graves, Mrs. Meta Harris, Mrs. Mydy Perry, Mrs. Mary Leeman, Mrs. Jenny Johnson, Mrs. Florence Leeman, Mrs. Maude Gilliam, Mrs. Etta Hazell, Mrs. Inez Johnson, Mrs. W. G. Pennell, Dr. W. S. Swisher, Mr. Arthur Griffin, Mr. William Sylvester, Mr. Elisha Leeman, Mr. George W. Doughty, Mr. Sinnett W. Orr, Mr. Melvin Huff, Mr. James Perry.