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Board of Trade Meeting Tonight

A meeting of the West Vancouver Board of Trade will be held in the New Ambleside Hall tonight (Friday), at 8 o'clock. The principal business before the meeting will be the adoption of by-laws. All members are urgently requested to be present.

Negotiate Re Water Supply

West Vancouver Municipal Council is in negotiation with the Greater Vancouver District Water Board with a view to becoming a member of the group of municipalities co-operating in provision of an adequate water supply at cost.

Vancouver B. of T. Forwards Resolution Re Bridge

Following the discussion at the engineering bureau of the Board of Trade this week in regard to the proposed Lions' Gate bridge, the council of the board has forwarded copies of the resolution to the four municipalities concerned and to the federal government at Ottawa.

The resolution recommends that "before any further steps be taken towards construction of the proposed Lions' Gate bridge the opinion of a competent Canadian engineer be obtained."

Mr. W. E. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Trade, who is at present at Ottawa, will also present personally to the Government this view of the board as regards the Lions' Gate Bridge.

Tomorrow Last Chance to get on The Voters' List

Get your name on the voters' list before 8 p.m. Saturday if you want to vote at the next municipal election. Any householder, license holder or poll tax payer is eligible for enrolment, on application to the clerk at the Municipal Hall.

The hall will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow (Saturday) for the convenience of those wishing to enrol. Of course applications may be made as well during the regular office hours tomorrow.

Town Planning Com. Hears Address

At a meeting of the Town Planning Commission held in North Vancouver last Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Alf Huggett, a full representation of all three town planning commissioners of the North Shore, including Mayor Morden, Reeve Fromme of the North Vancouver District and Reeve Morgan of West Vancouver, attended at the invitation of the City of Vancouver Town Planning Commission to hear an address by Mr. H. L. Seymour.

Mr. Seymour outlined the terms of the contract in force between the City of Vancouver and Harland, Bartholomew and Associates, and intimated how and by what terms the other municipalities of Greater Vancouver could secure the services of these experts. He stated that Point Grey had decided to take advantage of this scheme. He then briefly set out the steps to be taken in drawing a comprehensive zoning plan and indicated the various phases of town planning and the work that would be involved in putting same into effect.

Local Liberals to Hold Social Evening

Next Friday evening, November 5th, the West Vancouver Liberal Association are holding a whist drive and dance in the New Ambleside Hall, Fourteenth and Marine. This is a complimentary entertainment to all Liberal Association is holding requested that any who have not received formal invitation please communicate with Messrs. Charles or Wilfred Hay, as admission will be by invitation only.

Refreshments will be served and a particularly pleasant evening is anticipated. Cards 8 to 9 and dancing 9 to 12. Don't forget the date—next Friday, November 5th, in the New Ambleside Hall.

New Sidewalks Being Laid

The Board of Works is now starting to finish the uncompleted portions of the cement sidewalk on the south side of Marine Drive. Already that part between Eleventh and Fourteenth Streets is almost completed.

The delay in doing this work in the various sections was due to the necessity of giving the new embankment time to settle. During the period of waiting the absence of any sidewalk has been a source of considerable inconvenience and danger, particularly in wet weather, when it was difficult for pedestrians to avoid stepping into the many pools of water that collected on these uncompleted portions of the sidewalk.

West Vancouver Scottish Society

Under the auspices of the above society a Jacobite lecture and recital, entitled "Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Causes and Results of the 'Forty-five,'" will be given by Mr. W. R. Dunlop, F.R.G.S., in the Clachan Hotel, Dundarave, on Friday evening, November 19th, at 8 o'clock.

This splendid lecture is open to the public and it is hoped that a large number of friends will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing what should prove a "real treat." A small silver collection will be taken and tea will be served.

Celebrating "St. Andrew's Night."

The third annual grand Scottish concert will be held in the Hollyburn Theatre on Tuesday, November 30th. Doors open at 8 o'clock; concert at 8.15. A splendid programme of high-class talent is being arranged and when completed will be published. Piping, Highland dancing, Scottish song and story, November 30th, Hollyburn Theatre. Proceeds of this concert will be used for benevolent purposes.

Regular meetings in the Chachan every third Friday in the month. President, phone W. 136L. Secretary, phone W. 101.

Ratepayers To Hold Meeting

A meeting of the Ratepayers' Association is being held next Tuesday night in the Ambleside Hall. The special subjects that will come up for discussion are, first, ferry service (schedule, fares, etc.); second, mail service. We are specially glad to notice that this organization intends making an effort to improve the delivery and dispatch of mails. This is one thing upon which quick action should be demanded. THE NEWS has at different times drawn attention to the absolute inadequacy of the present method of handling the mail; for instance, it has taken two days for a letter mailed at Dundarave to be delivered at Hollyburn. Quite regularly we mail copies of this paper on Friday afternoon to subscribers at Caulfeild, but they are not delivered until the Tuesday, and often Wednesday, following. If the Ratepayers' Association can effect any improvement in this public utility, they will be doing the district a REAL service.

The ferry service, it would seem to us, is in a fair way to prove itself a real convenience, both as to schedules and fares to our residents, and THE NEWS would suggest that a vote of thanks be passed to the Chairman of the Transportation Committee for the unquestioned effort he has made to give us more what we want in schedule and fares.

There is, though, one improvement that could well be made in transportation. Why not extend the 3 cent bus fare right to the terminus at West Bay, instead of limiting that rate to Dundarave?

Both of our transportation systems, the ferries and the buses, should be run for the convenience of the citizens. Give them, not as little, but as much as possible, and WATCH WEST VANCOUVER GROW.

The "Home Economics" Chair

The campaign organized by the Parent-Teachers Federation for the endowment of a chair at the University of British Columbia for "Home Economics" is going apace, and it is confidently expected that when the campaign closes, at the end of the month, the objective will be attained. Eighty thousand dollars is a lot of money to collect in so short a time, but the energy and enthusiasm displayed by the officers and members of the P.-T. A. assures success for their efforts. After all, no matter how worthy or how desirable an object may be, it requires enthusiasm and effort to carry it through.

The establishing of such a chair will give general satisfaction. The proposal has received the endorsement of the President of the University, the Senate and the Board of Governors. The Educational Survey Commissioners in their last report recommended that the study of Home Economics be made compulsory from grade five to grade nine, and that optional courses be offered in the senior grades of High School.

It is claimed by the P.-T. Federation that Home Economics in our University would help girls in the following ways:

(1) It would provide a splendid cultural and practical degree course for all our girls, 95 per cent. of whom will be the home-makers of the future.

(2) I would provide the required training for our Home Economics teachers and might also be considered a most helpful degree for those of our public school teachers who wish to obtain academic standing.

The endeavour of the effort now being made is to donate a sufficient sum of money so that the course can be started in the University next year.

It is asked that every woman in the Province make a contribution, no matter how small; but a special appeal is being made to every mother of every school child in British Columbia.

Mrs. J. B. Leyland, Twenty-eighth and Waterfront, Phone West 63R1, will be glad to give any further information desired.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The children in the West Vancouver Schools have now started the winter schedule of games. On Monday afternoon the girls' basketball team of grade VII, Pauline Johnson School journeyed to Hollyburn School, where they defeated the girls of grade VII in that school by 10 to 4. The same afternoon, at football, the boys of grade VI, Hollyburn School, playing on

their own grounds, beat the grade VI boys of Pauline Johnson School by a score of 2-0. The winning goals were scored in the last two minutes of play.

Next Monday afternoon the Senior girls of Pauline Johnson School will play a basketball game with the High School girls. If fine, the match will take place on the Hollyburn grounds, and if wet in Ambleside Hall.

BUILDING PERMITS IN WEST VANCOUVER FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1926 INCREASE NEARLY 150 P. C. OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD 1925

Nothing is more indicative of the growth and general progress a district is making than the increase in the number and value of the building permits. That West Vancouver is growing very rapidly is shown very clearly by the synopsis of our building permits.

During the ten months ending this October 228 permits have been issued, of a total value of \$384,498, as compared with 192 permits for \$167,580 for the ten months ending October, 1925. While the increase in the number of permits is quite substantial, the value of them has considerably more than doubled. Reference to the figures reveals still further the growth of general business in the district, as shown by the fact that permits for 13 stores, costing \$20,125, have been taken out this year in addition to a theatre costing \$8,000, a bank building for \$7,000 and the Recreation Building of Mr. Boulton to cost \$16,000. Permits for 154 houses, of a total value of \$281,905, were taken out—a very satisfactory total both in number and value in proportion to the population of the district, and indicating clearly the popularity West Vancouver is gaining as a place of residence.

The District of West Vancouver is on the eve of tremendous expansion and the building activity is neither temporary nor spasmodic. We are, we firmly believe, going to have many years of growth and expansion, and it will be well for us to see to it that our city fathers are men of vision and business ability who will be able to meet this development and give us wise and judicious leadership.