

Correspondence

Re Proposed Combined Bridge and Road Widening By-Law

To the Editor,
West Van News.
Dear Sir:

On the basis of the axiom that "it is better to call in the physician before the patient has expired" it may be desirable for the ratepayers of West Vancouver to give consideration to the proposal which is being enunciated by the Reeve and Council for—

1. The widening of Marine Drive.
2. The re-building of the bridge over the Capilano.

The proposal of the Reeve and Council is, I understand, that one by-law for \$150,000.00 be submitted to the people, covering the estimated expenditure for the above two purposes.

Now each of these two objects are distinct in themselves. That is, the bridge can be rebuilt without the necessity of widening Marine Drive, and the widening of Marine Drive can be carried through without rebuilding the Capilano Bridge.

Under our Canadian system of Municipal Government the ratepayers are those who have the say as to how and for what purpose funds are to be borrowed on the credit of Municipalities, and accordingly the law provides that by-laws for proposed expenditures shall first be submitted to the ratepayers, for their decision. If, therefore, only one by-law is submitted for consideration it will be impossible for the ratepayers to express their views in the matter.

It can reasonably be expected that a large section of the ratepayers may be in favor of re-

building the Capilano Bridge and be opposed to borrowing money for widening Marine Drive, or vice versa. They will have the alternative of either voting for the by-law which contains expenditures to which they are opposed, or voting against the by-law which contains expenditure of which they are in favor.

Now, therefore, has any Reeve and Council the right to endeavour to coerce the ratepayers to a course of procedure as suggested by such Reeve and Council? It may be considered "smart and good politics" to combine the two expenditures in one by-law, because the great necessity of re-building the Capilano Bridge will probably force the ratepayers to vote for the widening of Marine Drive.

I am creditably informed that the reason for combining the two expenditures in one by-law is the reason above explained, and personally my vote will neither be dragged by any Reeve and Council, nor my support forced by any "cheap or smart politics." We desire no politics in our Municipal administration but to develop along sound lines according to the wishes of the people responsible for the payment of the necessary expenditure.

I think I am voicing the opinion of a large number of the ratepayers when I state that the rebuilding of the Capilano Bridge is a necessity, and that the widening of Marine Drive at the present time is not essential. Further, that Marine Drive meantime is sufficiently wide for safe traffic provided the speed limit is strictly enforced, particularly as we have other parallel paved roads to relieve the local traffic on Marine Drive in the larger residential and business areas.

Yours faithfully,
J. HADYN YOUNG.

In connection with the above letter a copy of which was sent to the council by Mr. Young, a resolution was passed by the council on Monday night to the effect that Mr. Young be advised that he was laboring under a wrong impression as the question of the road and bridge by-law remains an open issue.

Miss Nada Grey, 24th and Nelson has been spending a fortnight's vacation at Lummi Island.

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The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was beautifully attired in a frock of white canton crepe with a rope of pearls, the gift of the groom. Her veil was arranged in coronet fashion with orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of Ophelia Roses and white sweet peas.

The bridesmaid, Miss Kathleen Williamson, was frocked in a flat crepe dress of a golden shade and carried a bouquet of yellow roses and mauve sweet peas. Mr. Stanley Lowry acted as best man. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a sapphire ring with white gold setting, and to the best man a pearl tie pin.

Following the ceremony a reception was held, the rooms being beautifully decorated with summer flowers, the cake centering the tea table having pink sweet peas at either end.

Mrs. Ashe, the mother of the bride received the guests in a gown of Biege flat crepe.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Crane left on their honeymoon for Alpine Lodge, Daisy Lake, and on their return will reside in West Vancouver.

FRANCES GUINAN GOES TO NEW YORK

Frances Guinan the well-known dance artist left for New York last night on a business trip and expects to be away for the month of September. Whilst away Miss Guinan will apprise herself of the latest ball room dances, and will give her pupils the benefit of this information when she resumes her classes in October.

NORTH SHORE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD SEPT. 2 AND 3

The Horticultural Society and Farmers' Institute will hold its exhibition on September 2 and 3, this year, and arrangements for the show are now nearing completion.

Space is being provided for exhibits of fruits, flowers, vegetables, honey, domestic science, women's and children's work, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits, and a large number of entries have already been received. The affair, as usual, will be held in the Horticultural Hall and grounds, and officials of the organization express the opinion that it will be the most successful yet held.

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