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### Boys' and Girls' Choir Starts Work Next Week

The following communication from Professor James Morgan announces the opening of the public singing classes for boys and girls on Saturday morning, September 10th. The practices will be held in the Hollyburn school, the boys' choir being timed for 10 o'clock and the girls' for 11 o'clock. Last season was the first for the boys' choir and the success which attended their efforts was very remarkable and evidently very pleasing to our people as shown by the applause given them at their annual concert. Great credit is due Professor Morgan for having obtained such good results in the short time at his disposal.

The organizing of a girls' choir is a new departure. Evidently the sisters are a little jealous of the vocal development of their brothers, and as the result of a general request a special class has been organized for these girls. Much good natured rivalry will evidently be the result.



Professor James M. Morgan

Director of the West Vancouver Choral Society, The Ladies' Choir, The Boys' Choir and the newly formed Girls' Choir.

The following remarks by Director Morgan should be very carefully noted by all our readers, for, if the best results are to be obtained, it will only be

by the co-operation of the parents and the children.

**Don't forget Hollyburn school on Saturday, September 10th, boys at 10 a.m., girls at 11 a.m.**

#### Boys' Choir.

We are now on the eve of another season, and perhaps some word that I may say will bring forth results. The boys' choir last season was successful beyond my expectations. This coming season I hope it will be even more so, but I must have the support and sympathy of the parents. Our boys are bright, quick in observation, and are always on the alert, as was exemplified in their initial appearance. Many kind words were spoken and written to me regarding their work, and I feel, therefore, more than compensated for my efforts.

I had much support from Mrs. Jack Watt and Mrs. Masterman in my work last year. This coming season I hope to see more parents show an interest by coming now and again to the rehearsals. This will greatly encourage both the boys and myself. I want also to publicly thank Mrs. Frank Lefeaux for her kind and untiring assistance at the piano, which was greatly appreciated.

#### Girls' Choir.

Pressure has been brought to bear on me to raise a girls' choir so I feel we must not neglect our little girls. Permission having been granted by our school trustees to this end, our rehearsals will commence on Saturday morning, September 10th, boys' choir at 10 o'clock, girls' at 11 o'clock. One point I wish to convey to the parents is to enrol the boys and girls as early as possible, so that no time will be wasted in getting along with the work. Every voice—boys' and girls'—has to be tested, so let me plead with you that you send the children to the first rehearsal.

Any communication to Mrs. J. T. Watt, Mrs. P. T. Masterman or to myself will receive attention.

J. M. MORGAN, Director.

### The Big Noise

West Vancouver has for some time now prided itself on being up-to-date. Until Monday afternoon, however, it was distinctly out of date in that it had never had an earthquake, and all the world suffers from earthquakes nowadays. But, was it an earthquake? The scientists say no, and the seismograph, the special function of which is to look after such things, refuses to recognize it. It seems that, a real earthquake according to the seismograph must shimmy sideways, whereas the one under discussion rumbled and then sat down with a bump. This is not according to Hoyle and, in spite of the fact that it caused some to rush to their windows under the impression a motor truck had charged the house, and others to wonder who was dumping coal in the cellar which had not been ordered, it has been refused admission to "the Holy and Ancient Order of Nerve Prostraters." Instead it has been relegated to that still larger order of things known as "mysteries," which includes "the missing link," "why men leave home," "the Okanagan ogopogo," and the kalsidoscopic warshow which is now having such a successful run in China under the able direction of a group of generals whose names sound like radio interference. It has been suggested that it was a landslide. Against this is the fact that it jarred up Vancouver very considerably, and Vancouver has witnessed several political landslides since it became a city and has not been jarred. From all accounts it will likely remain a mystery.

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REEVE VINSON CONTINUES WORK; MARINE DRIVE CLASSIFICATION

Reeve Vinson has for some time been working to have mile eleven and part of mile twelve classified as a secondary highway. According to recent reports the reeve's efforts are likely to meet with success in the near future. The work of Mr. Vinson in the classification of Marine Drive will be a big asset to West Vancouver.

### BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST

The municipal hall this week issued 13 permits for \$35,266, made up as follows:	
House, Dr. G. E. Bayfield	\$4,500
House, A. E. Jackson	2,000
House, L. R. Liddell	3,000
House, W. R. Inman	3,500
House, C. H. Johnston	3,800
House, C. B. Clegg	300
Store, Mary D. Keith	5,000
Chickenhouse, W. S. McIntyre	500
House, W. Watson	2,500
House, A. E. Riddell	5,000
House, A. R. Dyke	2,000
House, H. H. & C. H. Harper	3,000
Garage, J. Stevenson	166
<b>\$35,266</b>	

### WHYTECLIFF AND CYPRESS PARK SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ENROL NEXT TUESDAY

Last week it was announced in our columns that students who had been attending Whytecliff and Cypress Park schools were to report at the Hollyburn school on Monday, September 12. This should have been Tuesday, September 6. The school principal will issue transportation warrants, giving free passage on the P.G.E. to students from those districts.

### MUSICAL SOCIETY START PRACTICE SEPTEMBER 12

The West Vancouver Choral Society will start practice for the 1927-1928 season on Monday, September 12th, at 8 p.m., in the Hollyburn school. An invitation is extended all singers of West Vancouver to join this organization under the direction of Professor James M. Morgan. It is specially asked that old as well as new members attend the initial practice.

### West Vancouver Has Excellent Schools

Every year West Vancouver has a large number of summer residents who like the district so well that they keep coming summer after summer, and recommend their friends to do likewise, but when September 1st arrives many of them seem to think it is necessary to return to the city in order that the children's education may be properly attended to. In the hope of inducing some of these people to become permanent residents, and as a matter of general information for our citizens we would point out that few places have better educational facilities than West Vancouver. Provision for the education of the children here is equal to anything in Canada.

The municipality possesses three large grade schools, employing 22 teachers. All grades from Junior 1 to Senior VIII, are provided for in buildings that leave nothing to be desired in the way of accommodation and equipment.

The first school to be built here, back in 1913 was Hollyburn, at the corner of 13th Street and Duchess Avenue. As originally designed the building was not pretentious since it had only to provide for the needs of a limited number of pupils, but from time to time it has been found necessary to make additions until, at the present time, there are eight commodious rooms and a 2-room annex, which accommodate 231 pupils.

Pauline Johnson school, at 22nd Street and Inglewood Avenue, is a brick building of pretentious appearance, containing 8 class rooms, providing for the needs of 359 pupils. It was built in 1923, and is up to date in every respect. Two additional buildings have since been erected here, one of which is used for Manual Training purposes, under the direction of J. E. Condon, a most competent teacher,—the other is given over to the work of the juveniles.

Dundarave School, on 27th Street is also a commodious building of 2 class rooms and caters to the educational needs of some 62 pupils.

Until this year the building known as the Hollyburn School was used for High School as well as for ordinary school purposes, but the growth in school population has been so great that the school board was forced to ask for funds to provide another school. Accordingly a by-law was this year submitted to the rate payers and duly passed, authorizing the expenditure of \$60,000 in the erection and equipment of a suitable building. This building at 17th Street and Inglewood is now nearing completion and is certainly a great credit to the community. It contains eight large well-equipped class rooms and some smaller ones on the two main floors, besides a splendid auditorium on the ground floor and a large amount of valuable space in the basement. In addition there is a physics and chemical laboratory and a domestic science room.

This new school is a worthy monument to the business foresight of our present Board of School Trustees and the generous spirit of the people of the municipality.

Mr. G. E. Brealy, the principal of Pauline Johnson School, has devoted all his life to educational pursuits and is recognized as one of the most erudite and efficient members of the teaching profession. He is assisted by a staff of 10, all of whom are teachers of high ability and untiring industry.

Mr. W. A. Davidson, principal of Hollyburn School has also devoted all his life to teaching and is a very highly qualified member of his profession. His seven assistants have all proved themselves to be teachers of high merit.

Dundarave School is equally well staffed with Miss Jones as principal, assisted by another teacher.

Mr. F. J. Patterson, who has had charge of the High School work here for some years, and whose reputation as an educationalist needs no commendation from us, will continue his good work in the new building. He will be supported by very capable assistants and can be depended upon to produce results equal to those of any High School in Canada.

West Vancouver is blessed with a very conscientious and painstaking body of School Trustees. Seldom have the duties of the board been so zealously attended to. Mr. J. Edington (chairman), and the other members, Mrs. Robinson and Messrs. G. D. Elgar, R. Fiddes and H. T. Curtis, have put in a lot of conscientious work in developing and organizing the development of school facilities. By the way, it was only last week that they arranged for free transportation for the scholars from Whytecliff and Cypress Park, thus enabling them to participate in the improved educational opportunities of the larger schools. There is, perhaps, no branch of municipal effort which has given so much general satisfaction as the Board of School Trustees.

### Schools Open Next Tuesday

Summer with all its joys has almost gone. No more days of swimming, fishing or picnics for a time. School starts next Tuesday. The two months of holidays are over. The children will have soon started again on another year of school work, and, while the first few days the school-rooms may appear strange, it will not be long before everyone has settled down to work, and life will appear to smile as much as ever.