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North Shore Liberals Want Open Convention

Fromme Mentioned as Candidate

The Liberals of the North Shore are much exercised these days with rumors and counter rumors of intending candidates at the next provincial election. Much active work has evidently been done during the past few months resulting in the birth of new associations, and in extending the membership of the old ones. Each of these "locals" is entitled to a number of delegates to a nominating convention—the number being determined by the membership of the different associations. The provincial executive sent out notices of a nominating convention to be held on Saturday, May 12th. A large number of Liberals of the North Shore, however, claim that this convention was not called in a constitutional way, and they are demanding an open convention, believing that the interests of the party will be best served by the candidate being nominated in such a way.

Whatever may be finally decided however, it seems very evident that the present member—J. M. Bryan—is going to have active opposition from the sections of his party who are asking for an open convention.

The name of Mr. Fromme, Reeve of the District of North Vancouver, is very frequently mentioned as the Liberal Standard Bearer.

Much pressure has been brought to bear upon Mr. Fromme to get him to allow his name to go up for nomination and in the best informed circles it is considered a certainty that the wishes of his friends and admirers will prevail. Mr. Fromme is very well known throughout the constituency and has a host of friends and well-wishers.

The provincial executive which called the convention for the 12th inst. is holding a special meeting tonight to discuss and deal with the request for an open convention and future action is dependent upon the decision of that meeting.

Council Adopts Marine Drive By-Law

G. S. Hanes Given Charge of Work

At the special meeting of the council on Monday night the Marine Drive reconstruction by-law No. 381 was finally adopted.

A motion was passed appointing Geo. S. Hanes consulting engineer for the Marine Drive extension authorised under by-law 381, specifications to be prepared by him and forwarded to the minister of public works immediately for the widening and hard surfacing of the said highway, provided that his fees for the work do not exceed the sum agreed upon in his conversation with Reeve Vinson, namely, \$100 per month for the duration of the contract.

The motion was carried, Councillor Fiddes dissenting.

Tenders for Sonrisa Repairs Awarded

The contract for the repairs to the Sonrisa was awarded by the council to the Eriksen Boat Builders Ltd. at their figure of \$2,115.33 provided they obtained and furnished a satisfactory bond for the completion of the work and kept the boat fully covered by insurance, also on condition they agreed to complete the work in 14 working days.

Play Ball

Senior Team Opens Season
Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon the senior baseball league will open the season with a double-header at Mahon Park. The usual ceremonies will be observed prior to the game for the official opening of the season. The first game at 2.30 will be the Squamish Indians and the Native Sons, and at 4 p. m. the West Van. team will tangle with the Elks.

This year the West Van. team has been entirely re-organised. Mickey Abbott of the West Van. Garage, who is an experienced professional ball player, is the manager of the team for 1928. Mickey has gathered together an aggregation of real live players, and without any undue optimism it can be reasonably expected that West Van. will be real contenders for the pennant right through the season. The pitching staff, which at the present time consists of Jack French, Blair Edwards, and Gordon Kidd will be strengthened in the immediate future. Manley Romans, "the old reliable," is slated as utility fielder and sub-catcher. For the first few games Romans will play first base until Casey, a new man on the line-up, is able to report. Several new men will be seen in action on the local team this season. Don Doidge, catcher, Gavin at third, Maveety at short, and Lord at second are all thoroughly experienced players and come with splendid reputations. Parkyn, Heaslip, Sangster, and Jack Stratton are all old favorites who played on last year's team, and will unquestionably prove, popular members. The boys have been practising diligently and have had some splendid work-outs. After seeing them in action a few times we have no hesitation in prophesying that the West Van. team will be mighty close to the top when the season is finished. Mickey is popular with the boys, but he is a stickler for playing the game for all it is worth. There will be no lying down on the job.

Let's all turn out for the game tomorrow afternoon and give the team a real send-off. The fans can be assured of a hot old game. Don't forget a double header at Mahon Park, North Vancouver, tomorrow afternoon.

Baseball Dance Tomorrow Night

The senior baseball club is giving a dance tomorrow (Saturday) in Ambleside Hall. Dancing 9 to 12. There will be a four piece orchestra and refreshments will be served. Tickets may be obtained at the door, 50 cents.



MRS. F. X. HODGSON
of West Vancouver
Premier Vocalist who gains new honors.

Mrs. F. X. Hodgson has again added to her laurels by being chosen as the assisting artist with the Amphion Society in Seattle at their concert on the 16th May, at the Masonic Temple.

The Amphion Society is a Male Voice Choir and won the first place for three years in succession at the B. C. Musical Festival in Vancouver, thus retaining the coveted Shield for all time, and is considered the best choir on the Pacific Coast. Their concerts always draw large audiences.

Conservative Assn. Executive to Meet

A meeting of the executive of the Conservative Association of West Vancouver will be held in the Canadian Legion rooms on Monday evening at 8 p. m. As important matters will come before this meeting every member is urgently requested to attend.

DR. LYLE TELFORD
LECTURES HERE
NEXT WEEK

Dr. Lyle Telford, who recently has been much in the spotlight on account of his lecture "Companionate Marriage," is coming to West Vancouver next week and will give this lecture at the Hollyburn Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The details are given in the advertisement which appears on another page of this issue.

Public Drawing for May Queen

Valerie Rerrie to be Maid of Honor

The public drawing held in the Lonsdale Theatre last Wednesday evening resulted in Miss Christian Leighton of Lonsdale becoming May Queen for 1928. The drawing was done by S. Gishby out of a hat held by Mayor Morden. Her maids of honor, who were chosen later, were Miss Valerie Rerrie of West Vancouver and Miss Clark of Dollarton. Miss Rerrie is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rerrie, 1836 Duchess Avenue, and a pupil at Hollyburn School.

Outdoor Sports Well Under Way

AMBLESIDE PARK IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION

The season for outdoor sports is now here. Baseball starts tomorrow, and the first home game of the senior team is billed for Thursday at Ambleside Park, the opening game being played tomorrow at Mahon Park, North Vancouver. Some little time ago the council authorized some slight expenditure for putting in shape the Ambleside Park. So far, on the present playing field, nothing has been done. The ground is indeed in a most deplorable condition for baseball or for any other game. The surface is strewn with stones of various sizes, making it impossible for the ground to be used with much degree of safety. Of course, much other work is necessary to put the grounds in good condition, but we understand that it will be necessary to wait for this until a steam roller is brought into the district. But there need surely be no waiting, though, for the removal of these stones. Two men working for a couple of days could easily gather these up and thus ensure that the home league games will be played at home, for the pleasure and convenience of West Vancouver residents instead of having the home games transferred to North Vancouver, as has been threatened by the league officials. We have comparatively few public sports in West Vancouver, and in no other, perhaps, do as many non-players get enjoyment as in the game of baseball. Hence, this necessary improvement to Ambleside Park is not only for the benefit of the players, but for the public generally.

As the council has already decided to make some improvement, we would urge that a start be made at once, so that we can get the full season's benefit from the sports that may be witnessed at this park.

Teach Children to Watch the Road

The long summer days are upon us, when everybody, old and young alike, spend as much time out of doors as possible. Summer days are auto days, and every year the number of autos is increasing. Many a young life will have been snuffed out before the fall arrives, for the auto constitutes one of the greatest menaces of all to child life, as the terrible death roll year by year abundantly proves. The auto has come to stay, at any rate unless it is superseded by the aeroplane, and the intrinsically small progress made in aircraft since their invention renders that extremely unlikely. Therefore, as their number increases, so will the death roll grow among the people and especially children. The one real remedy, that of having motor roads carried on embankments or fenced in the same manner as railway tracks and confining the use of autos to such roads only, is impossible for a number of reasons. This idea might be carried out in the country, but its adoption in our cities would mean the practical elimination there of the auto both for business and pleasure, and it is in the cities that their numbers are greatest and where they constitute the greatest menace to human life.

So far as grownups are concerned, the number of accidents can be and is greatly reduced by proper traffic regulations and the substitution of gaol sentences for fines for reckless drivers. At the same time the big and powerful have always crushed the weak, and this is as true in the case of motorists as in the world of nature. The owner of the big car frequently makes the smaller car yield the road to him, and a man who owned and drove a tank would do the same by the big cars, if tanks, were in ordinary everyday use. There is one point in law, however, that should be settled definitely without delay by appeal to the highest courts, and that is whether a pedestrian or an autoist has the right of way. The common law gives the right of way to pedestrians, and in the case of horse-drawn vehicles there has never been any question about that right. But there is considerable doubt in the minds of many as to whether this does not apply equally to the motor car, and many pedestrians who hold this conviction are run over every year.

With children the case is entirely different. Young and particularly very young, children only see the point which they wish to reach and look neither to the right nor the left in doing so. Even the callous motorist is, we believe, usually careful as regards children, and in the great majority of accidents the fault is with the child. Consequently the only effectual remedy lies in the daily training of the young to look to right and left before crossing a road. If this were dinned into their ears daily at home and in the school, we believe the number of accidents to children would be greatly reduced. In Arizona, where scorpions are plentiful and frequently found in the houses, children are taught from their earliest infancy never to touch or play with these dangerous insects, and it is largely effective. Similar methods should yield equally good results as regards motor cars and such training would certainly save a great many children from premature death. At any rate it would appear to be the simplest and most effective way of lessening the appalling loss of life among children from autos.