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P.G.E. Train Service Discontinued

Train service on the North Shore branch of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was discontinued indefinitely by the board of directors on Wednesday night.

Arrangements for the operation of stages along the highway on the schedule time of the trains, so that the public will not be inconvenienced, were announced at the P. G. E. offices. The stage service started yesterday morning.

This sudden withdrawal of the trains, coming as it did without notice to the council, was a distinct surprise, especially when our council had been waiting for

a promised communication from the P. G. E. Directors following previous notice of these two bodies. Until some official notice is received from the railroad officials little comment can be made on the action.

The present situation will, however, have the effect of forcing the issue as to the rights of the people with a public utility for which they have paid both in taxes and land concessions.

The directors have always been lauded as business men, and it is impossible to think that business men of integrity would endeavor to break an agreement without adequate compensatory (Continued on Page 8)



C. B. GREENWOOD

UNITED CHURCH LADIES HOLD SALE OF WORK NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, December 4th, from 2.30 to 6 p.m. the United Church Hall, will it is expected be crowded with visitors, this being the occasion of the Annual Sale of Work and Home Cooking arranged by the ladies of the congregation. A splendid assortment of articles suitable for Christmas presents has been promised and there will be special booths for the sale of plants, bulbs, etc., as well as second hand books and gramophone records.

The general convenor is Mrs. D. C. Ritchie. Stalls will be arranged as follows:—

Home Cooking: Mrs. D. Dewar and Mrs. A. Harvey.

Fancy Work: Mrs. G. Williamson.

Plants, Bulbs, etc.: Mrs. G. Elgar.

Aprons: Mrs. G. Gardiner and Mrs. A. Hindmarsh.

Baby Stall: Mrs. A. Chisholm.

Handkerchiefs: Mrs. D. Stitt.

Books and Records: Mrs. F. D. Hadwin.

Fishpond: Mrs. I. M. Maclean and Mrs. L. Garthorne.

Afternoon Tea: Mrs. G. Baldwin.

CONSERVATIVES TO GIVE DANCE AND SOCIAL

The West Vancouver Conservative Association is giving a dance and social evening on Friday, December 14th, in the Hollyburn Pavilion. Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. General A. D. McRae, M.P., and Mrs. McRae, General J. A. Clark, M.P., and Mrs. Clark, Captain George Black, M.P., and Mrs. Black, and a Provincial Government cabinet minister will be present. Short addresses will be made during the evening by these gentlemen.

The members of the association are being sent invitation cards, which must be produced at the door of the pavilion. Any others desiring invitations should communicate with some member of the executive of the association, who are as follows: W. B. Small, Miss M. B. Almas, W. R. Hamilton, Major J. Edleston, W. Astley, Captain Kettle, T. Garrow, Miss G. Davies, Mrs. A. E. Young, J. Haydn Young, J. B. Leyland, H. A. Eager, George Williamson, J. T. Watt, P. C. Chapman, J. Edington, J. J. Rutledge, W. W. Hawtin, W. J. Dent and F. F. Lovegrove. Invitation cards will also be available at the offices of Lieut.-Colonel K. W. Savory, Ambleside, or of Troughton and Barrow, Dundarave.

Just nine years ago, to be exact November 1st, 1919, C. B. Greenwood became a member of the business fraternity of West Vancouver. On that day the firm of Greenwood and Crawford took over the grocery business operated by W. H. Todd and J. McIntyre.

This business was carried on until 1921 when Mr. Greenwood purchased his partner's interest and became sole owner. Meantime having purchased the building which hitherto had been held on rental. During the whole of his career the business has been housed in the same building.

This was Mr. Greenwood's first experience as a business man, the previous four years of his life having been spent with the troops in France, he having only returned from the war in October.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Greenwood, who was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, but who had made his home in Vancouver since 1906, met and married the lady of his choice—Miss Ena Burns—in West Vancouver. They have now two charming children, a boy and a girl.

Greenwood's Grocery is well known to the people of West Vancouver and the proprietor has a reputation as a live wide-awake and progressive merchant.

NORTH VANCOUVER CITY HAS 8,884 PEOPLE

Wrigley Directories Ltd. have completed their census of North Vancouver City, which is reported as having now a population of 8,884. This is an increase of 1,232 since 1921, when the last census was taken.

NORTH SHORE ELECTIONS ON JANUARY 17 - 19

Civic elections for the North Shore municipalities, as set by statute, this year fall as follows: North Vancouver City, Thursday, January 17; Districts of North and West Vancouver, Saturday, January 19.

The New Siren

In this issue we carry a letter from a resident who objects to the new syren located on Ambleside wharf, which has "such a hideous and annoying sound." Living as we do close to the ferry we ourselves were just as strong objectors to this hideous noise as is our correspondent. We even went to the length of investigating why such a disagreeable sounding alarm should have been installed. It appears that the old syren was of very little assistance to the captains of our ferries in guiding their boats to safe anchorage, and that the safety of the boats was jeopardised through this. The new syren is proving highly satisfactory for the purpose for which it was installed. The sound which it emits has a long carrying and penetrating range, which is heard by the skippers. Hence it means that the ferry passengers enjoy that much more safety.

It is to be sure, a weird and an annoying sound, but surely it is a matter of choosing between the lesser of two evils. If we are safe in our homes, we can put up with the inconvenience of this noise, knowing that it is for the benefit and safety of those travelling on our ferries, and the chances are that in time we shall get so used to it as to never notice it, just the same as most of us, when we first came to West Vancouver, heard every boat whistle, every fog horn, and every other strange noise caused by ships and shipping in the harbor.

We don't like the noise, but we do like the knowledge that the ferry captains know exactly where they are making for in foggy weather.

Danger Signs Needed Near Schools

The unfortunate accident which occurred recently near the Hollyburn School in which a pupil was injured by an auto has drawn particular attention to the lack of danger signs in the vicinity of our public schools. There are signs on Marine Drive both east and west of Memorial Park, and they are quite necessary in view of the number of children who use the playground there. But it is still more necessary that there should be such signs placed in the vicinity of our schools, where all the children in the municipality gather day by day during the school terms. So far this is the first time a serious accident has occurred but that must be ascribed more to good luck than good management. No time should be lost, in having suitable danger signs near all points adjacent to our schools, in order that there may be no recurrence of such an accident as occurred last Friday.

HELP THE CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND BY ATTENDING THE ELKS' MASQUERADE DANCE NEXT FRIDAY

We are privileged, for such we count it, to lend our aid in the effort being made by the B.P.O.E. to bring a ray of sunshine and a touch of happiness to homes on the North Shore where the grim spectre of want will mar the Christmas joy.

At this time of the year organised efforts are made throughout the world with this purpose in view and every normal minded person derives pleasure in assisting such worthy efforts. Pen pictures and detailed reports of the misfortunes and troubles of other men, women and children should not be necessary to arouse our generosity and practical sympathy.

The local Elks have arranged a Masquerade Ball to be held in the Hollyburn Pavilion next Friday, December 7th, dancing 9 to 12. Prizes will be given and refreshments served. You can help this Christmas Cheer Fund by being present and you will have a happy and pleasant evening as well. Make a point of being there.

Don't, however, restrict your support to this one evening. Why not make yourself responsible for a Christmas hamper? These hampers are full of joy and happiness—both to the giver and the receiver.

Send a donation—a cash donation. No matter how much it is, 25 cents or \$25, it will be expended wisely and well. Donations marked "Christmas Cheer Fund" may be sent or left at the West Van News office and will be acknowledged in our columns. It is a worthy object, and, though it is regrettable that conditions are such as to necessitate this appeal, one must take conditions as they are and not as one would like them to be. Even in West Vancouver there are homes where the Christmas hamper and the few cold weather comforts which go with it will come as a god-send. Open up your purse-strings! Help those less fortunate than yourself! Do not let us have in West Vancouver this Christmas a case similar to one we know of where the larder on Christmas Day consisted of a loaf of bread and a small piece of bacon with not a speck of butter or tea or other food-stuffs. Do honor to yourself by assisting in the happiness and welfare of those less fortunate.

It is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive."

EX-REEVE MORGAN BITTERLY CRITICISES OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND ASKS WHAT IS WRONG WITH WEST VANCOUVER

We are publishing today a letter from Ex-Reeve David Morgan under the heading of "What Is Wrong With West Vancouver?" Mr. Morgan's analytical proposals are of a very radical nature. He does not like our ferry system and says "I well know what I would do, if I could get the powers of a Mussolini for one year only."

Mr. Morgan has been a member of the West Vancouver council on more than one occasion and it would be interesting to know exactly what he did about transportation matters when he was on the council. If the Ferry system is sufficient answer to the query he propounds, has this condition just arisen within the last two years, if not and the welfare of the municipality has been adversely affected all along by the Ferry system, what means did Mr. Morgan take during his tenure of office to rectify it.

If anything is wrong with West Vancouver can the answer not be found in the Building By-law which is so bitterly opposed by a large number of our residents and was not this building by-law passed by the council sitting under Reeve David Morgan and supported by him? We would respectfully suggest to Mr. Morgan that this is one of the things that is wrong with West Vancouver.

The letter appears on Page 5. It is well worth reading. If you have any views on the matter we shall be glad to hear from you. Election day is approaching and the citizens' views of these municipal matters are well worth having.