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The regular monthly meeting of the Civilian Widows and Orphans Assn. was held at the Y. W. C. A. on Friday with a good attendance. Mrs. R. F. Murray presided and opened the meeting with a spiritual reading. Applications for membership were received. It was decided to hold the Annual Dance and Whist Drive on Tuesday, December 17th, in the Moose Hall. The public are invited to attend. The committee for the dancing being Mrs. Violet Stone, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Shanklin, Mrs. J. Kiloh, Mrs. E. Tongs. The Whist Drive which will be held the same evening in the upstairs hall will start at 8 p.m. under the convenership of Mr. E. Russell, assisted by Mrs. A. Parsons, Mrs. K. Vance, Mrs. J. Saunders, Mrs. T. Raper, Mrs. J. Mullan. The Annual Children's Christmas banquet has been arranged to take place at the Y. W. C. A. on December 27th, at 6 p.m. A children's concert, games, etc., will be enjoyed and an individual surprise package and present will be distributed to each child. A special feature for the evening of the dance, Dec. 17th, will be the drawing of the Linen Chest and contents.

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PERSONALS

Walter McDonald is quite sick at his home at 15th and Fulton, as the result of a recent accident in Vancouver, when a window fell on the back of his head while he was at work.

Mrs. Thomas is confined to her home at Capilano through sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott of Vancouver, have moved into a house at 21st and Argyle.

There was a large attendance of members at the special meeting of the Canadian Legion, West Vancouver branch, on Monday evening in the Legion rooms. Five new members were admitted into the branch.

Mrs. E. C. Johnson and Miss Nellie Johnson of Nakusp, B. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey Smith, of the Red and White Chain Store, 24th and Marine Drive.

Mrs. Wallace of Denman Island, is staying at the Clachan Hotel.

Mr. Bowman has returned to his home at 22nd and Inglewood from his ranch in the Peace River country and expects to spend Christmas with his wife and family here.

The Pauline Johnson Soccer football team played the boys of the Mackenzie School, Vancouver, last Friday at the Powell Street Grounds, losing the match by a score of 0 to 1.

Mrs. Bishop, who formerly resided at 25th and Bellevue, was a visitor for a couple of days this week at the home of Mrs. M. Bulkley, "Dreamy Nook," 26th and Bellevue.

Arrangements have been made by Harry Farr of the West Van Motors to handle the battery work for Bill Craig who has opened a business in North Vancouver.

The auto accident in which the car belonging to Mr. George Clarke, 29th and Mathers, was damaged last week was not, it is claimed caused through the car missing the road in the fog and going over the sidewalk. The accident was caused by collision with another car, the driver of which we understand, has assumed full responsibility.

Mrs. L. Scribner, 13th and Bellevue, who has been in Prince Rupert for the past three weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Meuse, returned home last week end.

The United Church Choir concert which was to have been held tonight has been postponed until January.

Gordon Gray, 26th and Mathers, whose Vancouver office is in the Credit Foncier Building, is advertising this week drawing special attention to burglary insurance.

Board of Trade Meeting
The regular monthly meeting of the West Vancouver Board of Trade will be held next Monday.

Leonard Johnston of Rush City, Minnesota, was a visitor to the West Vancouver High School on Tuesday of last week.

Dundarave Ladies Choir to Give Radio Concert

On Thursday of next week, (December 19th) the Dundarave Ladies Choir will give a radio concert which will be broadcast over CKFC from 9 to 10.30 p. m.

MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS XMAS RELIEF

All societies, organizations and churches are invited to be represented by a committee of their society or organization to meet with the Reeve and the Municipal relief officer at the Municipal Hall next Wednesday, December 18th, at 7.30 p. m. for the purpose of comparing lists for Xmas Cheer hampers, to ensure that every needy case in West Vancouver will be looked after and to eliminate the probability of duplication. This is very important and interested parties are kindly asked to attend.

The West Vancouver representative of the Province Santa Claus Fund is also asked to attend.

V. V. VINSON.

Miss Elsie Kail whose home is in Swift Current, Sask., is here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 15th and Fulton.

Next Sunday afternoon the North Shore Elks have arranged a concert to be held in the Lonsdale Theatre at 3.15 in aid of the Xmas Cheer Fund.

SCHOOL CONCERT NEXT WEDNESDAY

The annual school concert by the pupils of the Pauline Johnson and Hollyburn Schools will be given next Wednesday in the Inglewood School auditorium. There will be two performances, as in previous years, one at 1.30 p. m., and the second at 7.30 p. m. Admission is 25 cents and at the afternoon performance children will be admitted free. The children under the guidance of the teachers have been working very hard to make this concert a success, and there will undoubtedly be a large crowd out to see them next Wednesday. Last year the boys and girls put on a very creditable performance which was much appreciated by the crowd of parents and friends who thronged the auditorium, and this year it is hoped to put on an even better entertainment. See Program on Page 7.

WHIST DRIVE IN AID OF XMAS CHEER FUND

Last Wednesday evening, Mrs. E. Gamage and Mrs. Alex. Stronge were joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. Gamage, at a whist party in aid of the Xmas Cheer Fund. Six tables were arranged and a very happy evening was spent. When the final count is made it is thought that the fund will be increased \$20 by the good will of these two lady organizers, and the friends who attended. Specially interesting prizes were "Shot Silk" Rose bushes, the West Vancouver emblem, which were donated by Mr. Gamage. These were won by Robt. Reid and Mrs. Nash, other prize winners were Mrs. Nash and Miss McCleery, tied for first, Mrs. Leyland and Mrs. Grady who carried off the second prizes. Mrs. Vinson and Mrs. Lawson, who were awarded consolation prizes. The drawing for a pretty boudoir cushion made by Mrs. Stronge, was won by Mrs. Vinson.

The "News" wishes to thank Mrs. Gamage and Mrs. Stronge for their efforts to swell the Xmas Cheer Fund. We appreciate the trouble and expense they went to. They will, however, feel more than repaid by the success of their endeavors and the practical help it gives to the needy this Christmas time.

A Toast

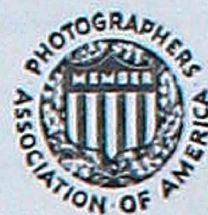
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Correspondence

Editor News:

I wish to say how much we have enjoyed the chats which Mr. A. G. Harvey has published in your paper and are sorry this seems to be the last one. He tells us and rightly too, that strict economy should be first if West Van. is to get "strong," any more. Now take the School Board item of \$70,000 (I believe) This is an enormous sum for a place of this size and population. We want education certainly, but surely economy should be exercised, especially after putting out \$45,000 or \$50,000 into a new school. I take it as Mr. Harvey advises that amalgamation with Vancouver is the only thing to save us. Public men are too apt to spend 10 cents when they have only 5 (providing it is other people's money). People are finding taxation very heavy and if we cannot lower them how are we going to thrive and be healthy in our beautiful municipality?

The coming reeve whoever he is, should be content to rest on his laurels until we get on our feet.

M. BULKLEY.

WANTS MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER FOR WHOLE OF NORTH SHORE

West Van News,
West Vancouver,
Dear Sirs:—Kindly insert enclosed letter as follows:

Our Children

The greatest force for general good today, for our children, our homes and ourselves, is Prevention, spelt in capital letters, as put forth in our Public Health Act and in our school laws. Grasp this fact or you are due to experience much loss and suffering.

One year we have smallpox, then scarlet fever, now chicken pox and the flue is ever with us, with skin diseases thrown in. There are many others that can come.

Constant complaints come into my office, to all of which the same reply is given. "You had the cure in your hands and it was turned down. One good, well paid health officer and school doctor for the whole North Shore—that is your remedy!"

The fact of the matter is that you cannot get good service if you have not the money to pay for it and the money does not

seem to be in evidence in West Vancouver.

Combine with North Vancouver and your powers to demand the best service will be much enhanced. Remember this. That it is only rarely that doctors can be found who, successfully for themselves, make a living out of a combined doctor's practice and public health work. Nearly always the practice suffers through the public health work and then the doctor has to neglect the public health work to reconstruct his practise.

I have no doubt that the Departmental office in Victoria is flooded each year with complaints concerning health and school officers who are failing in their duties for the reason just given.

Our oldest and most respected health officer, Dr. Underhill, gave the North Shore the same advice and I expect Dr. Young, our Departmental head in Victoria more than concurs.

If the general public were aware of the full protection which can be given and which is their just due, I suggest it would not be necessary for me to write publicly—I am not job hunting.

Amalgamation municipally with North Vancouver. No! But in the case of public health work we can not well do better for our money—just as we join with North Vancouver in their hospital work because we cannot help it.

Change your mind in the future if you can—have equal rights of appointment, and if you fear the influence of politics and contemptible cliques remember that you can easily get an honest and good outside doctor who will expect to be fired if he does not fill the bill.

My advice to all parents is to wake up, speak up, see your councillors and your school heads and let West Vancouver lead in the movement to do something and do the best for our children.

G. E. BAYFIELD, M.D.

To the Editor of
The West Van News.

Dear Sir:—Election time in West Vancouver is approaching so here is a suggestion.

Why not a Reeve and Council composed of men (or women) who reside, and whose business is, in West Vancouver?

Yours truly,
"RATEPAYER"