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SPRING

Spring has come again. The arrival of the thrushes and blackbirds and others of our feathered friends come back from the south brings this joyful fact home to us, as does also the perceptible change in the trees and vegetation generally. No longer do we have to get up in the dark and dumbly start off to our daily toil. In the evenings most of us come home by daylight. The sun is beginning to shine more frequently, and the spring song of the birds in the mornings and evenings finds a ready response in our hearts.

Yes, spring is the happiest time in the year just as the fall is the saddest. Most of us feel "the sadness of an autumn eve" caused chiefly by the thought of the long winter ahead, the dreary, wet, rainy days, and the frosty weather which brings sickness.

Similarly spring reminds us of the summer to come, and all it will mean to us—sports, summer holidays, summer days with their sunshine and the long summer evenings. Man is by nature hopeful, otherwise he must have died of despair long since. There is, however, no time of the year when hope rises so high among us humans as at this season.

In West Vancouver indications point to an active summer here. Last year we received practically no benefit from the new highway on Marine Drive. The pavement was not finished until July and the Capilano bridge was closed in September. This summer both will be available for the motorist, and we venture to predict there will be "some traffic." Even last fall there were a number of sales of homesites in the westerly portions of the municipality, and it is entirely reasonable to suppose that the opening of the Capilano bridge plus the fact of a first class arterial highway throughout the district will result in considerable building activity this year in West Vancouver.

We do not mean to infer that there will be a boom—all booms end as boomerangs and are the worst things that can happen to any district—but we do believe that from now on West Vancouver will begin to slowly but not the less certainly come into her own as the direct result of the new Marine Drive and the new bridge. Therefore, we can look forward to this spring, confident in our district and the brighter future which will from now on surely come to it.

INCREASE IN FERRY TRAFFIC

There was an increase of 3876 in the number of passengers carried by the ferries in March as compared with those of the corresponding month in 1929, the figures being 67,037 as against 63,161. During the three months ending 31st March, this year, 191,206 passengers used the ferries, an increase of 19,530 over the first quarter for 1929 when the total of passengers was 171,676.

ESTIMATES STRUCK BY COUNCIL

The total millage this year has been struck by the council at 61 mills, the same as last year. The estimated requirements for expenditure are \$234,419, of which \$105,580 is allocated for debenture and sinking fund, \$53,789 for schools, \$22,000 for finance, \$20,000 for board of works, \$12,500 for police, \$20,550 for miscellaneous items such as fire, parks, etc.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH

Dwellings	
St. Denis, E. A., Whytecliff	\$1,000
Mackenzie, L. E., Sherman	2,000
Garage	
Barbour, Fred, 26th and Bellevue	400
McArthur, D. W., Radcliff Avenue	1,750
	\$5,150

Councillor Garthorne was chosen to represent West Vancouver at the Elks May day meeting at their lodge room, North Vancouver on the evening of 2nd April.

Corner Stone Laid of New Orange Hall

Headed by the drum and fife band of the Prince Edward Island lodge, the members of L.O. L. No. 2990 marched from the corner of 14th and Marine Drive on Saturday afternoon to their new hall at 22nd and Marine, where the Grand Master of B. C. laid the corner stone with a beautiful silver trowel, specially presented to him in honor of the occasion. Under the Union Jack which flew from the top of the building, the ceremony was performed with appropriate prayers in the presence of other officials of the Grand Lodge, the reeve and several members of the council, a number of other members of the Order and many West Vancouver citizens.

Previous to the actual laying of the stone, the Grand Mistress of the L.O.B.A. for B. C. deposited in a recess at the top of the stone a brass canister containing a 1690 shilling, new coins of the present day, and a parchment scroll on which were inscribed the names of the members of L.O.L. No. 2990 and the L.O.B.A. here. This done, she sealed it in with mortar, using a small silver trowel of a similar design to that presented to the Grand Master, of which she had also been made the recipient.

Following the ceremony speeches were made in the hall by the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain of the Order, the Grand Mistress of the L.O.B.A., the reeve, and other Grand Lodge officials, the band afterwards playing the visitors and local members of the Order back to the ferry.

REEVE SHOWS CITY PRESS REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE DISTRICT

Reeve Leyland on Monday conducted a number of representatives of the Vancouver newspapers on an all-day auto tour of the municipalities from Capilano to Garrow Bay. The progress made since the first incorporation in 1912 was carefully pointed out to the visitors and particularly Marine Drive and the new Capilano bridge.

Chief among present development proposals, Reeve Leyland stated, was the desire of the municipality to obtain a grant from the Dominion Government of land lying west of Capilano River and south of Marine Drive in order to lay it out as a golf course. This area would then be connected with Ambleside Park, which the municipality purchased two years ago for \$30,000.

The school system at first accommodating a school population of 72 and now 900, and embracing a number of fine buildings, was explained. Inglewood High School, supplied with a fine auditorium and latest equipment, was cited as an example of this system.

Interesting anecdotes of the municipality's history were heard from the lips of John Lawson, first permanent resident of West Vancouver; James Ollason, city clerk and also an old-timer; Capt. A. Edwards, head of the municipal ferry service, and Capt. H. F. Kettle, old-time coast pilot.

The natural beauty of Capilano View Cemetery, which five years ago was a wilderness; development possibilities of a park at Point Atkinson, and many homesites to be found nestling on rock-bound shores, were viewed during the day.

At the conclusion of the trip, the Reeve and Mrs. Leyland entertained the visitors at dinner at their home in Altamont.

PETITIONS TO HAVE BUS STATION MOVED

Six petitions from Gambier Island, Bowen Island, Britannia Beach, Gibson's Landing, Wood-fibre, Vancouver residents, and letters from private individuals were received by the council asking that the Pacific Stage depot be moved back to the foot of Royal Ave., Horseshoe Bay. They were advised that the Council would take the matter up when they had occasion to discuss transportation matters with the Pacific Stages.

DUNDARAVE SCHOOL

Class Leaders for March

Grade 1.—1st Term
Grade 1, 1st Term—Carmen Johnson.
Grade 1, 2nd term—Yoshiko Hoshimo.
Grade 2, 1st term — Jackie Climie.
Grade 2, 2nd term — Donald Griffiths.
Grade 3, 1st term—1, Marian McNeil, 2, Jackie Leyland.
Grade 3, 2nd term—1, Elsie Robins; 2, Bobbie Climie.
Grade 4, 1st term—1, Dona Cave; 2, Martha Von Zuben.
Grade 4, 2nd term—1, Bevan Savory; 2nd, Laura Patterson.

Choral Society Concert a Big Success

A large and enthusiastic audience crowded the Hollyburn Theatre last Monday evening to listen to the concert put on by the West Vancouver Choral Society. There was not a dull moment from start to finish in the program, which was one of the finest and best executed which has ever been given by the Society. "The Banner of St. George," a heavy piece of music, was splendidly rendered, and "the Pirates Song" and "the Song of the Vikings" were given with a vim and a rollicking spirit which delighted the audience, who demanded an encore for each of these two latter numbers. A fine musical tone was maintained throughout all the choruses, the light and shading were excellent and the words clearly enunciated. A great improvement was noted in the upper register of the sopranos, who have hitherto always been the weak spot in the chorus. Special mention, too, should be made not only of Miss Margaret McIntyre's clever and effective orchestration of the music of the Banner of St. George, but of the excellent work done by her orchestra throughout the concert.

The other items on the program consisting of solos both vocal and instrumental and a madrigal afforded a pleasing variety to the heavier pieces and were well received by the audience. The concert, as President W. B. Thomas explained in a brief address before the program started, was held in some sort in memoriam of their old leader, the late Professor Morgan. We can only say that, if his spirit was present, as we believe it was, the old master must have rejoiced that his baton had been taken up by such a worthy and competent conductor as Mr. J. Haydn Young has proved himself to be.

ELKS MAY DAY CONFERENCE

The Elks May Day conference was held April 2nd in North Vancouver. Two delegates attended from West Vancouver School Board, namely, Messrs. Edington and Gamage. Mr. Duckworth represented the Orange Lodge.

The following committees were formed:

May Queen Committee—Chas. Cartwright, Mrs. Humphries, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Mulcahy, Mr. E. S. Gamage, Mr. Westmoreland

Parade—D. Dougans, Captain Germain and all members of all organizations to get suggestions and report back.

Grounds and Hall — Alex. Smith, Geo. Marshall, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Crabbe.

Music and Bands—Mr. Campbell, Mr. Heiliger, Mr. Falconer.

Dance and Tickets—Mr. Angus, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Currie, Mr. Jobling, Mr. Badger, Mr. Crute, Mr. Bonny.

Concessions—W. F. Smith, Mr. Castledine, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. White, Mrs. Grant.

Sports—Messrs. Harding, Kendall and Crute.

Cadets — Mr. Westmoreland, Mr. Gamage, Mrs. Dyker, Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Beamish.

Banquet—Peter Larson, J. B. Paine, Ladies of Royal Purple.

Programme—J. McNamara.

Finance—P. Sykes.

Transportation—Ed Black and all organizations.

Maypole Dancing—Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Lyttle.

Next meeting same place every Monday evening.

Committees at 7:30 p. m.
General meeting at 8:30 p. m.

Tag Day

The W. A. of the North Vancouver General Hospital were granted permission by the council to tag in West Vancouver, but not on the boats, on Saturday, June 7th.



THE NEW MARINE HIGHWAY

Which will be much used now that the Capilano Bridge is open for traffic