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WEST VANCOUVER STILL GROWING

It has been frequently stated in this paper that West Vancouver would continue to grow in spite of any and all obstacles placed in the path of its progress, that its wonderful situation and mild climate would win over all opposition.

The year 1931 has put our municipality to the severest test in its history. Not only has it in common with every other locality suffered from the world wide depression, but there has been no Second Narrows bridge, without which even the normal week day traffic cannot be satisfactorily taken care of, without taking into consideration the needs of the travelling public on Sundays and holidays. And it is generally admitted that nowadays inadequate transportation is the greatest handicap under which any place can suffer.

It is the more remarkable, therefore, that in spite of these obstacles West Vancouver's building permits for the six months ending 30th June were approximately \$10,000 higher than for the same period in 1930.

During the month just ended the building permits totaled \$14,650, of which \$13,000 was for new homes, and the figures for the eight months of this year for the North Shore make very interesting reading. During that period building permits of a total value of \$292,176 were issued in the three municipalities. To this total West Vancouver contributed \$136,830, the figures for North Vancouver City being \$83,029, and for North Vancouver District \$72,317. In other words, almost 50% of the building this year on the North Shore was done in West Vancouver.

Another indication of our steady growth is supplied by the figures of the B.C. Telephone Co. During the seven months of this year ending 31st July, 100 new telephones were installed on the North Shore. Of these 85 were put into West Vancouver homes and places of business.

These figures speak for themselves, proving beyond question that West Vancouver's growth cannot be stopped. Any locality which under the conditions prevailing this year could make such good progress is surely a place with a future. Our progress has for some considerable time attracted particular attention in the province, and it is a matter for congratulation that in spite of all obstacles West Vancouver has still been able to maintain its reputation as the finest and fastest growing suburb in Greater Vancouver.

THE CONQUEST OF FEAR

The outstanding feature of the "How Swimmers Are Made" water show put on last Saturday afternoon by the pupils of Mr. Norman Cox, under his direction, was the utter lack of fear shown by each and every performer. One naturally does not expect children of teen age to exhibit nervousness in the water, but, when one sees little children of five years old and under plunging into the deep water tank at Dundarave as cheerfully as they would jump into their beds for the night, it is something to marvel at. That, however, was what actually occurred, Dorothy Smith and Jacqueline Vance, both little tots of very immature years, each swam the length of the tank with all the confidence in the world, while little John Barbour, aged four years, swam two lengths and then stormed away in his mother's arms because he could not immediately perform his other stunt of diving through a floating lifebelt.

One was struck, too, by the finish shown by every swimmer or diver in his or her performance. To quote a very expressive vulgarism, "they knew their stuff." Moreover, it was very evident that swimming and diving have nowadays become developed into exact sciences with regular stages of progression leading up to the production of the perfect scientific performer.

Exhibitions were given of the various ways of floating, plunging of different kinds, including against time and for distance, diving from various heights in several ways, racing starts and turns, the breast and side strokes, also the varieties of the crawl. In addition, performances were put on of swimming with hands or feet tied, one pupil, Peggy Anderson, swimming the length of the tank with both feet and hands tied.

The show was a great credit to Mr. Cox and all concerned, particularly when it is remembered that none of those taking part had had more than a few lessons, in many cases not more than three or four, and those who attended expressed their interest and pleasure at what they had seen in no uncertain terms. Mr. Cox has done a great work in the few weeks he has been here, and we can only hope that he will be able to find time again next summer to give our young people the benefit of his long experience as a trainer with the greatest athletic clubs on this continent.

CATCH FISH WITH BOX

Last Sunday an angler hooked an 8lb. salmon off Hollyburn, but the fish broke the line off at the leader. Disturbed by the loose spoon, it continued to jump out of the water, finally landing bodily in a boat occupied by two little boys, Bobby Mason and Harry Biggar. The youngsters put a box over their capture, which they kept, after handing the leader and spoon back to the angler. The latter cheerfully acknowledged their right to the salmon.

TENNIS CLUB

DANCE TONIGHT

The second dance to be given by the West Vancouver Tennis Club will take place tonight in the Orange Hall at 22nd and Marine Drive. Dancing will start at 9 p.m., and the music will be supplied by Len Chamberlain's popular orchestra.

At this dance the cups and prizes will be presented to the winners in the recent senior and junior tournaments of the club.

THE COUNCIL REPLY TO VICTORIA RE. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Below will be found a copy of the council's reply to a circular recently received by them from the Public Works Department in Victoria re. unemployment relief.

Municipal Hall,
West Vancouver,
August 27, 1931.

Honorable R. W. Bruhn,
Minister of Public Works,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your circular letter from the Public Works Department under date of August 22nd re. the possibility of financial assistance being given by the Federal and Provincial Government towards the cost of work within the Municipality as a relief measure for unemployed married men, was duly received by the Council at the regular meeting on Monday, August 24th, 1931.

I am directed to advise you that whilst the Council would be glad indeed, if financially possible, to assume a share in the cost any programme of relief work, at the present time they cannot see how it is possible for the local tax payer to assume further financial burdens beyond those already imposed.

I am directed to point out that West Vancouver is in somewhat of a unique position in being an exclusively residential district in such close proximity to Vancouver City. In normal times, even at the busiest periods, not more than 15 men are employed by our Board of Works Department, but for the last two years the average number so employed amounts to 7. At the present time, however, owing to conditions in Vancouver, where practically all of our unemployed usually work, we have nearly 150 married men thrown back on the Municipality. Our 1931 estimates for the Board of Works allotment was based on the employment of only 7 men, and it will be readily understood how difficult it is to cope with the conditions as stated.

The subsistence allowance for a married man with dependents, as suggested by you is \$2.80 per family. You do not state the exact proportion of this amount that the Government is prepared to assume, but even if the Governments paid \$2.00 per family, the cost to the Municipality at

THE WEST VANCOUVER ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

The first practice of the West Vancouver Orchestral Society will be held next Tuesday, 8th September at 8 p.m. at the home of Miss Margaret McIntyre, 20th and Gordon Ave. A very interesting programme of music has been arranged for the coming season.

There are vacancies for two violins and a double bass.

HORTICULTURAL SOC'Y FALL SHOW

The Horticultural Association will hold its Fifteenth Annual Exhibition on September 12th in the Dundarave Hall.

The doors will be opened at 2:30 p.m. The Secretary will be at the Hall on Friday evening, 11th inst., at 7:30 o'clock to receive entries. If possible, she would like entries sent in the early part of the week or they could be left at Gemmill's Drug Store, Ambleside Tea Rooms or Finlayson's Drug Store, Dundarave, during the week where catalogues can also be obtained.

The Secretary will be pleased to give any information. Phone West 266L.

80c each would amount to approximately \$25,000.00 in six months, to which must be added a further substantial amount for equipment and material (gravel, timber, etc.), which would be required to carry out any programme for Public Works.

The Council is most anxious to assist all unemployed in the Municipality and to cooperate with the Government to the fullest possible extent, but the facts herein outlined suggest that special circumstances in regard to West Vancouver might be carefully considered. May we suggest that if the Government would finance the whole cost of labor, the Municipality would endeavor to provide the necessary equipment and materials. Otherwise, our position seems to be very difficult. If these suggestions can be accepted we will immediately forward you a programme of work providing relief for approximately 150 married men for a period of six months.

Thanking you kindly to advise us as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. HERRIN,
C.M.C.

LEGION CARNIVAL AND DANCE

The Canadian Legion, West Vancouver branch, are giving their second annual carnival on Monday, (Labor Day) at 16th and Marine Drive, to be followed by a hard time dance in the Legion Memorial Hall in the evening.

The carnival will open at 1 p.m., and there will be a number of stalls and games on the midway, such as house-house, wheels, ring-a-duck, nine pins, etc. Candy scrambles and races will be held for the children, also clowns will be on hand to keep the fun going. The refreshment and ice cream booths and the fortune telling will be in the hands of the ladies, and the West Vancouver Schools Band will give selections during the afternoon.

The hard time dance in the Legion Memorial Hall will start at 9 p.m., and dancing will be continued until 1 a.m. The music will be supplied by the Red Caps 5-piece orchestra, and prizes will be given for the most appropriate costumes. Admission 50c.

The proceeds of both the carnival and the dance will go to the Legion branch here for welfare purposes.

All members of the Legion branch are asked to make a point of being on hand tomorrow (Saturday) to assist in the erection of the stalls, also at the carnival on Monday to help in running the games, etc.

WEST VANCOUVER SCOTTISH SOCIETY

The opening meeting of the season of the Society will be held in the "Clachan," 25th and Waterfront, on Friday, Sept. 18th, at 8 p.m. sharp. A full attendance of old members is requested. Also, a very hearty invitation is sent to residents in the municipality of Scottish birth or connection. After the business session is over, a social evening has been arranged for. The program for the season is to be very interesting and will be announced at the opening meeting. Apart from the regular meetings a series of social evenings is being arranged for by the Entertainment Committee.



West Vancouver Schools Band, who will play at the Legion Carnival