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GARDENS and GARDENING

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Another type of garden which will prove very interesting is the fern garden. While ferns may constitute the majority of plants in such a garden, there are a number of other plants which will do well under conditions similar to those required for ferns. Ferns require a fairly well drained acid soil, well filled with leaf mould, so that it will retain sufficient moisture for the plants throughout the dry season. Partial shade is also necessary. For this reason ferns are one of the best plants to use to form a bed or border on the north side of the house. If lime has been added to the soil your chances of a successful fern garden are very limited.

If you live near the woods, and who in West Vancouver doesn't, take your wheelbarrow and shovel and secure a generous quantity of leaf mould and dig it into your proposed fern garden and keep adding quantities of it each year. Conditions in a wild or fern garden should be maintained as nearly as possible like those in the woods. This means that there should be no hoeing or stirring up of the

soil. Weeds should be pulled out and one's natural tendency to pick up all leaves or decayed or dried up plant stalks should be curbed.

When leaf mould is added to the soil after the plants have become established, it should not be dug in, but put on top of the soil around the plants. Fallen leaves may be used in the bed to form leaf mould. Leaves from hardwood trees are the best but they are hard to get in this section of the country.

For the beginner it is perhaps best to secure the plants for any kind of garden from a reliable grower rather than try to raise your own. After some experience with the various plants in your garden, the propagating of plants will prove an interesting pastime.

In next week's article we will deal with the various ways of propagating plants.

NOTE—The writer will consider it a pleasure to answer questions concerning the garden in this column.

The questions should be addressed to the writer in care of the Editor. The answer will appear in an early issue or if a personal reply is desired a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed.

Butter Scotch Pie

1 cup very dark brown sugar
1½ tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon butter
Yolks of 2 eggs (whites for frosting).
1 cup sweet milk
Cook in double boiler and put in baked crust.

"Why are you crying, youngster?"

"Because my brother has holidays and I haven't."

"Why have you not got a holiday?"

"Because I don't go to school yet."

J. W. Cooper put into the council a claim for \$125 for damage to his store at 195 - 25th Street due to flooding as a result of a block in the culvert.

He was advised that the municipality was not liable, the culvert complained of being P.G.E. property. They therefore suggested he take the matter up with the company. In this connection the clerk was also requested to instruct the engineer to send his account to the P.G.E. for damages to corporation property, and also to again call their attention to the culverts which are causing the damage.

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL SOCIETIES TO BROADCAST

West Vancouver Choral Society, in conjunction with the West Vancouver Orchestral Society, will present a concert over the CKWX station on Wednesday evening next, at 10 o'clock.

This concert is being sponsored by the Junior League of Vancouver, in co-operation with the sponsors of the Uncle Jerry Safety Club, with Uncle Jerry at the microphone.

The Choral Society will be under the conductorship of Mr. J. Haydn Young, who has so ably brought the society to its present high standard; whilst the leadership of the orchestra will be well cared for by Miss Margaret McIntyre.

Both these organizations are outstanding in the field of music in the province and, we understand, received most gratifying commendation from all sections, not only of Canada but also the United States, at their last broadcast, and it is pleasing to know that they have again come forward in support of such a worthy cause at this season of the year.

Tune in next Wednesday, December 9th, at 10 o'clock p. m., over Station CKWX, and hear the following programme: (a) "The Pilgrims' Chorus" (Tannhauser); (b) "Eriskay" (Love Lilt, Choral Society with Orchestra.

(a) "Prince Charming," by Marsden; (b) "Scottish Patrol" by Marsden, Orchestral Society. Vocal Solo—Selected, Mrs. Colin McLean.

Sea Chanties — (a) "Billy Boy," Mr. Lester and Chorus; (b) "Shenandoah," Mr. Addy and Chorus.

"Coronach," by Macfarren, Choral Society.

Vocal Solo—Selected, Mrs. Howard Legatt.

"The Dance," from Bavarian Highlands by Elgar, Choral Society.

"Children's Intermezzo" and Warrior's Dance," Orchestral Society.

"Turn Ye to Me" and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" (Spiritual), Choral Society.

"Irish Lilt," Orchestral Society.

"Challenge of Thor," Choral Society with Orchestra.

"Beauteous Morn," ladies' section of Choral Society.

"Bound for the Rio Grande," Aubrey Clarke and Male Chorus

The executive of the Choral Society wish to announce that only those members who attend the final rehearsal on Monday will be eligible to take part in the broadcast. It is therefore desirable that there be a full attendance of members at the usual hour in Dundarave Hall.

FOOTBALL

The following players are requested to turn out for the game Saturday with the Beavers, at 2:30, at Ambleside Park: Gisby, McLean, A. Downey, H. Downey, Davie, Grieve, J. Griesdale, Hamilton, Bell, Stratton, Griesdale.

All supporters of the team are asked to turn out and root for the home team.

JUVENILE FOOTBALL
Games for Saturday, December 5th, 1931:

Division 1
N. S. Press Canucks vs. A. S. N. Bluebirds, Mahon Park, 2:30 p. m. Referee: Mr. Botham.

Division 2
Lynn Valley vs. Beavers, Lynn Valley Park, 2:30 p. m. Referee: Mr. Hilder.

Division 3
Lynn Valley vs. Young Buffs, Lynn Valley Park, 11 a. m. Referee: Mr. McSween.
West Vancouver vs. Toc. H., Ambleside Park, 11 a. m. Referee: Mr. Strong.

H. E. Baker of Whytecliff, was given permission by the council to put in a culvert at his own expense, provided it did not obstruct the ditch.



Legion Notes

The next regular general meeting of the Canadian Legion, West Vancouver Branch, will take place next Monday, 7th December, at 8 p. m. Every member is requested to make a point of being present.

Ex-service Men of W. Van.

Attention!

From the Right—Number!

When the company numbers off, are you there standing in line, or are you an absentee? Have you forgotten the comradeship of war days when men were men and position counted for nothing? If you are A.W.L., report at once. YOUR COMRADES NEED YOU—A meeting once a month is no great hardship. You will find lots of good fellows to greet you and your membership will help those who need the help you do not require yourself.

Don't wait until it is too late—You were good sports in the terrible days of 1914-1918—Be good sports now and rally round the boys you served with—There is a place for you in the West Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Legion and application forms will be mailed or brought to you if you phone W. 410-L.

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by upper level route for High School, returning after concert.