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FACING THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

The following story was sent to us this week by one of our readers, who informed us that it had recently been mailed by a New York house to their salesmen. As the subject is somewhat apropos at the present time and also amusing, we thought our readers might like to hear the story, which is as follows:

"Pelicans: A Parable"

"For years the pelicans of Santa Monica Bay had been fed by fishermen from surplus catch, until they got into the habit of eating without work.

This year high seas and changing currents off Santa Monica cut down the catch, and the fishermen no longer had any fish to spare. They noticed that the pelicans languished and grew thin, and it dawned on them that they had forgotten how to fish for themselves. So they went down the coast and found some unpampered pelicans who had never been ruined by easy living and free fish. They turned them loose among the starving birds, who sat about on the beach and complained of the depression.

The way those imported pelicans went out after their own fish was an eye-opener. Pretty soon the hungry natives quit watching and tried it themselves. They discovered there were plenty of fish in the sea for the bird with energy and enterprise. And they have quit talking about the depression."

Now we do not wish to infer that the residents of West Vancouver have become pampered by not having to work for a living or as a result of Dame Fortune having placed all kinds of good luck in their way. For up to the recent consummation of the Hollyburn lands' deal the reverse was the case. West Vancouver and this whole North Shore has suffered from inadequate transportation from the first, and the situation was only just being relieved by the Second Narrows bridge, when that structure was knocked down again and again. We thought we were going to get a First Narrows bridge, and in that we were disappointed as well. West Vancouver, however, put its shoulder to the wheel, and residents still kept coming in spite of everything and the municipality still continued to grow.

And now, when the whole world is suffering from a general depression of trade, good luck has at last come our way in the shape of the sale of our upper level lands, a deal which has attracted the attention of the whole of Canada. That this will mean the building of a First Narrows bridge there is no doubt whatever.

Business just at the present time may not be as brisk as we would like to see it, and we ourselves may catch a little of the feeling of depression that is so generally present in the world.

For us in West Vancouver, however, the future and the immediate future is assured. The development work to be done on our upper levels assures us of a busy year in 1932, apart from the fact that it is extremely unlikely that many months will pass before construction work will start on a bridge across the First Narrows.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CONCERT

The West Vancouver public schools are giving their annual concert in the Inglewood School auditorium next Wednesday evening, 16th instant, starting at 7:30 p.m. Doors will be open at 7 o'clock sharp. A special bus will leave Ambleside ferry wharf at 7:10 p.m. and 25th Street at 7:25 p.m., going by the upper level route to the High School and returning after the concert. Admission twenty-five cents.

Last year there were no seats for all who attended. This year special arrangements have been made which will give ample seating accommodation for everybody.

The following is the program:

1. Health Play H. S.
2. Santa Claus P. J. S.
3. Personell's Paint P. J. S.
4. Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid? H. S.
5. Folk Dances:
 - (a) Napoleon.
 - (b) Csehobogor.
 - (c) Curcuddock P. J. S.
6. Belling the Cat H. S.
7. Mother Goose's Party P. J. S.
8. Choruses:
 - (a) John Peel.
 - (b) My Heart's in the Highlands.
 - (c) The Bells of Aberdovey.
 - (d) In Derry Vale H. S.
9. Peter Coffin P. J. S.
10. Folk Dancing (Two Dutch Dances) P. J. S.
11. The Travelling Musicians P. J. S.
12. The Return of the Viking H. S.
13. The Fatal Quest (A Farce) P. J. S.
14. Choruses:
 - (a) Good King Wenceslas.
 - (b) The Rose's Age.
 - (c) O Who Will O'er the Downs P. J. S.
15. The Rescue of Lady Alice (Robin Hood) H. S.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Miss Margaret Currie will be presented at the concert with the parchment of the Royal Humane Society by Bishop Sov-

ereign under the auspices of the West Vancouver Board of School Trustees and the West Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club.

MR CAULFEILD IS INTERESTED

The following is a copy of a letter received by the Municipal Hall from Richards, Akroyd & Gall Ltd., which may be of interest to West Vancouver residents:

325 Homer St.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
Dec. 9, 1931.

To the Clerk of the
Municipality of West Vancouver
City Hall,

17th and Esquimalt,
West Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:—With reference to the recent Bylaw concerning purchase by a Syndicate of certain lands in the Municipality we had a cable from Mr. F. W. Caulfeild, followed by a letter, from which it appears that Mr. Caulfeild is anxious to act in harmony with the West Vancouver Council and with the Syndicate regarding the laying out of lines, presumably where the Syndicate property touches Caulfeild Estate property.

Mr. Caulfeild remarks, "If that had been done 30 years ago what might not West Vancouver have become. At any rate I should like to record my goodwill and learn more details."

For this purpose Mr. Caulfeild would like some details of the boundaries of the lands acquired by the Syndicate and we shall be glad if you can let us have the information.

Yours faithfully,
Richards, Akroyd & Gall Ltd.,
per (signed) J. Stewart Gall.

NEW NARROWS RULE QUERIED

Details of regulations for control of marine traffic at Second Narrows bridge are now available to shipping interests, it is said.

There is only one major change, a ruling that deepsea ships shall not pass Second Narrows bridge excepting when the current is strongly against them.

Shipping interests declare that this wording, and a full interpretation of the proposed regulation, would mean that ships might prove even a greater menace to the bridge than under present regulations, and that insurance companies might look even more askance at the bridge.

Deepsea ships can stem and make progress against the 7.5 knots current of the Second Narrows, but the treacherous undertows are still to be considered. A straightly faced surface current might have a treacherous and powerful undercurrent which would cause a ship to sheer and crash into piers or Narrows has always been the bridge. The danger at Second unknown underwater current and cross streams.

It is also pointed out that there is always more water flowing out than is sent in by the tides. The flow of two streams, Indian and Seymour, must find outlet through the water that pass Second Narrows.

I. O. D. E.

The regular monthly meeting of the Duncan Lawson Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held on Monday, Dec. 14th, at the home of Mrs. F. N. Hirst, 2870 Bellevue at 2:15. The water color painting by Miss B. A. Fry, which is being raffled in aid of the inhalator fund will be drawn for at this meeting.

WEST VAN. ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY REORGANIZED

A meeting of the West Vancouver Orchestral Society was held last Tuesday at the home of Miss Margaret McIntyre.

It was decided that with this fast growing organization a larger executive committee was necessary.

The officers selected were as follows:
Musical Directors—Miss Margaret McIntyre and J. Haydn Young.

Publicity—Miss M. Jack
Executive Committee—Jas. McIntyre, C. Haworth, Secretary; C. Groom, Treasurer; J. Haydn Young, President; Hon. President, Reeve J. B. Leyland.

It is hoped that enough funds will be raised during the season to buy a string bass which is a big necessity in the orchestra.

Local Students Presented With Royal Life Saving So. Awards

At a meeting of the R.L.S.S. Vancouver branch, held at the Crystal Pool last Friday night, the following students were presented with part of the life saving awards, earned by their attendance at the classes held last June under the instructors of the West Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club, Miss Lester and Dr. Vance.

Gerald Mason, Virginia Gamage, Percy Masterman, Averil Irwin, Gordon Stenson, Arthur Edwards, Ken. Douet, John Partridge, John Wright, Max Lennox, Marcel Hyam, Valerie Hyam.

The above students have also passed the bronze medallion tests of the society except Averil Irwin and Virginia Gamage, who were not of age for this test at the time it was held. A number of other students have qualified for awards which have not yet reached Vancouver.

The following members of the West Van. A.S.C. have qualified for their bronze medallion: Leslie J. Smith, Miss G. Clay, L. C. Reid, Chas. Chapman.

The awards were presented by Bishop Sovereign, who spoke highly of the work being performed in West Vancouver and introduced the inhalator crew of the West Vancouver Schools to the audience, the only crew of its kind in British Columbia schools: Gordon Stenson (capt. Art Edwards, Max Lennox, Ken Douet, Percy Masterman, J. Partridge, John Wright, Instructor Gordon Vance and L. C. Reid.

Bishop Sovereign also presented Miss Audrey Lester and Dr. Vance with teachers' certificates. Dr. Vance was presented with the honorary instructor's certificate by Mr. A. H. Swenisky, president R.L.S.S., who complimented him on his work for the society during the past summer. Dr. Vance is also an examiner for B. C. and representative for the North Shore.

New classes will be inaugurated immediately after the New Year at Pauline Johnson School, Hollyburn School and Inglewood High School, under instructors from the Swimming Club.

B. C. COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the B. C. Scottish Country Dance Society will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) in the Legion Memorial Hall.

ELECTION RUMORS

There has nothing new transpired during the week as regard possible candidates for the council.

So far as the school board is concerned, Chairman E. S. Gamage stated that he will be a candidate for re-election. Trustee A. Harvey Smith had no announcement to make, while we were unable to get in touch with Trustee Mrs. Masterman.

In regard to the police commission, Captain C. J. Archer informed us he would stand for re-election.

XMAS CHEER FUND

The time for giving is growing short. There are only two weeks separating us from Xmas and on the 24th instant the monies collected by us will be turned over to the Elks' Xmas Cheer and Relief Committee of West Vancouver. They will use the money for Xmas cheer and relief work in West Vancouver only. Remember there is more need for your money to help in this work this year than ever before. There are many who may know who are in need, but many more are in straightened circumstances or on the verge of starvation of whom you have never heard. All will be looked after by the Elks, and we earnestly ask you to lend your assistance to them by donating to this fund. They will do the rest.

Already received:

V. V. Vinson	\$ 5.00
Gordon Robson	5.00
Gwen Clay	5.00
St. Stephen's Girls' W.A.	5.00
Friend25
Reeve J. B. Leyland	5.00
Municipality of West Vancouver	25.00
A. Harvey Smith (Smith's Groceries)	5.00
Owners of Messinger Bldg.	5.00
A. H. Albin	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Dickinson	5.00
A. Searle (Vernon Feed Store)	5.00
Friend Bill	1.00
St. Anthony's Sub. Div. Catholic Women's League	5.00
Local Bridge Club	3.50
A. E. B.	2.00
W. J. Turnbull	5.00
Total	\$91.75

MUSICIANS' CLUB CONCERT TONIGHT

The winter students' recital of the West Vancouver Musicians' Club will take place tonight (Friday) in the Orange Hall. It is requested that the public note the concert will start at 8 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m. as usual. An excellent program of vocal and instrumental music has been arranged for the occasion. Silver collection.

B.C. ELECTRIC CURRENT OFF TWO HOURS SUNDAY

The B. C. Electric Railway Co. announces that power and light will be off throughout the municipality next Sunday, 13th instant, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on account of blasting in the vicinity of the power line.

Miss Beatrice Hodgson was the winner of the first prize of \$5 at the Hollyburn Theatre with ticket No. 364.