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WEST VANCOUVER'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Today West Vancouver celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of its existence as a municipality, the first council meeting having been held on this date in 1912.

For the first few years of its existence it was little more than a summer colony. There were no conveniences, such as light and water, and its population was almost entirely made up of city residents who came over here to spend the warm months in the camps they had established along the shore line.

From the first climate and the beauty of its setting proved an invincible attraction. The number of campers increased year by year, and all of them hated to return to the city in the fall. As a result quite a number started building small summer houses, which they added to until they had permanent homes. Marine Drive was constructed, stores were opened, water and light supplied, and West Vancouver began to be a place of all-the-year-round residences, although there were still very many camps and summer shacks.

The turning point came in 1926, when zoning by-laws were passed by the Council then in office. For these Reeve Leyland, then a councillor, was largely responsible, and, in spite of all the odium he incurred at the time and for several years afterwards as a result, events have amply justified his judgment. With their passing the summer colony period definitely ended, and West Vancouver entered upon its career as a suburb of the city. Most important of all, the zoning by-laws were indirectly responsible for the present development of our upper level lands. For, although it is not generally known, without them there would have been no deal, their existence being the essential proviso made by the syndicate of wealthy Britishers, when they first came out to look over the property. Nor is it generally known how much we owe to James Ollason, our first Municipal clerk, for the prominent part he took in first attracting their interest to the property.

That purchase was, of course, the second great milestone in the municipality's progress. From then on its future as the premier residential sector of Greater Vancouver was assured. The sale in the midst of a depression was a great feather in the caps of the Reeve and Council in office, as it was equally a monument to the foresight of all their predecessors, who, in the face of financial difficulties had steadfastly refused to dispose of any of the acreage concerned, realizing it should be sold en bloc or not at all and that time would as certainly produce the wealthy purchasers.

If anything else was needed to ensure the municipality's future, it was supplied by the recent granting of permission to build the First Narrows Bridge after a struggle of years, in which the opposition of some of the most powerful interests in Canada was finally overcome. Reeve Leyland took the leading part in the Vancouver plebiscite campaign, but very many others in West Vancouver, Vancouver, Victoria, and London, England, did yeoman work in the long fight. For the most part, it was unseen work and their names even will never be known, but today our thanks are due to these many friends without whose help the bridge would never have been built.

On this, our twenty-fifth anniversary, we in West Vancouver can look back with pride and thankfulness on what has been accomplished. Much, of course, remains to be done, and there will be problems to come which will tax all our resources to the utmost. At the same time, if the opposition to our progress in the past is any true measure of the prosperity that awaits us, then our future will be brighter indeed than anything of which we have ever dreamed.

OUR ANNIVERSARY

Once again, on this the beginning of our twelfth year of continuous publication, we wish to extend our most sincere thanks to all our advertisers and readers, who by their loyal support have rendered the production of this newspaper possible.

In common with the larger newspapers we have travelled along stony ways since the depression started, for probably no line of endeavor has suffered more, owing to the fact that advertising is too often the first thing to be pruned when times become hard in spite of the very obvious fact that then is the time when advertising is most necessary.

There have been newspapers in the east of very old standing which have gone under, and, as a matter of fact, West Vancouver has been very lucky to have had any newspaper at all during some of the years through which we have passed recently. In any case the publication of a small newspaper must be always largely a matter of love.

We have tried to be fair to all regardless of race, religion, or any other distinction, we have boosted where we could and only knocked where the public interest seemed to demand it, and that very seldom. Our rates are the lowest compatible with paying the bills, and our few rules only those which experience has shown us to be necessary. Editorially, we have tried to face facts and speak the truth plain as we have seen it — which may not be as others see it — being of the fixed opinion that the plain truth is what Canada needs most today.

What we have been able to accomplish for West Vancouver in the past eleven years is not ours to say. That, whatever it is, is written in the minds and hearts of her people. We do feel, however, that our staying with West Vancouver in the past lean years has entitled us to some of the benefits of the brighter period which appears to be now at our doors. And, in that spirit we ask in this coming year the same loyal support which has been accorded us in the past and which has been our chief incentive to carry on.

REEVE LEYLAND TO SPEAK OVER RADIO

On account of West Vancouver's Silver Jubilee Reeve Leyland will speak tonight over Radio Station CKWX at 10 o'clock. All our citizens are urged to listen in.

TO THEATRE-GOERS

By courtesy of H. Fletcher of the Hollyburn Theatre, Reeve J. B. Leyland's address over CKWX at 10 o'clock tonight will be re-broadcast in the theatre.

WEST VAN. BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the West Vancouver Business Men's Association was held last night in the P.D.Q. Cafe, 1512 Marine Drive.

The committee appointed reported on the matter of fire protection and insurance rates, giving some information obtained as to the requirements of the Board of Fire Underwriters. It is expected to have full details of these requirements for the next meeting, when the question will be fully discussed.

As a result of the report of the committee regarding garbage collection in the municipality a committee made up of D. Barbour, E. J. Rothwell, W. Taylor and F. F. Lovegrove was appointed to take up the matter with the Council at their next meeting.

It was decided to put on a membership drive, in which connection application cards for membership will be sent to every local business man.

The meeting closed with the serving of refreshments.

B. C. TELEPHONE OPERATORS' DANCE

The local staff of the B. C. Telephone Company are holding their Second Annual Dance on Friday week, April 16th, at the Hollyburn Pavilion. Mrs. A. J. Jack of Vancouver, and Mrs. J. B. Leyland have kindly consented to lend their patronage for the occasion.

Miss Phyllis Neale as convenor, assisted by Miss Irene McCrum and Miss Barbara Allwork are doing their utmost to make this dance even more enjoyable than last year's. Arrangements are being made with radio station CKWX to broadcast dance music from the Pavilion for an hour during the evening.

Tickets may be obtained from members of the staff. For further particulars kindly refer to the advertisement in this issue.

CELEBRATE CORONATION

A committee under the chairmanship of Reeve J. B. Leyland, was held in the Municipal Hall Monday night to discuss plans for a four day celebration to mark the coronation of King George VI.

The following delegations were present: The Council, Reeve Leyland and Councillor Dickinson; School Board, H. G. Barker and J. Richardson; Townswomen's Guild, Mrs. F. F. Lovegrove and Mrs. J. T. Fox; I.O.D.E., Mrs. J. W. Lang and Mrs. Mona A. Bone; D.V.A., J. D. Rankin and H. E. Walker; Legion W. A., Mrs. E. F. Sharman, Mrs. F. W. Rivers; Canadian Legion, Rev. F. A. Ramsey and F. W. Rivers; Horticultural Society, Mrs. W. P. Allen and J. W. Parkinson; private citizens, John T. Fox, James Bisset and Capt. C. J. Archer.

D. V. A. NOTES

Change of Meeting Place

Members are asked to kindly note that, beginning Tuesday, April 13th, all meetings will be held in the Ferry Building. Meeting nights as usual — the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. All ex-service men will be welcome.

Sunday, April 11th, is the anniversary of Vimy Ridge and is also the annual church parade of the D.V.A. to St. Stephen's Church for the evening service at 7:15 o'clock. An invitation to all ex-service men to join with them is cordially extended. Members are asked to meet at the corner of 22nd Street and Marine Drive not later than 7 p.m.

WEST VANCOUVER DICKENS BOOK CLUB

The repeat performance of six sketches from "Our Mutual Friend" last Thursday evening in St. Stephen's Parish Hall by the West Vancouver Dickens Book Club drew a very fair attendance. The members of the east were quite at home in their parts, and the scenery and effects generally were well in keeping with the period. Mr. Newman, the organist of the church, played a number of piano selections in the intervals, and Mrs. F. F. Lovegrove gave two vocal selections with Mrs. Sheffield as accompanist. D. A. Jay acted as narrator.

FRATERNITY DANCE

Don't forget the dance to be given by the Rho Delta Rho Fraternity tomorrow (Friday) evening in the Orange Hall. Music will be supplied by Marie Abrams' popular orchestra, and dancing will take place from 9 to 1 a.m. Refreshments will be served, and there will be novelties and favors. Admission, 35 cents.

ANNUAL DAFFODIL TEA

The annual Daffodil tea of the Women's Association of the United Church will be held in the Church Hall on Friday, 16th instant, at 9:30 o'clock. There will also be a sale of home cooking and an interesting musical program. Admission 25c.

BRITISH ISRAEL

The regular weekly meeting of the Dundarave Branch of the B.-I. World Federation will be held as usual Monday, April 12, at 25th & Marine. Speaker, Mrs. Brereton of North Vancouver; subject, "The Bible in the Heavens, also the Zodiac at Glastonbury."

All are welcome.

HOLLYBURN HALL

There will be the usual Sunday School and Young People's Bible Class at 10 a.m. next Sunday in Hollyburn Hall. A Gospel Service sponsored by the young men will be held at 7:30 p.m. next Sunday, the speaker being John Wilson. At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13th, a lecture will be given illustrated with lantern views, the subject of which will be "Martyrs for the Faith. Some Great Anglicans." Come and bring your friends.

Leslie Dawson of Vancouver has moved into a house at 1303 Clyde Avenue.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, April 29th — Play "The Brontes," by the U.B.C. Players' Club in the Inglewood Auditorium.

NOTICE RE CORONATION BALL

The West Vancouver Conservative Association had planned to hold a ball on the eve of Coronation Day, the proceeds to be given to the Cancer Fund.

It has, however, come to their notice that in view of the historic occasion, the civic authorities wish to hold a ball for the citizens generally. In view of these circumstances, the Conservative Association is only too pleased to cooperate with the civic authorities, and while the association itself will not be conducting the ball, it will support the dance wholeheartedly as though the association were conducting it as originally planned and will cooperate in every way to make the event a civic success.

ST. STEPHEN'S 24TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

St. Stephen's Church's 24th Anniversary sale will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 16th April, at 2:30 p.m. under the general convenership of Miss Almas.

Conveners of the various committees are as follows:

Afternoon Tea — Mrs. W. E. Davies;
Garden Plants — Mrs. Albin White Elephant — Mrs. Ramsey;
Home Cooking — Mrs. Phillips,
Sewing & Knitting — Mrs. Hookham,
Candy — Mrs. Bracewell.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A dance sponsored by the Scottish Country Dancing Group which has been arranged by Mrs. Thos. Bingham, will be held in the Orange Hall, April 10th, at 8:30 p.m.

There will be a demonstration Rathspey Country Dance by members of the Vancouver Scottish Country Dancing Society.

Floor managers for the evening will be Messrs. P. D. Stark and Wm. Fiddes. Others assisting are Geo. Grant, provincial president of the Scottish Country Dancing Society, and Messrs. H. P. Wyness, Chas. Pryde and Thos. Bingham, members of the Vancouver Scottish Dancing Society, which society has promised to be present in large numbers. The Harmony Kings' Orchestra will provide the music. The card room will be under the direction of Mrs. Robert Fiddes. A large attendance is expected and all are assured of a good time.

LEGION NOTES

Vimy Smoker

A cordial invitation is extended to all ex-service men and their friends to join with Branch 60, B.E.S.L., in celebrating "Vimy" night, in the Legion Memorial Hall, 18th and Marine Drive, at 8 p.m. tomorrow (Friday).

DEMONSTRATION BY PUPIL OF SEVCIK

Madame Ross Jordan, pupil of Sevcik will be at 1708 Marine Drive on Wednesday, April 14th, between 2 and 5 p.m. to give a free demonstration of that great teacher's method to prospective pupils.