

WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A GARDEN?

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE—In most parts of the country gardeners will have to content themselves largely with planning and dreaming and reading the seed catalogues. Until weather and soil really start to warm there is not a great deal of active work possible. But there are a few jobs that could and should be done.

Fruit trees can be pruned and thinned and also the late blooming shrubs. For the other kind it is usually best to wait until the flowering season is over. One can also prepare hotbeds or flats for early sowing. Often, too, there is a spot in the garden where frost leaves early and the soil dries sufficiently to sow sweet peas.

SWEET PEAS—To do well, sweet peas must go in early. If one follows directions on the seed packet success is guaran-

teed. Dig a trench about a foot or so deep. Tramp in some well-rotted manure, leaves, etc. Top off with two or three inches of the finest and richest soil available and plant in this about three inches apart. Let the weather gradually fill in the trench to encourage deep root growth. Provide the necessary climbing material—strings or brush—and when the plants start to bloom clip daily.

LAWN WORK EARLY, TOO—Lawn grass is another plant that likes to get started early. One can't sow too soon in the spring. Some people even broadcast over the last snow and as it melts it carries the seed down into the soft earth. On a sloping place, of course, this might not be advisable when running water might carry seed away. Good grass seed usually comes in packages, and it consists of a blend of several different grasses. Some of these germinate quickly, providing some color and also the necessary protection for the later more permanent sorts. For shady locations one should get a special mixture. Either for patching or new lawns grass seed lightly raked in. Like most should be sown liberally and plants grass will appreciate good soil and an occasional application of fertilizer. New grass is easily pulled out so one should make sure the mower is sharp.

HOTBEDS AND WINDOW FLATS—Where a large quantity of started plants are needed one can save expense by growing in a hotbed. It is best to get a government bulletin which will give the details of construction and maintenance. Briefly the affair is simply a bed of rich soil mounted on a layer of horse manure or something similar that will generate heat and the whole protected by a rough wooden frame on which is a sloping window. Or one can use a shallow box, three or four inches deep. Fill with a mixture of fine soil, sand and leaf mould. Until seeds germinate cover lightly with cloth or blotting paper. Water through this and don't let soil dry out.

Local Man Visits French Riviera

Arthur Silversides, pioneer local business man, enjoying a trip abroad, has been heard from at Nice, France. Mr. Silversides had fine weather on his ocean crossing and tells C. A. E. of having "a wonderful time everywhere."



SET 'EM UP, PIN GIRL!—This new bowling ball machine made its debut in New York recently. The ball, after being tossed down the alley is directed or rolled into a slot and the weight of the ball sets an automatic lever in motion, raising the ball to the return rack. It's a boon to pinboys and, if the ease of the job now makes it attractive to young ladies like this, it may prove a boon to those players who are inspired by pulchritude to greater accuracy.

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teachers, members of casts of the plays and all other interested people. The meeting will be on Friday night after the Festival and refreshments will be served.

Suggestions for program changes were considered. After much deliberation the committee concluded that rearrangement of classes now would be more upsetting than helpful.

Seven trophies in the form of silver cups are to be presented to contestants in this week's Music and Drama Festival, six of them being awarded for drama efforts and one for choral achievements. All seven cups are being attractively displayed in the window of the Northern B. C. Power Company by awards chairman, Rudolph Olsen.

The most handsome cup is the Mayor Arnold Trophy. It was the first cup to be donated to the Festival Association and older committee members regard it fondly, feeling that it came as the first tribute to their own enterprise. It is awarded to the best senior actor each year and is held at present by Mel Skalmerud.

Mrs. Dorothy Keehn holds the cup donated by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-op for the best senior actress in 1949.

The cups for the best junior actor and actress were donated by the Parent-Teacher Council,

the original sponsors of the Prince Rupert and District Music and Drama Festival. These cups are held by Melvin Moore and Marjorie Leeman respectively. The Council also donated a third cup to go to the best junior drama group, won by the Booth High School in 1948 and 1949.

The Department of Education offer two cups—one for the best senior drama group, held both years by the Prince Rupert Little Theatre; and one for the best junior choir, donated last year and awarded to the St. Andrew's Junior Choir, under Peter Lien.

All cups are held for one year by the winners, then small replicas are given them to keep when the cups are turned in for the next years Festival.

Each entrant in the musical section is given a certificate of participation. Those attaining a certain standard receive medals. Competition is becoming keen in some of the musical classes—especially pianoforte—and more trophies or awards in some form could be used.

Arbitrate Wage Scale

Ex-Mayor Arnold to Represent City on Firemen's Pay

Ex-Mayor Norah Arnold was appointed as city representative and T. W. Brown as solicitor for the city to sit on a board of arbitration regarding the setting of a wage scale for city firemen. Appointments were made at a special meeting of council Monday afternoon.

The city is offering an increase of two and one-half per cent over the present wages but firemen are demanding 15 per cent. The firemen will appoint a representative and the two representatives will then appoint a chairman. Council members expressed the desire to obtain the services of Judge W. O. Fulton as chairman.

Alderman T. B. Black chairman of the wage committee, reported that "your committee has carried on prolonged negotiations with the various unions involved, and in line with their policy over the past several years, it is recommending that various unions be offered increases . . . effective January 1."

The committee recommended that firemen's wages should be as follows:

Probationers—\$175 for a period of six months.

First year firemen—\$207 per month.

Second year firemen—\$219 per month.

Third year firemen—\$230 per month.

The committee also recommended an additional week's holiday with pay annually due to the men working on statutory holidays. This means that after a year's employment with the department a fireman would be granted a three week holiday.

For inside and outside employees and telephone operators, an increase of two and one half per cent was also recommended. The committee asked for an adoption of the current scale paid by the B. C. Electric Company as a scale for electrical workers.

Beauty Queens At Jaycees' Party

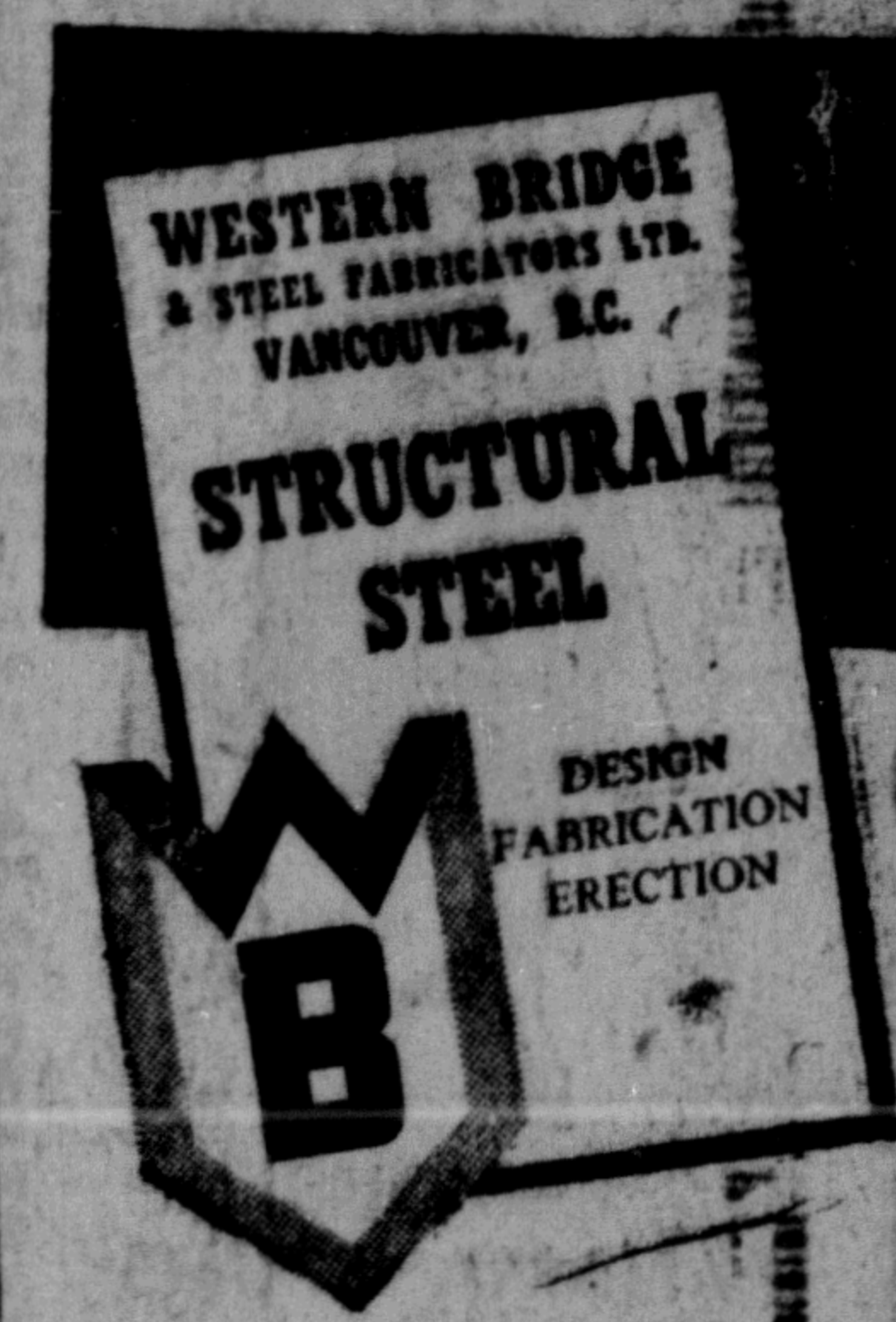
St Patrick's Day was celebrated in true fashion Friday night at the special dance sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce with over four hundred Prince Rupert folk joining in on the festivities.

The competitors for the title of "Miss Rupert" were introduced to the audience dressed both in evening gowns and bath-suits. Those taking part in the finals April 28 will be Misses Iona Hardy, Beverly Mattson, Margaret Gagnon, Edna Ronald, Betty Campbell Joyce Tattersall.

The introduction of the beauty show contestants was followed by a mock beauty show with six of the Junior Chamber members dressed up in elaborate costumes representing movie stars in costume from Betty Grable to Rita Hayworth who showed up with her husband Ali Khan.

H. Homes was the winner of the portable radio which was the door prize for the evening. Music was provided by the Four Dukes Orchestra. The entertainment chairman was George Tomlinson.

The proceeds of the dance will go towards the J. C.'s projects which include building of new road signs and welcome signs in the city.



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