

\$1,000 Advance Granted For '54 Library Budget

Request from the library board for a \$1,000 "advance" on its 1954 budget was approved by city council this week.

The board secretary asked for the money to purchase new books now, instead of having to wait until the budget is brought down by council.

Three councilmen—Mike Kruger, Phil Lyons and Norman Bell—have been named a committee by Mayor Hills to study a memorandum sent to council by the district of West Vancouver concerning the proposed southern extension of the PG&E.

A letter from the reeve of West Vancouver said the government's extension plan "has not been justified by any facts made public and the pyramiding of debt will affect every taxpayer in B.C."

The memorandum says, in part, that freight—such as grain, minerals and lumber—

Therefore Squamish or Prince Rupert is their logical export terminus and not Vancouver."

It further points out that Rupert has deepsea docks and a 1,250,000-capacity grain elevator and reminds readers of federal grants totalling \$100,000 from 1949 to 1951 toward construction of a lumber assembly wharf at Squamish for the express purpose of exporting from that port . . . and up to now it has not been expended."

A request from the Health League of Canada for a grant to aid it in its health campaign was referred to the finance committee.

Council approved payment of \$10 for the annual membership fee in the B.C. Aviation Council.

Queen Mary Chapter, I.O.O.F., has been granted permission to hold a tag day April 24.

Recommendation by A.L.D. George Casey, chairman of the board of works committee for purchase of \$6,688 worth of pipe, and other equipment was approved by council.

On recommendation of the utilities committee, the city clerk has been authorized to let the contract for replacing the fire-hall smoke stack, at a cost of \$279.75, to Thom Sheet Metal, Limited.

Trade licences have been granted; Robert L. Payer, refrigerator sales and service; Northwest Builders & Awning Co. Ltd., roofing and siding contractor.

Building permits totalling \$14,320 were issued by the city during February. This compared with permits to the value of \$14,850 in January.

The total is only a few dollars above values for the months of January and February, 1953, which were \$10,875 and \$16,900 respectively.

In last month's total were two permits for construction of small homes, one to the value of \$2,300 and the other for \$3,000.

Commissioner For Pakistan To Speak Here

Pakistan's high commissioner Canada will be guest speaker at this month's meeting of the West Coast Canadian Club, scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, at the Canadian Legion auditorium.



M. O. BAIG, Pakistan Commissioner

His Excellency M. O. Baig has chosen as his topic, "Pakistan—Partner in The Commonwealth." Born in 1904 at Bombay, India, he was educated at Clifton College, England and commissioned in the Indian Lancashire Cavalry in 1930.

His political career began when he was transferred from the cavalry to the Indian Political Service and held various appointments in India until 1942.

In 1943 he became British Consul in Portuguese India, in 1946 first secretary at the British Embassy in Washington, in 1947 counsellor in the Embassy of Pakistan at Washington, in May, 1949, acting high commissioner for Pakistan in Canada, and in 1950 was appointed minister in the embassy of Pakistan at Washington.

He returned to Karachi in 1951 as non-political head of the ministry of foreign affairs and commonwealth relations.

In 1953 he served as the advisor to Pakistan's prime minister at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference and in September last year he was appointed high commissioner to Canada.

The commissioner will arrive here aboard the Prince George Wednesday.

Cast of Eight To Highlight 1954 Musical

"Impressions of 1953," a musical production by eight talented local artists will go on stage at the Capitol Theatre this Sunday night, marking the end of on-stage programs at the theatre this season.

The show, which features records of popular artists synchronized with actions on stage plus some live talent, will include hit songs of the past year.

Not a variety show, the musical will be in two acts, one predominately western, the other modern pops.

Included in the cast of eight are Mel Thompson, CPC announcer; Pat Bolton, drummer with the Four Dukes dance band; Mel Skalmerud, navy vet who has been active in show business since his arrival here in 1945; Marie Lavigne of Kitimat, formerly of Rupert where she has been active in Little Theatre and various shows; Carol Brentzen who also has been active in local shows; Frankie Murphy who is making his first local stage appearance; Jim Cummings, a Little Theatre member who plays with the Dukes and the Navy Band, and John Currie another Little Theatre member.

Marie Lavigne replaces Nina Youngman in the show, due to Miss Youngman's Little Theatre commitments.

The Westernaires also will be heard in Sunday night's show.



NOBILITY ON THE ROCKS in England, and Lady Perdita Blackwood, 19, has taken a job as waitress in a London restaurant "to keep the wolf from the door." Lady Blackwood, who is the daughter of the Marchioness of Duferin and Ava, works from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the eatery where her employer is Madame Madeleine Bailey, who, until a short time ago, designed clothes for the Princess Royal.

Classroom Tour and Tea Feature Borden "Open House"

Tours of classrooms and afternoon tea served by the Parent-Teacher Association highlighted the Open House session at Borden Street school Tuesday afternoon.

The tea room and serving table were attractively decorated for the event convened by Mrs. George Cook and much enjoyed by parents and friends.

Mrs. Morris Wayman, vice-president, with Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. W. R. C. Jones received the visitors. Presiding at the tea and coffee urns were Mrs. R. C. Telford, Mrs. G. F. Freeman, Mrs. B. Dack and Mrs. Logan. Girls from Grade Six were the efficient servitors.

The visits to the different classrooms were much enjoyed by parents and other friends. Interest in their own children's work was paramount.

In Grade One, Mrs. Stone's division, pleased mothers and fathers were impressed specially by the printing and reading of the young students. In Mrs. Calderwood's Grade One the weaving and sewing attracted favorable comment while painting at the easel impressed visitors.

Clocks to be used in learning to read the time and vari-colored kites in number work had a novel appeal in Miss Smith's Grade Two room. Miss Bernhof's pupils were occupied in

Conrad, Seal Cove Children Put on Colorful Program

Parents and other interested adults flocked to Conrad Street and Seal Cove schools yesterday afternoon for the Open House events staged in conjunction with Education Week.

The afternoon's program began with visits to the bright and colorful classrooms where pupils were engaged in various activities. In each room they enjoyed seeing displays of social studies, arithmetic, science, health, spelling, reading and other subjects.

Following the visits to the classrooms, some students from Seal Cove moved to Conrad Street school for a varied program by primary and intermediate pupils.

T. G. Bateman, Conrad principal, opened the program with a welcome to parents.

Miss Irving's Grade 1 class took the stage first with reading of a story from their school read-

er and an action song, "Looby Loo."

Miss Jean Burns' Grades 1 and 2 staged a musical skit interpretation of "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and Mrs. Eldsvik demonstrated the steps in teaching a song, with her class learning "The Birdies' Ball" on stage.

Two lively folk dances were presented by Mrs. Reeves' grades 2 and 3 classes.

A precise and expressive demonstration of choral speech was given by Mr. Harrington's Grades 4 and 5 class and a health study project, "Care of the Teeth," was demonstrated in the form of a skit by Mrs. Weise's Grade 3 class.

Miss Wong's Grade 1 from Seal Cove performed a poem, "Traffic Lights" and song, "We Are the Indians," while two pupils from Mrs. McBroom's Grade 2 class at Seal Cove gave recitations.

Mr. Bateman and his class wound up the program with a comparison of modern and old-fashioned teaching methods, choosing social studies as the topic, with students singing songs of the south to illustrate their present social studies subject.

Following the program, tea was served by members of the Conrad and Seal Cove Parent-Teacher Association under the direction of Mrs. Mackl.

P.J.A. To Buy Patrol Capes

Purchase of rain capes for school patrol boys was approved at the monthly meeting of the Conrad School Parent-Teacher Association held Tuesday night at the school.

The group will buy two special capes with hoods attached for use of youngsters guiding students at street intersections en route to and from school.

Mrs. J. Murdoch, president, conducted the meeting at which the Maple Leaf Honor Roll for increased attendance was received along with congratulations from the B.C. Parent-Teacher Federation.

Mrs. M. Hubel was named delegate to the forthcoming Cancer Society annual meeting and canvassers were named for the Cancer fund drive scheduled for next month.

The meeting also discussed plans for a white elephant sale to be held April 3, after which the parent-attendance pennant was awarded Miss Burns' class and refreshments were served.

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