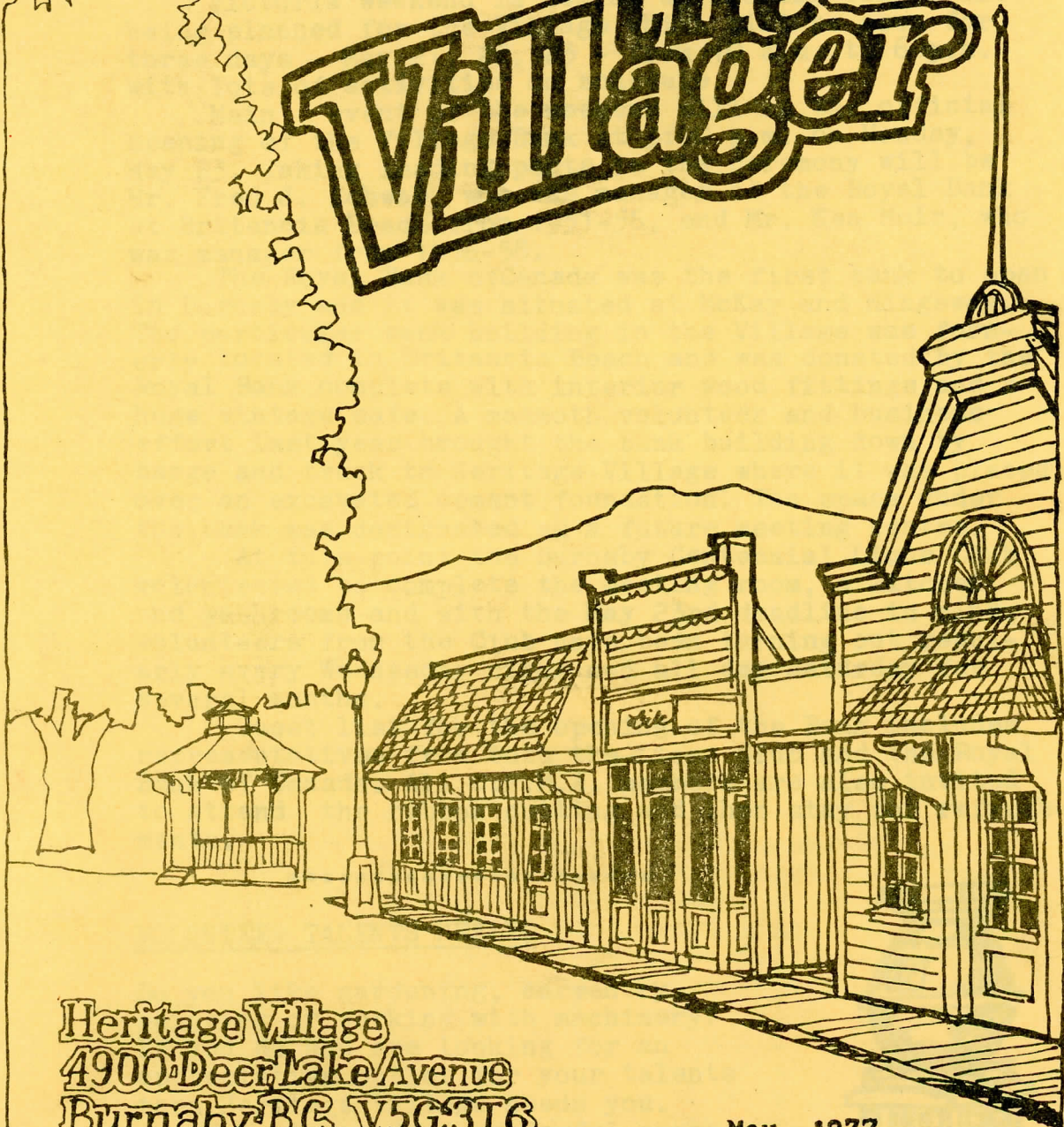


# The Villager



Heritage Village  
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## VILLAGE BANK OPENS

Victoria weekend is coming up and big things are being planned for the Village which will be open for three days - May 21, 22, 23 - from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with lots of activities on schedule.

Main event of the weekend will be the official opening of the Village Bank at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23. Taking leading parts in the ceremony will be Mr. Fred J. Schwab, who was manager of the Royal Bank at Britannia Beach from 1951-56, and Mr. Ken Moir, who was manager from 1956-58.

The Royal Bank of Canada was the first bank to open in Burnaby and it was situated at McKay and Kingsway. The particular bank building in the Village was formerly located in Britannia Beach and was donated by the Royal Bank complete with interior wood fittings and a huge vintage safe. A mammoth volunteer and business effort last year brought the bank building down by barge and truck to Heritage Village where it was placed over an excavated cement foundation. The space under the bank was designated as a future meeting centre.

At this point the Burnaby Centennial Lions Club volunteered to complete the meeting room, a kitchen and washrooms and with the May 23rd deadline in mind, volunteers from the Club have been turning out regularly every Wednesday night and all day Saturday for several months.

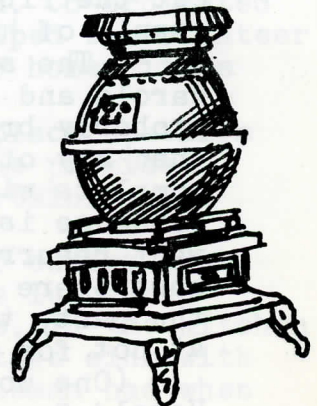
Guest list for the opening of the Bank includes representatives from both the Lions Club and the Royal Bank of Canada. All C.P.M.A. members are also invited to attend the ribbon cutting and then stay for refreshments.

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### VOLUNTEER TALENTS NEEDED

Do you like gardening, carpentry, painting or working with machinery? If you do and are looking for an appreciative outlet for your talents then Heritage Village needs you.

Volunteers do a wonderful array of jobs in the Village which could not function without their help. Somehow, though, there never seem to be enough hands to take care of



all the physical upkeep of the growing Village. If you cannot participate on a regular basis a few hours of your time whenever you can give them would be a great help. Just phone the Village - 294-1232 - leave your name, phone number and area of interest and you will be contacted promptly.

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NEW EXECUTIVE TAKES OFFICE

Elected at the C.P.M.A. Annual Meeting in February, the following members form the Board of Directors for 1977:

Directors

President: E. Burnham	Mrs.M. Allison
1st Vice Pres.: M.W. Bakkan	Mrs.M. Darbey
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Immediate Past Pres.	Mr. G. McLean
is Hazel Simnett	Mr. H. Pride
	Mr. J. Thomson
	Mr. E. Whitfield
	Mr. F. Wilson

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BIFFY FOR VIEWING ONLY

It was a moment of triumph for Harold Carr as he cut the ribbon of finest toilet paper and declared the result of his labours open for public viewing.

The small building, designed and constructed by Harold and located behind the Tommy Irvine House, will probably bring back more nostalgia and pungent comment than any other building in the Village. A two-seater, complete with a moon-slit in the door, the Village's outhouse is a symbol of something most people do not want resurrected from the "good old days". However, in case there are some who yearn to sit and contemplate the past, the word is "Sorry" this one is for looking at not for sitting in.

(One wonders if it might be fitting to proclaim Harold Carr chief of the Privy Council.)

### IT'S AN UFURO

If you have spotted a small building going up just east of the log cabin and wondered what it was going to be we can enlighten you. It is an 'ufuro' but if you do not speak Japanese you will not know that means 'bath house'. The bathing house was a very important part of the Japanese culture brought to this country by the first Japanese settlers so it is fitting that the Village should display a working replica.

Donated and constructed by the Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association, this building is one of the largest projects undertaken by this group to mark the 100th year since the arrival of their countrymen in Canada. The Bath House is expected to be finished in late May or early June with an official opening ceremony scheduled for late June.

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### CHANGES IN ELWORTH MOST WELCOME

Have you seen the changes in Elworth House? They are many and most welcome. The downstairs bedroom has now been furnished, c1900, with a wonderful bed adorned with a huge headboard, a washstand complete with jug and bowl and a wardrobe, all made of varnished wood. Co-ordinated by Village Staffer Calva Clark who was helped by volunteer Mary Wight, the room also contains smaller homey items which will jog loose many a memory.

A whole transformation has taken place upstairs in Elworth with a complete face-lift of the premises providing staff with three bright, and certainly much more comfortable, offices.

Downstairs in the basement another cheery area has been created to serve as a comfortable lunch and coffee break room for staff and volunteers. In the kitchen the water pump has been replaced by a vintage sink with running water - just like the one Mrs. Bateman had when

her house was built in the early 1920's.

And last but not least, all the archival and reference material belonging to the Village has been moved to the new archives' section behind the bank, leaving the little sitting room of the house free again to be a display area.

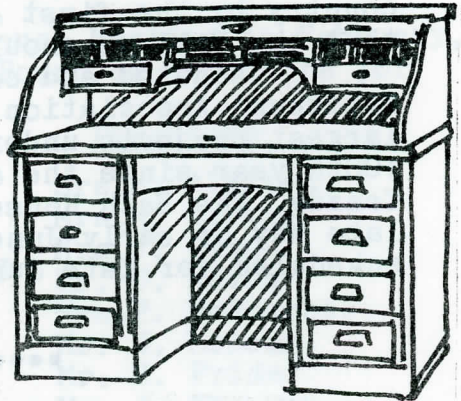
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### DAILY OPENING SOON

Daily operations in the Village will begin on June 18 and continue until Labour Day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a full complement of attendants. Events are being lined up for the summer enjoyment of visitors and activities will hit high peaks on such days as Dominion Day, B.C. Day and Labour Day. Mid-week special events are also being planned to stimulate attendance on 'slow days'.

In order to entice more Burnaby residents to see their Village on Saturdays, a "Hi Neighbour" program is being planned with the idea of distributing about 200 leaflets in a different Burnaby neighbourhood each week. On each leaflet will be an invitation to visit the Village by using the attached coupon giving 50¢ off any admission.

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### CABIN COURSE REPEATED

This year's first log cabin course, under the instruction of Earl Carter, is scheduled for May 28-29. Cost is \$30 for two full days of participation. Pre-registration is necessary and information on the course can be obtained by phoning the Village - 294-1232. If there is a need more courses will be held.

Courses in blacksmithing are being planned for late summer or early fall, following improvements to the Blacksmith's Shop.

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### WAR MEMORIAL RISES AGAIN

For those who still lament the tearing down of Burnaby's former Municipal Hall at Kingsway and Edmonds, there is a modicum of consolation. The War Memorial Fountain which stood in front of the Hall has found a new home beside the Village Church.

Erected in 1923 by the Burnaby members of the Civic Union of Public Employees to honour their fellow employees who fell in the First World War, the granite monument was saved from oblivion by members of this same group when the Hall was demolished. Carefully reconstructed this year by several of the Union's local members, the drinking fountain-monument will not only serve as a mark of comradeship among civic workers but also a place of cool refreshment for Village visitors.

A re-dedication ceremony for the War Memorial is being planned for early June. Ted Clee has offered to arrange for local Legion participation in the event. It is hoped that among those present will be early members of C.U.P.E. who personally contributed to the fund which made the original construction of the Memorial possible.

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### REAL ESTATE BOARD DONATES BUILDING

Another vintage Burnaby building will be finding a new lease on life in the Village when a small, Patterson Avenue store is donated and brought in by the Vancouver Real Estate Board who will be restoring the building as a Real Estate Office.

Sharing the Office will be a surveyors' display set up by the B.C. Corporation of Land Surveyors. Some old Burnaby artifacts belonging to G.K. Burnett, local pioneer surveyor, have been donated and the Corporation is actively canvassing its membership for more.

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## ROBERT WHO????

Is it not time every man, woman and child in Burnaby knew who Robert Burnaby was? The year 1978 looks like the opportune time to find out about and pay tribute to the man after whom the Municipality is named. Why? Because next year happens to be the 150th anniversary of Robert Burnaby's birth and the 100th anniversary of his death. It will be a long time before a double anniversary like this turns up again.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Una Carlson, Fraser Wilson and Pixie McGeachie, has been formed within the C.P.M.A. to promote community interest in Robert Burnaby celebrations in 1978. It is hoped that municipal departments, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals will get in on the act. Any suggestions for suitable activities and projects would be greatly appreciated. Please phone Mrs. McGeachie at 522-2062.

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## LITTLE TRAIN CHUGS AGAIN

The little steam engine of the Burnaby Central Railway has been puffing along on week-ends and will soon be running full time ably manned by members of the B.C. Society of Model Engineers.

The exterior of the railway station, which is being built by students from woodworking classes of Burnaby Central Senior Secondary School, is now almost finished. Interior work will take a little time yet to complete.

On July 3rd, the B.C.S.M.E. will be marking their third anniversary of operation at the Village. A lot of happy youngsters and fascinated adults have travelled the tracks during the past years thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of B.C.S.M.E. members who turn out regularly to make the railway the success that it is.

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SHORT THOUGHTS

In spite of poor weather on the Easter weekend, 2400 visitors came through the Village - twice as many as last year. All displays were manned, many by volunteers, for the four days of the holiday.

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A Canada Works grant received by the Village will provide staff to work on the restoration of both Old Curly and the steam donkey. A grant from the Ministry of Labour pays for three short term workers - one labourer and two historical researchers.

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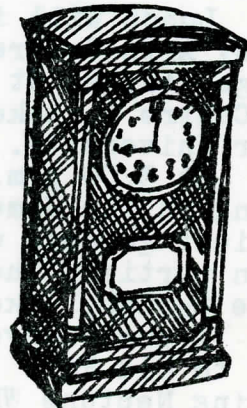
A Metalwork Shop, being set up at the rear of the Blacksmith's Shop, will work in conjunction with the Village Ironworks Display which incorporates most of the heavy blacksmithing equipment donated last year by Northern Construction Ltd. Further donations of equipment such as welding machines, drill presses, etc. are being sought from local companies.

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School tours will be

over by June 7 when another successful year of student education will close. Again, the faithful volunteer tour guides deserve heartfelt thanks for making the tours possible. According to Jim Mason, the tours involving groups of retarded children provided warm and unforgettable experiences for the volunteers who found the children affectionate and appreciative.

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During the times when Staff are not in the office, callers can get recorded information about the Village by calling 294-1231. For those wishing to call on business during office hours the number to be dialed is 294-1232.

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VILLAGE TOUR ON CONVENTION PROGRAM

A tour of Heritage Village will be one of the highlights of the B.C. Historical Association's Annual Convention which is being hosted in Burnaby by the Burnaby Historical Society this year from May 26-28.

Opening on Thursday evening with a wine and cheese party at the B.C. Institute of Technology, the Convention will move on to more serious matters on Friday morning when a seminar on "The Fraser" will be moderated by Dr. Blythe Eagles, Dean Emeritus, Agriculture, U.B.C. Contributing interesting segments to the seminar will be: Dr. W.H. Mathews, Dept. of Geological Science, U.B.C.; Dr. C.E. Borden, Professor Emeritus, Archeology, U.B.C.; Dr. G.P.V. Akrigg, Dept. of English, U.B.C.; Mr. Gordon Gilroy, Director, Fort Langley Historical Park. This event will be held in the James Cowan Theatre.

Lunch will follow the seminar at 12:30 p.m. in the Burnaby Arts Centre and at 2:30 p.m. the tour of Heritage Village starts. At 7:00 p.m. buses will leave the Burnaby Arts Centre to take those interested on a tour of Simon Fraser University.

At 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, after the morning Annual Meeting in the James Cowan Theatre, some of Burnaby's loveliest gardens will be the setting for oldfashioned garden parties. The Annual Banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Burnaby Lake Pavilion.

A post-convention river boat tour up the Fraser River to old Fort Langley is planned for Sunday leaving the King Neptune Wharf, New Westminster, at 1:00 p.m.

Non-members are invited to participate in the seminar and the social events and are urged to register immediately (\$3.50). There is no extra charge for the seminar, the garden parties or the tour of Heritage Village. Other events vary in cost. For information please phone Nancy Peter at 437-6115 or Ethel Derrick at 521-6936.

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