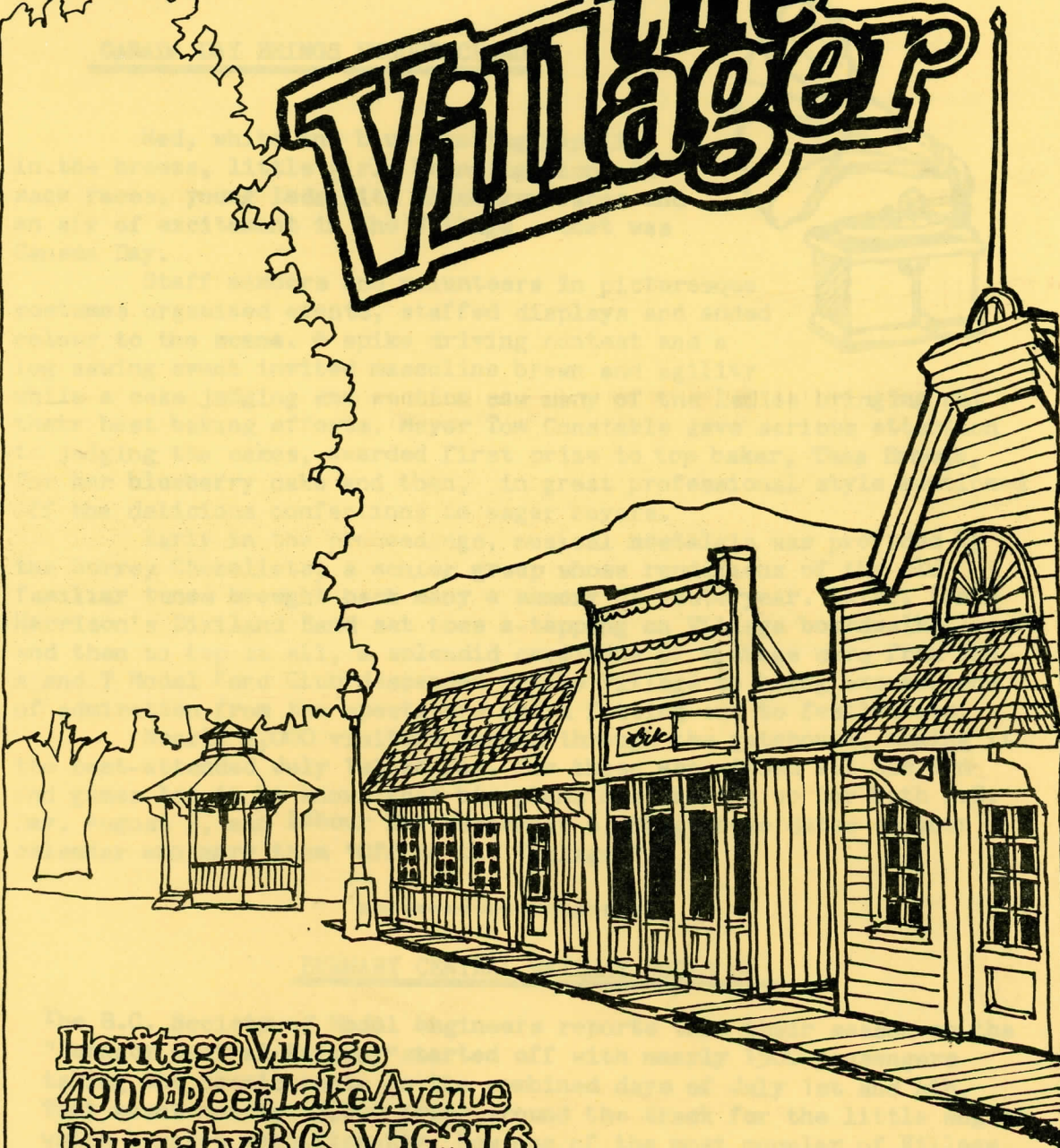


The Villager



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CANADA DAY BRINGS RECORD CROWD



Red, white and blue bunting rippling in the breeze, little girls bouncing along in sack races, young lads with blueberry faces and an air of excitement in the Village - that was Canada Day.

Staff members and volunteers in picturesque costumes organized events, staffed displays and added colour to the scene. A spike driving contest and a log sawing event invited masculine brawn and agility while a cake judging and auction saw many of the ladies bringing out their best baking efforts. Mayor Tom Constable gave serious attention to judging the cakes, awarded first prize to top baker, Thea Browne, for her blueberry cake and then, in great professional style auctioned off the delicious confections to eager buyers.

Early in the proceedings, musical nostalgia was provided by the Surrey Choralists, a senior group whose renditions of the old familiar tunes brought back many a memory of yesteryear. Later, Lance Harrison's Dixieland Band set toes a-tapping on Village boardwalks. And then to top it all, a splendid cavalcade of vintage cars from the A and T Model Ford Club descended on the Village to bring expressions of admiration from the spectators and a fitting end to festivities.

Nearly 2,000 visitors passed through the gatehouse, making it the best-attended July 1st so far. For those who missed all the fun and games let it be known that big plans are shaping up for both B.C. Day, August 2, and Labour Day, September 6. Ring those dates on your calendar and mark them "Off to the Village."

BURNABY CENTRAL RAILWAY ROLLS ON

The B.C. Society of Model Engineers reports that their season on the "Burnaby Central Railway" started off with nearly 1500 passengers taking the scenic route on the combined days of July 1st and 4th. That meant nearly 3,000 trips around the track for the little engine which behaved magnificently. Now one of the most popular of Village attractions, the train will be running all summer on Wednesdays, weekends and special holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting.

NOTEWORTHY DONATION REACHES VILLAGE

1976 has been a good year for donations to the Village which is growing more interesting all the time because of the generosity of groups, businesses and individuals.

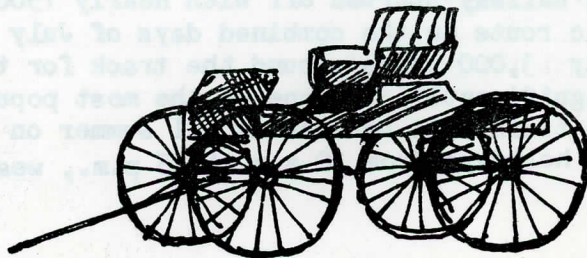
One of the most publicized acquisitions is the bank building which was brought by barge and flat-deck truck in a splendid effort of co-operation between volunteers, staff and businesses donating the use of equipment.

All did not always go smoothly in the bank's journey from Britannia Beach to Heritage Village but difficulties were overcome. One of the more humorous snags occurred when Mayor Tom Constable arrived at Britannia Beach to officially bless the loading of the building onto the barge, only to find the barge riding the water several feet below the wharf. It was a classic case of man waiting for time and tide.

Although the building, donated by Anaconda Mines of Britannia Beach, was built as recently as 1951 and leased by the Company to the Royal Bank, the construction and type of materials used are typical of the early 1920's. The inside fixtures such as the rare quarter-cut oak counters, etc. and the six-foot high cabinet safe complete with an oil painting on the front, have been donated by the Royal Bank who are also trying to locate appropriate tellers' cages.

It is fitting that the Village bank should represent the 1920 era since Burnaby's first bank was opened by the Royal Bank in 1921 on the corner of Kingsway and McKay. For many years this was the only bank in the municipality.

Not only will the bank building present yet another facet of Village life but also will provide, when foundations, etc. are completed, a much needed meeting room complete with kitchen and washroom facilities, all of which will be installed under the building. Much of the restoration of the building will be accomplished because of a generous cash donation from the Royal Bank. Several community organizations, too, have stepped forward to offer assistance in finishing and furnishing the downstairs facilities. Projected date of completion of work in and on the building is spring of 1977.



SMITHY DISPLAY FORGES AHEAD

Everyone is fascinated by the blacksmith's shop, especially when the blacksmith is at work firing and hammering metal. Early blacksmiths were handy fellows who could not only shoe a horse but also turn out machinery parts and other metal objects. The smithy was often the hub of a settlement and the blacksmith was a very necessary and important person in the lives of the pioneers who depended on his skills and ingenuity to keep their equipment in good repair.

Recently the Village received a welcome donation of some heavy blacksmith equipment which makes an interesting addition to the blacksmith's shop which, up until now, has represented only the lighter smithy work. Brought from the North Vancouver yard of the Northern Construction Company Ltd., the main items in the new collection include a two-ton slab, a compressed air trip hammer, a forge, a solid iron cone for making round shapes and several hundred smaller items such as dies, tongs and hammers.

The new equipment, now in the rear of the blacksmith's shop, will be set up and made operable when funds are available so that it can be used in such projects as the restoration of large mechanical artifacts.

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TOUR REPORT IMPRESSIVE

The school tour report for the spring of '76 is now complete and very impressive it is, too. A total of 3,034 people, mostly school children, were taken on guided tours or specially structured learning tours. Village volunteers, turning out faithfully and regularly, provided 427 escorts for these tours which brought groups from all the lower mainland communities as well as a few others from further afield. Letters from the children, teachers and other appreciative folk, have expressed both delight and satisfaction with the calibre of these educational tours for which the Village is becoming increasingly well known.

PASSING SCENE

Daphne Carr - smiling behind the Gift Shop counter.

Harry Pride - returning the carpet beater.

Una Carlson - working over a hot stove

Gladys McLeod - expressing approval of re-organized storage space

Betty Miller - ringing the cow bell

Florence Godwin - telling visitors about early Deer Lake days

Bill Tinsley - creating the rustic entrance to the picnic area.

SORRY TO SEE THEM LEAVE

We can't expect to keep everyone at the Village forever but it is always a blow when such active people as Margaret McInall and Valerie Ladner leave the fold.

Margaret, who came to the Village as its first programs co-ordinator, left in June to take up the position of Museum Extension Officer at the Alberta Provincial Museum in Edmonton where she will be in charge of museum guides and the setting up of such programs as teacher workshops and information services. While at the Village, she did a tremendous job of initiating the various school tour programs, organizing both the volunteer and summer staff schedules and turning out information and press releases. Karen Sens, who came to the Village on L.I.P. program, has taken over Margaret's duties, pro tem.

Valerie Ladner, whose C.P.M.A. involvement in Village activities included being an elected member of the Board, a member of the Education Committee and a member of the Gift Shop Committee. She was also an enthusiastic volunteer worker in Village projects. The Ladners and their family have gone to Kelowna where they will make their home.

Before her departure, Margaret was presented with gifts by Village staff, the volunteers and the summer staff. Valerie was feted by the volunteers at a special luncheon and presentation. Both Margaret and Valerie are wished much success and happiness in their future endeavors.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED

Most days at the Village are pretty good but some are better than others. Now take the day Bill Henderson walked in and offered to give his time and experience in the print shop. Or take each of the days on which the 16 new volunteers, who have arrived since the middle of June, offered their services. Those were specially good days.

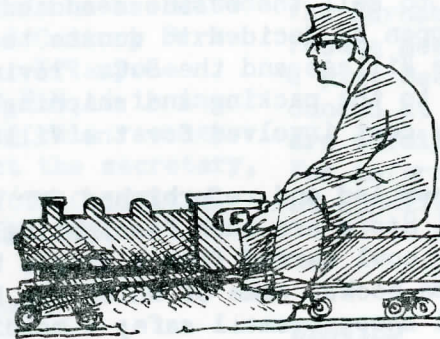
Bill came in because he has been learning the printing trade in school for three years, was only working part time this summer and wanted something challenging to do in his spare time. Many of the other volunteers were directed to the Village by the Volunteer Bureau and they are now going through orientation sessions so that they can fit into Village life and become part of the Village 'family'.

ALL ABOARD AT THE BURNABY CENTRAL STATION

Gradually, since last September, a most interesting building has been taking shape north of "Elworth" and right beside the B.C. Society of Model Engineers' railroad track. Every school day (weather permitting) groups of young men descended on the site to add a little bit more to the building. Finally, June arrived and there stood, all shaped and shingled, a five-eighths scale model of an early railway station.

The 50 young builders of this eye-catching replica came from the Central Burnaby Senior Secondary School vocational carpentry classes under the guidance and direction of Mr. Arald Dalsvaag who has instructed industrial arts classes at the school since it was opened in 1958. Vocational carpentry, covering two years or four semesters, often leads its participants into vocational school, allied areas of work or the carpentry to Mr. Dalsvaag, working on real station provides

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other three buildings are: the tennis court club house in Burnaby's Central Valley Sports' complex; the Jean Bailey library on the Burnaby School Board site; portable classrooms.

Most of the work on the station, for which materials were donations obtained by members of the B.C. Society of Model Engineers, was done on the site although as much as possible was pre-fabbed in the school workshop and then brought to the Village as needed. When finished in 1977, the building will include a ticket wicket and turnstile, a workshop for the B.C.S.M.E., a museum of railway memorabilia, washroom facilities and a kitchen.

As a thanks for their work and a souvenir of their industry each student who has worked on the station will be given, by the B.C.S.M.E., a life-time pass on the little railroad. And a hearty community cheer is due to both both instructor and classes for their contribution to Burnaby's living museum site.

EARLY BAKERY EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY

John Thomson put the bug in Curator John Adam's ear - about Wille's Bakery in Victoria closing down - and that started the ball rolling, as the saying goes. The upshot of ensuing communications was that Heritage Village now contains much of the equipment from what probably was, until this year, the oldest continuously operating bakery in B.C.

Prior to 1886, Louis Wille opened a bakery in New Westminster. However, deciding he might be more successful in Victoria, he later moved this family business to B.C.'s capital in 1886 and established Wille's Bakery in a red brick building which housed the operation until its recent closure. The building has now been sold, almost 100 years later, to a new owner.

Mr. G.W. Stewart, great-grandson of Louis Wille, was recently forced to give up the business because he had developed an allergy to flour. He had hoped to sell the business and building together but when this did not happen he decided to donate the historic bakery equipment to both the Village and the B.C. Provincial Museum whose staff generously saw to the packing and shipping of the items earmarked for Burnaby. The only cost involved for the Village was the shipping bill.

Now being assembled and refurbished for display in the upper level of the General Store are such fascinating items as a three-foot (in diameter) mixing bowl carved from a single block of wood; 15-foot bread paddles; recipe books, some of which are hand written and dating back to the original shop; a small safe; a molding machine about 70 years old; original counters and show cases. A photograph, taken of the interior of the shop in 1910, shows many of these things.

It is donations like this that bring authenticity to the Village and happiness to the hearts of Village personnel.

(In this case should we refer to it as a dough-nation?)

BOOK OUT SOON

For those who have been holding their breath the good word from the Municipal Hall printshop is that the presses are about to roll for the printing of the anecdotal history "Bygones of Burnaby". First to stock the book, which includes a selection of old photographs, will be the Village Gift Shop.

"NEWS" ITEM

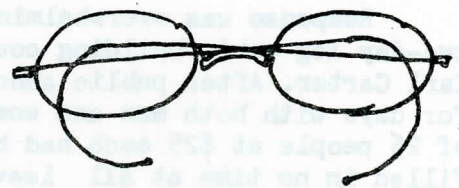
When visiting the Village be sure to make a special trip to the print shop to pick up your 1976 copy of the "News". Authentic items from old newspapers and reminiscings of early Burnaby residents make interesting reading. Send some good "News" to friends and relatives, too. It will brighten their day.

VACANCY

With the departure of Valerie Ladner, a vacancy has been created on the Board of the Century Park Museum Association. If anyone belonging to the C.P.M.A. is interested in filling this vacancy they should contact the secretary, Rose Bancroft at 7671 Griffiths Ave., Burnaby, V5E 2Y5.

CRAFT DISPLAYS

The Burnaby Public Library has asked the staff of Heritage Village to set up in each branch summer displays based on the theme of pioneer crafts. Ruth Clee, our prima donna of the quilting bee, will be giving quilting demonstrations at the various library locations.



B.H.S. NOTES

Mrs. Arlene Bramhall, president of the Burnaby Historical Society, was elected Recording Secretary of the B.C. Historical Association at the annual convention of the Association which was held in June.

The Burnaby Historical Society will resume meetings on September 8 at 8 p.m. Meeting place will be announced at a later date. Visitors are cordially invited to attend. For information phone Mrs. Bramhall at 433-7176.

ELECTED

Hazel Simnett, president of the Century Park Museum Association, was honoured recently when she was elected chairman of the Greater Vancouver Library Federation. The Federation is made up of seven lower mainland municipal library systems which have joined forces to create interchangeable services for residents of the participating areas. The first of a network of area resource libraries will be located at the Burnaby Public Library.

LOG CABIN COURSE WELL RECEIVED

Response was overwhelming in June when the Village offered a two-day log cabin building course under the expert instruction of Earl Carter. After public announcement of the course the phone rang for days with both men and women enquiring about the project. A limit of 25 people at \$25 each had been set and this quota was more than filled in no time at all leaving out so many disappointed people that a second session was held in mid-July. Two more courses are planned for July 31-August 1 and for August 7-8 so that all the log building enthusiasts can be accommodated. There is always a chance of people cancelling out at the last minute so if you are interested in this course phone Rick Duckles at the Village - 291-8525.

There is no need for participants to learn to yell "timber-r-r" since tree felling is not part of the course. The "trees" used are yellow cedar poles generously donated by the B.C. Telephone Company.

The log building resulting from these sessions (behind the tram station) is slated to become an old-time ice house reminiscent of the ice houses which were situated on the shores of Burnaby Lake and used to preserve the ice cut from the lake (early Burnaby winters were much colder) so that New Westminster and local residents could buy the ice all summer for use in their ice boxes.

SYMPATHY

A sincere expression of sympathy is extended to Fred Hicks, Village custodian, on the recent death of his mother in Wales.

HISTORY

The Capilano College Community Education Division will present a look at the history and culture of communities past and present on the north shore of Burrard Inlet through a series of lectures and field trips - August 9, 11, 16, 18, 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lectures at Lynnmour Centre, Capilano College. Fee - \$40.00. Limited registration. For information call - 986-1911.

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