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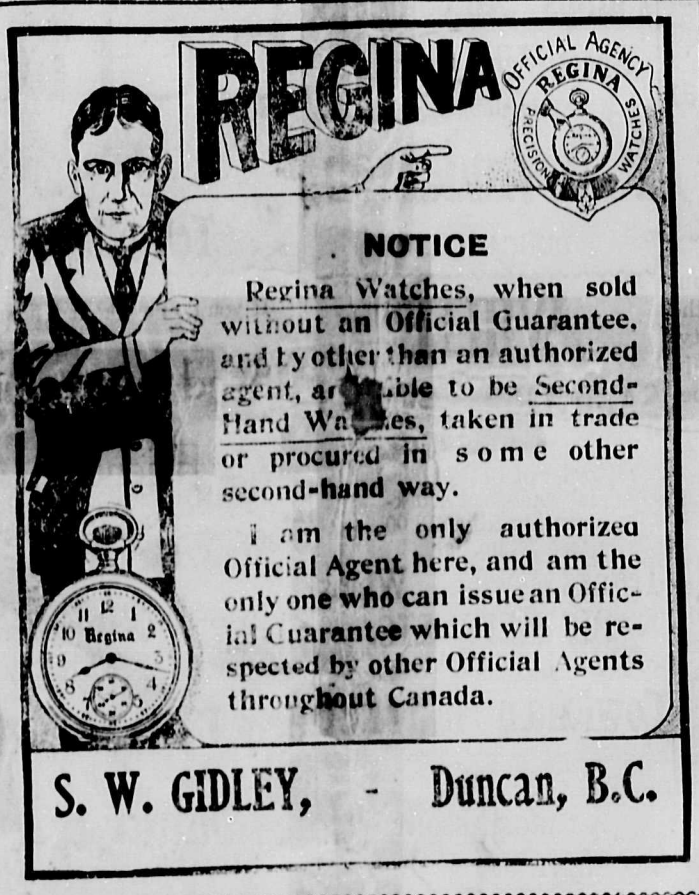

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Annual Success

The Annual Ball of the Cowichan Agricultural Association Was the Event of the Season—A Large Gathering Present from All Parts of the District.

The annual ball of the Cowichan Agricultural Association was held in the Agricultural Hall last night, and proved to be the best affair of the kind ever held in Duncan. No arrangement that could enhance the enjoyableness of the occasion was overlooked by those in charge. The dance hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, evergreens and Japanese lanterns. The supper room and tables were most artistic, reflecting great credit upon those ladies who have been busily engaged for the past two days in transforming the supper room into a veritable fairy land. The walls were completely hidden from view by a profusion of evergreens, flags and bunting. The ceiling was drapped with streamers of scarlet tissue paper, with large Dennison paper bells at intervals. The soft light of the candles in their silver candelabra gave to the whole scene a most beautiful effect. When we say that the music was supplied by the celebrated Miss Heater orchestra of four pieces, from Victoria, it is hardly necessary to add that it was excellent. The supper which was provided by the ladies of the district was of the most dainty and appetising character—hams and chickens, trifles and jellies, cakes and bon bons, in fact everything that the fastidious could wish was there in abundance.

The only criticism that the Echo reporter can offer is that the hall was altogether inadequate to accomodate the crowd; we would like to suggest to the Agricultural committee that the money made at last night's ball could not be put to a better use than by being placed toward a fund for the enlargement of the hall.

The ladies dresses, beautiful beyond description, being perfect dreams of loveliness. Among those particularly noticed were:

Miss King of Victoria, in most striking costume of scarlet silk, which suited her exceedingly; Miss Hermann looked extremely well in an elaborate gown of canary silk; Miss Duncan was attired in a beautifully fashioned gown of pale green eolienne; Miss Lomas wore a very elegant dress of white silk trimmed with cream ribbon; Miss Lloyd was gowned in a very beautiful dress of white silk with brown trimming; Miss Wood was attired in a most fascinating creation of blue and white silk; Miss Prevost wore an extremely effective dress of pale green which suited her well; Miss Lulu Hermann was very handsome in a gown of rich claret silk; Mrs. Barkley wore a very fashionable dress of white silk; Miss Kendall was pretty in a lovely white satin gown; Mrs. Athelstan Day's dress was a very elegant cream satin; Mrs. Bevan looked well in white silk; Mrs. Cuppage wore an elaborate dress of black sequins which was much admired; Mrs. Davie wore a most effective dress of champagne satin; Miss Parker was very pretty in a black tulle dress; Miss Dot Wood was another debutante who looked very charming in a delicate gown of white chiffon; Miss Mainguy was most becoming in a rich white silk; Miss Jennie Lomas was effectively gowned in a fashionable dress which suited her extremely well; Mrs. Price's dress of black sequins was much admired; Mrs. Mellin wore a very becoming gown of black all over lace; Miss Norrie in black sequins was very handsome; Miss M. Duncan was attired in a green dress which was most becoming; Mrs. Danne wore a fascinating creation of cream satin; Mrs. Hogan was becomingly dressed in black; Mrs. Allin wore a most effective gown of cream satin; Miss Dorothy Green, of Victoria, wore an elegant figured silk dress with pink trimmings; Miss Forde looked extremely well in a beautiful dress of white point de sprit Mrs. Norrie wore a beautiful costume of pink silk; Mrs. Stephney in a very pale green lace dress looked charming; Mrs. Lamb wore a very fashionable gown of white silk; Mrs. Morton in green was most becomingly gowned; Miss Violet Hayward was a very pretty debutante in white silk; Mrs. Lomas wore a beautiful dress of white; Mrs. J. Maitland-Dougall wore a greatly admired dress of black with white trimmings; Mrs. Hyde Parker in white looked well; Mrs. Henslowe wore a charming white dress with red trimmings.

Miss Gidley looked extremely pretty in a rich dress of point de sprit over white silk; Mrs. Waldy was attired in a greatly admired dress of white sequins; Miss Dorothy Williams wore a most fasinating gown of white net over silk with cream trimmings; Miss Mutter was most becomingly gowned in yellow satin; Miss Halhed wore a very handsome dress of cream chiffon; Miss Ruby Alexander was a very charming debutante in a simple gown of white satin; Mrs. Carter was very handsome in a beautiful dress of white and blue; Mrs. Hirsch wore a becoming dress of white silk; Mrs. Townend in cream satin looked extremely well.

On New Year's Day the congregation of the Duncan Methodist Church presented Mrs. R.B. Ventress with a set of hand painted China in recognition of her valuable services as organist of the church.

The death occured last week at the Somenos Indian rancherie, of a well known Indian character in this district. Some two weeks previous to his departure for the happy hunting grounds, the old man feeling that his end was near, bought a coffin, and made all preparations for his own funeral. It is stated that a few years ago this same Indian made similar preparations for his wife's demise, but that lady with feminine contrariness refused to quit this vale of tears.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

TZOUHALEM

G. R. Robson, Victoria
E. B. Saunders, Victoria
F. G. Ashton, Ladysmith
Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch, Somenos
A. H. Risdale, Victoria
H. V. Rowell, Seattle
H. E. Beasley, Vancouver
H. T. Hardings, Victoria.
G. T. Mitchell, Victoria
Chas. Richards, Victoria
Mrs. and Miss Stephens, Glenora
B. W. Bailey, Vancouver
Mrs. Fall, Cowichan
Miss Davis, Cowichan
Miss Neville, "
Miss Rant, "
Mrs. and Miss Mainguy, Chemainus
Mrs. C. Jervis Waldy, Cowichan
H. E. Summer, "
Mrs. H. F. Carter, Crofton

QUAMICHAN

E. H. Sheldon, Victoria.
Cnas. P. Williams, Chicago.
Mrs. C. P. Williams, "
Virginia Green, "
Pearl Pitts, "
Hattie Hobbs, "
G. L. Jonhson, "
J. S. Crabbe, "
H. Knappet, Victoria.
W. J. M. Samuels, Vancouver
O. Margison, Victoria.
J. Martineau, Spokane.
C. Warman, Duncans.
Ed. Lamming, Mt. Sicker
J. Lisk, Victoria
O. W. Pearson, Bellingham
W. P. Bassett, Victoria
Miss Dorothy Green, Victoria

Mrs. Hamilton and son went to Victoria on Wednesday.

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With this issue is born The Echo, a weekly newspaper to be published every Thursday at Duncan, B. C. by A. Hope Herd and Ormond T. Smithe.

We aim to make The Echo the most up-to date, the best printed interesting and newsy weekly on the Island.

We intend to print all the news and print it while it is news—society news, sporting news and general news of all parts of the Valley will be gathered by our wide awake and enterprising reporters and reliable correspondents in all parts of the District.

We believe that such a paper will be appreciated by the public and we realize that with the public rests the success or failure of The Echo.

In our editorial department we will deal with all topics of special current interest and importance in a clear and lucid manner.

In politics The Echo will not be a neutral paper, but will give praise where praise is due and blame where blame is called for though in no case otherwise than in a kindly spirit.

If you want a newspaper that is clean but not "namby pamby" enterprising but not yellow, you will want "The Echo."

The Echo is purely a home production, the type is set in our own office, and we will therefore be able to publish all the news right up to the moment of going to pres.s

The subscriqtion price of The Echo is one dollar per year and it will be worth ten times the price. You can afford to subscribe for The Echo.

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

It is a remarkable fact, that while the majority of our readers pay far more in the way of taxes into the coffers of the municipality than into the treasury of the Provincial Government, it is the hardest kind of a job to arouse any considerable amount of interest in a municipal election.

Men who will neglect their ordinary business for weeks prior to the date of a Dominion or Provincial election, in an endeavor to prove to some obstinate fellow citizen why he should vote for a certain candidate, will take absolutely no interest in who be intrusted with the management of the affairs of the municipality, and the expenditure of the public money.

Nomination day is set for Monday, January 13th, and the polling, if a contest is rendered necessary, will take place on Saturday, the 18th instant.

Do you know what the views of the candidate who is offering himself for election in your ward are? If not, why not? It is quite possible that they would not meet with your approval if you knew them.

There is never any lack of criticism of the acts of our municipal fathers during the year, but we wish to remind our readers that if there is any wrong they wish to see righted, the time to act is now.

We earnestly hope that the apathy of the electorate will not be reflected in the new council.

To those merchants and people of the district who have made it possible for us to publish The Echo we feel grateful and will do our utmost to merit a continuance of the patronage bestowed.

The paper that helps the district in which it is published helps itself. The prosperity of the one is the success of the other. The Echo believes in Cowichan and has no hammer.

We hope to see a contest for every seat in the council. It is a good thing for the elected candidate to know that his actions are being watched—it forces him to canvass for his support and thus he becomes familiar with the views of his constituents and the needs of the district.

Mr. Geo. Breakspear of Somenos who has been confined to the house for the past week with an attack of grippe is now able to be around again.

Mr. H. E. Beasley, Superintendent of construction on the E. & N. spent a few days in Duncan this week. It is surmised that he was looking over the right of way for the line to Cowichan Lake.

Mrs. Henslowe of Somenos entertained a small party of friends at a most enjoyable whist party on Saturday last.

Mr. Oswald Margison of Victoria, who came up to adjust the Echo Press departed for home on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Frank Neelands, foreman in T. N. Hibben's printing office, Victoria, after spending a most pleasant week with friends in Duncan, returned to his home on Saturday evening.

Mr. Chas. Lamb of Somenos is retiring from the dairy business, and has disposed of the whole of his valuable herd of dairy cattle to Mr. Lane who recently purchased a portion of the Williams-Freeman property.

Mr. Shircliffe Parker formerly of Duncan but now in Snoqualmie Washington arrived home on Sunday evening to spend the 21st. anniversary of his birth with his parents. Shir. is at present holding down an excellent position with the Seattle and Tacoma Power Company.

Winter Tree Spray, Spray Pumps and all materials for spraying trees, at Pitt & Peterson's.

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All the people in the Cowichan Valley who have coughs and colds, to try a bottle of

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Herbert Dickie leaves for Vancouver this morning to attend the Columbian College in that city. "Dick" will be greatly missed in sporting circles in Duncans, being a member of the famous Haymakers of 1907. In addition to being a crack bat, Herb is one of the fastest out-fielders in British Columbia.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the masquerade dance to be given by Duncan Lodge, I. O. O. F. in their hall on Station Street on the evening of January 23rd. The hall has recently been papered and looks nice. An energetic committee is at work on the programme, and an enjoyable evening is assured all who attend.

Mrs. W. F. and the Misses Andrews of Nanaimo are visiting relatives in Duncan.

The many friends of Mrs. W. P. Jaynes, who has been seriously ill in St. Josephs Hospital, will be pleased to learn that she is progressing favorably towards recovery and is now out of danger.

The Editor

I regret that the Editor of the Leader did not verify all his statements before publishing an article re Duncans Station on Saturday last. We endeavor to make the waiting room and office comfortable for those whose business takes them there and a fire is always provided when passenger trains are due and the back door is kept closed that the waiting room may be kept warm.

I trust that the people of Duncan will find nothing to complain of that I can remedy.

R. C. FAWCETT.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Monday evening Ivy Rebekah Lodge installed their newly elected officers. The officers for the new term are:

R.S.V.G., Sister Murchie; L.S.V. G., Bro. James Evans; N.G., Sister Mary Evans; V.G., Sister Mrs. D. Bell; Treas., Bro. H. D. Evans; Sec., Sister A. J. Blyth; Warden, Sister Brown; Conductor, Sister Young; O. G., Bro. Bell; I. G., Sister Johnson; R. S. N. G., Bro. Robert Evans; S. S. N. G., Bro. E. Castley; Chaplain, Sister Lillie Evans.

The Duncan public school has been closed and will remain so for two weeks on account of an epidemic of measles amongst the children.

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I. O. O. F.

DUNCAN LODGE, No. 17, I. O. O. F. meets every Saturday evening. Visiting brethren cordially welcome. W. J. Castley, Secretary.

IVY REBEKAH LODGE No. 14 meets in I.O.O.F. Hall the first Monday in each month.
Agnes Blythe, Secy.

K. of P.

MAPLE LODGE No. 15, K. of P. meets every Saturday evening in the Old Castle Hall. Visiting Knights are cordially invited to attend.
Walter Robinson, C. C.
John N. Evans, K. of R. & S.

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Duncan News Notes

BORN

To the wife of Mr. Thos. Castley on Friday, Jan. 3rd a daughter.

The Somenos school is closed on account of whooping cough among the children.

On Monday night the first train to run over the new cut made by the C. P. R. at Waugh Creek, arrived in Duncans.

Constable Allan left for Victoria recently in charge of a prisoner who was mentally unbalanced The unfortunate man was wandering about trying to find some one to shoot him, as he was afraid he could not make a good job of it himself. The man will be sent to the insane asylum at New Westminster.

One of our local business men had rather an unpleasant experience recently. Having sold a horse to a man unknown to him he received in payment a check for $110.00, which upon being presented at the bank was found to be worthless. The matter being put into the hands of the police the man was located in Victoria and the matter righted.

It is reported that a brick and tile factory is one of the new business ventures to be launched in the district in the near future. It will be located in the vicinity of Cowichan Station.

Invitations have been issued for a dance at the home of Mrs Dockeril Chemainus for the evening of Tuesday January 14th.

A bunch of loggers arrived in town on Monday morning to resume driving operations on the river.

The annual entertainment of the Knights of Pythias will take place in the Duncan opera house on the evening of February 19th, that date being the anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge. The committee in charge is negotiating at present with a first-class opera troupe and Duncanites may rely upon something unusually good on the 19th.

Owing to the teacher appointed for the Chemainus River school resigning her position at the last moment, that school was left without a teacher on Monday when school re-opened in the other district schools.

There should be a large attendance at the Council Chambers on Saturday next when the annual open meeting of the Municipal Council will be held. The members of last year's council will render an account of their stewardship and explain the manner in which the taxpayers' money has been expended.

Mr. Jesse Boak has discontinued his weekly stage service to Mount Sicker. In future the stage will run twice a week to deliver the mail.

THE WILLIAMS JUBILEE SINGERS.

The Williams Jubilee Singers appeared before a large and appreciative audience at the opera house on Friday last. This is certainly one of the best troupes that has visited Duncan in a long time. The singing was excellent there not being a poor member in the company, which consisted of four women and four men. Mr. Crab was particularly good, Several excellent local hits were got off during the evening. When the darkey remarked that he resembled Mr. John Greig, because he had to look after three young ladies at once, the audience fairly raised the roof. A delicate blush suffused John's handsome countenance, while a decidedly heightened color was observed upon the cheeks of several young ladies who took in the dance at Crofton a few nights previous.

The ping pong craze has hit Duncan once more. The old ping pong club has been revived and a large number of enthusiasts can be seen every Saturday at the Hall playing this once popular game.

The foundation has been laid for a new house next to that of Mr. H. D. Morton for Mrs. M. L. Springett.

It is stated that a dance in aid of the Duncan Lawn Tennis Club will be given in the Agricultural Hall early next month.

Personal

Mrs. Prevost and Mrs. A. H. Lomas visited the Capital City.

Mrs. E. J. Hearne journeyed to Victoria on Tuesday to attend the Kubelik concert.

Miss Ford has taken charge of the Glendora school this term instead of Miss Holmes.

Mr. W. J. McKay was down from Mount Sicker on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. and Miss A. Cathcart spent a few days in Chemainus returning to Victoria on Sunday evening.

A. W. Evans returned to the Capital on Sunday after a short visit to his old home at Duncan.

Miss Nellie Robertson returned to her studies in Victoria on Sunday last.

Mrs. Elkington. Mrs. Hayward Miss Hayward and Miss M. Kingstone are a party of Cowichanites who will leave on the 16 for England.

Friends of Miss Zephie Holmes will be pleased to know that she is making rapid progress towards recovery after her recent severe illness.

Mrs. J. N. Evans is improving steadily in the hospital at Victoria and expects to be home shortly.

Mr. Percy Keefer, of the Bank of B. N. A. staff was a week end visitor to Victoria.

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W. P. JAYNES

With The Candidates

An Echo reporter called upon Mr. J. McL. Campbell candidate for the reeveship of the Municipality, to ascertain that gentleman's view's with regard to the Muni-cipal situation.

"Fighting Jim," has represented Quamichan Ward for the past five or six years, and is generally considered unbeatable in his own ward.

Mr. Campbell has been rather harshly criticised in some quarters on the ground that he has been too too much out for his own ward, and if elected it would be like giving Duncan two representatives on the Municipal Board. Mr. Campbell argues however, that this is a very strong argument in his favor, that being elected by the votes of the people of Quamichan it was up to him to work his hardest for his constituents, but if elected for reeve will consider the needs of all parts of the District and will stand for a "square deal for all."

The name of Mr. H. F. Carter of Crofton is persistently mentioned as a candidate for the reeveship but up to the present we have been unable to verify the report.

Mr. J. I. Mutter, the popular real estate agent of Station Street acknowledged that he would be a candidate for Councillor in Somenos ward. Mr. Mutter believes that Somenos has not received the attention at the hands of the council, that is coming to her; he also is utterly opposed to the borrowing of money for the upkeep of the roads.

No one has yet definitely announced himself in opposition but we understand that there will be a contest in Somenos.

In Quamichan, Mr. R. H. Whidden is in the field. In conversation with our reqorter Mr. Whidden stated that he had been requested to offer himself by a number of the ratepayers of the ward, and was in the fight to stay. The name of Mr. H. Smith is persistently mentioned as a candidate in Duncan.

In Chemainus, Mr. H. Bonsall is in the field. Mr. Bonsall represented the north end in the council for a great many years, but last year was elected to the Reeve's chair. It is stated that Mr. Barkley of Westholme will contest the seat with Mr. Bonsall

In Cowichan we have not heard any name mentioned but that of Mr. Aitken, the present representative.

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Mr. R. H. Whidden's family has been confined to the house on account of illness.

The Indians have commenced their winter dancing and a large one was held on the Somenos reservation on Monday evening. A number of White people went down and witnessed the quaint but interesting performance.

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Mrs. A. W. Dever was a passenger to Victoria on Tuesday.

Mr. G. K. Gillespie has sold out the Riverside Inn at Cowichan Lake.

The log drive on the Cowichan River is now in full swing. A large gang of men are up at Sahtlam and the logs are coming down in fine style.

This is a growing time in Duncan. A milliery establishment is one of the new business ventures to be established in the near future. There is unquestionably an excellent opening for a business of this kind in Duncan.

Although we are unable to obtain a positive assurance of the fact we are informed upon what we cannot but regard as an authoritive source that the C. P. R. will during the present year commence construction upon the proposed branch line to Cowichan Lake.

The C. P. R. have provided three train crews on their freight trains and in consequence will be able to get their freight trains through more nearly on schedule time in the future than has been the case for some time past. This innovation went into effect on Tuesday last for the first time. For some weeks past there have been three engine crews for the freight trains, but the system has now been extended to include the whole train crew.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1907.

The results show a great advance over those for the previous month. Consinering average and perfect attendance with distance the children have to travel, I think preeminence must be awarded to Maple Bay. Both this school and Crofton make a very excellent record. Somenos is unfortunate in its small attendance, one or two irregulars making a big falling off in averages.

The pupils who made qerfect attendance (never absent or late) are:

Duncan 1st Division

Arthur Green, Peri Harris, **Laura Henderson, Agnes Richardson, Marshall Smith.**

2nd Division

Albert Dirom, Olive Dirom, Magnus Henderson.

Quamichan

Mary, Walter, Fred and Maixime Allard, Hugh Hanham, Lily Humphries, Rupert and Maurice Wood, Lizzie and Jessie Humphries.

Somenos.

Beryl Macdonald.

Crofton.

Etta and Elva Pollard, Nessie, James and Clifiord Syme, Bruce, Bruce Dyke, Ethel and Willie Haggart, Marjorie and Thelma Lilley.

Chemainus River.

Dorothy, Harold, Stanley and Thelma Bonsall, William and Doris Cathcart, Wallace and Robert McBride.

Chemainus Landing.

Harold Booth, Ernest and Jack Cathcart, Miriam Hill, Charles and Arthur Hornell, Helen and Arthur Howe, Robert and Lewis Robinson, Harry and Cyril Smith

JAS. NORCROSS.

Physical director Morton has resumed his classes at the Athletic Club.

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