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ISLAND IMPROVEMENT CLUB MEETS

In order to report the proceedings of special meetings held by its officers since the date of its organization and to effect its consolidation with the Good Roads Association, District No. 8, the first regular meeting of the Mercer Island Improvement Club was held at the office of its president, C. E. Horton, 748 N. Y. Block, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 4th.

After reading the minutes of the first meeting and disposing of several unimportant matters the Permanent Good Roads Association, District No. 8, was organized, with the following officers:

Vince Fabin, Pres.; C. R. Adams, Vice-Pres.; R. D. Ogden, Sec. and Treas. Trustees: Vince Fabin, North District; Mr. Rhoades, South; C. R. Adams, East; R. D. Ogden, West, and Geo. Albin, Trustee-at-large.

After the announcement that the assessed valuation of the Island was \$1,270,000, and that it did not owe any indebtedness to the county, there followed a general discussion of the road tax levied upon the Island for the past six years and amounts spent in return on its roadways during which many interesting facts and figures were mentioned to show the need of a Good Roads Association.

It was shown that \$1,500 was the most spent during any one year of that time on Island roadwork. It was also shown that of all the landings on the Island, the docks at East Seattle, County dock and Parental School are the only ones built by the county. The East Seattle dock cost \$300 00, the passenger shelter upon it having been built by popular subscription.

In order to bring the work of the Mercer Island Improvement Club within the purview of the statute it was explained that it would have to be known as Good Roads Association District No. 8, as provided by same, and as such would become a legal entity, privileged to sue or to be sued, contract debts, and above all, would make legal the expenditure of the \$50,000 apportioned the Island from the \$3,000,000 road bond issue approved at the recent election.

President Vince Fabin, giving a lengthy interpretation of the legal meaning of the words "Good Roads Association," as defined by statute, covered the subject in a most able manner and gave answers to many questions from those present as to its legal effect upon the membership of the Association individually and collectively.

The five trustees are empowered to dictate, more or less, as to the expenditure of the annual road tax levy, as well as the \$50,000 road bonds, the commissioners to apply all monies to the district in response to their demand—under

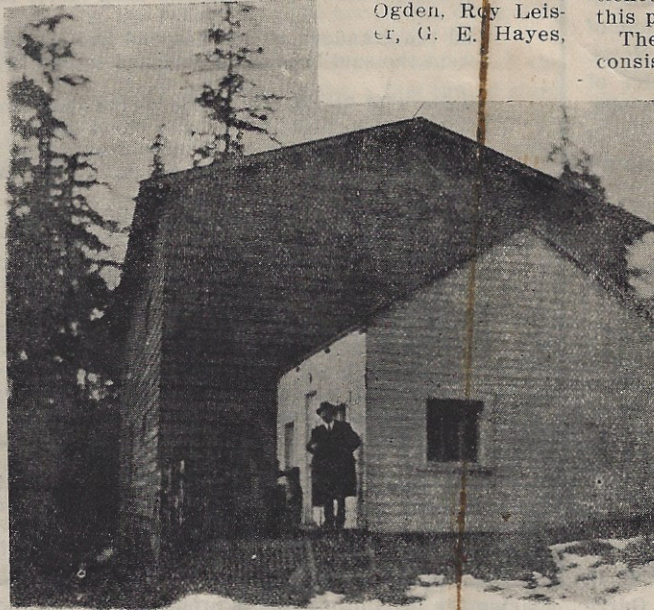
ten mills.

The last paragraph of the article entitled "All View Heights Good Roads Association Meets," gives the terms and conditions under which the district road supervisor was appointed.

As regards the \$50,000 road bonds, it was believed by those present that by competitive bid system the money at disposal could be made to cover the cost of the road scheme originally proposed by the Mercer Island Improvement Club.

A committee of three was appointed to draft a set of by-laws, and it was suggested that a meeting be held to consider same, within a week. The place and date for the meeting was fixed for Wednesday noon, Jan. 8, at the Good Eats Cafeteria, and the meeting adjourned.

Among those present were H. Horton, C. E. Horton, C. R. Adams, R. D. Ogden, Roy Leiser, G. E. Hayes,



The Zimmerman School of Grand Opera at Island Park, Mercer Island
Showing its Present Appearance

Reeves Aylmore, Mr. Hall, Vince Fabin, Geo. Albin, R. B. Wark, Mr. Hunter, A. Meerscheidt, P. H. Sankey, E. B. Sankey and G. Folsom.

Any property owner or resident of Mercer Island is eligible to membership in this Association upon payment of \$1 membership fee.

After paying all indebtedness it has a balance in the treasury of \$71.00.

The meeting at the Good Eats Cafeteria took place as arranged and was devoted entirely to the reading and approval of the various provisions of the by-laws which had been drafted by the committee in the interim between the two meetings.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the following names were filed with the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for the office of District Road Supervisor: H.

WOULD GIVE CONCERT FOR CHURCH.

In behalf of the church building fund, Prof. Wm. Zimmerman, of Island Park, has volunteered to give, free of all charge, a grand operatic concert, consisting of twelve miscellaneous numbers, taken from different operas, interspersed with piano, violin and vocal solos, to be staged at Sandell's Hall, East Seattle, at any time between now and the first of March.

It remains only for the church people of the Island to formally accept his offer and confer with him at his studio, 603 Eier Building, as to the details necessary to complete the program.

A piano will be provided gratis. It will be freighted across the lake and back free of charge by the Anderson Steamboat Co. Printed programs will be furnished by Prof. Zimmerman, while tickets of admission will be donated by this paper.

The major part of the program would consist of vocal solos, duets, trios and quartets taken from our most popular grand operas, with piano and violin accompaniment, violin and piano solos and duets. This is an opportunity seldom offered to a community in behalf of its church and should be accepted in the spirit in which it is offered.

There is perhaps not a more public spirited citizen on the Island than Professor Zimmerman and for some time he has longed to assist in adding substantially to the church fund of East Seattle.

For the benefit of those who know little or nothing of the Professor except that he is a daily citizen-passenger on the East Seattle boat, let it be said that he is a much traveled gentleman, a talented tenor singer of international fame, has sung before the crowned heads of Europe and last, but not least, is one of the greatest of all island

boosters.

He takes pride in a large collection of favorable press comments clipped from many American, English and foreign language publications, and is about to realize the ambition of a lifetime—that of founding the Zimmerman School of Grand Opera, which is gradually taking shape among the majestic cedars, firs, hemlocks and madronas of Island Park, Mercer Island.

From its covered outside porch, which will be eighty feet long, there opens to view one of the most beautiful panoramas of the Lake, the lusty young metropolis on the far side, the distant snow capped Olympics, and a sweeping range of vision that takes in the country far to the north of Seattle, and far to the south, until one's vision rests upon the lofty Mt. Rainier, as it towers above

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Island Improvement Club Meets

R. Stewart, Geo. Albin and C. R. Adams.

In addition to possible special meetings
of the Association, the by-laws provide
for a grand annual meeting and election
of officers, to be held the first Monday of
July—probably on the Island—and every
effort will be made to have present at
this meeting all resident and non-resi-
dent property owners as well as all
others interested.

**Would Give Concert for Church
everything in sight.**

We have quite unintentionally drifted
away from the original subject of this
article—that of the church concert—but
having gone so far, we may as well fin-
ish with our description of the Zimmer-
man School of Opera, an illustration of
which appears in this issue of the News.

Its outside measurement, exclusive of
porch, is 34x60, height of interior 22 feet,
stage 15x34, balcony 20x34, main floor of
auditorium 33x34. It will be finished
early in the spring.

**ALL VIEW HEIGHTS GOOD
ROADS ASSOCIATION MEETS**

The first regular meeting of the All
View Heights Good Roads Association,
District No. 8, was held at the All View
Heights school house on Saturday after-
noon, January 4.

The object of this organization is to
promote better road work in the All View
Heights section of the Island. It was or-
ganized recently with the following offi-
cers: Vitus Schmid, president; Dr. C. B.
Moseley, vice-president, and Alla Garri-
son, secretary and treasurer.

After disposing of the business of the
meeting the following members were en-
dorsed as candidates for the position of
District Road Supervisor, and their
names subsequently filed with the clerk
of the Board of County Commissioners:
A. P. Bourkman, A. G. Buckhorn and B.
Rydeen.

The following extract from the road
laws of the state may prove interesting
in this connection:

"The Board of County Commissioners
shall appoint from the qualified electors
in each road district, for such time as
they may determine, with compensation
not to exceed four dollars per diem, for
time and labor actually performed, a
road supervisor, who shall enter into a
bond satisfactory to the Commissioners;
provided, however, that when any road
district has a good roads association,
such road overseer shall be appointed
from a list furnished by such associa-
tion."

FIRE AT EAST SEATTLE.

On the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 6,
the Roddie bungalow, on Park Ave., East
Seattle, was completely destroyed by
fire, there being nothing left at present
to indicate its former location except
the brick fireplace and chimney.

The bungalow was owned by F. S. Rod-
die, who lives at 514 17th Ave. North. It
was bought about four years ago, and
was insured.

It had been rented by Mrs. Mary Sel-
lin, who during the winter months has
spent much time in town, stopping at
the Hotel Stander. On the day of the
fire she went to East Seattle on a late
morning boat, for the purpose of thaw-
ing out the boiler and water pipes, tak-
ing the dampness out of bedding, etc.

She started a fire in an air-tight heat-
er; also a portable oil heater, and after

neighbor detected the fire.

Mrs. Sellin lost a number of valuable
paintings, portraits and family remem-
brances, many of which she had carried
since childhood, and esteemed highly for
their past associations. She will be un-
able to tell whether or not her household
effects were insured until she hears from
her son, who lives at Tacoma.

BELLEVUE FERRY IN SIX MONTHS.

An informal discussion was held by
the Port Commission, Wednesday, Janu-
ary 8, with naval architects and ship-
builders relative to the construction of
a ferry boat for the Seattle-Bellevue
ferry.

As a result a contract was placed with
Lockwood & Ballin, shipbuilders, of Seat-

THE MERCER ISLAND SCENE

By Florence Landor

No. 1—MOONLIGHT ON THE WATERS.

I have watched with eyes tear dimming the moon on lake and fell
Killarney's silent glory kissing each faerie hill and dell.

And the grandeur of Ben Lomond and the heather's silver fire
Swept the soul beyond all care and toiling to a land of fair desire.

Where wild Sierra mountains pierce the dome of blue serene
Diana rose in flight a majestic cloud draped queen;
And through the scented orange groves Her walks were silver clad
Avenues of the ancient gods to make the heart more glad.

And I have read of moons that gild the fanes of Rhineland castles old,
Of Provençal bards who sing ballads to their ladies neath her gold.
And still I pray that I may see beyond my casement soar
The summer moon that rises red on the wild glory of the Jungfrau.

But in all my worldwide wanderings my heart was n'er so still
As when I stood alone and saw the moon rise on your hill;
A mound of giant fire and cedars above the whispering silvery tide
Where I watched in silent wonder a new world vast and wide;
A new world, huge and all silvery-golden, so cold yet fire-strewn
Selene the olden, the mysterious mothering goddess of June.

And were I a king of the Mammonite horde here would I stay and rear
A magic temple of marble and gold to welcome with dance and cheer
The new moon, the full moon, an orb of joy our hearts to fill,
The most enchanting moon in all the world that comes o'er yonder hill.

placing the bedding on chairs around the
former, put the oil heater under the
large boiler in order to thaw it out.

She then visited with a neighbor and
remained there for several hours, dur-
ing which the bungalow was burned. It
was believed by several that Mrs. Sellin
was a victim of the flames and they
were seriously considering the matter of
searching the ruins for her charred re-
mains when she appeared on the scene
in person.

In the heat of the excitement caused
by the fire, an explosion was heard, and
the heavy thirty-gallon galvanized iron
hot water tank, attached to the kitchen
range, was seen to fly through the air
and land in the roadway some forty feet
away, narrowly missing Postmaster San-
dell in its flight.

The flames spread so rapidly that the
interior was all aflame before the nearest

tile and Portland, who are to decide as
to passenger capacity, size of boat, etc.,
and submit plans to the Commission for
approval. The contract specifies, how-
ever, that the boat shall be a side-wheel-
er and have a steel hull.

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*8:30 am		8:45 am
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11:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
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LAKE NEWS.

Schertzer Bros., of Lake Washington, the owners of the fast twenty-foot racer, "Potlatch Bug," are planning to build a thirty-foot runabout which they will try out thoroughly, and if it is successful will make it a stock model to build a number of boats from. The plans for the boat are being prepared for them by Geary, and the boat will be similar to the one designed by him last spring for use on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The demand for runabouts of good speed on Lake Washington is growing, and Schertzer Bros. believe that a boat of this sort built from stock models will prove popular.

Commodore Wurdemann will have his fifty-foot cruiser, "Lady May," moved to Lake Washington in the near future. He considered laying her up for a time, but as he has a home at Denny-Blaine, on the lake, and has also recently purchased a summer tract at Lake Forest, at the north end he decided that he would move his yacht to a point where he could get some service out of her during the winter, rather than put her on the ways.

For use on the upper reaches of the great McKenzie River, a fast tunnel stern boat is being built by Schertzer Bros. on Lake Washington, which, when completed, will be shipped to her owner, H. L. Williams, at Edmonton, Canada. The boat is from plans prepared by L. E. Geary. She will be powered with a 45 h p Scripps motor, and as her service will require her to buck a five-mile current one way for a distance of 120 miles, the requirements call for a speed of twenty-one miles an hour. Also because of shallow water, her depth cannot be over fourteen inches in the extreme. The owner will use her in running from Athabasca Landing north, in visiting properties which he owns along the river.

The gasoline towboat, "Lorraine," was considerably damaged by fire Monday afternoon, December 29. She was some distance out on the lake south of Leschi Park. As soon as the fire was sighted the steamer Triton was rushed full speed

to the scene and the fire extinguished, after which the damaged boat was towed to shore by launches from the Leschi Boat House.

The steamer Cyrene, of the Anderson Steamboat Company fleet, on the Leschi-East Seattle run, while temporarily disabled during a thirty-five-mile southwest gale, was blown on the beach at East Seattle, in front of Gardner Kellogg's home, early on the morning of Monday, December 29.

The anchor was lowered and helped hold the steamer in a safe position until the steamer Triton—which had been telephoned for—arrived, about twenty minutes later, when the Cyrene was taken in tow, dragging anchor, until well out into the lake, where the anchor was raised and the Cyrene succeeded in making the rest of the trip under her own steam.

Her engine has since been given a general overhauling and she is now back on the East Seattle run.

Besides the crew there was but one passenger aboard at the time.

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BELLEVUE BRIEFS.

Mrs. C. A. Sullenz is visiting in Seattle. Mrs. Oakes has returned from California.

Mr. W. H. Nightingale returned last week from Alaska.

Mrs. Axu's baby, which was scalded, is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakney left last week for a visit in Seattle.

Mr. J. Park Graybell, of Denver, Colo., visited in Bellevue January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Lieber, of North Yakima, spent the holidays with their son.

Mr. D. J. Smith is entertaining his parents from Eastern Washington.

Mr. George Nightingale visited friends near Houghton last Sunday evening.

Mr. Leonard Lister, of Seattle, spent Sunday visiting friends in Bellevue.

Mr. D. Parks and family have returned after spending four years in Arkansas.

Miss Clark, of Iowa, has taken Miss Carr's place at the Wilburton school

A new set of officers were elected at the last meeting of the Bellevue Grange

Mr. Hollie Reed has accepted a position with the Northern Pacific Railway.

Mr. J. M. Parsons has sold his Bellevue and Wilburton property to Mr. J. R. Lendry.

Work is progressing on the excavation on the site of the new home of Max Freed.

Mr. Frank Vollmer expects to leave this week to visit his brother Herbert in Enumclaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Hill will spend January and February in Seattle.

The M. B. A. gave an oyster supper at the home of Mrs. A. W. Constantine on New Year's Eve.

Many residents were pleased to have the mill start in full operation again on Tuesday, January 7.

L. E. Geary, naval architect, has been commissioned to prepare the plans for the \$80,000 Bellevue ferry.

The Baptist Church held a meeting last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln at Medina.

A dance will be held at Wilburton Hall on the 25th of this month. Fine music and a big menu are guaranteed.

Mr. D. Hagenstein is having the Medina Hall remodeled for use as living apartments and will soon occupy same.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ivey were entertained by Mrs. L. P. Smith on Christmas, instead of by Mrs. J. Lewarne, as stated in our last issue.

The Queen Anne Midgets played basketball with the Bellevue Athletic Club at Community Hall last Thursday. Score 28 to 11 in favor of the Midgets. Another game next Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lanier have returned from a long visit to Pullman, Wash. Mr. Lanier's brother and brother-in-law are visiting him from Enumclaw. His mother is expected in Bellevue next week.

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THE ISLAND HERE AND THERE.

(Under this heading we are pleased to print reports of club and lodge proceedings and social events, free of charge. Copy must reach 1407 Fifth Avenue two days before dates of issue, which are the first and fifteenth of the month)

The Misses Meerscheidt gave an informal at home to a number of their young friends, at the Meerscheidt residence, East Seattle, Saturday afternoon, December 27.

A. P. Bourkman, of East Seattle, recently received a long, interesting letter from his aged parents, who live at Karlstad, Sweden. His mother is 87, while his father is 86. The letter is interesting in that it is written in Swedish, has traveled many thousands of miles over land and sea, and is the latest communication between son and parents living in different countries, who have not seen each other for thirty years.

FIGHT OVER ROAD SUPERVISOR.

Rivalry resulting from the existence of two organizations of identical names and motives and known as "Good Roads Association, District No. 8," involved County Commissioner Krist Knudsen and his associates on the board in an embarrassing legal tangle before Knudsen was inducted into office last Monday morning.

It came in the form of a mandamus petition to compel the board to show cause why the District Road Supervisor, District No. 8, should not be appointed from the following men recommended by the Good Roads Association organized at a meeting recently held in Seattle: H. R. Stewart, George Albin and C. R. Adams.

Coincident with the placing on file of the names of the above men, the rival organization, known as the All View Heights Good Roads Association, District No. 8, filed three candidates, whose names follow: A. P. Bourkman, A. G. Buckhorn and B. Rydeen.

Bourkman, for the past eight years, has held the position of district road foreman, and was the favored candidate of the All View Heights organization.

The Bourkman supporters immediately put into circulation a petition begging the County Commissioners to favorably consider his appointment, based on his record as road foreman on the Island for many years; further stating that it is the sense of the petition that inasmuch as that the legal terms and conditions under which the supervisor shall be appointed, are provided by statute, it becomes the duty of the board to make the appointment accordingly.

At present there is a perceptible bitterness of feeling between the rival organizations, which we hope will be eliminated at the trial of the case, which takes place before Judge Everett Smith, part four, Superior Court, Thursday, Jan. 16

IN BERKELEY FIRE.

Gardner Kellogg, of East Seattle, first chief of the Seattle fire department, was, with his wife and son, guests at the Manhattan Apartments at Berkeley, Calif., when it was destroyed by fire Sunday night, December 5. Kellogg and the other members of his family had narrow escapes and are now stopping at Oakland. In a letter to Fire Marshal Harry Bringham, Kellogg expresses the wish that he had had a few members of the Seattle department with him in order to show the Berkeley department how to handle a fire.

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