

mance between Debra Paget and Robert Wagner slows things down occasionally, but not enough to get in the way of all those tubas and trombones.

Elsewhere and recommended: "Tight Little Island" and "The Chiltern Hundreds" (double bill in West Van) . . . "The Big Lift" . . . "The Lawless Breed" . . . "The Wild North" . . . "The Lion and the Horse" (for kids) . . . "Cattle Drive".

Coming Events

April 13-17—B.C. Dance Festival, Point Grey Junior High School Auditorium, 7.30 p.m.

April 14—Branch No. 1, Old Age Pensioners Organization, will meet at 1.30 p.m. in Moose Hall, 1129 Howe Street.

April 15—Used clothing and jumble sale sponsored by Parish Guild of St. John's (Shaughnessy) Anglican Church, in the Parish Hall, Nanton & Granville, 11 a.m.

April 15—Vancouver Debating League season's final, Harmony Hall, 1655 West Broadway, 8 p.m.

April 15-17—Point Grey Community Operatic Society presents "The Rebel Maid", Lord Byng Auditorium, 16th & Crown, 8.15 p.m.

April 15-18—I.O.D.E. Thrift Sale, bargains in used men's, women's and chil-

dren's clothing and household goods. Door prizes each day. 561 West Broadway, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Proceeds to Chapter education fund.

April 16—Mighty Mites, a new organization for folks under 5 feet tall, will elect officers at 8 p.m., CKWX Playhouse, 543 Seymour. Would-be members invited to attend.

April 16-17—Open House at Cedar Cottage Youth Club, Welwyn & 22nd, in conjunction with Boys' Clubs of Canada Week, 7 to 9 p.m., everyone welcome.

April 16-18—Thetis Club "Spring Garden Festival", Seaforth Armouries, Burrard & 1st Ave., 2-6 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday. Proceeds in aid of Queen Alexandra Solarium.

April 17—St. Margaret's Scouts will sponsor the Post Office Players in their musical presentation "Ships 'n Shore", Gladstone High School Auditorium, 27th & Gladstone, 8 p.m.

April 17-18—Gyro Club of Burnaby presents the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Folk Society in "Nations on Parade", Nelson Ave. School Auditorium, Nelson & Rumble Streets, 8 p.m.

April 18—B.C. Dance Festival Grand Concert, U.B.C. Auditorium, 8.15 p.m. Tickets at Modern Music.



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New lines coming

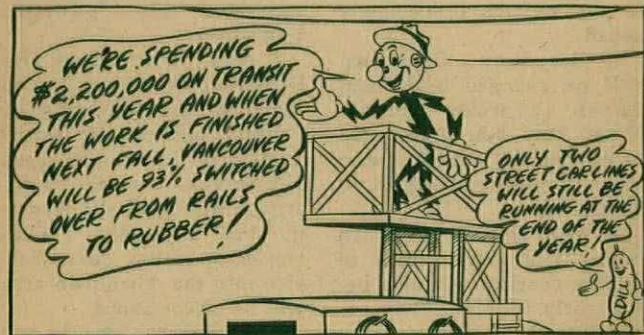
Ten major improvements will be made this year to Vancouver's transit system. Let's take a fast look at the work ahead:

- When the 1953 program is completed late this fall, only two street car lines will still be running. All the rest will be served by buses and trolley coaches.

- 28 more trolley coaches will be ordered. Cost: \$25,000 each. More than 25 street cars will be retired.

- 4.6 miles of street car track will be ripped up, chiefly on Main Street, which will be changed over to trolley coaches.

- 5.3 miles of trolley coach overhead will be built.





● Overall cost of the transit program in 1953: \$2,200,000. This is the eighth successive year that major expansion and conversion plans have been carried out by the B.C. Electric. Including this year's program, well over \$30,000,000 has been ploughed into this field since 1946.

● With 339 trolley coaches at year's end, Vancouver's fleet of these popular vehicles will be much the largest in Canada, and among the 10 largest on the continent.

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Here's what we'll be doing in the months immediately ahead:

1. Broadway - Crosstown will be changed over from buses to trolley coaches about May 8th. Later, the route will be extended east from Commercial Drive to Renfrew.

2. Conversion of Main Street from street cars to trolley coaches will also begin early in May. The entire line from Marine Drive

via Main and Pender into the downtown area is expected to be running on rubber by autumn. At that point, the 49th-Main-Marpole bus will be discontinued since passengers using this route will be well served by vehicles on Main, Fraser, and Marine Drive.

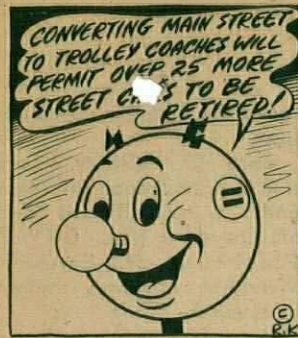
3. Knight Road bus line will be extended south from 51st to Marine, and the routing north of Kingsway will be altered to follow Knight and Clark, and thence into the downtown area.

4. Route of the Fraser trolley coaches will be changed to follow Fraser and Broadway and thence into the downtown area via Main street.

5. Nanaimo bus service will be extended south on Nanaimo from Broadway to Copley, and the 12th Ave.-Nanaimo service, which now covers this area, will be discontinued. This change paves the way for later extension of the Nanaimo line north and south—to Kingsway and into downtown Vancouver.

6. After extending the Broadway crosstown line to Renfrew, the re-routing of Fraser coaches, the introduction of the Knight-Clark bus service, and the southerly extension of the Nanaimo bus to Copley, Broadway-East trolley coach service into the downtown area will be discontinued.

7. A new bus service will



be introduced on Rupert, operating on Cassiar and Rupert between transit loops at Kootenay and Hastings and at Broadway and Renfrew.

8. Smith Ave. bus service will be changed to run from Grandview Highway via Boundary, Turner and Kootenay, to the Kootenay Loop; but the present routing will remain until the Rupert service is extended south to Kingsway.

9. With the introduction of the services on Rupert-Cassiar and Smith-Boundary, it is anticipated that it will be possible to discontinue the Burnaby Lake tram service late this year.

10. As the Fraserview housing development grows, a shuttle bus line on Elliott street will be introduced.

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As you can see, it's going to be a busy—and progressive—year for your transit system. Inevitably, as the work goes on, detours and delays will inconvenience

many of our passengers.

We hope you'll be as patient about these annoyances as you have been in all the other years . . . and for our part, we'll try to carry out the program as rapidly and efficiently as possible.

When the dust finally settles next fall, the conversion from rails to rubber will be 93 per cent completed in Vancouver—and we'll have a system we can all be proud of.

PICK OF THE *Pictures*
at the neighbourhood theatres

By Clyde Gilmour

Bend of the River: A superior western drama, starring James Stewart, Arthur Kennedy and the gorgeous scenery of Oregon in color. Walt Disney's delightful classic, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," is currently double-billed with it.

The Crimson Pirate: The title makes it sound like just another buccaneer meller-drama, but in fact it's a burlesque of that sort of movie entertainment—and a very fast and funny show. Burt Lancaster appears as the laughing No. 1 sea-dog.

Stars and Stripes Forever: Clifton Webb as John Phillip Sousa in a genial, toe-teasing musical based on the life of the brass-band king. A somewhat irrelevant ro-