

LEGAL RULING SOUGHT ON CUNLIFFE APPOINTMENT

CITY SOLICITOR TO GIVE DECISION ON APPOINTMENT

Wenige Questions Whether Cunliffe's Selection Should Not Have Council's Approval.

NAMED BY TREASURER

City Solicitor T. G. Meredith has been asked for a ruling as to the authority of the members of the London Housing Commission who recently appointed John Cunliffe as their general manager and collector.

Mayor George Wenige today questioned whether the commissioners were vested with adequate authority to make this appointment or whether their selection was subject to the final approval of the city council. The mayor is inclined to believe that the latter procedure would be the correct one.

At their last session the members of the commission directed the city treasurer to make the appointment. This was done about a week ago but Mr. Bell stated today that he also questioned whether his selection could stand or whether it should be ratified by the council. He was not positive on this point himself and an opinion was accordingly sought from the city solicitor by D. J. Tallant, chairman of the commission.

Mr. Cunliffe was selected by the treasurer as the most capable person to fill the position, in view of his long service as a member of the commission when he familiarized himself with the work.

It will be recalled that at previous meetings of the commission, the mayor strenuously opposed any appointment at the present time. His attitude was not to be construed, however, that he personally opposed the person to be appointed but rather that he opposed any addition to the staff. He maintained that the work could be handled satisfactorily in the city treasurer's office.

CORP. S. DENHAM WINS IN COMPANY SHOOTING

Scores 81 Out of 100 in Sergeants' Mess Tyro Cup Competition.

Corporal S. Denham won the "A" Company rapid-fire competition in the Sergeants' Mess Tyro Cup series of rifle shooting contests being conducted by the Western Ontario Regiment here, it was announced today. Corporal Denham's score was 81 out of 100. Sergt. W. McBean was second.

Scores for the entire competition show that Corp. W. Bridgeman of "A" Company is leading all others by 21 points. The standing of those taking part is as follows: W. Bridgeman, 187; S. Denham, 166; R. Burns, 159; A. M. Pearson, 145; V. Bullock, 145; J. Lindner, 145; J. Heering, 144; W. Brown, 141; J. Weg, 131; Pto. Wilson, 113.

DRUNK HAS GOOD RECORD, BUT "\$10 AND" SAYS COURT

"I don't get drunk very often," Chris Moriarity told the court this morning when he was charged with an offence against the O. T. A. Moriarity added that he had not been in court for four years. The magistrate remarked that it was too bad to break such a good record, and fined the prisoner \$10 and costs.

20 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

All the Grand Trunk lines north of London are blocked today, the result of the heaviest snowstorm of the season.

The street lights were out last night, a very disagreeable one, on which the moon could not be seen, in accordance with the system whereby they are not used on moonlight nights.

Owing to the fact that the Willis Musical Comedy Company was held up by the snow en route to London, there was no matinee at the Grand today.

According to recent reports, the Russians are now planning to evacuate Port Arthur and leave it to the Japs.

One of the questions to be decided at tonight's council meeting is the opening of Horton street, east of Adelaide, in order that London East may be served.

25 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

Owing to the extreme cold of the past few days, the natural gas at Windsor gave out with a hiss and a roar, and residents are now scurrying around looking for fuel.

Jesse James is on trial for train robbery, the trial being held at Kansas City.

Mr. Herbert Baker, Lambeth, has sold his carriage to Mr. George McCormick, London.

A deputation of the city council and county council returned from Toronto today in a bewildered state of mind. It seems that when they got to Toronto they were not quite certain as to what they went for, and it was to find out the object of their trip that they returned home.

PLANS PROVIDED FOR PROPOSAL, SAYS ENGINEER

Claims the Britain Report Also Advised Switching of Cleaning Charges.

RECOMMENDED LAST FALL

The proposal by City Engineer Near to place the pavement sweeping and street flushing charges in the general tax-rate (which means about \$40,000 additional in the 1924 estimates) was recommended in the Britain report, by the members of the 1923 board of works and was actually provided for in their tentative estimates of last fall, that official stated today.

"While all the aldermen appear to believe that this is a wise move, the argument is being used that they should try and keep down the tax-rate this year and leave it for another time," the engineer stated. But the members of the year's board of works, of whom there are two on this year's finance committee, practically recommended this departure and provided for it in their tentative estimates brought in last fall.

City Engineer Near stresses the point that while appearance may be to the contrary, this change of policy does mean an added burden in the tax-rate this year. It is merely the process of shifting the charges from the special account to the general account. In fact, once the change has been made, there is every chance he stated, that it will mean a lowered expenditure in that direction; certainly no increase.

"We expect the system to become more flexible under the new proposal," the engineer stated.

Mr. Near pointed out, however, that it would not be expedient or fair, as has been suggested, to place all local improvements upon the same basis.

Around The Schools

EASTER CONCERT. Pupils of Alexandra School are already preparing for the concert to be given at Easter, with the expectation of a most successful and splendid one given last Christmas.

ANTICIPATION. Some 425 pupils at Empress Avenue School are looking forward to the day when the new school will be completed and they will be in possession of an auditorium in which concerts and other entertainments can be held. At present they have no space available for this purpose and the result is that the pupils can have none of the get-together meetings of other schools.

TEACHERS ILL. The teachers of the Memorial School are confined to their homes with the prevailing epidemic of colds. Principal Ferguson, however, is in hopes that they will be back tomorrow.

WORKING HARD. The editorial staff of the "Advertiser" is working overtime on the Easter edition of their publication. The Christmas edition aroused much favorable comment from those who read it and it is the desire of the staff to produce an even better number at Easter.

STILL THEY COME. Fifty teachers in the Penny Bank of Ontario were secured at Empress Avenue School last month, the total number being 263 out of 425. Principal Fowler is working each path. It is felt that some action should be taken by the Hon. John S. Martin, and the matter will be brought to his attention.

WOLVES INCREASING IN RENFREW COUNTY

Protest Any Step To Lower the Bounty Paid For Each Pelt.

Special to The Advertiser. Renfrew, March 3.—Pioneer days are coming back with a vengeance as far as Renfrew County is concerned. Wolf packs are spilling over the hills and into the county from Algonquin Park and they are making short work of sheep owned by the farmers.

Wolves have during the past year been seen within ten miles of Pembroke, and farmers and others interested in their extermination are protesting against the proposed reduction in the bounty paid by the province for the killing of wolves.

It is reasoned that at a time when there is so much danger from these savage brutes, there should be no reduction in the bounty of \$40 paid for each pelt. It is felt that some action should be taken by the Hon. John S. Martin, and the matter will be brought to his attention.

DIXMUDE WRECKAGE FOUND IN FISHERMEN'S NETS

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, March 3.—A large quantity of wreckage and other things belonging to the ill-fated French dirigible Dixmude are said to have been found in the nets of fishermen off Cape Marco, Sicily. Among the articles were wireless apparatus, a barometer, a pocket electric light, a French flag, an "Order of the Day," and some visiting cards. It is thought probable the entire wreck of the Dixmude is lying off San Marco.



PRINCIPAL IN ANNULMENT ACTION.

Elaine Lee Harris, southern belle, is now suing in New York for annulment of her marriage. Photo at left shows Mrs. Harris as she appeared in court; at the right, a pose in the costume of a classical dancer.

YOUTHS REMANDED FOR AUTO THEFT

Magistrate Prefers to Sentence Boys When Parents Not in Court.

Three youths, Norman Tucker, James Ingram and Wellington Haskett, all 17 years, appeared in police court this morning charged with theft of a motor car. All three have unsavory records, two of them being at present on suspended sentence. Tucker pleaded guilty to stealing the car in question, while his two companions denied they were in any way responsible. The machine was taken at 7 o'clock last evening in front of the Hale Street Methodist Church. As soon as the owner left the church and discovered his car missing he put in a call for police.

According to Ingram, Tucker possessed a key to the automobile, and suggested that the two take the car. After riding about for a time they decided to call for Haskett. The latter admitted he knew the car had been stolen. Detective Walsh arrested the boys at 10:30. Haskett refused to tell where the machine had been stalled, but finally told the owner and the detective it was on Elias street.

Ingram was previously convicted for theft of a bicycle and a motor lamp.

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon remanded the prisoners for a week. He said he could have sentenced them this morning, but preferred to wait until some future occasion when the parents of the boys were not present in the court.

CITY MANAGER PLAN IS FAVORED BY CLUB

Discussion on Subject Will Be Renewed at Friday Gathering.

Discussion of the city manager form of government will be continued by members of the Round Table Club when they meet at the Blue Dragon tea rooms on Friday. Professor Freeman of the University of Western Ontario introduced the subject at last meeting of the club, and it is now stated that a considerable group of representative citizens believe the small council-city manager form of government should be adopted in London.

Certain members of the club claim London should have a council or commission of five, elected by the taxpayers of the whole city, the mayor or chairman elected each year for one year only, and four councillors or commissioners elected for the first year, two for one year, and two for two-year terms, and thereafter two each year for two-year terms, to fill vacancies on the board and insure continuity.

Obituary

FUNERAL OF MRS. HANNAH. The remains of Mrs. Hannah, wife of the late Rev. Dr. Hannah, who passed away in Toronto, will be brought to London for interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery Tuesday morning.

CROWDS GATHER. The police could scarcely have held another individual this morning, the crowd being so great that dozens were forced to wait outside. Several drunks were picked up by constables over the week-end and all pleaded guilty. They were assessed \$10 and costs.

BRUSSELS MAN DIES SUDDENLY THIS MORNING

Brussels, March 3.—James Caidiss died suddenly at his home here this morning in his 67th year. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and one son.

CONFERENCE BEING HELD. The annual conference of executives in the employ of McConnell & Ferguson, local advertising agency, is being held at head office of the company today. Managers from Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Winnipeg branches of the concern are in the city for the conference.

News From City Churches

EPIPHANY MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Mothers' Association of the Church of the Epiphany, Manor Park, held a successful meeting recently when their speaker was Mrs. H. A. Sabine. Mrs. Sabine gave an excellent address on the work of women in the church. The association is arranging for a service of song, shortly, and the lives of Moody and Sankey will be a special subject of this.

KING STREET LADIES' AID. The Ladies' Aid of King Street Presbyterian Church held their regular meeting last Friday evening, and spent a busy afternoon in arranging for the congregational tea meeting which is to be held on April 7. A satisfactory report was that which indicated a sufficient amount of dishes, tables and cutlery now on hand.

LENTEN SERVICES. Marking the commencement of Lent, services will be conducted on Wednesday of this week, in St. James' Church, South London, at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Services will be conducted at 8 o'clock every Wednesday evening during Lent.

W. A. TREASURER. Mrs. D. B. Donaldson, of Toronto, treasurer of the Dominion Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England, is addressing the students of Huron Divinity College at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Donaldson's visit to London is a part of the plan of the Dominion executive to place the work of the auxiliary more thoroughly before the young men who are training for the church, in order that they may commence their work equipped with more than a casual knowledge of the extent and aims of the organization.

Mrs. Donaldson is giving a brief address also this afternoon to the executive of the diocesan W. A. She will be the guest of honor and speaker at a meeting in Cronyn Hall tonight, for which have been invited the rectors of the local churches, all saints' C. G. I. T.

ALL SAINTS' C. G. I. T. All Saints' Girls' Club of which Miss Frederica Warren is the president, decided at their annual meeting recently to make their chief work for the coming season that of knitting for the children on the India Reserve Mission Schools.

WHOSOEVER CLASS. Accompanied by their class teacher, Mrs. A. Dent, the Whosoever Class of Wellington Street Methodist Church held a jolly toboggan party recently. After sport enjoyed on the hills beyond the Base Line, the members returned to Mrs. Dent's home where they were entertained at supper.

JUNIOR RED CROSS SOCIETY BUYS GLASS EYE FOR CHILD

A New Branch Is Organized at the Talbot Street School.

DENA MANDAS IS HEAD. First Contribution Goes Toward Helping Seven-Year-Old Girl.

Another branch of the Junior Red Cross has been organized in the city, this time at the Talbot street school. The members are made up of the small pupils of the afternoon kindergarten and Grade I, with Miss Dena Mandas as president. Although the organization has been under way for some little time, the collection of funds and badges were received from headquarters at Toronto only Friday last. And now the small Red Cross members feel very important indeed. They conduct their meetings in the most approved grown-up fashion, and on Friday last Miss Mary Campbell presided owing to the illness of the president, Leonard Carling is the secretary.

The first contribution from this energetic little organization has already gone forward to Toronto to help buy a glass eye for a little 7-year-old girl who unfortunately has lost her eye.

Another splendid work of this junior society was the collection of a lumber of books, which the members forwarded to the library at the Byron Sanatorium.

The chief object of the Junior Red Cross Society is still in the mind of the small members of the first principles of health. It is really an interesting way of teaching hygiene in the schools, and the Talbot street school organization, although yet a young branch, is making excellent progress along these lines.

Miss Reta Karn, Waterloo street, will be the hostess of a bridge on Thursday and again on Saturday of this week.

Mrs. Gordon Milroy of Windsor, accompanied by her children, Marshall and Joan, are guests with Mrs. Milroy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pocock, Blackfriars street.

ALL SMALLPOX DEATHS EXPECTED

Border City Health Officials Find All Victims Were Those Not Vaccinated.

Canadian Press Despatch. Windsor, March 3.—Federal, provincial and local health officials were in conference here Sunday. Locally, they decided the situation is well in hand, but in view of the unusual nature of the cases, health officials elsewhere will be well advised to be on the lookout for the unusual.

The type of case at Windsor and adjacent towns is the most virulent in Canada since the Montreal epidemic of 1885. The mortality, the doctors said, in unvaccinated cases will run 50 per cent. Every death so far is in a person never vaccinated. The worst cases are hemorrhagic and die in three to five days.

These are hard to diagnose. Some resemble scarlet fever or erysipelas, others measles, and still others a mixture of the four. It was in these cases do not live long enough to develop the ordinary smallpox rash.

No new cases were reported today, but there have been nine deaths since Saturday, all directly traceable to the funeral of Gordon L. Deneau, the first victim. Dr. Fred Adams, M. O. H., is hopeful that the epidemic is on the wane, due to vaccination of a large majority of the whole population. The deaths were practically all expected, and do not indicate any serious turn in the epidemic.

EDUCATION FIGURES ARE EXPECTED TODAY

Public School Surplus Is Likely, and Collegiate Deficit Possible.

The 1923 balances of the board of education will be completed today, according to City Treasurer James Bell.

It was expected they would be ready this morning, but Mr. Bell said that Secretary Tanner had sent down some changes that prevented their completion, but that they would be ready some time later in the day.

Just what the figures will show Mr. Bell did not feel at liberty to divulge, but it is thought that a substantial surplus in the public schools, and probably a small one in the collegiate accounts may be apparent, although a deficit is also possible in the latter, owing to large sums having been spent on repairs and renewals during the year for the East London Collegiate, and which were not included in last year's estimates.

FOUR BRITISH AIRMEN MEET DEATH IN FALLS

Two Machines Collide, While Third Gets Beyond Pilot's Control.

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 3.—Four airmen were killed and three others injured in two crashes at different aerodromes in England this morning. At Duxford, Cambridge, two aeroplanes, approaching an aerodrome to land, collided and crashed to earth. Sergt. Bont, the pilot, and Officer Peck were killed in one machine, and Lieut. Albrecht and a passenger were seriously injured in the other.

At Biggin Hill an aeroplane got out of control and crashed. Officer S. W. Smith and Sergt. Lister were killed in the crash and the mechanic was injured.

TREATY IS RATIFIED. Associated Press Despatch. Rome, March 3.—Ratifications have been exchanged between Italy and Czechoslovakia of the treaty of commerce and navigation signed recently by the two countries. There was also an exchange of ratifications in connection with other conventions, granting Czechoslovakia traffic facilities in the Port of Trieste and dealing with judicial, consular and financial matters affecting both countries.

WILLIAM T. SMITH, PIONEER OF THE NORTHWEST, DIES

Former Hudson Bay Company Employee Passes Away at Home in City.

KNEW LORD STRATHCONA

William Thomson Smith, a former Hudson Bay factor, one of Canada's most distinguished pioneers, and a personal friend of the late Lord Strathcona, died in this city last night in his 87th year.

Mr. Smith was formerly manager of the Traders Bank in Strathroy and upon his retirement came to London where he has lived for the past few years.

Born in St. Andrew's, Scotland, he came to this country as an apprentice clerk with the Hudson Bay Company in 1859. His first position was at the York factory and later he went to Red River.

For many years he served at Fort Garry and with the Hudson Bay Company went as far north as Fort Wray on the Great Slave Lake. For a number of years he served as chief accountant for the Swan River district and he was in that settlement when the Red River rebellion broke out.

He was then serving under Chief Factor Campbell and at the time of the rebellion distinguished himself when he took charge of a brigade which guided women and children with provisions safely out of the country.

So interesting has been his life during the years he was in the Canadian west with the Hudson Bay Company that Mrs. D. C. McGregor of this city has compiled a book made up of short tales of his pioneer experiences. One interesting story which is included in Mrs. McGregor's book tells of a harrowing experience he underwent with Indians when he was guiding a refugee party from the Red River to St. Paul.

According to Mrs. McGregor, who has been personally acquainted with Mr. Smith for many years, following the rebellion he returned to his home in Scotland but he always yearned for the pioneer life of Canada. He returned again to this country a year later and took up a position at Fort Garry.

The book which Mrs. McGregor has written of the life of the pioneers of Canada was completed a short time ago and is now in manuscript form to be published shortly. It was the last wish of this grand old man that the book be published when he was bound and bedridden.

VANDERLIP DECLARES RESIGNATION ASKED

Retired Banker Maintains Coolidge Has Demanded That Daugherty Quit.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, March 3.—President Coolidge has asked for the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty, but has not received it. Frank A. Vanderlip, retired banker, declared yesterday, in an address at the Heights Free Synagogue.

Asked to elaborate on his assertion, or to tell from whom he had obtained the information, Mr. Vanderlip was communicative.

"I will stand on that statement, that's all," he told newspapermen, however, Mr. Vanderlip added in his speech, the president, but did not know whether his communication had been received, that Daugherty should be was to be accompanied by a "white-washing" letter.

Mr. Vanderlip said a new political party would be formed if the president did "go through with" the present investigation in Washington "wherever it leads," and purify the federal government.

HEBRIDEAN SAYS REPORT OF STARVATION UNTRUE. Canadian Press Despatch. St. John, N.B., March 3.—"The stories are the imaginings of a country schoolmaster who is writing for one of the Glasgow newspapers," was the statement of a Hebridean from the island of Harris, who arrived in St. John yesterday on the Canadian Pacific steamship Metagama, when asked concerning the reports of starvation, poverty and suffering among the people of the Hebridean islands.

The true situation, he said, was that the people were a little hard up but were short of money, but as far as actual starvation was concerned there was nothing true in the report.

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COURT WONDERS HOW REVELLERS SURVIVED ORGY

Four Men and Two Women Fined as Result of Langarth Street Party.

RUBBING ALCOHOL

Eight cans of "condensed heat" and fourteen bottles of rubbing alcohol were consumed by four men and two women in a house on Langarth street Feb. 28. One of the women was found in the throes of delirium tremens and the remainder of the party were in a "frightful condition of drunkenness," according to officers.

The men were Richard Haynes, Frank Neville, Harry Stone and Robert Andrews. The women were Mrs. Downey and Mrs. Sarah Parrott. When apprehended the gang were carrying on in a disgusting manner, according to officers.

Mary Downey, the owner of the house in which the orgy was held, intimated that all blame for the party rested with her friend, Sarah Parrott. The latter, she said, was not welcome in her house.

An officer started in police court this morning, when a charge of disorderly conduct was being heard against them, that the drink in which the alcohol was consumed was a dirty hovel with only a single bed.

How the participants managed to survive cannot be said. A large quantity of poisonous fluid baffled the court.

"If you keep on drinking that terrible stuff you will be found dead one of these days," the magistrate warned.

"Give me one more chance and I'll never drink again," Sarah pleaded. "I'm not used to drinking. I'll behave myself if you'll let me go."

The six were fined \$10 and costs each.

STREET RAILWAY STARTS IN AKRON

Temporary Ordinance Is Adopted by City Council and Lines Operating.

Associated Press Despatch. Akron, Ohio, March 3.—After 27 days' experience with buses and jitneys, Akron rejoices at the return of street cars, the city council adopting a temporary ordinance by which the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company resumed electric railway service this morning. The council granted the company permission to charge one cent for transfers, the fare without transfers to be five cents. This grant runs until Dec. 6, 1924, and before it expires a permanent franchise is to be drawn up and submitted to the voters at the November election.

Should the proposed permanent franchise be rejected by the voters, the cars are to continue operating for six months at a rate of fare to be determined by an audit and analysis of the company's books, this audit to be made before December 31, 1924.

The return of the street cars was a joyous occasion. For nearly a month Akron business men have been losing thousands of dollars a day, because women would not ride the jitneys downtown to do shopping. Workers in the factories have had to pay as high as thirty cents a day to go to and from their work—three times as much as they used to pay on the street cars. Open divers and nondescript buses brought in from outside were such poor substitutes for electric cars that the whole city was aroused.

FEE FOR PASSPORTS WILL BE INCREASED

Travellers to Europe Will Find Cost of Documents Are Somewhat Higher.

Ottawa, March 3.—Passports are planning to visit Europe during the coming spring and summer will find that they must pay more for their passports. On the 15th of this month the fee in connection with the issue of a passport will be advanced from two to five dollars, while the fee for the renewal of a passport, now one dollar, will be increased to two.

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