

ENIES SEEING LEVELS TAKEN

Trustee Edwin Smith Indignant Over Allegation Regarding Collegiate Site.

DISCUSSION WAXES WARM

Ingford Declares Plans and Specifications Were Prepared in a Month.

Who spread the report that Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the board of education, was present when the plans were taken for the new college institute and approved of the same?

During an animated discussion at yesterday's gathering of No. 3 committee of the board relative to the new institution, Trustee Smith declared that when a leading man in the city comes to him and says he has a plan that he should and watched the plans being taken it was coming to his mind.

The chairman's remarks evolved from a discussion which arose originally from a consideration of "extras" for the new building to the point of \$8,000. Trustee Bice failed to understand why there should be such extras.

Omitted For a Time.
Architect Carrothers explained that owing to the great rush to get the school under way certain details had to be omitted for the time.

Trustee A. A. Langford pointed out that the plans, specifications, etc., were prepared within a month. Trustee A. E. Silverwood remarked that some people had said that the architect was like a "cat" who would not let a mouse out of his paw.

Trustee Silverwood pointed out that the board would have to pay \$2,000 of the expected expense, \$2,000 of which would be deducted from the school fund. The trustees agreed that this was an all right thing.

Trustee Smith favored a special meeting to discuss the question of "extras" and asked to know why the original plans for a room school were changed to a room building.

They were never changed," replied Trustee Langford. Trustee Silverwood held otherwise and related that he had been told that he knew concerning taking of the levels of the school, was a member of the committee and never knew the sed was turned.

Trustee Silverwood asked the architect whether the levels were taken at the school present. He desired to know further whether anyone had been consulted.

Trustee Bryden Campbell insisted on knowing just who was present the time. Architect Carrothers replied that the contractor and him were there.

Then you assume responsibility," Trustee Silverwood said. "No, I don't," retorted the architect. "We followed the plans. We didn't move it up or down six inches."

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Talbot Street Baptist Church Opposes School Dance

AT the regular monthly business meeting of the Talbot Street Baptist Church held Wednesday evening (15th inst.), the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz., that this church put itself on record as emphatically opposed to the action of the board of education of this city in granting permission to the students to hold a dance as part of the program on the occasion of opening the new collegiate institute which is soon to take place, believing that the board's action in giving such permission is adverse to the best interests of the young people and not in accordance with the wishes of a large number of the parents and ratepayers of this city.

SUBMITS REPORT ON NIGHT CLASSES

Principal Mooney Shows 3,090 Pupils Attended Collegiate During Past Quarter.

A report on the cost of the collegiate institute evening classes for the term ending December 31, 1921, has been submitted by W. H. T. Mooney showing an aggregate attendance of 3,090 pupils during October, November and December at a total cost of \$1,692.50 including expense for janitor service.

While the trustees are unanimous in their stand that education shall be made as free as possible, they have expressed a desire for a comparative statement for 1921 and 1922 in order that they may be able to come to a decision with reference to the proposal to refund all charges to those who show a 90 per cent attendance record.

DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN GERMAN WAR PRISON

Members of Pro Patria Loyal Orange Lodge paid a fraternal visit to Beaver Lodge in the Orange Hall, Tuesday night, when the Blue degree was conferred. In addition to this visit, J. B. Armitage, County Orange Master for South Huron, was present and addressed the members.

The feature of the evening was an address, "Let Us Forget," delivered by F. Beasley, a Huron College student who spent over three years as prisoner of war in Germany.

Trustee Silverwood pointed out that extra would be provided and the principal explained that a temporary class room would be established in the basement.

Have Assurance Now.
"Well that is what I wanted to see cleared up," explained Trustee Smith. "We have the assurance now."

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WILL OPPOSE BUILDING DAM

Alderman Ashplant Claims Undertaking Would Considerably Increase Tax Rate.

WANTS POPULAR VOTE

Declares Interested Persons Hold Amusement Park Site at Springbank.

Final arrangements for placing the Springbank dam question before the city council commission were made at a quietly convened meeting of the utilities, held last Friday night, after the meeting of the heads of civic departments, called by Mayor Wilson. To this meeting, following the press conference, the following members of the finance committee on Wednesday night, Mayor Wilson explained to the aldermen, the proposal in regard to the dam, which the council was to be asked to agree to.

He holds that the dam scheme should be kept over until next year and the people given a chance to vote on it. He alleges that the scheme for the dam is being pushed this year by certain private citizens who were interested in a tract of land at Springbank on which they wished to establish an amusement park.

Decide to Build Dam.
Mayor Wilson referred to the fact that the utilities commission had held a special meeting and decided to go ahead with the dam if the council would supply the money by debentures. The meeting in question was held last Friday night after the meeting of the heads of the departments.

The yearly payments to raise the money for the sinking fund and interest charges of the cost of construction will be cared for out of the one mill park rate, said the mayor.

Mr. Ashplant said that this was nothing more or less than camouflaging the cost of the dam to the ratepayers. The cost of the dam would mean an increase in taxes.

Mayor Wilson said that the additional charge to the park rate would not increase the parks mill rate on account of the increase in the assessment total. He stated that he wanted it understood that he was not trying to foist any scheme on the council. He had discussed the matter with many organizations, and they believed that the dam would not only be a thing of beauty, but also a benefit from a health standpoint. It would also provide considerable employment.

NEW LAST DECEMBER.

Ald. Ashplant held that the parties behind the scheme to raise money about the dam last December as they did today, and they could have put forward their propaganda then just as well as they could now, and the people would have had an opportunity to vote on it then. There were many objections to adding to the debt of the city, and he was opposed to adding to the debt of the city without first having a vote of the people.

Mayor Wilson told the alderman that he knew that the reason all money bylaws were withdrawn at the last election was that the university bylaw should not be endangered.

Ald. Ashplant—And now you want to "soak them afterwards."

Are Other Interests.
Ald. Ashplant stated that there were other interests besides the public interests behind the scheme. The mayor said he did not know of them, and told the alderman that if he did, he should make his knowledge public.

The alderman said that a member of the chamber of commerce had told him, that there were a number of people who had got hold of a piece of property below Springbank Park, and they were greatly interested in having the dam built. They would establish an amusement park and make money out of it. There was not the slightest doubt in his mind that this was correct. He could not see how the matter would differ if it were left until next December, when the people would vote on it. In the meantime costs would be down.

The mayor contended that the dam could be built cheaper now than in a year from now, as the Chippawa machinery could now be secured for almost nothing.

Ald. Ashplant returned to his charge, that the construction of the dam would increase the mill rate. The chairman said that the erection of the dam would mean that \$12,000 a year would have to be raised in the taxes to care for the dam, but the mill rate would not be increased on account of the higher assessment.

MAY COMPLETE SALARY REVISION

Gathering again in special session Thursday night, the members of the salary committee of the board of education fully expect that they will be able to complete their revision of the public school teachers' salaries in December next.

Trustee Rev. A. A. Bice will provide, and the committee will consider its attendance, as usual, to members only.

Kaufman Charged With Working In Shoe Store On Sabbath Day

Judgment was reserved by Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett, Thursday morning, in the case of Louis Kaufman, shoe merchant, charged with a breach of the Lord's Day Act.

Constables Barryman and Snell stated in the witness box that they had looked over some paper coverings on the windows of Kaufman's store at 730 O'Connell Sunday night and had seen several men working. Two were in their shirt sleeves. They were carrying shoe boxes.

Mr. Kaufman stated that no work had been done on Sunday and that the constables were mistaken, and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Edward Wolfold, who admitted that he was in his shirt sleeves when the officers knocked at the door, also declared that there was no work being done.

BUILDERS AGREE THAT SUM BE HELD

Collegiate Contractors Express Willingness That \$15,000 Be Kept as Guarantee.

The board of education is in receipt of communication from the Kingston Construction Company expressing willingness that a sum of \$15,000 be withheld from final payment for the Collegiate Institute as a guarantee that any minor defects will be remedied as soon as possible.

This does not constitute a new contract, it is pointed out, but an addition to the original agreement, and will in no way interfere with other obligations.

While the school will be occupied, the trustees state, on Monday next, irrespective of what transpires, formal ceremonial is set for March 2. On the following evening, it is explained, the students will hold their own entertainment. Hon. Dr. Grant, Ontario's minister of education, will be asked to officiate at the opening formalities.

Transfer of collegiate equipment now in use in the Alexandria and Lord Roberts public schools will commence on Friday afternoon.

What has been promised as the first word of praise yet to be heard for the new structure comes from Dr. Merchant, of Toronto, formerly of the normal school, city, who conducted a thorough inspection this week, together with Trustees Silverwood and Campbell.

Dr. Merchant expressed himself well pleased with the building, and actually astonished with its appearance and condition, as judging by reports in a London evening paper, he had inferred that the school was next to falling down.

CHARGES RAILWAY BROKE CONTRACT

Canada Corn Products, Ltd., Sues G. T. R. for \$900 Damages.

Three county court writs were filed at the court house Thursday morning. The Canada Corn Products, Ltd., through Fraser and Moore, have issued a writ against the G. T. R. for \$900 damages for negligence and breach of contract in the carriage and delivery of two cars of hominy feed shipped by the plaintiff from Bridgeburg, Ont., on September 23 and 26, 1919, and consigned to the plaintiff's order in Buffalo, N. Y.

The London Housing Commission, through G. N. Weekes, have issued a writ against Robert and Sarah Neely for \$388.94 for payments due to plaintiffs by defendants under agreement of purchase of property on Garfield avenue.

E. H. Braund on behalf of Thomas E. Wright, has issued a writ against Frederick H. Coles for \$241.94 for work done and material supplied.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.—Matthew 5: 7, 8.

FROM blossom time to time of snow is but a pleasant road to go. Come, let us travel side by side. Until the last-blowed bud has died. From time of snow to blossom time. The way leads through a dismal clime. But if together, love, we fare, We shall not sigh for roses there.—Laura Blackburn.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.
FRIDAY—Brotherhood of Trainmen holds supper and dance at Masonic Temple.

THE BANK CLEARINGS for this week were: \$2,529,848, and for the corresponding week last year, \$2,713,846. A decrease of \$183,998.

SEES DANCE AS SOCIAL MENACE

Rev. J. W. Hibbert of Kingsville Wants Church to "Set Face Like Steel."

FEARS "CUSTOMS OF DAY"

London District Methodists Prepare Memorials For General Conference.

At a meeting of the London District Conference in Dundas Center Methodist Church, Thursday morning, J. W. Hibbert of Kingsville, president of the London Methodist conference, expressed his appreciation of the purpose of the meeting—that of preparing memorials to the general conference.

"The church must set its face like flint against certain degrading customs of the day," said Mr. Hibbert. "Anything which threatens to weaken the spiritual vitality of the church is a direct menace and we must not stoop to compromise. A high standard of holiness must be set before young people, even at the sacrifice of our own popularity. No compromise should be affected, particularly where dancing is concerned. It is a menace and a degradation to both church and home-life. We must teach young people the great truth, that they are not here to be entertained, but to minister."

Question Raised.
Rev. A. E. Thompson of Centennial Methodist Church, Rev. Judson Kelly of Colborne Street Methodist Church and Mr. Beal were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial on the question brought up by Mr. Thompson, of whether the widow of a man who has not been actively engaged in the work of the church should be entitled to an annuity, in the case of his death.

Under present rulings, Mr. Thompson claimed it to be the case that after serving the period of ordination, a minister could at his own request, remain without a charge for a year; renew this request year after year, to engage in other work, and yet on the occasion of his death, his widow as long as she remained such would be entitled to an annuity. Such a man after the year of his ordination paid nothing to the superannuation fund and consequently, Mr. Thompson thought, his widow was not entitled to the benefits of the conference, which would at least be \$200 a year.

Sees Objection.
W. E. Milson claimed that the objection lay in the principle which would allow a man to go year after year, nominally a member of the ministry and yet engaged in other work of perhaps a more lucrative character.

One delegate voiced the opinion that in a matter of this kind it was necessary to deal with a specific case, as no ruling could be made to which exception could be found, and which would prevent infringement upon the rights of deserving people.

A. E. Thompson proposed a memorial that henceforth the Epworth League constitution be printed in the discipline of the denomination, to be adjourned at 12 (noon), to assemble again at 1:30 o'clock.

IMPOSE TAX ON BILLIARD ROOMS

Local Poolroom Proprietors Called Upon To Pay New Provincial Levy.

Billiard and pool room proprietors, as well as the owner of the National Bowling Alleys, have just been called upon to make the first payment on the new provincial tax on such institutions as their, and the result is that a general protest is going up from the seventeen local businessmen affected. They are asking relief from the city legislature.

For years the city has taxed these institutions, the present tax being \$25 on the first table or alley, and \$10 for the remainder. Now the province comes along and levies a tax of \$20 a table.

On the basis of the tax collected by the city last year, the total of which was \$1,000, the province this year will impose and additional tax of \$3,300. This will mean that the total tax paid in 1922 by the seventeen billiard and pool rooms and one bowling alley will be \$4,300.

EXPECTS NO RAISE IN WATER RATES

It is a well-established fact that there are few things that can be purchased today for the same price as in 1908. Public utilities officials declare, however, that in London fresh water is one of these. The water rates at present, they say, are the same as in 1908, and there will be no change for 1922 seemingly.

Waterworks operating estimates for the ensuing year will claim the attention of the public utilities commissioners at their regular gathering Thursday afternoon, and General Manager Buchanan is of the firm opinion that there will be no move to raise the rates this year.

It is reported, also, that work undertaken by the Ohio Well Digging Company is temporarily held up, the drillers having returned on short vacation to their homes in Massillon. They have been engaged without a let-up since August last in a search for water in this district. They return Monday to continue their final tests.

Chief Seeks Firemen With Small Heads To Wear Undersized Helmets

FIRE CHIEF JOHN AITKEN is looking for small-headed firemen.

A peculiar circumstance places the chief's department in a strange position, hence the chief's unique quest.

The firemen are provided with leather helmets. There are those who contend that the firemen should wear these helmets at all fires. Otherwise, if a fireman is injured in the head, while going without a helmet, his insurance would be valueless.

But at the present time all the firemen cannot wear helmets, because many of them are big-headed, and find that their helmets have shrunk. They look something like a pimple on an elephant.

The chief wants the city to provide a number of new helmets costing close to \$10 each. Mayor Wilson says in a big order and asks that the chief "get along" until the estimates are reached and the city finds out whether it has the money to spend.

WILL WAGE BLUE LABEL CAMPAIGN

E. W. Kennedy Arrives in London To Organize Open Shop Fight.

E. W. Kennedy, of Niagara Falls, third vice-president of the International Cigar-makers' Union, and Jas. Sullivan, of Hamilton, organizer throughout the Dominion for the same organization, reached London Wednesday to direct a "Blue Label" campaign among the labor men of the city.

It is more than a year now since the local cigar-makers and their employers encountered difficulties. One with another, and while the employees went on strike in certain shops, they were "locked out" in others.

Addressing the London Trades and Labor Council Wednesday night, Jas. Sullivan explained that the cigar-makers had just emerged victors from a strike in Tampa, Florida, at a cost to headquarters of \$1,000,000. "We have to date spent \$35,000 in London in the same way, and we will continue."

The speaker elucidated that a campaign is to be launched immediately among the labor men of the city to fight the "open shop" movement.

CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

Just as gay and debonaire as he was 62 years ago, when he arrived in London, J. B. Cox, veteran grain buyer on the London market, celebrated his 80th birthday Thursday by wearing two huge roses on his coat lapel, and receiving the congratulations of numerous friends, both from the city and country.

"J. B." as he is affectionately known to practically every farmer who attends the London market, could make the present-day housewife weep with tales of the distant past when eggs were five cents a dozen and two fine chickens could be purchased for 25 cents.

Mr. Cox has always taken a great interest in St. George's Society, and is one of the Englishmen of the old school. He thinks that Canada is the greatest place to live in in the world, but believes it would be a whole lot better if beer of the old-time strength could be sold again.

WATTERWORTH DENIES STORY

High Constable Never Heard of Thief Captured On Pipe Line Road.

CANNOT LOCATE WOMAN

Inquiry Fails To Discover Bearer of Seemingly Mythical Name.

High Constable B. F. Watterworth of Middlesex County declares he knows nothing of a chicken-stealing case on the Pipe Line road Wednesday afternoon when it was alleged that a Mrs. J. Hill caught a chicken thief in the barn and locked him in, phoning for the county police.

According to the "story" Mrs. Hill was told by a constable at the county buildings that he could not go after the man, but referred her to another constable who in turn passed the buck to another officer, the latter advising her to get in touch with Provincial Officer Palmer who, it was discovered, was out of town. In the meantime, the thief is said to have kicked out a board from the side of the building and made his escape.

Received No Call.
"I was at the office for some time Wednesday afternoon, and certainly received no call," said the high constable. "Furthermore, I was in touch with George Tustin, who assists Mr. Palmer, Thursday morning, and he tells me that he has made a complete investigation and cannot find any woman by the name of Mrs. Hill residing on the Pipe Line road. As far as Mr. Tustin could find out, he said there was no truth in the story whatever."

H. W. Hull, grocer on the Pipe Line road, told The Advertiser Thursday afternoon that he knew of no family by the name of Hill living on the Pipe Line road, in fact, he was quite sure that there was no person by that name residing in the neighborhood. He had not heard of any chickens being stolen lately.

System Wrong Anyway.
"Whether there is any truth in the story or not, the present system under which the county police operate is all wrong," said John S. Cousin, warden of Middlesex County, Thursday morning.

"We should have one or more salaried constables, who will be on the job all the time, and who will be able to reach any part of the county in record time in a motor car. As it is now, a county officer does not get paid anything for his services unless a conviction has been obtained."

Alton Ryckman, warden of Middlesex in 1921, held the same views as Mr. Cousin. He thought that some action should be taken by the legislature to remedy this state of affairs.

MEMBERS OF THE board of education will meet in special session Monday afternoon, it was announced, Thursday morning to consider all estimates for 1922. It will be necessary also for all committees who have not completed their reports to meet again before that time.

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