LONDONER FINDS GERMANS IN THROES OF MISERY

GREAT ACTOR IS GIFTED IN MANY LINES OF WORK

Sir J[illegible] Martin Harvey First [illegible]ted in Life as Painter.

REMAINS HIS HOBBY

Managed Some of Old London's Most Popular Theatres.

With the presence in the city of Sir John Martin Harvey, who is here to play to London audiences in two of his most successful roles—as Count Skarlatine, in The Cigarette Maker's Romance, and as Hamlet, in Shakespeare's play—London extends the hospitality of her spirit and the comforts of her hostels to an outstanding Englishman, in many ways apart altogether from his profession as an actor.

The glimmer of his star of destiny across the footlights so steadily and brightly for the past few years has obscured to a certain extent other equally meritorious achievements of this extremely versatile man. Removed from the stage he would still be able to earn a livelihood, even in this age of exacting competition and commercialized art by his pen and his brush. For some years in his younger days Sir John, then plain John Martin Harvey, studied in the Slade School of Art, in old London, and to this added a period when he worked in the Heatherley studios. Always a ruling passion with him, this practical experience in line and color has been of incalculable help to him in his stage arrangements, and there is no one connected with his companies more interested and more acutely critical of the setting and values of stage mechanics as an aid to the presentation of a play than Sir John.

Of a family with a long record of naval associations his father was John Harvey, a member of the Institute of Naval Architects, and it was naval construction designing that the future actor was intended by his parents to follow. The boy, however, showed early in life such a strong predelichtion for the stage and such aptitude toward all things historic that his people, after he left King's College School, consented to his making the change, which was to result in adding one more artistic thinking man of good taste and breeding to the ranks of English c[illegible]temporary actors.

Intent On Top.

Int[illegible]ent on reaching the top rung in his chosen profession, John Harvey studie[illegible] elocution under that great [illegible] producer John Ruyder, and in [illegible] flush of his first successes mar[illegible] a charming and enthusiastic [illegible]mate in Angelita Helena De Silv[illegible], a daughter of Don Romain [illegible] Silva Ferro, a Portugese noble. His earliest appearance on the professional stage was in the Old Court Theatre, under the tutelage of John Clayton. From there he progressed to one of Wyndham's companies playing "Betsy," and after that joined Sir Henry Irving, with whom he remained for several years accompaning that great and attractive personality on two of his American tours.

His recognition as an artistic actor with more than usually gifted abilities of voice, of presence, and of that supreme ability of submerging himself entirely in any character he portrayed, came when the London critics first saw him in Maeterlinck's "Pelleas and Mellisande" at the Prince of Wales Theatre in 1898. The next year he appeared in a role which perhaps more than any other he has made his own and invested with his own personality and mannerism, Sydney Carton, in "The Only Way."

But it has not been solely in the personal side of character delineation that this versatile actor has experienced the triumphs and vicissitudes of life in the green room. He has been in turn actor-manager of the Lyceum, Prince of Wales, Covent Garden, The Court, the Apollo and the Royalty theatres in old London. In many roles and in a host of diversified plays he has proved his genius and his art. All theatregoers remember him well in such plays as "The Only Way," "The Breed of the Treshams," in which he played here some years ago; "Hamlet," always one of his most appealing parts; "The Corsican Brothers," "Richard III," "The Taming of the Shrew," Don Juan's "Last Wager," "Henry tue Fifth" and "The Burgomaster of Stillemonde."

Became Popular.

This last was a post-war play, the subject of much criticism at the time of its first production n London, but one that became exceedingly popular on this side of the water.

The actor is one of those lucky men with a penchant for a variety of indoor and outdoor interests apart from his life work. He is true to his inheritance in that painting and drawing form his most personal hobby and, as most Englishmen of his type, he is a supreme devotee of everything that means the fresh air and the open road. He is a member of the "Green Room," the "Garrick" and the "Royal Automobile" clubs—surely sufficiently different, to meet all tastes and requirements.

TEST WELL HOLES BEING DRILLED IN EAST LONDON

Test holes for wells are still being put down by the public utilities commission in the east end of the city. The work is being done in the same manner as when Engineer W. C. Curd was making his water survey here last month, he having instructed employees of the commission in his method of drilling the holes.

BANK CLEARANCES DROP.

Bank clearances for the past week show a decrease of $68,007 as compared with the corresponding week of last year. The clearances for the past week were $3,088,728. For the same week of last year, they were $3,156,733.

Leading Broker Quits Business

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 20.—Having accumulated a fortune of more than $2,000,000 in Wall Street, John Borg, one of the leading members of the New York curb market, today announced his retirement from the brokerage field and the gift of his business to three junior members of his firm. Mr. Borg started in Wall Street as a $4 a week office boy. He is now only 42 years old.

ADVISE OPENING UP BIG SECTION NEAR THE RIVER

London Town Planners Recommend Division Into Lots and City Park.

NEAR ELECTRIC RADIAL

Plans for a Greater London and a further expansion of the southeastern section of the city were under way yesterday afternoon when the members of the town planning commission recommended the openinf of a division of lots by the Service Motor Company.

The land, 50 acres in all, lies south of the River Thames, west of the London and Port Stanley Railway right-of-way and east of Wellington road and Thompson street. The plan will probably necessitate the closing of Terrace street and the opening of Weston street. The several proposals, meeting with the approval of City Engineer Near, will go to the city council for early consideration in 1924.

It is further proposed that the city purchase the northerly section of this land, abutting the river, for park and playgrounds purposes. This tract is about seven acres in size, and can be had for a reasonable figure, the city authorities have been assured. It would be the continuance of land along the river front but east of the London and Port Stanley tracks, already deeded to the city for the same purpose.

It will be necessary, with an eye to the future development of the municipality in this southeasterly direction, to construct a bridge across the river at Maitland street. It is hardly likely, however, that this project could be undertaken before the construction of a bridge at the foot of Richmond street.

PLAYERS' CLUB SEES OLD SHEPHERD'S PLAY

Members Present Nativity Incident at Home of Miss Helen Patterson.

An interesting meeting of the Western University Players' Club was held at the home of Miss Helen Patterson, Hellmuth avenue, last night, when the chief item on the program was a very fine presentation of the nativity incident from the Second Shepherd's play by several members of the club. Those taking part were: Miss Helen Patterson, Miss Helen Allison, Miss Marie Loughlin, Miss Florence McDonagh, and Miss Dona Waller, Miss Shirley White at the piano.

Previous to the presentation Miss Helen Patterson read a part of the play leading up to the nativity incident and Miss Helen Allison gave a very clever but short talk on the medisevel miracle and mystery plays. Singing of Christmas carols completed the program after which supper was served.

IGNORANCE OF LAW COSTS TAXI DRIVER $2

Harold Maker Tells His Version of Clause Governing Sign.

Harold Maker, taxi driver, didn't think it was necessary to display his taxi sign when he was driving his sister around, he told Deputy Magistrate Gladman this morning in police court.

Chief Birrell pointed out, however, that it was necessary for him to keep his license on parade all the time.

"It's been off a good many times," said Maker.

"Well, then, you've been lucky to escape," replied the chief.

"It appears it was done in ignorance," declared the court. The minimum fine of $2 and costs will be imposed this time.

JAMES GRAY AGAIN HEADS "Y" CHRISTMAS CONCERT

James Gray, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. military hospital committee, will again preside at the annual Christmas concert being provided by the Y. M. C. A. for the military patients of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, it was announced this morning by Edward Jenkins, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The banquet is to take place on Friday evening at the Sanatorium at 7 o'clock.

DR. SEABORN SAYS THE GERMANS HAVE ABANDONED HOPE

Londoner Gives Impressions of Conditions in France and Germany.

FRENCH ARE ALARMED

"The German people can see no solution to their difficulties. They believe conditions will never be rectified and are merely existing in despondency and misery."

nI these words Lieut.-Col. Edwin Seaborn, M.D., who returned yesterday with his family from an extensive tour of Europe, summarizes the situation in Germany today. Dr. Seaborn was the commanding officers of No. 10 stationary hospital during the war, which was composed almost exclusively of Londoners. In the course of his visit to Calais he inspected the old buildings once occupied by the unit he commanded and renewed intimacies with the inhabitants of that city.

In Germany, he said, there is no opening for young men. Members of the professions apply for help from the public soup kitchens and a great proportion exists through the system of free meals which has been initiated. Portugal, too, is in the throes of misery, three persons out of five being compelled to walk the streets in bared feet.

"France is petrified with fear of Germany," Dr. Seaborn said. "Only when German resistance to the Rhur occupation partially broke down did France lose any of her dread of another German invasion. The primary cause of this feeling is that the birth rate in Germany is seven times as great as that of France. France's population will decrease by five million in ten years, according to estimates, while Germany's will increase in like proportion.

"There are 2,000,000 more women in France than there are men. The reason for the fall of the birth rate is that young men and women must possess substantial dowries to be marired. This is an old-established rule, and no departure from it is tolerated by the average Frenchman.

"Social conditions do not appear bad on the surface. In Portugal, however, they are terrible. Women in all these conutries work just as hard as men. They plough the fields and are expected to labor eight to twelve hours a day."

The doctor visited Calais, the former location of No. 10 stationary hospital. He found the long hospital wards had been utilized by the French peasants. They were cut in two and made into houses. Some housed as many as 15 adults and young people. The most prosperous household, he said, lived in what used to be the hospital morgue. They pay six francs a week rent for these places.

Dr. Seaborn also visited Seaford and Eastborne where his unit was formerly stationed. n Eastborne, the Sisters of the Poor were occupying All Saints' Hospital. The mother superior, whom many Lonodners will recall, is dead.

"Conditions in England seem to be as tranquil as could be expected," Dr. Seaborn, ocntinued. "I believe the Liberals and Conservatives will ultimately get together in opposition to Labor. They are afraid of the capital levy advocated by the Labor party.

"The feeling toward the United States in France is not good, but few citizens will say anything against America because they recognize the powerful position she holds in world affairs. France's real enmity is toward England. They blame England for not taking her part in the Ruhr question an dthere is no doubt but that France represents the greatest menace to Great-Britain today. In 1914 it was Germany, but now it is France.

"It is the universal belief that the United States and Great Britain should come together in some sort of an undertaking. This would probably solve many of the problems with which Europe is at the present time confronted.

"Spain is imitating South America industrially and socially. The result is that she is making great strides. The most contented country in Europe is, of course, Italy. No unemployment or strikes exist there."

Dr. Seaborn, his wife and daughter Ina remained in various parts of Europe for a year. Yesterday they returned to their home at 469 Clarence street, where the doctor will resume his practice.

GUESTS OF GOVERNOR HAD ENJOYABLE TIME

Cockshutt Urges Officials of Two Counties to Aid in Unemployment Situation.

"A most enjoyable time," was the verdict of the 150 residents of Middlesex and Elgin counties who accepted the invitation of Lieutenant-Governor Harry Cockshutt to luncheon at Government House, Toronto, yesterday.

Speeches were made by Mayor Wenige, London; Warden Ross, Middlesex; Mayor Craven, St. Thomas; Warden Dromgole, Elgin, and Peter MacArthur of Appin.

The lieutenant-governor, in a short speech, urged his hearers to help the employment situation as much as possible, and to give employment to as many persons as possible during the coming winter.

UTILITIES OF '23 TO HOLD LAST MEETING TODAY

The public utilities commission will meet for the last time in 1923 this afternoon at 3:30 p.m., when the business for the season will be finished. Felicitations and congratulations will be in order, while as far as business is concerned, General Manager E. V. Buchanan states that only routine matters will come up for discussion.

DIBS AND DABS —BY HARRY MOYER

News From City Churches

ST. MATTHEW'S M. C.

"Four Days On the Open Sea," "Winter Sports at Montreal," "Lake Louise," "Logging on Vancouver Island" and "A Trip to Alaska" were the subjects of the reels shown by the C. P. R. at the meeting of the Men's Club of St. Matthew's Church. Two solos by L. A. Betts were enjoyed. Rev. T. J. Charlton occupied the chair and an orchestra was in attendance.

WILLING WORKERS M. B.

A pleasing feature of the meeting yesterday of the Willing Workers' Mission Band of Wellington Street Methodist Church was the presentation of a life membership certificate by Mrs. Evans to her son, Ralph Holliday Evans. The mite boxes were brought in and were found to contain $9.56. Two little gifts were presented by Mrs. Holliday, president of the W. M. S., to the two little girls whose boxes contained the greatest amount, Miss Janet Maul and Miss Florence Field. Jimmie Lee occupied the chair and Rev. George Watts led in prayer. Miss Florence Field read the Bible lesson and the secretary's and treasurer's report were given by Miss Aileen Burnett and Miss Margaret McCoy. The roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture. Guests of the band yesterday were Mrs. Holliday, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Bremner, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Philmore and Mrs. George T. Watts. Dainty refreshments were served at the close, when the older girls assisted in serving. Mrs. H. Maul had charge of the well-attended meeting.

ADELAIDE STREET L. A.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Adelaide Street Baptist Church yesterday the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. Maynard; vice-president, Mrs. J. Dey; second vice-president, Mrs. Sid Reed; secretary, Mrs. J. McNaughton; treasurer, Mrs. R. Greensides; envelope secretary, Mrs. C. Mason; flower committee, Mrs. Wigmore, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. J. McNaughton; purchasing committee, Mrs. D. H. Gillies, Mrs. H. Watson, Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Bert Summers; robing committee, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Farrburn; Christmas cheer, Mrs. McKermoid, Mrs. C. Mason and Mrs. W. Chamberlain; pianist, Mrs. J. Dey; convener of the tea committee, Mrs. D. Trimmer. Arrangements have been made to have a large open tea at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

EGERTON STREET CONCERT.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Egerton Street Baptist Church was held this week, to the great delight of the Sunday school children, of whom there was practically a full attendance. Adult members of the congregation were also well represented and equally enjoyed the successful event. The splendid program included orchestral selections by the Sunday school orchestra, led by Paul Sasch; a chorus by the beginners' department, in which about 70 took part; pageant, "The Holidays of the Years," by the primary department, led by Belva Mills; reading, Miss Thelma Jervis; exercises by Miss Wallace's class; radio sketch by Frank Main's class; chorus by the girls of Miss Stanley's class; dialogue, "Giving or Getting," by Miss Longhurst's class; chorus by 20 boys of Bert Silver's class; dialogue, "Taking the Census," by Miss Parsons; instrumentals by Miss Grace Flood and Joe Outram; humorous dialogue by Mrs. Teeple and Mr. Joan of the Hope Mission; dialogue by the Invincible Class; reading, "Unawares," by Miss Belva Mills. After the program the White Christmas took place, when all the children donated their gifts of groceries, fruit, etc., for the needy families of the city. Later each child on the Sunday school roll received a box of candy.

CAROL SINGING.

One part of the Christmas program laid out by the Girls' Auxiliary of St. James' Church, South London, was successfully carried out on Tuesday afternoon, when they visited the Victoria Home and spent an afternoon singing carols for the patients there. In addition to the carol singing, there was a solo by Mrs. George Parkinson, all of which added greatly to the enjoyment of those who are dependent largely on visitors for their Christmas cheer. Mrs. Roy Bingle acted as accompanist. At the conclusion of the program, Miss Griffith served refreshments, and the girls were thanked heartily for their thoughtful visit.

EGERTON ST. L. A.

The Ladies' Aid of Egerton St. Baptist Church held the concluding meeting of the year on Tuesday afternoon of this week, at the home of Mrs. J. Knowles' St. Julien street. Little business was transacted of other than a routine nature and the meeting became largely a social affair, at which Christmas plans were talked over. Mrs. Knowles served refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Wilcox.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The King's Daughters of Christ Church have decided on a lovely plan for their Christmas work. This will be the sending of a flowering plant to every sick or aged person in the parish. The society are also arranging to assist with the distribution of Christmas baskets throughout the parish. These plans were made at their regular meeting this week.

CENTENNIAL W. M. S.

The Christmas meeting of the W. M. S. of Centennial Church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. B. Moore, 842 Lorne avenue, with Mrs. George St. Clair presiding. The splendid program for the afternoon was prepared by Mrs. Rusky and her helpers. Mrs. S. Bolton read the Bible lesson and a Christmas solo by Mrs. J. Page was beautifully rendered and greatly enjoyed. Mrs. T. R. Wright gave a very helpful talk on "Christmas Stewardship" and the Christmas story told by Mrs. J. P. Dundas was very interesting and helpful. At the close of the program, refreshments were served by the group in charge and a sociable half hour was spent.

"I SERVE" CLUB.

The "I Serve" Club of Cronyn Memorial Church are planning two very special Christmas functions for the Rescue Home at Bethesda Hospital and for the Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Home, the two Salvation Army institutions in which they have particularly interested themselves. The party at the Rescue Home takes place on Christmas Eve and is under the convenership of Miss Dorothy Gleason. Santa Claus will accompany the club on the visit and there will be a distribution of presents. The party at the children's home, during the holiday week, is being arranged by Mrs. Fred Buskard, Jr., and the members will take with them a huge pie, which will reveal not "four and tweny blackbirds" but a great many delightful presents for the youngsters.

PACKING BASKETS.

The Ladies' Aid of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church meet this afternoon to pack Christmas baskets for the seven families whom they have taken under their care. Previous to the mid-week prayer service last evening, a shower of fruit and groceries and vegetables was held and a substantial quantity resulted.

CONDITION OF TELEPHONE POLE VICTIM IMPROVED

The condition of Thomas Barrett a Bell Telephone Company employee who was seriously injured yesterday morning when he fell off a telephone pole at Elizabeth street and Central avenue, was reported this morning by his physician to be improved. He was taken to Victoria Hospital yesterday and was found to be suffering from a fracture of the pelvic bone.

LIONS WILL GIVE SPLENDID TREAT FOR CITY ORPHANS

Members of Local Club Plan Extensive Tour of City.

SANTA TO GO ALONG

The Lions' Club are to provide a splendid treat for dozens of orphaned youngsters in the city on Friday afternoon as a part of their Christmas program. A large truck has been secured by the committee in charge, and on this will be loaded a gaylydecorated Christmas tree with Santa in attendance. Thus provisioned, the truck will make the rounds of the local orphanages. The journey commences at five o'clock, and the truck will visit the Day Nursery, Mount St. Joseph, the Protestant Orphanage, the Ronald-Roy Gray Home and the Thomas Allway Hall Home, reaching the latter institution about eight in the evening.

The Christmas tree will be aglow with Christmas stars and lights, and Santa will make his distributions to the accompaniments of music.

Obituary

HENRY RANDELL.

Henry Randell, aged 83 years, ided at Mount Hope yesterday. He was a resident of London for 14 years and formerly lived at Zurich.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. Zettle, Zurich, Mrs. W. Broughton, London Township; four sons, Phillip, Hanover, William and Peter of the Canadian west and Joseph of Cleveland.

The funeral will be held from the Funeral Home of E. C. Killingsworth on Friday morning to St. Peter's Cathedral where requiem high mass will be sung at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Peter's Cecetery.

FREDERICK F. PEPPER.

The death occurred early yesterday morning of Frederick F. Pepper at his home, 242 Wharncliffe road north. Mr. Pepper had been ill five weeks.

He is survived by his wife and one son. Mrs. George Fralick of this city is a niece.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 3:30 to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services at 3 o'clock by the Rev. M. Dewey.

CHESTER R. WATSON.

The funeral of Chester Ralph Watson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester S. Watson, who died on Monday, was held yesterday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. MacGregor officiated.

ELIZABETH C. DEWAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Costello Dewan was held yesterday morning from the family residence, lot 2 concession 8, London Township, to St. Peter's Cemetery.

She was born in Caradoc Township 78 years ago, and has resided in London Township for the past 53 years.

Mrs. Dewan is survived by her husband, Michael D., and six sons, John of California, Patrick, James, Michael, William and Francis, all of London Township; two daughters, sisters in St. Joseph's Community, London.

Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church at 10 o'clock by her nephew, the Rev. Father Costello of St. Thomas, assisted by Father Forester as deacon and Father Tierney as sub-deacon. Services at the grave were conducted by Father Tierney.

The pallbearers were: John Howe, Walter Costello, Thomas Fallon, Thomas Jordan, F. Lewis and W. Costello.

JAN. 25 IS DATE OF NEXT AMATEUR BOXING PROGRAM

Secretary Glennie and Vice-President Fenton Resign.

NEW AMENDMENT

The London Garrison A.A.A. boxing committee announced last night that the next card of amateur bouts would be staged Jan. 25 at the armories. The executive apparently has decided to alter their original program of staging five cards during the winter. Some splendid amateur boxing is still in store for the fans, but the impression gained at the last card was that there was not enough talent in the district to make five cards interesting and attractive to the fans.

The advisability of the Garrison A.A.A. promoting professional bouts was discussed, but the suggestion received little encouragement, and the association will continue to limit its activities to the amateurs. A queston was raised whether the Garrison A.A.A. could stage professional bouts, but no one was prepared to give any answer.

Secretary J. A. Glennie resigned as secretary, giving as his reason inability to find time for the duties, and with regret his resignation was accepted. E. S. Sheard, secretary of the London and District F. A. and a popular official, was appointed as his successor.

Captain Fenton resigned as vice-president, and Captain Crouch, of the Hussars, was appointed in his place.

The constitution of the Garrison A.A.A. provides that all athletes must be registered with their respective units on or before Dec. 1 of the current year. An amendment was added which gives athletes joining the permanent force the right to compete within thirty days of enlistment.

After some discussion, members of the headquarters staff were given the right to compete for any unit they selected to attach themselves to.

Chairman Burns and the boxing committee received much commendation for their work in the last boxing tourney. Their report showed a handsome profit.

ARMY ECLIPSES FORMER RECORD OF IMMIGRATION

Progress of Past Year Reflected in Millfield Lodge Report.

A record of progress in immigration work eclipsing that of any previous year is reflected in the annual report of the local Salvation Army Immigration Department, given out this morning by Adjutant Smith, head of Millfield Lodge, where local immigration is handled.

Eleven widows and thirteen children were brought to this district by the Salvation army. Thirty-three boys have been placed on farms in Western Ontario in the past year and 273 Scotch and English domestics have received positions locally. The number of immigrants brought out from the old country this year is far in advance of the number brought out in 1922. Only 132 domestics were placed in the city that year. This is the first year that boys have been brought out under the auspices of the Salvation Army to receive positions on the farms in this district.

Mrs. Commissioner Higgins, wife of Commissioner Higgins, who is second in command of the Salvation Army, inspected Millfield Lodge last week, and according to Adjutant Smith, she was greatly impressed with the excellent work which has been accomplished in the past year by the local department. Plans are already being made to bring out a greater number of immigrants in 1924, and it is expected about 40 boys will be placed on the farms in March.

This evening a Christmas dinner for all Salvation Army domestics in this district is to be given at Millfield Lodge.

C. N. R. ACCIDENT VICTIM WILL BE BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Tennyson Brill, who died in Ingersoll yesterday from shock as a result of an accident the day previous on the C. N. R., will be held from his mother's residence, 737 Princess avenue, on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral will be in charge of the Railwaymen's Brotherhood. Interment is to be made at Woodland Cemetery.

WILL LAUNCH JOHNSON'S CAMPAIGN IN JANUARY

Cleveland, Ohio., Dec. 20.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson's campaign for the United States Republican presidential nomination will be launched in Cleveland the night of January 3, when he will address a mass meeting at the Masonic auditorium.

HOLD DEBATE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Cavan, Dec. 20.—An interesting debate was staged on Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Guild in Cavan Presbyterian Church on the subject, "Resolved that emotion plays a greater part in man's life than reason." The affirmative was taken by Lula Fulton, Evelyn Howard and Elizabeth Hamilton, while the negative by Kenneth Stanbury, Harold White and Harry Strang. The decision was given in favor of the affirmative. The judges were Miss L. Jeckell, Tom Pryde and H. Bowers.

MANY TEACHERS GIVEN PRESENTS AT ENTERTAINMENT

Fine Program Marks Christmas Party at Hope Sunday School.

READINGS A FEATURE

From the opening address, through the splendid program, and finally to the joyous arrival of Santa Claus, with his heaping bag, the Christmas entertainment held last evening by the Sunday school of Hope Baptist Church, Westminster, was a complete success.

Each department of the school had some part in the well-rendered program, and an evening which had its happy culmination in the distribution of candy and nuts and oranges by the very jolly Santa, was marked also by a number of presentations to many of the teachers. C. North, the Sunday school superintendent, and who acted as chairman throughout the evening, was presented with a large turkey and a message of appreciation from the students voiced by Mr. Teeple.

Mr. Tiffin, on behalf of the Bible Class, was presented with a pair of gloves. Mrs. Murray was presented by Miss E. Kelly, with a lovely silk scarf from her missionary class of young ladies, and Belford Pittaway presented Mr. Murray with a pair of gold cuff links from his class of young men. Mauretta Summer representing the Happy Harvesters' Class, presented the teacher, Mr. Shaw, with a handsome pair of gold cuff links.

The program included the opening speech, "Christmas," by Edward Phoenix; recitations by William Gordon, Clifford Teeple, Margaret and Mary Van Coolie, Harold Stanley and Marion Pittaway and Rita Dobbie; readings by Maurine Haldine and Loretta Sumner; instrumentals by Laverne Carrol and Miss Spettigue; guitar selections by Edith Hill; an exercise, "The Can Brigade," by Miss Webster's class; "Katy Did," by Mrs. Murray's class; "Hiring a Maid," by Mr. Shaw's class; "Our New Phone," by the Misses Haldine; "Misunderstanding," by Mr. Doan and Mrs. Teeple of the Bible Class, and "Our Lysander," by the young people.

Orchestra numbers were furnished in splendid fashion during the program under the direction of Douglas May.

Preparatory to this event, the Sunday school rooms were beautifully decorated in a pretty Christmas scheme.

MERRIMAN PLANS ENTERING RACE FOR REEVESHIP

Three-Cornered Fight Now Seen in London Township.

The municipal fight in Westminster Township grows apace.

Wesley Merriam, Byron, is the latest entry for reeve, which makes the contest for that position a three-cornered one. The present reeve, John S. Cousins, is out for re-election, while Deputy Reeve Walter Laidlaw stated last week he would likely be in the field.

In conversation with The Advertiser this afternoon, Mr. Merriam stated he had heard that ex-Councillor Robert Brown was also anxious to head the township council in 1924.

Mr. Merriam said he had been asked to run for reeve by a number of people on account of his experience in road work. He has been a road foreman for 20 years, he said, and had been interested in highway matters for the last 40 years.

William Boler of Byron is running for first deputy reeve, and should he and Mr. Merriam both be elected, the village of Byron will be well represented in the township and county council.

WORKMAN'S BODY SEVERED WHEN CAUGHT IN SAW

Special to The Advertiser.

Elmira, Dec. 19.—Fred Helbain came to his death instantly at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when his body became entangled in a circular saw at the W. J. Letson sawmill, four miles west of Elmira. His body was severed in two.

Helbein was working near the log carriage at the time of the accident, and in some manner slipped on the carriage. He lost his balance and fell against the whirling saw. Before it could be stopped Helbein met his death.

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