

ARMY WILL FEED 6,000 CHRISTMAS

Many Are Pathetic Cases of Poverty Brought to Officials' Attention.

Christmas dinners for 6,000 needy people will be distributed by the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve. Over 400 applications have been received at the Army headquarters on Clarence street.

In one home visited by Ensign Laxton today conditions were beyond description. The father is paying \$20 for \$25 a month for the rent of a poor shack which offers no protection from the cold.

The Clarence street canteen is alive with the preparation of the Christmas dinners. The telephone is busy all day.

The officials take the names and addresses of all needy officers take the cards and start out to see the people in want. The number of young men engaged in the work is noticeable.

Brig. McAmmond said today that \$700 is expected to bring the amount received in the past year to that of \$1,500 was taken in.

Many donations have been received. They have varied from handsome checks donated by individuals to little sums by child grannies.

The first four envelopes opened at the headquarters today showed the donations from the First Methodist Church, the L. P. P. club for \$21.31.

With pulleys 15 feet deep to be filled in the course of the new driveway at Springbank park, frost-hardened soil is giving city workmen considerable difficulty.

With such a condition, it will take until midsummer, possibly August, for the new road to thaw and settle.

However, the work is progressing and, with constant travelling after traffic gets on the road in the spring, it is expected that a fine driveway will finally result.

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Number of Students Attending in December Are 765—77 Adolescents.

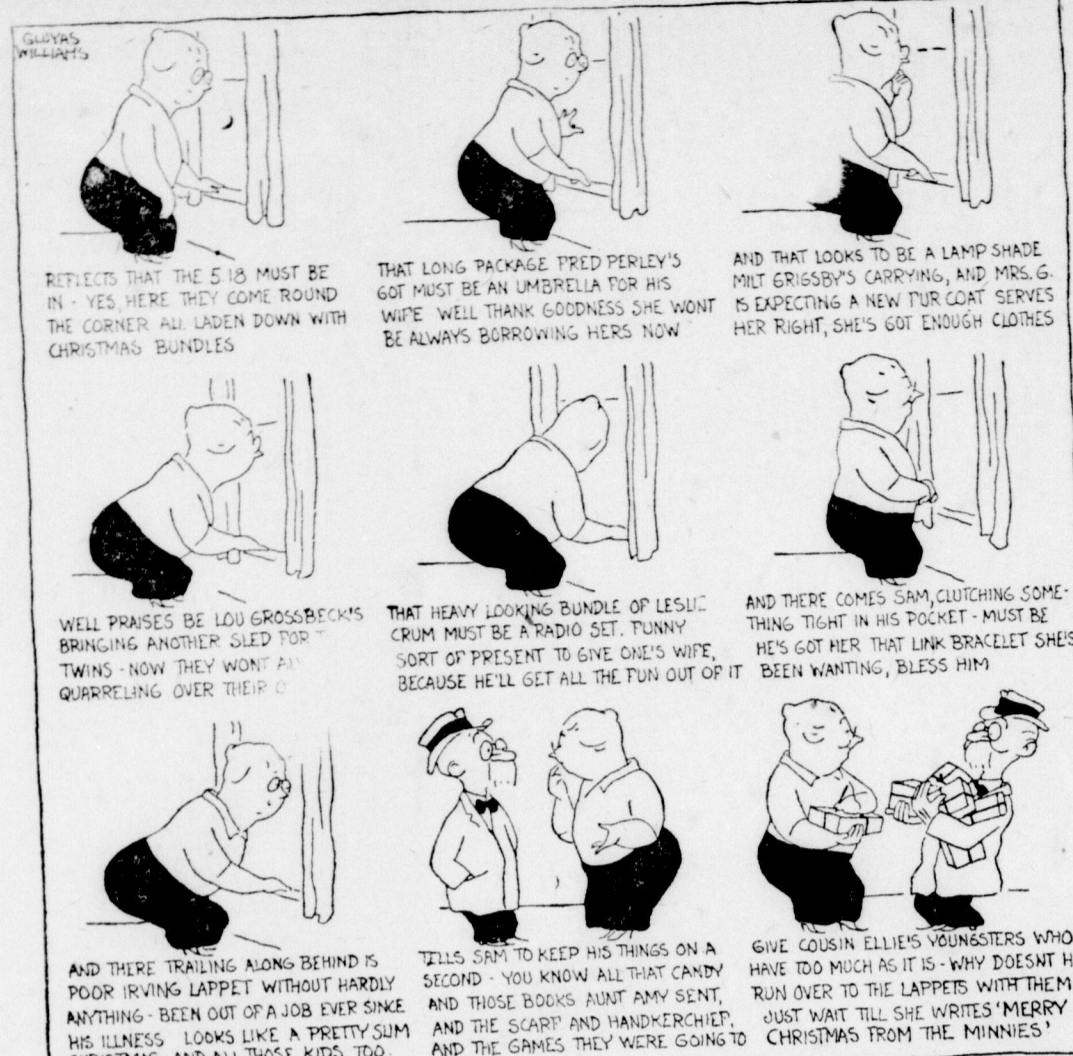
December enrollment at the London Technical high school totalled 765 students, as compared with 537 at the corresponding time last year.

There are 765 students in attendance at the evening classes this year, while last year at the same time there were 642 students out.

The adolescent class has 77 pupils in attendance.

Comparative figures for 1923 and 1924 as to the different years are as follows:

SUBURBAN HEIGHTS—THE OBSERVATION POST.



REFLECTS THAT THE 5 IS MUST BE IN YES HERE THEY COME ROUND THE CORNER AND LADEN DOWN WITH CHRISTMAS BUNDLES

THAT LONG PACKAGE TIED PERLEY'S GOLF MUST BE AN UMBRELLA FOR HIS WIFE. WELL THANK GODDESS SHE WON'T BE ALWAYS BORROWING HERS NOW

AND THAT LOOKS TO BE A LAMP-SHADE MILT GRIBBY'S CARRYING, AND MRS. G. IS EXPECTING A NEW FUR COAT SERVES HER RIGHT, SHE'S GOT ENOUGH CLOTHES

WELL PRAISES BE LOU GROSS BECOMES BRINGING ANOTHER SLED FOR TWINS—NOW THEY WON'T QUARREL OVER THEIR OWN

THAT HEAVY LOOKING BUNDLE OF LESLIE CRUM MUST BE A RADIO SET, TUNNY SORT OF PRESENT TO GIVE ONE'S WIFE, BECAUSE HE'LL GET ALL THE FUN OUT OF IT

AND THERE COMES SAM, CLUTCHING SOMETHING TIGHT IN HIS POCKET—MUST BE HE'S GOT HER THAT LINK BRACELET SHE'S BEEN WANTING, BLESS HIM

GIVE COUSIN ELLIE'S YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE TOO MUCH AS IT IS—WHY DOESN'T HE RUN OVER TO THE LAPPETS WITH THEM JUST WAIT TIL SHE WRITES 'MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MINNIES'

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ECONOMIC PARLEY SEEN EARLY IN '25

Ottawa Believes Imperial Committee Will Meet Shortly After Christmas.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—While no definite official advice has yet been received, it is assumed in official circles here that the Baldwin government will take steps shortly after Christmas to call together the proposed imperial economic committee.

The committee of stimulating will consider the devolution of preferential tariffs. So far as the marketing of foodstuffs and agricultural raw materials originates in the British Empire is concerned, three principal methods of assistance have been suggested: (1) Import licenses; (2) subsidies; (3) stabilization of prices.

Reports from London that the Baldwin government has decided on a system of import licenses are not confirmed by official sources. The assumption is rather that the whole question will be referred to the imperial economic committee for consideration.

It is noted that the system of import licenses was considered by the food and material committee of the imperial economic conference last week. Sir Philip-Lloyd-Greene, president of the board of trade, and the committee did not recommend a system of prohibition and licenses.

The committee took the view that the operation of a licensing system would produce a paralyzing effect in trade from the point of view of the producer. In the case of meat, the committee held, there would be difficulty in deciding not only how much the producer should kill but also at what size he should maintain his herds, and he would probably find further difficulty in negotiating with shipping companies for freights for the disposal of tonnage.

In view of the unfavorable report of the food and material committee last year it is not thought likely in official circles here that any general system of licensing in regard to meat supplies will be adopted by Great Britain. There is, however, every desire expressed to give full consideration to any method which may be proposed for improving empire trade.

SAVE FOR NEXT YEAR. After the Christmas festivities are over and the tree must be taken from the house be sure and save the needles—or as many as it is possible to save—for the open Christmas tree next year.

The dried needles may be packed in a box, plainly labeled and then put away where they will not be forgotten a year hence. They burn with a delightful glow and a pleasant scent.

PAY NOT ADVANCED. Since the majority of the employees of the public utilities commission are paid weekly, the ghost will not walk before Christmas Day this week. Heads of departments are paid every two weeks, and since they were paid on Dec. 15, no need is felt for advancing pay day as far as they are concerned.

VERBATIM INSPECTOR. Chasers of five cats and two dogs have decided there won't be any Christmas cheer for the animals this year, and phoned Inspector Tustin of the Humane Society this morning to come and get their pets. The inspector had the seven animals parked in his sedan this morning awaiting a street car half hour in an endeavor to stop a cat and dog war.

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And that, in other words, the slide is intended primarily for youngsters and not for the grown-ups.

The idea was expressed that the commission's first consideration was for the children, and that if the grown-ups desired a toboggan slide they should form a club and construct their own slide.

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It is the intention of the commission to build two channels, the latter to be of frozen snow. Instead of blanking, as at first intended, the commission feels that the slide can be constructed well within the sum of \$250, which is the maximum set aside for the purpose.

AGRICULTURISTS COVER 20,900 MILES IN YEAR. R. A. Finn and his assistant, J. F. Andrews of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture, travelled 20,900 miles this year in the course of their activities in the county, according to the annual report made public today.

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Air Mail Pilot Leaps To Death

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Trusting his life to a few yards of silk composing his parachute after his aeroplane failed to function in a blinding snowstorm, Clarence Gilbert, air mail pilot, last night leaped into space high in the clouds over the little town of Kaneville, Ill., and lost his gambler's life.

His body, with strands of the parachute, which failed to operate, still attached to his belt, was found near Kaneville today, shortly after farmers had found his wrecked plane with its burden of mail after a 15-hour hunt along the air mail route.

GEORGE TUSTIN OFFERS TO FEED ALL ANIMALS

Inspector George Tustin of the humane society is going to make sure that all cats, dogs, horses, canaries, etc., in the city are going to have a merry Christmas.

"I wish you would tell the people that if they know of any animals that won't have enough to eat on Christmas, to let me know about it. I'll see that they get something to eat," said the inspector.

"An old man of 75, who hasn't any feed for his old horse, called on me for help yesterday. He thinks more of that equine than some people do to their children, and he can't bear to part with him. I have even paid the man with two bales of hay and two bales of straw."

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BLUE BOY CHIEF MUM ON PLANS

Concentration on Ward Three Provides Interesting Talk Among Members.

Whatever is at the bottom of the Blue Boys' inn, otherwise known as the new ward three Conservative association rooms at Hamilton road and Rectory street, Dr. Cameron Wilson, president of the association, is saying nothing about it. What is more, Chris. Hawkins, president of the Conservative club, knows nothing about it.

Ex-Mayor Cameron Wilson was the epitome of brevity this morning when the Advertiser asked him when the new rooms were to be opened.

"I don't know," he said. "Not before the new year, at an early rate. I have no news for publication," and he hung up.

The president of the Conservative club was more enlightening. "I know nothing at all about those club rooms in London East," he said. "The first thing I know that club rooms were being prepared over there was when I read it in the Advertiser. I have no idea when they will be opened or in fact why they are being prepared at all. The central rooms of the club will, of course, be opened shortly after the new year, but I cannot say anything about ward three."

Several members of the association wonder why it is that the president of the association should know no more about the opening of club rooms for the social side of the Blue Boys' activities, and the president of these activities know nothing. However, they say that they will find out the reason or die gallantly in the attempt.

The next general meeting of the association, which should be held early in January.

It is rumored that there was a consultation in the house of Dr. Wilson last night, and that some members of the executive gathered with the chief to discuss plans and strategy. No reliable information could be obtained about this, but the left wing of the Blue Bird, the wing which is said to be capable of flying in its own candidate when the time comes, is determined to do a little rum work in this matter, also in time for discussion at the general meeting.

The dahlia retain their natural appearing beauty, but the vendors of the popular flower have been termed a "nuisance" by police and they must seek other fields to sell their Christmas beauties.

Six of the peddlers were summoned to court this morning. Two failed to show a license and were fined for a breach of a city by-law. The others, who had secured licenses, were told by the police that no longer would they be allowed to halt citizens. Their licenses were cancelled.

For two days the peddlers have been playing hide and seek with patrol constables. They parked their wares on main street intersections but hurriedly gathered together their flowers and ran upon the approach of an officer. They were finally rounded up, however, and in court this morning declared that business in London had been flourishing.

CONDUCT COURSE. The courses in millinery and household science to be held from Jan. 5 to 30 at Komoka in connection with the short course in agriculture, will be in charge of Miss Vera McRoberts, Florence, Ont., and Miss Evelyn Shortreed, Guelph, R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture states.

The courses are arranged through the women's institute branch of the department of agriculture and is open to women and girls of Komoka and the surrounding district.

10,000 EXPECTED AT YULE CAROLS

Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs Complete Plans For Victoria Park Event.

With a fine night and no wind, the sponsors of the community carol singing in Victoria park hope to have 10,000 people in the park tomorrow night. B. B. Manning of the Kiwanis club, and E. V. Bachmann of the Rotary club have completed their plans for holding this Christmas event.

The band of the Salvation Army under Bandmaster Woods will lead the singing, and the large numbers of members of the two clubs together with members of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs who have promised to come guarantee plenty of volume of singing. The full program for the evening is as follows:

God Save the King. O Canada. O Come All Ye Faithful. Good King Wenceslaus. Silent Night. God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen. Good Christian Men, Rejoice. Deck the Hall With Holly. Hark, the Herald Angels Sing. Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow.

SELLERS OF "DAHLIAS" ORDERED OFF STREETS

Vendors Termed