

AGREE TO BUY SCHOOL LAND

Board of Education Decide On Eleanor Street Property.

PURCHASE PRICE \$9,000

Trustee Mrs. Hunt Questions Acquisition of Rug For Collegiate.

Despite the opposition of five of their number, the school trustees, in regular session Tuesday afternoon, approved of the recommendation to purchase three acres of land on Eleanor street upon which in time it is proposed to build a public school to provide for that portion of the city between Pottersburg and High-bury avenue. The price for this property is set at \$9,000.

"The question has been asked on the street," declared Trustee Thomas Rowe, "if certain members of the board are interested in this property. I can give you my word that I am not. I would like to ask the chairman of No. 2 committee who the owners of this particular tract are."

"I can't do that," replied Chairman A. A. Rice. "I dare say that the information can be obtained through."

"Well, do you know if it is a member of the board?" questioned Trustee Rowe.

"Not that I know of," was the chairman's emphatic reply.

"My only object for asking this," explained Trustee Rowe, "is because of these rumors outside."

"At the last meeting," asserted Trustee Udy, "I asked to have this matter deferred in order that all the members of the board would have an opportunity to view the land in question. I have seen the land, and I do not believe that there is sufficient room to the south of the school to draw pupils from. It is but a short block to the railroad. We should have a more central location. This proposed school, I understand, will have to take care of the district of Ontario and north of Dundas streets."

Room for Streets.

"I also visited this site," Trustee Rowe explained, "in company with Inspector Greer. To my mind the district north and south is nothing. I think that if Trustee Udy walked over the portion south to the track he will find there is sufficient room to place two streets."

Inspector Greer pointed out that although it may have appeared that he had approved of the site such had not been correct. In his opinion the site in question and another one nearer Dundas street were both good. Trustee Hayman was decidedly in favor of purchasing the latter site, holding that in time this school when erected, would have to take care of a district lying north of Dundas street.

\$18,000 Against \$9,000.

Trustee Mrs. Hunt referred to the fact that while the site upheld by Trustee Hayman consisted of two acres, the price sought was \$18,000 as against \$9,000 for the three acres already recommended by the committee.

Trustee Hayman contended, however, that although it might involve a larger expenditure, care should be exercised in order that future pupils would be adequately provided for.

The \$9,000 site was approved, however, by a vote of 7-5.

A proposal to sell the brick building on Aukin street, near the playgrounds, was referred back to No. 2 committee for further consideration. Trustees Rowe and Campbell objected to an immediate sale on the grounds that every care should be taken that the taxpayers in that district should be fairly dealt with, as it had been suggested to have the building removed and the land placed at the disposal of primary pupils as a playground.

The question of lights for the new Victoria School was also referred back to the committee. Trustee Campbell contending that keen judgment should be employed in the awarding of the contract.

Protest Rug Purchase.

A promising controversy was narrowly averted when the report was submitted from No. 3 committee. Trustee Mrs. John I. A. Hunt questioned the expediency of placing a rug on the floor of the domestic science classroom at the collegiate institute.

Trustee Rowe said that he was inclined to uphold Mrs. Hunt on this point, claiming that such a suggestion, emanating from a female member

of the board, should arrest the attention of the male members.

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Carelessly Took Drink. Then Walk With Bottle, But Is Dismissed

A CITIZEN, who proved to the satisfaction of Deputy Police Magistrate P. H. Bartlett, that he had taken some whiskey procured on a doctor's order and had then left the bottle from his pocket, was allowed his liberty when he appeared in police court Wednesday morning.

According to the witness, he had undergone an operation at the hospital and had been given the "per." He drank the whiskey in the house, but wanted a little fresh air and had gone out for a walk when he was arrested.

"I think that this man is telling a perfectly straight forward story," declared the court. "I don't think that section 41 of the O. T. A. is meant for this purpose. This man obtained the liquor legally and was using it for a legal purpose. He had an operation and came home and used it. I find the charge not proven."

LAMBETH FORMS BROTHERHOOD

An enthusiastic group of men met in the banquet room of the Lambeth Methodist Church this week, with the primary object of discussing the advisability of organizing a branch of the Men's Brotherhood.

After luncheon, Rev. J. N. Norton of London, organizer for Western Ontario, explained in a very interesting manner the aims and benefits of such an organization to the church and community. Short addresses were given by Rev. J. E. Hunter, E. T. Balfour and others, which brought out a very lively discussion. It was decided to form a brotherhood.

During the evening T. H. Hamlyn rendered a vocal solo, which was well received.

Officers elected were: Dr. Colling, president; J. Mitchell, A. Nichol and A. K. Sadler, vice-presidents; T. H. Hamlyn, secretary, and Wm. Pack, treasurer.

"U." HISTORY CLUB HEARS ADDRESS

A. R. Ford addressed the March meeting of the History Club of the Western University at the home of Miss Catherine Campbell on St. George street, Tuesday night.

Mr. Ford spoke on "Conservative Politics of the Past Fifty Years." At the February meeting E. W. Grange spoke on "Liberal Politics of the Past Fifty Years."

The final meeting of the club for this season will be held next month, and will take the form of a dinner. It was announced that Captain O'Leary, probably one of the best-known newspapermen in Canada, will address the club. Mr. O'Leary attended the imperial conference last June.

D. COSHEN WILL ADDRESS MEETING OF SWITCHMEN

Railroad Employees to Gather in London Labor Temple, Sunday.

At a general mass meeting in the Labor Temple on Sunday afternoon next, D. J. Coshen, of Buffalo, international president of the Switchmen of America, will address the switchmen employed in the local Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railroad yards.

For the first time since the so-called "outlaw" switchmen's strike across the border early in 1920, has any attempt been made to reorganize the switchmen in Canada, and during the past few weeks an extensive campaign for membership has been carried on throughout Ontario by organizers from Buffalo and other American points.

While the local officials of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trammens, with which body the local yardmen are now affiliated, contend that there will be no withdrawal from their union, members of the switching branch of the service reiterate their determination that they shall start a local lodge of their own.

The local trainmen will also meet on Sunday next.

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DELAY OPINION ON CITY FINANCE BODY

Board of Education Shelves Decision On Proposed Commission.

ASK COPIES OF BYLAW

Incomplete Estimates to Date for 1922 Total \$1,049,000.

To all appearances the members of the board of education are not greatly enamored with the proposed city finance commission. While Mayor Cameron J. Wilson at Tuesday's gathering of the trustees urged that they adopt the step even as an experiment, the latter were seemingly adverse to any snap verdict.

Following the mayor's appeal, Trustee Thomas Rowe moved that the question be laid over until the special meeting of the board scheduled for Thursday. Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman, favored immediate action, but Trustee Rowe explained that certain members of the board had been asked to prepare estimates of education in Toronto for an opinion on the matter.

Devote Further Thought.

Declaring that neither he nor the city council were endeavoring to take advantage of the board or other civic bodies, Mayor Wilson was quite willing, he said, that the trustees devote further thought to the suggestion. He explained that every civic body with as was at hand, he sent to each of the trustees. This will be done, and it is expected that the question will come up for definite approval or otherwise Thursday.

Trustee Bryden Campbell moved that copies of the finance commission by-law, together with such correspondence as was at hand, be sent to each of the trustees. This will be done, and it is expected that the question will come up for definite approval or otherwise Thursday.

With No. 1 committee's estimates totaling \$412,000, as submitted at Tuesday's meeting of the board, the amount required to date, exclusive of the estimates of No. 2 and No. 3 committees, is set at \$1,049,000 of which is asked for building purposes. The reports from No. 2 and No. 3 committees will be presented at the special meeting Thursday, when the entire estimates will be considered. It is expected that the estimates, exclusive of what is asked for construction, will total \$1,000,000 or more.

Recommend Additions.

Upon the recommendation of Senior School Inspector Greer, the board approved of the proposal to make certain additions to the superannuation grants allowed the older long service teachers, whom it is claimed do not benefit to any great extent under the present provincial grants. Inspector Greer explained that this would not add to the board's expenditures.

RELIEF WORK OF CITY IS NEAR END, SAYS MAYOR

Work Possible in Winter Weather Done and No Relief Until Spring.

The city is practically at an end of its relief work to aid unemployment. Most of the gangs have been laid off, and the few remaining on the city force will be out in a short time.

"We have cleaned up all the work we will be able to do until spring, and so haven't anything we can offer you," was the reply of Mayor Wilson to a citizen seeking work Wednesday morning.

Mayor Wilson said the city had carefully canvassed the situation and found that all the work that could possibly be done in winter weather had been carried out. When the frost is out of the ground, and then only will the city be able to again relieve the distress by providing work.

Sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and street cleaning, will then be the order of the day, and there will be work for everyone.

Mayor Wilson stated that he believes work will open up about April 1, and in the meantime the city can only help out those in want by giving relief to worthy cases.

CASE AGAINST DRIVERS OF BEER TRUCK DISMISSED

Ed. Hornick and Oliver Connor Found Not Guilty of O. T. A. Violation.

Ed Hornick and Oliver Connor of Windsor, drivers of the beer-laden truck captured by Sgt. Middaugh and Constable Gavin Monahan on the afternoon of February 24, had the case against them dismissed Tuesday afternoon in police court.

They were charged with having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling.

As soon as the case was concluded the Kuntz Brewing Company of Waterloo was charged with violation of section 70 of the O. T. A., which deals with the seizure of liquor in transit. It is not known just when the charge will be heard.

The evidence at the morning session, when Hornick and Connor were being tried, proved highly interesting to police court followers.

PROVIDE CONCERT AT WESTMINSTER

The soldiers at Westminster Hospital were tendered a concert by the Young Peoples' Society of the Chelsea Green Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening.

The society was assisted by Miss V. Leff, Master William Duncan, Miss B. Duncan and Miss G. Leff. Miss D. Mitchell delighted the audience with many dances, including the "Horn Pipe" and the "Gypsy Dance."

James Haynes gave a brief address. The concert was concluded with refreshments and a dance. Those who took part were: Misses D. Mitchell, D. Bruce, E. Haynes, M. Haynes, K. Wilkinson, V. Leff, G. Leff, M. Snow, V. Brazier, B. Duncan and Messrs. J. Spiers, J. Whitelaw and J. Haynes.

SUSPENDS SENTENCE ON YOUTH WHO STOLE ELECTRIC BULBS FROM AUTOS

Ernest Hill, who pleaded guilty on Monday to stealing electric light bulbs from two motor cars, was allowed out on suspended sentence when he appeared for sentence Wednesday morning in police court.

"This boy is only 21 years of age," said Albert Judd, who appeared for Hill. "He is married and has a little baby only three months old. He has never been in any trouble before and if you send him down it will mean that his wife, who is only 13 years of age, will have to suffer. The foreman of the shop in which

Hill works gave the boy a good character.

"I am not pressing for a severe sentence against this man," stated A. R. Douglas, for the crown. "I think that his wife should be taken into consideration."

Questioned by the court, Hill said he was earning \$24.75 a week. "That's mighty good wages," observed the court. "I am going to suspend sentence on you, but I wouldn't do it but for your wife and child. It is fortunate for you that you are in that position."

SENT UP FOR TRIAL ON BETTING CHARGE

Julius Siskind, Charged With Recording Bets and Pools on Premises, Has Bail Renewed.

BOOK FOUND IN SAFE

Claimed It Was Used for Business, But Horse's Names and Other Documents Were Contained.

Well-Known Minister Has Preached In Many of City's Methodist Churches.

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Methodist Pastor of St. Mary's Accepts Call to Peterboro Church.

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FIND BUNK BROS. POSSESSED STILL

Mike and John To Be Sentenced On Monday By Deputy Magistrate Bartlett.

MIKE HAS ALIBI

Says Friend From St. Thomas Left Still In His Keeping For Few Days.

The charges against John and Mike Bunk of having stills in their possession, were not looked upon as being "bunk" by Deputy Police Magistrate P. H. Bartlett, when John and Mike stood up in police court Wednesday morning. The court found the charge proven in both cases, and will pronounce sentence next Monday.

John resides at 515 Simcoe street, and when the police visited him on the afternoon of March 1, they found six bottles of homebrewed whiskey, a boiler, part of a worm, and a large quantity of mash upstairs, ready for distilling.

The analysis showed that Mr. Bunk's liquor tested 14.7 proof spirits.

After Mr. Bartlett had found the case proven, W. R. Meredith, for the defence, announced that Mrs. Bunk wanted to give evidence.

"I can't take evidence now, the case is closed, and the entry made," declared the court.

Mike Bunk came to bat with an excellent alibi, which the court turned down.

Michael declared that a week ago Saturday night a man from St. Thomas, Steve Barron, came to his house at 63 Maitland street, with a still and all the trimmings, including a mash, barrel, etc.

"He said hold them a little while and I come and bring them back," stated Mike.

Walter Poleski, a friend of Mike's, was in the house when Steve arrived with all the trouble in a wagon.

John Melik started in to tell the story of his life, but was cut short by Mr. Meredith. John said he met Steve on the street, and the latter told him that he was going to leave his stuff at Mike Bunk's house till he got a better place.

"BUILDERS' CLASS HOLDS BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Young Women's Builders' Class of the Talbot Street Baptist Church was held Wednesday night in the auditorium of the Sunday school. The tables were beautifully decorated, the color scheme carried out being green and white. At the conclusion of the supper an interesting program was rendered, those taking part having responded to enthusiastic encores.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Harrison. The class is under the supervision of Mrs. Edwards, and a large membership is recorded.

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City Council Holds Back Ultimatum To Gas Company

THE city's reply to the City Gas Company's proposal for a conference with a view of settling the gas rate for the coming year, has not yet gone forward.

Last Wednesday night the request of the Gas Company for a conference was discussed by the finance committee. The committee decided to inform the Gas Company that if it would withdraw its application to the Legislature for a rate of \$125, the city would meet them.

It was contended that by making application to the Legislature, the Gas Company was out of court and that only by withdrawing this application could the city deal with them.

Mayor Wilson decided, however, to think the matter over before sending forth the city's ultimatum. He had intended bringing the matter before the council on Monday night, but overlooked it.

It may be that the reply will be held up until the finance committee has a chance to look at the request again before an answer is given.

MACHINE GUNNERS PROVIDE BANQUET

One hundred officers and men of No. 1 company and headquarters of the Second Machine Gun Brigade attended a banquet given in the armories last evening.

Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, officer commanding, presided over the banquet. In a speech during a brief toast list, Col. Coles thanked the men for the splendid support they had given the unit since its formation and during the time drills were being held.

The Second Machine Gun band was in attendance before the banquet.

Afterwards progressive euchre and a sing-song occupied the rest of the evening. Sergt. G. Taylor won the first prize in the euchre. Harold Boyd was second.

A REAL JOVIAL party of about 50, consisting of the First Presbyterian Church choir, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. George Lethbridge, 290 Princess avenue, on Tuesday, March 7. The evening's enjoyment commenced with prizes offered for the best story told. Rev. Dr. Beattie acting as judge. The roars of laughter could be distinctly heard at Komoka. Cards and games were enjoyed, and a tasty lunch was served. Mrs. Beattie was one of the guests.

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TRY HEWITT ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Counsel For Defence Objects To Wording of Allegation.

COURT ORDERS CHANGE

Crown Summons Thirty Witnesses To Give Evidence For Prosecution.

Charged with having liquor for sale, the case of Albert Hewitt is being proceeded with in police court Wednesday afternoon as little progress was made late Wednesday morning.

A. M. Judd, counsel for Hewitt, took objection to the wording of the charge, "having liquor for sale on March 4, and prior thereto."

"I am quite prepared to go on with the charge reading the 4th of March, but the rest of the information is vague. The date and time should be specified," declared Mr. Judd.

"Zetter confine the case to March 4, although I will allow anything showing the surrounding circumstances," said the court.

"Part of my evidence deals with before March 4," stated Chief Birrell.

"I will allow any evidence that shows he had liquor there before March 4," replied Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. Judd insisted that the information should be changed.

"I know that the information is far-reaching, but that is necessary in this case," smiled Chief Birrell.

"Well, I think that I will strike out the 'prior thereto' declared the court.

"I'll ask for an adjournment and lay an information against every time that I have," stated the chief.

After some further discussion the information was amended to March 5, as it was the midnight hour, Saturday, when Inspector Lucas and a trio of officers entered Hewitt's domicile and took a list of the names of the party present and an inventory of Hewitt's stock of liquor.

Some 30 witnesses have been summoned by the crown to give evidence in the case. The court room was jammed with spectators and even the stairway leading to the court was full filled with witnesses.

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