

LONDON MAY GET PLOWING MATCH

Dr. H. A. Stevenson Starts Move to Bring Big International Event Here.

RETURNS GREAT

Quick action will bring to London the international plowing match. The plowmen's association meets on Friday in Toronto, and if London's bid for the match is received by then, the city's invitation is likely to be accepted. Wires were burning today following the efforts of Dr. H. A. Stevenson, ex-M. L. A., to get the city councilors interested in the big annual event. Information was being sought at Woodstock and Sarnia, smaller centers, which have successfully entertained during such events in past years. Indorsement of the mayor and several others of the council has already been secured and though cold water was tossed on Dr. Stevenson's proposals last night, it is hoped that efforts will finally be rewarded.

Trade Would Jump

"London businessmen would get \$100,000 in trade during a match," Dr. Stevenson told a reporter today. "If the visitors do not put up at hotels, they will visit relatives or friends in the city. That means that city folks will have to stock up with more provisions from the merchants. The match is held well on in the fall and it would be a good chance to sell winter clothing to the visitors. Amusement places and restaurants will also do a big business. The city cannot go wrong in bringing the plowmen here."

"I became interested in these big matches while I was a member of the Ontario government," Dr. Stevenson explained. "I went to several of them and was surprised at the great interest taken. People came from all over the province, from Ohio, Michigan and other American states. There was a big display of farm machinery and the gasoline stions sold much gas for the scores of tractors that were brought in. In a three-day match people come by the thousands."

Would Advertise City

Dr. Stevenson believes that such a gathering would help the city wonderfully in an advertising way and would bring an enormous sum of money into the coffers of merchants. He has information to show that 10,000 people would be in the city for the event, and points out that there is plenty of property around the Ontario hospital grounds, which could be used for the event. The cost to the city would be about \$2,000, part of which would be returned from fees collected.

"I am strong for making London a convention city," the mayor declared. "My policy is to get the people into the city first, and then business will look after itself. Money would be well spent if we can get this match here."

Look at Detroit

"Detroit was built up by conventions and automobiles, but the conventions were there first," his worship pointed out. "They made the city a center renowned for its hospitality, and that brought business and citizens to Detroit."

Ald. Harry Bottrill, chairman of No. 2 committee, and several other councilors are strong for having the match held here. Ald. Bottrill stated today that if it is good business to make a grant to the convention, the policy is wise for most all conventions.

Telegraph information was being sought by the city clerk and the mayor today and special action may be taken during the next few days to secure the plowing match.

ARCHDEACON G. B. SAGE INVOCATION SPEAKER

New Empress School Will Be Formally Opened on February 17.

Ven. Archdeacon G. B. Sage, rector of St. George's Anglican church, west London, will have the honor of presiding over the invocation exercises when the new Empress public school is formally opened on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 17.

Dr. S. J. Radcliffe, principal of the Toronto Normal school, will declare the new building officially opened and deliver the address of the afternoon.

Trustee S. F. Lawerson, chairman of the board of education, will act as chairman of the afternoon program being prepared by the board. Administrator V. K. Greer, M. A., and Principal R. G. Fowler will also participate in the program, which will be completed by a number of choruses by the pupils of the school under the direction of E. W. G. Quantz.

The evening program, which will be in the nature of a community get-together, will be conducted entirely under the direction of Principal Fowler and his staff. It will embrace chiefly the operetta "Cinderella," and "The Goblins' Fair."

WESTERN ONTARIO TO SEND MANY TO C.P.R. DANCE

Employees of the C. P. R. have arranged to hold a dance at the station tomorrow night, when the spacious offices of Superintendent F. M. Foster will be cleared of desks and all traces of business, for the reception upwards of 150 guests.

Invitations have been extended to employees all over the province, as far west as Windsor and east to Toronto. Goderich, Guelph and Chatham will be well represented. A special sleeper will be attached to the Toronto train to bring the guests from that point.

Many of the officers will be present. Among these will be H. C. Grant, general superintendent, Toronto; W. Fulton, general passenger agent; M. H. Brown, district freight agent; E. M. Rutter, superintendent, London; Harry McCallum, city ticket agent; W. J. Anderson, district freight agent, and others.

MANITOBA TO CUT LICENSE COSTS AND RAISE GAS TAX

Premier Bracken Announces Deficit of \$144,508 in Budget Speech.

KING CRITICIZED

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 3.—Manitoba's budget was brought down at a late hour last night in the legislature by Premier Bracken, provincial treasurer estimating expenditure for 1925-26 at \$10,698,412.04; revenue, \$10,463,904.04; deficit, \$144,508.04. For the eight months ending April 30, 1925, he estimates an expenditure of \$7,283,175.11; revenue, \$7,115,356.90; deficit, \$167,818.21. On income tax, the premier outlined a proposal raising exemption for children from \$300 to \$500 each, and providing for exemption for dependents. A further reduction of the supplementary revenue tax is expected of \$40,000 or \$50,000. A reduction is also proposed in the automobile tax, but an increase is forecast in the gasoline tax to three cents per gallon, less certain exemptions.

The department of education plans reducing the grant to secondary schools to equalize opportunities of children within and without these districts, and the university board will be asked to operate at lower cost.

Previous to the presentation of the budget, labor members of the house launched an unopposed debate during which Prime Minister Mackenzie King was criticized for his stand taken on this problem, and his government could not grant further relief to the provinces, a feature of the debate being the participation of Mrs. Edith Rogers, Liberal, with the labor members in the criticism of the federal leader.

RAKOVSKY CONFIDENT OF RECOGNITION BY U.S.

Soviet Official Believes Russia Is Creating Better Impression Abroad.

Associated Press Despatch. Moscow, Feb. 3.—Soviet Russia is daily becoming more sanguine of American recognition and Bolshevik officials seldom lose an opportunity to tell the people that the United States will be forced to re-establish relations with Russia before the end of the present year.

Addressing a large gathering of Kharkov communists yesterday, Christian Rakovsky, soviet charge d'affaires in London, who is on a special speech-making tour, said: "I am proud to say that the United States this year, not because I have received information from private sources, but because of the prevailing international situation, brought about the recognition of soviet Russia by France, Japan, Italy and other countries. This is a great step. The United States will be forced to recognize us by the end of the year."

NORTHERN RAILWAYS ARE HANDICAPPED BY STORM

Canadian Press Despatch. North Bay, Feb. 3.—Related reports of last Saturday's heavy storm in northern Ontario make it evident that it was one of the most severe of the winter. Charlton reports the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway branch line was snowed out all Saturday evening and no trains could get through until midnight and then in the wake of snowfalls. As a result Saturday's mails were not distributed until Monday. One Park road country roads practically obliterated by heavy snow and gales and settlers are still busy digging out roads to towns. In many of the rural districts no church services were held on Sunday as both clergymen and congregations found travel impossible.

SHOPMAN LOSES FINGER IN MONDAY'S ACCIDENT

Albert Harrison, 25 years old, of 173 Langart street, an employee of the C. N. R. carshops, had his finger crushed while working at the shops yesterday afternoon.

FAMOUS PUBLISHER DIES

Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 3.—John Lane, the London publisher, who for many years conducted the Bodley Head publishing business here, died last evening of pneumonia. He was in his 71st year. His widow, who was Annie E. daughter of the late Julius Eichberg, of Boston, has written extensively for numerous magazines and is the author of several books. Mr. Lane was founder of the Yellow Book and was art editor of it from the early years of its publication, and his recreation was the collection of art objects.

SLEIGHRISE PARTY

The members of the staff of the C. N. R. car department office, their wives and friends, enjoyed a sleighride party on Saturday night. Following the ride the balance of the evening was spent in music, cards and dancing at the C. N. R. library, Campbell street. G. Fisher, superintendent of car equipment, won the prize at euchre. The evening was brought to a close with the serving of lunch.

TAXI DAMAGED

The front of a taxi owned by the Blue Bonnet Company and driven by H. Vetheroot, was damaged this morning in a collision with a motor car on Richmond street owned and driven by Dr. A. H. Laidlaw.

Doubts Almost Stop Payment

Canadian Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, Feb. 2.—Two local merchants demonstrated their native caution to Magistrate Fraser today. They appeared before him and explained their difficulty. One owed the other and was willing to pay, but afraid he would not get a receipt. The other was willing to give a receipt, but afraid he would not get his money. Mr. Fraser took the money and receipt and made the exchange, leaving both satisfied.

BIRTHS IN LONDON SHOW INCREASE

Property Transfers During the Past Month in City Total \$175,000.

The unclothed stranger was a more or less frequent visitor at the doors of Londoners last month. No less than 115 births, an increase of 15 per cent over January of last year, were reported last month. January of last year showed births of 48 male babies and 52 females. This year there were 58 female babies born in London, with just one less boy.

There were 44 marriages in January, three more than for the same month last year.

Deaths recorded last month numbered 98, which was 15 more than for the same month in last year. There were 57 female deaths and 41 male.

BUILDING PERMITS

During January, 18 permits were issued through the city engineer's office. Buildings estimated to cost \$45,250 were authorized, as compared with 22 permits, with \$225,400 for January of 1924.

The largest work authorized last month was alterations, costing \$19,000, by the Thomas Furniture Company to the Nicholson-Dickson building, Richmond street. The McDonough estate secured a permit to make alterations in the burned Orth block, Dundas street, at a cost of \$7,000, and R. H. Smith was permitted to remodel a dwelling for an apartment house at a cost of \$5,000, by the public schools, at \$2,500, with total estimated cost, \$28,500.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Property valued at \$175,000 exchanged hands in London last month, \$1 transaction providing this total. Considerable land was transferred. A vacant lot was disposed of. Property on the watercourse, North Mill street, was sold for \$10,000 by C. S. Hyman and other owners to the Hyman Leathers, Limited. Property on Dundas and North Marshall streets was sold by Frank McLean to Ed. and Solomon Sady for \$11,500.

PLUMBING INSPECTIONS

There was a falling off in plumbing installations during January. During the month 50 permits were issued, \$152 in fees collected, and 80 inspections made. Four defects discovered were made good. In January, 1924, 63 permits were issued, \$178 fees collected and 76 inspections made.

DEPTH OF PORT HARBOR BEING TAKEN BY OFFICIALS

Canadian government representatives have been sent to Port Stanley and the other ports along Lake Erie to determine the exact depth of the water in the harbors. These men are boring holes in the ice at Port Stanley and measuring the depth with scientific instruments.

The main reason for doing this is to assist the dredge when she arrives at the port next spring to deepen the harbor.

HEAVY LOAD OF WOOD HALTS RICHMOND STREET TRAFFIC

When a heavy load of wood proceeding east on King street this morning struck on the street railway tracks at Richmond and King streets, traffic was held up for nearly 20 minutes.

If it had not been for another sleigh, which was going in the same direction, the load might have been there for a much longer time.

TWO DRUNKS PAY

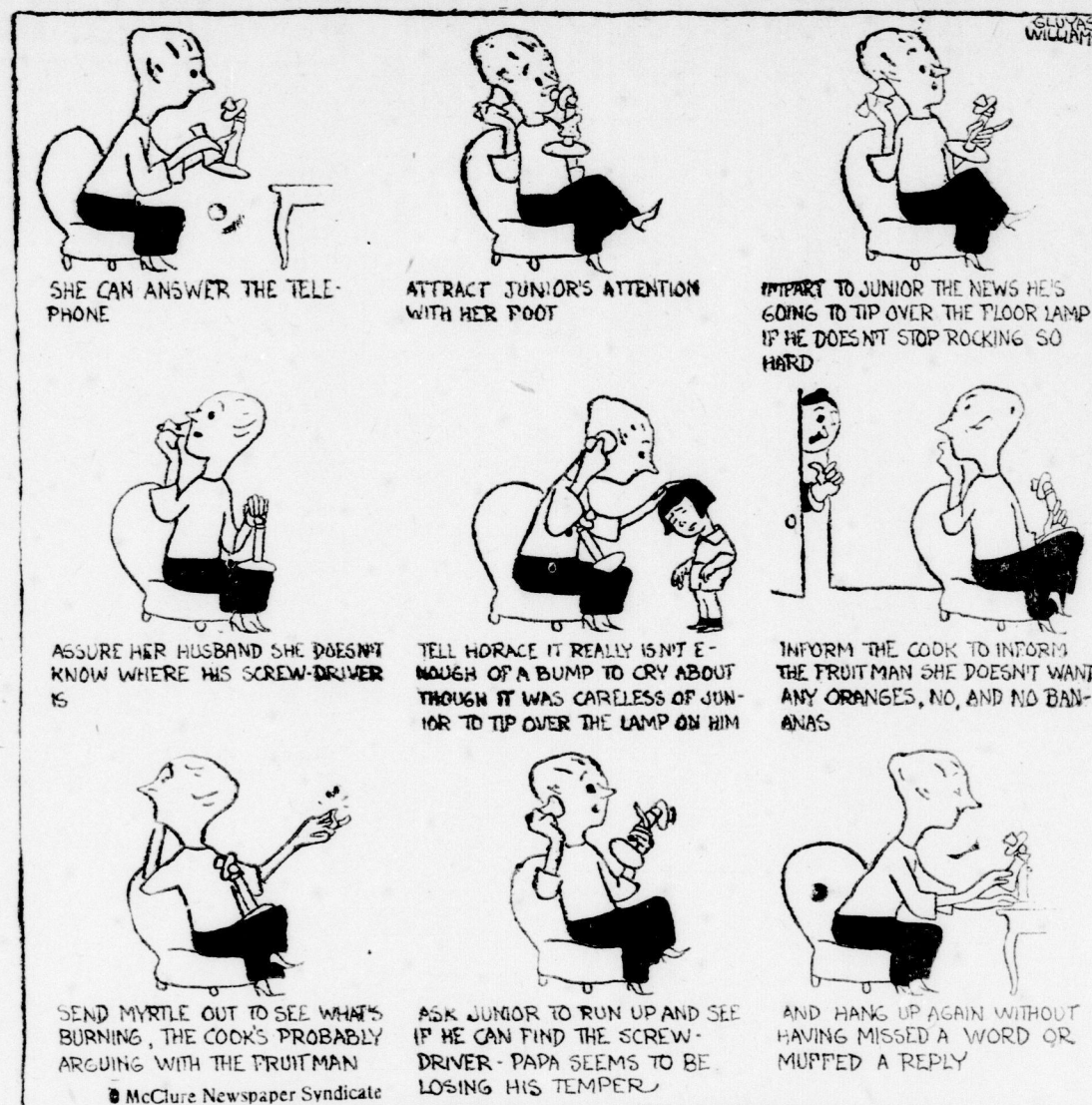
Two drunks contributed \$10 and four cents to the police court treasury today after they pleaded guilty to the O. T. A. breach.

Remarkable Table Carved For Crypt In Mausoleum

A most remarkable table which will be placed in the Anderson family crypt at the Woodland Mausoleum has just been finished by an old man in his 82nd year. C. E. Anderson, who lives at 359 Dundas, has made a hobby of wood carving for more than half a century, and now that he is retired from active business gives a good deal of time to this work.

The table in question, which is merely one of a number of carved pieces which have taken shape and form under his artistic fingers, is made of old walnut which Mr. Anderson has had for some time and which one year ago he selected as being

HELLO! HELLO! A HEROINE ON THE TELEPHONE.



NOTED WOMAN SAVANT COMING HERE IN APRIL

Visit of Miss L. M. Faithfull, M.A., J.P., of England, Is Eagerly Awaited.

One of the foremost woman educationalists of England is scheduled to pay a visit to London early in April in the person of Miss Lilian M. Faithfull, M.A., J.P., fellow of King's college, London, Eng., and formerly principal of the Ladies' college, Cheltenham, Eng.

Miss Faithfull is touring Canada from March 1 until May 24, touching the larger cities from coast to coast and speaking under the auspices of the National Council of Education.

The visit paid by the city by J. L. Paton, former principal of Manchester Grammar school, England, a few months ago, will be well remembered locally. As Mr. Paton spoke on behalf of the education of the boy, Miss Faithfull comes to speak on behalf of the education of the girl.

Arrangements for Miss Faithfull's visit to London are in charge of Dean W. Sherwood Fox of the university of Western Ontario, and V. K. Greer, M.A., administrator of the board of education.

THREE HUNDRED CHILDREN ENTER KINDERGARTEN

As was anticipated, the enrollment in the kindergarten department of the public schools yesterday for the mid-year term touched a record. Over 300 five-year-olds or near five-year-olds registered.

There are 19 kindergartens in the primary schools and each registered from 16 to 39 new pupils. The enrollment in the public schools was swelled thereby to 8,338 pupils.

TEMPERATURE 2 BELOW AT EIGHT O'CLOCK TODAY

Another below zero period swept the city last night, and early this morning, when the mercury dropped to four degrees below.

At 8 o'clock this morning the temperature had moved up to two below. Then as the sun shone it started to climb, reaching sixteen above.

SKATING PARTY

The members of the Y-Knot club of the Y. M. C. A. held a skating party at Victoria park rink last night. Eleven couples were present. Following many happy rounds on the ice, the party returned to the Y. M. C. A. where a program of games had been arranged.

Silverman Will Be New Manager

Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 3.—Mickey Silverman, Cleveland, will manage the London club of the Michigan-Ontario league this summer. It was announced here last night. He formerly was with Toledo.

MISSION DELEGATES WILL RETURN SOON

Nine Londoners Attended the International Parley in Washington, D. C.

Londoners who attended the North American foreign missions conference in Washington, D. C., Jan. 28 to Feb. 2, will be returning to the city within a day or two. Of the 209 Canadian representatives at the convention, London had nine, while three others were unable to attend.

Attendance at the conference was limited to 5,000 persons, and Canadian representation was as follows: Congregationalists, 6; Baptists, 19; Presbyterians, 75; Methodists, 100. Not since the conference held in Edinburgh some years ago has such a representative conference been attempted as this one, which was called by the foreign mission board of Canada and the United States for the purpose of informing and inspiring all Protestant churches.

Eminent Canadians who spoke during the conference were Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, D.D.; Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C.; J. H. Gundy and Rev. James E. D. D.D. of Toronto.

Those who attended the conference from London were: Rev. Wm. Beattie, D.D., and Mrs. Beattie, Rev. H. J. Ure, D.D., and Mrs. Ure, Rev. J. Bruce Hunter, Mrs. Gordon Wright and Mrs. J. M. McEvoy. Those who were unable to attend were Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D., and Mrs. MacGregor, and Mrs. J. D. Detwiler.

STAIRS AT SOUTH HIGH ARE DECLARED SAFE

Upon investigation, board of education officials declared that the stairs in the South collegiate institute, formerly the Victoria public school, are quite safe.

A visit was paid to the school this week by Trustee S. F. Lawerson, chairman of the board; Trustee Wm. G. Murray, himself an architect, and E. K. O'Connor, city building inspector.

The statement given out this morning by the education offices was as follows: "It was agreed by all that the stairway, in which the tread had been broken recently, was quite safe provided the conditions in the building as a whole warranted no danger to the students of the school."

FIRE PREVENTION DRIVE IN SCHOOLS GETS START

Meeting yesterday afternoon in the office of City Clerk S. Baker, the newly-appointed fire prevention committee discussed proposals for furthering the campaign. G. A. Wheable, public school inspector, and Mrs. A. T. Edwards were appointed a committee to provide a school program during the campaign.

H. Hayman, R. J. Fuller and Ed. Penny were appointed a committee to go over the city building bylaw and seek revisions.

Meetings of the general committee will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms in the future.

MANY ATTEND

Large attendances and many conversions have marked the revival services being held in the Tecumseh and Edward streets chapel of the Salvation Army as being one of the most successful evangelistic efforts made in the Army here for some time. Envoy Ferris of Sarnia is in charge of the meetings. They will be carried on for the next three weeks.

VISITS HOSPITALS

W. F. Sherwin, hospital secretary of the Y. M. C. A., visited Westminster hospital this afternoon. He took books and candy to the soldier patients there.



MAYOR A. D. CAMERON.

chief executive of Mitchell, who is now serving his fourth term in office. He is recognized as one of the most consistent workers in behalf of his home town, and is held in high esteem by all who have had the pleasure of meeting him.

THEATRE EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN REMAND

Ryan and Parker Will Be Sentenced on Two Charges.

Richard J. Ryan, former manager of the Majestic theatre, and Fred Parker, former treasurer, were remanded one day for sentence in police court this morning after they had pleaded guilty to charges of theft and the unlawful sale of amusement tax tickets which should have been destroyed as provided by the amusement tax act.

The men were arrested two weeks ago after a charge of theft of \$329 had been laid against them by W. A. Marriot of Hamilton. They first elected trial by jury but the following week pleaded guilty. The charge of infringement of the amusement tax act was not laid until last week, and the men were remanded on the charge to appear in Magistrate Graydon's court today.

Shortages in the box office receipts at the Majestic theatre led the management to make an investigation. Later, officials of the government amusement tax department arrived in the city to inspect local theatres, which resulted in the second charge being preferred.

TELLS ORGAN'S HISTORY. C. E. Wheeler, organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church here, and president of the Canadian College of Organists, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Evolution of the Organ" in Knox church, St. Thomas. The occasion was the monthly meeting of the branch of the Canadian College of Organists in that city.

THE ONLY OTHER WAY that a program for "joy week" can be obtained, according to the G. W. V. A. publicity committee, will be to purchase it at the armories.

MRS. BERTRAM IMPROVES. The many friends of Mrs. Billy Bertram, 151 Maple street, will be glad to know that she is convalescing after her recent attack of pneumonia.

INTEREST URGED IN TOWN PLANNING

Citizens Should Attend Meeting Tonight, Ald. Bottrill Declares.

That citizens should be vitally interested in town planning is the assertion of Ald. Harry Bottrill, chairman of No. 2 committee, and a member of the town planning commission. Ald. Bottrill urges that every ratepayer who can possibly do so attend the Ryerson school meeting tonight.

Incidentally, the West London representative does not offer whole-hearted support for the proposals of the town planning commission. "It's a matter of the greatest importance to citizens," declares Ald. Bottrill. "Take Mr. ———, he's had a shop for years and has a good business. If he is not permitted to build additions, he will have to move into another district, and that would not be good for his business."

According to Ald. Bottrill, a conservative view should be taken regarding town planning and expenditures should not expect to meet with the greatest success by wholly idealistic plans.

FISHERMEN PREPARING FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

Fishermen of Port Stanley and Lake Erie are preparing to attend the Lake Erie Fishermen's Association annual banquet to be held in the Grand Central hotel, St. Thomas, during the second week of February.

A larger attendance is expected from Port Stanley than in years past, and A. S. Brown of Kingsville, president of the association, has communicated with the secretary, D. H. McIntyre, in regard to securing Hon. Charles McCrae, minister of mines, as chief speaker.

Yearly fishermen from all the ports along Lake Erie's north shore come for this annual function, which benefits them greatly in their fishing operations.

MERCHANTS TO GIVE OUT JOY WEEK PROGRAMS

The souvenir programs for the Great War Veterans' "joy week" are to be distributed free the week before the big show, by the different merchants. Each merchant will be allotted a certain number of programs for distribution with his firm's name printed on the front cover.

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STANDARD DRUG STORES

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