

JUDGE MOTT ASKS JUVENILE COURTS IN EVERY CITY

WOULD ESTABLISH JUVENILE COURTS THROUGH ONTARIO

Judge Mott of Toronto Honor Guest at Luncheon of Rotarians.

PROBLEM OF HOME

Juvenile courts in this province to an extent sufficient to deal with every girl or boy who becomes a delinquent are an absolutely necessary, according to Judge Mott of the Children's Court of Toronto, who addressed the London Rotary Club at noon today.

"The son of our native soil is better to us than the son of any other soil," Judge Mott said, "and we must build well for the future by looking after the needy boy or girl of today."

Among other striking statements made by Judge Mott in connection with the system followed by his court in Toronto, and the institution of the juvenile court in the provinces was his remark that "The home is the problem; the boy is only the symptom of the disease."

The Toronto Court.

The court in Toronto is naturally conducted on a larger scale and with a more numerous staff than the local court, of which Rev. G. Q. Warner is the judge, but the methods outlined by Judge Mott are those which form the basis of the procedure in this city.

Judge Mott, according to his statement, shares with Judge Warner a reluctance to remove any boy or girl from their home unless there is no possibility of the home environment being corrected and improved.

In connection with the investigation of trained social workers into home conditions, a new and constantly-growing feature has become identified with the Toronto court, in the tracing of deserting fathers.

Saves Money to City.

During the past year the juvenile court has saved the city of Toronto the sum of \$20,000 in the maintenance of deserted wives and families by following up the father and forcing him to fulfil his obligations to his family. During the first year of the court's operation the sum of \$5,000 was saved, in the second year \$7,000, in the third \$12,000, and the sum now has reached \$20,000, and Judge Mott states that as the work of the court continues the sum will become even greater.

"Society has a responsibility for every boy," he said, "but the greatest responsibility is for the boys whose parents have failed in their duty. Society owes every boy a chance to life untrammelled by hindrances which were the result of his birth and not in any way his own fault."

Judge Mott spent some time this morning in the local court.

"My attitude was that of a happy father, proud of his child," he said, referring to the fact that both Judge Warner and the probation officer, Major A. C. N. Bradshaw, spent some time previous to the opening of the court here in studying the methods followed in the children's court in Toronto.

"I have no hesitation in saying that in London you have men who are intensely interested in the welfare of every child who comes before them, and I don't know of anything better that a needy boy or girl could have," he concluded.

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LOCAL CHAMBER'S YEARS OF EFFORT BRING SUCCESS

Decentralization Scheme for Immigrant Control is Popular Here.

STRONGLY ADVOCATED

Decentralization of the control and placement of agricultural immigration in Ontario which is foreshadowed by the announcement from Toronto that the minister of agriculture is about to institute some officials in the province who will be directly responsible for the handling of immigrants is the outcome of many years of effort along this line on the part of the London Chamber of Commerce and the United Boards of Trade of Western Ontario.

The agricultural section of the chamber, of which W. H. Porter is chairman, has been one of the staunchest and most insistent advocates of the proposed system of distribution. Both Mr. Porter and Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, the newly-appointed president of the United Boards of Trade of Western Ontario, proclaimed themselves this morning as heartily in agreement with the decentralization scheme. The centers of the immigration zone in Ontario are London, Belleville, Ottawa and Toronto, and there will be permanent offices opened in all these cities with the exception of Toronto, where the work will be handled directly through the department.

Representatives have been appointed in Great Britain, in English and Scottish cities from the various home zones and the immigrants coming out will be sent direct to the home centers by these officials. The chamber, in reference to the new arrangement, stated that the government is assuring immigrants that employment is awaiting them in Ontario. He called a few days ago to the officers of the general in London, England, to the effect that the province could absorb an unlimited supply of farm help.

End of Crusade.

The move of the government is regarded with great satisfaction by the chamber of commerce, who see in it a partial fruition of their long crusade against the domination of Toronto as the only Ontario center of immigration. In the past, they say, it has been the custom of Toronto and other eastern points to select the pick of the newcomers from the trains as they arrived, with the result that London, and in fact, all Western Ontario, with its rich farming country, was left with a more or less second quality of help.

They also hope that the minister of agriculture will make his immigration officials the province twelve months-in-the-year men and not restrict them to three or four months in the summer as has been the case in the past. Mr. Porter said in this connection: "What is needed is a permanent official who will carry on the work all the year round. It is necessary for a man to start placing immigrants in the spring when the farm work comes with a rush. If there is any change to be made in the placing of men it comes at the most inopportune time, and much better be made in the winter months when things are quiet. The idea of the agricultural section of the chamber of commerce is that the newcomers should be settled in the fall months. Then the official could keep in touch with them all through the winter and by the time work commenced in the spring he would have them all satisfactorily placed on farms and with farmers who were suitable."

Plenty of Work.

"We know also that there is plenty of work, quite sufficient to keep him employed all the year round, and have recommended such a term and the form of employment of immigration officials to the minister."

In February of 1920 Colonel Brown addressed a meeting of 250 delegates from 65 farmers' clubs, 35 township councils and 16 boards of trade in Western Ontario on behalf of the same legislation which is now about to come into being.

He traveled through the 14 western counties as an apostle of the zone system and of the appointment of a permanent official, but was unsuccessful in getting the local town councils to support the plan, though the Chamber of Commerce at that time contributed \$1,000 to the cause. John Farrell, who has been the summer official in London for the last two years, has been successful in placing a large number of men satisfactorily, and says that at the present time he can place 200 men in Western Ontario without difficulty.

ST. CATHARINES RESIDENT KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, Dec. 2. — Murray Fisher, 65, day watchman at the Welch Grape Juice plant, was decapitated by an eastbound train to night near the westerly boundary of the city, where he resided. Fisher was relieved by the night watchman and had started for home. The crew of the train was unaware of having struck anything. Fisher was a native of England, having lived here for ten years. He is survived by his widow.

CHOIR ORGANIZES.

Friday night the choir of Wellington Street Methodist Church re-organized for the coming year. The officers elected were: Honorary president, Rev. Geo. T. Watts; president, Fred Parsons; vice-president, Miss Ida Wambold; secretary, Reta McCoy; treasurer, Stephen Merritt; curators, Miss Emma Briscoe and Albert Dent; librarian, Alfred Squires; press reporter, Miss Ella Watts.



KING GEORGE placing a wreath on the Cenotaph in London recently.

WARM WEATHER RECORDS BROKEN AS WINTER HIDES

Christmas Draws Near and Still Cold Weather Eludes.

SNOWFALL NIL

If winter comes it will come abruptly without the usual uncomfortable symptoms of its proximity. As Christmas approaches and each day passes as mild or milder as the one preceding, it begins to look as if winter will this year be satisfied to remain in the northern regions without taking its customary jaunt to more southerly parallels of latitude.

Every minute winter delays a new record for warm weather is broken. According to The Advertiser weather expert, the consistent mild period of the past two months has never been equalled within the past decade. November figures prove this.

November, 1922, which was not a cold month by any means, saw a snowfall of 18 inches, with below zero weather. This November's snowfall has been so insignificant that it has not been measured, and in weather records it will be known to posterity as a "no snow" month.

The mercury sank to 15 degrees below freezing point in November, 1922, while this season the rock bottom level was 23 degrees.

A few flurries were seen, but the rapidity with which the flakes melted made it necessary for the weather specialist to put them under the category of rain. The rainfall was a fraction less than that of November, 1922, being 1.45 inches, as compared with 1.50 inches for its predecessor.

Floraculturists claim the demand for bulbs still continues strong despite the advanced season. The best indication that an open winter is likely, however, is in the seeming disregard for the future, manifested by squirrels and their kin. In fact, furry denizens of the city's suburbs are to be seen almost any day. Ordinarily they would have hied them to their hibernating holes long ago.

In these days of expert sanitation, medical health officials claim the old adage that a green Christmas means a full graveyard, has been hit on the head. Before typhoid and other diseases caused by ignorance of sanitary laws were effectively curtailed, a muddy, open winter frequently left a train of sufferers in its wake. Now, however, this danger is a thing of the past, and an open winter has become a desirable thing.

AFRICAN REBELS KILLED IN BATTLE AT MISDAM

Associated Press Despatch.
Tripoli, Africa, Dec. 3.—A number of skirmishes have occurred between loyal native cavalry and rebels in the last few days some three hundred miles south of Tripoli. Native forces under Mohammed Ben Hegi, operating south of Misdam, were a spirited engagement occurred.

Fifty-six of the rebels were killed and 340 came to the aid of the army. The casualties among the cavalry were ten dead and twelve wounded.

Another action in the same territory routed the rebels, who left 15 dead and 136 camels.

LAST NOTICE!

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CHURCHES GREAT BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

Rochester Clergyman Pays Tribute to Value of Press in Filling Churches.

HOW TO ADVERTISE

Rochester, Dec. 3.—The best way the modern minister has of reaching the city in which he works is through the medium of the daily press, at least Editor and Publisher so reports the remarks of the Rev. William Wallace Rose of the First Universalist Church of Rochester, N. Y., in a message delivered to a recent convention of Universalists.

That Mr. Rose has successfully followed the policy he advocates can be testified by the manager of the C. D. N. A. as an editorial newspaperman, watched Mr. Rose's church develop from a small congregation to a powerful factor in the religious life of Rochester. Mr. Rose is not a sensational man, but a scholarly minister, who enjoys the respect of his clerical associates, as well as of his own people.

"The greatest friend of the city church is the daily press," declared Mr. Rose. "Editors know that church news is eagerly read. Now editors cannot send reporters to all your services. It behooves the preacher to be egotistical enough to believe he has said something of general interest, and to get that word to the city editor Sunday night. Type your manuscript. Make it brief; a third of a column is read by more people than read a column. Pick out some striking thing you have said, and build your story around it. Provide a cut of yourself for each paper. They will use it at times. There is valuable reaction to be gained from the reported and printed sermon brief. Your sermons will have more life and pep when you visualize the wider audience. Your own people will appreciate them more, for they are part of the great public."

"I wish to say something concerning paid advertising in the Saturday editions. No city church should be without this item in its budget. It will pay almost from the start. A two-inch single column ad is big enough. A two-inch four-column ad is very satisfactory. Don't try to say too much. Use white space. Give your name and location and sermon topic. Be wasteful space in telling people they are welcome, or that you have good music, or that seats are free. They will take that for granted if the read your ad. Feature your own name. The certificates, Shirley Penn, Roberta Boyce, Delacey Passy."

"There is reaction here similar to the printed sermon. You are conscious that you are trying to reach the multitude. Six little sermon themes seem out of place. You brighten up your announcements. People want to know how to gain and keep the health of mind and body, how to be happy, how to make the most of life."

"Essentially the problem of reaching the city or country is the same. We are reaching the multitude. We command, fathers of men. Now fishing is an art, into which men go with line and hook. Fishing is also a business. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Atcheson, who are superintendents of the memory-work course, the progress in this direction has steadily improved. In the following figures indicate: In 1922, 95 recited a group of less than six verses and 19 recited the entire verses; in 1923, 114 recited less than six verses and 46 recited the entire group; and the total number of 342 verses in 1922 increased to 534 verses in 1923.

At the Churches

FATHER AND DAUGHTER SERVICE.

Wellington Street Methodist Church was filled to overflowing last night when special services for Father and Daughter were held, while the church was tastefully decorated by the girls who brought along Dad.

The pastor, Rev. G. T. Watts, preached an eloquent sermon on "A Christian Girl," taking for his text Acts xii and xiii, the story of Paul's release from prison by Rhoda, a careful, active and useful Christian. The girl of today is every bit as pure as the girl of yesterday, but she is subject to temptations which if she is not careful robs her of her sweetness and purity, stated the pastor. He urged the young girls to be careful of their company, and not frequent places where temptations that are hard to resist might cause them to fall from the high of purity which makes them so loving to the world.

Mr. Watts read the poem of Guest, wherein the author holds aloft woman as one of the most precious treasures that man can have. Concluding his sermon the speaker said "I maintain that the girls of today are no more flappers than mother was when she was a girl."

The hymns were announced by Miss Ella Watt; lesson by Ruby Wallace, while John Wallace led in prayer. Others taking part in the service were Edna Wardle, Fred Morris, Albert George, Mr. Livingstone and daughter Loretta, George Kenny and daughter Norma.

The ushers were William Mitchell and daughter Ruby, Steven Merritt and daughter Olive.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

On Advent Sunday an interesting ceremony took place at the morning service at Cronyn Memorial Church when 59 members of the Junior Congregation were decorated with medals as a reward for regular attendance at church during the past year.

The medals were presented by the rector, Rev. G. Q. Warner, who gave a most encouraging address to the children.

The medal winners are: Gold medals, 1st year—Marjorie Parsons, Marion McLeod, Patricia Adams, Elmer Slaughter, Violet Garnet, Simpson Garnett, Jean Goss, Hene Kerry, Kathleen Tucker, Jack Jarrett, Charlie Jarrett, Percy Lee, Betty Lee, Emma Wake, James Arthur Kingsmill, Elmer Luck, Wilbert Nutkins, Lloyd Nutkins, Alma Tuck, Margaret Graydon, Alex Gray-

LONDONER MAY DIE FROM STRAY BULLET WOUND

George Levitt Now in Buffalo Hospital—Was Well-Known Here.

MAN ARRESTED

Word was received in the city today that George Levitt, a former London boy and son of Mrs. M. Levitt, 338 1/2 Ridout street, is in the Buffalo Emergency Hospital suffering from a serious wound in the neck, inflicted by a stray bullet discharging from a gun in the hands of Frank Puffa, a week ago Saturday.

George Levitt lives at 169 South Elmwood avenue in Buffalo. He was walking along Seneca street near North Pine street in the central part of the city, accompanied by David McKie, when he was struck by the bullet. Police arrested Puffa on a charge of first degree assault. At the police station he said he had been shooting at rats in an alley and one of the shot entered Levitt's neck.

Mrs. Levitt returned the other day from Buffalo, where she saw her son. She said this morning little hope was held by his physicians for his recovery. The bullet entered Levitt's neck and narrowly missed severing the jugular vein. According to Mrs. Levitt doctors expect to perform an operation in an effort to extricate the bullet.

George Levitt was well-known in London. He lived here all his life, and was for several years employed by Dr. McGregor as a chauffeur. Some years ago he left for Buffalo, where he entered the automobile business. His eleven-year-old daughter lives with Mrs. Levitt on Ridout street.

BANK CLERK SUICIDES

Hamilton, Dec. 3.—Adam Park, 217 Stinson street, a clerk employed by the Bank of Toronto, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the stomach. The bank officials say there was a shortage, in his own cash of only \$500. The suicide was not discovered until this morning.

don, Edna Cavanaugh, Betsy Ingram, Jack Symons, Merle Cavanaugh. Gold medals, 2nd year—Cameron Yates, Albert Ewing, Ethel Burnett, Lorine Anderson, Catharine Anderson, Betty Treleven, Nenome Chamberlain, Ruth Chamberlain, Hilda Ingram, George Tucker, Harold Robinson, Neil Brock, Helen Mayes, Lulu Colly, Edna Hawley, George Legg, Ruth Rider, Ward Smith, Jean Smith, Doris Tucker.

Bronze medals, 1st year—Edith Bartlett, Kathleen Gartley, Lily Gartley, Doris Hayman, George Cavanaugh, Irene Gray, Zoe Penn, Shirley Penn, Roberta Boyce, Delacey Passy.

INCREASE IN MEMORY WORK.

The presentation of handsome certificates for Bible memory work was an interesting feature of the regular Sunday School services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. The certificates, handsomely decorated in gold and blue and red and white are known as the "six-six" certificates, and were awarded for proficiency in a course of memory work which is similar to that followed in the public schools of the city. They were awarded to 46 pupils. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Atcheson, who are superintendents of the memory-work course, the progress in this direction has steadily improved. In the following figures indicate: In 1922, 95 recited a group of less than six verses and 19 recited the entire verses; in 1923, 114 recited less than six verses and 46 recited the entire group; and the total number of 342 verses in 1922 increased to 534 verses in 1923.

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Obituary

MRS. BESSIE STRYKER.

The funeral of Mrs. Bessie Stryker, who died suddenly Saturday morning, was held this afternoon from the residence of her husband, C. W. Stryker, 118 Elmwood avenue.

Although the funeral was private many friends of both the late Mrs. Stryker and her husband, who had known them during the years they had lived in London, attended. The Kiwanis Club, of which Mr. Stryker was a prominent member, was represented at the funeral.

The services were conducted by Rev. T. A. Symington of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Stryker is survived by one son Jack; two brothers, Wilbur Cain and Edward Cain of New York, and one sister, Mrs. Fred R. Dixon, also of New York. Mrs. Stryker's brothers and sister attended the funeral.

THOMAS J. GLOVER.

Thomas J. Glover, for 20 years a resident of Komoka, died yesterday at the home of his nephew, John H. Luce. He was in his seventy-fifth year. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock to Campbell's Cemetery at Komoka. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Hopper of Delaware.

DIED IN STRATHROY.

Wesley Beach, formerly a resident of Delaware Township, died yesterday in Strathroy. He was in his seventy-third year. Mr. Beach is survived by one brother, George, of Delaware, and two sisters, Mrs.

James Hammond and Mrs. Whitehead, both of this city. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mrs. Hammond, 36 Craig street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made at Scottsville Cemetery.

POLICE FIND BOTTLE IN CITIZEN'S POCKET

Fine of \$200 Imposed on Man Who Carried Supply in Clothes.

Arrested at York and Clarence streets, Saturday night by Constables Berryman and Coxworthy, a local citizen admitted he was drunk. He was surprised, however, when he was charged with having a bottle of alcohol in his possession and couldn't understand how he got it.

However, the O. T. A. section 41 states that liquor must not be kept in a place other than a private dwelling and the constables swore they took the bottle from the man's inside coat pocket. Therefore a fine of \$200 and costs or three months in jail was imposed on the respectable-looking citizen who didn't get a chance to cast any votes for his favorite candidates in today's election.

"I remember being arrested, but I don't remember any bottle," he declared.

"You'll be found dead if you persist in drinking this stuff," warned the magistrate.

MINE CAGES FALL, 40 MINERS HURLED DOWN MINE SHAFT

Fatality in Nunnery Colliery Near Sheffield Due to Defective Rope.

MANY ARE INJURED

Associated Press Despatch.
Sheffield, Eng., Dec. 3.—Forty are reported to have been killed and many injured in an accident at the Nunnery mine when several cages used in transporting the men from the surface to the workings were precipitated to the bottom through the breaking of a rope. It is reported that 176 miners were in the cages when they fell.

HEAVY GRAIN SHIPMENTS THROUGH THE CANAL

St. Catharines, Dec. 3.—During the month of November, grain shipments through the Welland ship canal aggregated 11,978,014 bushels, of which 3,553,349 bushels was wheat, 1,783,853 oats, 514,663 barley, 154,000 corn, 109,000 flax and 26,250 rye.

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