

GROCERS ARE OFF TO GREATEST PICNIC EVER HELD AT PORT

Crowds Throng Station Platform at Early Hour.

PROGRAM MOST VARIED

Includes Sports, Dancing and Baby Show—G. W. V. A. Band in Attendance.

The grocers' picnic is going on record as one of the largest picnics of the season. At an early hour this morning, the London and Port Stanley Railway station was a seething mass of humanity, and every car was crowded to capacity.

Though the last picnic held by the local grocers was a success, this year's picnic promises to outdo all others, the program being larger with more varied events. Dancing contests also will be held, and there will be a baby show. These two events will be on the bill. The sports program will be held on the beach.

The executive committee leaves with another large crowd of picnicers at 12:30 o'clock, accompanied by the Great War Veterans' Band. Of course, being a grocers' picnic, nothing in the way of goodies will be missing from the big refreshment car which has been erected.

BAIL REFUSED FOR WILLIAM SLOBASKY

Friends' Efforts To Release Him Fail.

Friends of William Slobasky, 111 Clarence street, on remand in the county jail here on a charge of having in his possession stolen goods, are making an effort to secure his release on bail, but this was refused by the county authorities today.

Slobasky was arrested this week on a charge of drunkenness, and when his wife, bearing the serial number of one stolen from the garage of Ald. E. R. Seabrook last week, was found on Thursday last was found on one wheel, hence a second and more serious charge was preferred.

Slobasky claims to have purchased the stolen tire from stranded motorists on the Longwood road, but this claim is discredited by the police. His home was searched for other goods valued at \$300 stolen from the Mount Brydges garage, but no trace of the missing articles was found.

Slobasky, who pleaded not guilty to the charge of being drunk, will appear for trial on this count in police court tomorrow morning.

BROTHERS ASSAULT YOUNG POOL-PLAYER AND BOTH PAY FINE

John and Angelo Russo Convicted by Magistrate.

John Russo and Angelo Russo, brothers, 505 Richmond street, appeared in police court charged with unlawful assault on Alphonse Monti in the poolroom on July 18, and were found guilty by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon. Angelo was fined \$5 and costs, and John contributed \$2 and costs to the Carling street coffers for his offence.

Merrill stated on the stand that after playing a game with Angelo Russo, a dispute followed regarding the payment of money won. Russo claimed one dollar from Merrill, he stated, and when he refused payment, the defendant struck him and, knocking him to the floor, removed the dollar from his pocket and tore his trousers in doing so.

He also alleged that in going out of the door of the poolroom, of which John Russo is proprietor, he was struck by him and knocked to the sidewalk. John pleaded guilty to the charge of assault, stating that he punched Merrill for snatching the door, "to learn him a lesson." His brother, Angelo, pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault in the poolroom, but the court ruled otherwise.

E. W. M. Fletcher, who was called in by the complainant, was represented in court by T. J. Murphy. "You were not at all hurt and no doubt will be fine," commented Magistrate Graydon in finding the brothers. A host of witnesses were present in the courtroom, but the charge was withdrawn by the complainant.

The charge of assault against Elizabeth Bastin of this city preferred by her husband, which was adjourned last week until today, was withdrawn by the complainant.

Referendum Committee Completes Organization

Captain Mack Omond Appointed Secretary of Campaign.

The city of London referendum committee met yesterday evening in the Y. M. C. A. building to complete organization and to elect a secretary. The organization is complete in every detail, and enthusiastic workers will carry on the work.

Capt. Mack Omond, recently returned from overseas, has been asked by the council to undertake the work of organizing the referendum for the city of London. Capt. Omond has extensive experience as an organizer, and his wide experience with men, promise good things for a perfect organization and a successful campaign. The appointment of Capt. Omond is a very popular one with the committee.

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS ENJOYING HOSPITALITY AT THE LOCAL BASTILE

Two out-of-town guests have arrived at Castle Carleton overlooking the Thames. They are Mr. and Mrs. Strathmore, who are here on a short stay.

Mr. Strathmore, who is a member of the London and Port Stanley Railway board, is here on business. He is accompanied by his wife, who is a well-known social worker.

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\$5,000 LIMERICK PRIZE

The winning of it can't ease the pain of the corn, but "Putnam's" will ease cure and prevent corns and warts. Guarantee goes with every bottle of "Putnam's." Use no other, 25c, at all dealers.

Communicable Diseases Added to Official List

Influenza Among Those Now To Be Reported.

Numerous communicable diseases have been added to the list of those to be reported to the medical officer of health, the summary issued by the officer's department for week ending July 26 containing six new disease names—Influenza, acute influenza pneumonia, primary pneumonia, trench fever, typhus fever, relapsing fever and dysentery. None of these is reported as existing here at present.

During the week mentioned, diphtheria holds the lead for new cases with 4; tuberculosis coming second with 2; scarlet fever and typhoid each claim 1 victim, these eight forming the total.

RIDOUT ST. BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED IF SAFETY DEMANDS IT

Engineer Instructed To Inspect Old Structure.

MAY MEAN NEW ONE

If Iron Rods Are Loose This Will Seal Structure's Fate.

Within the next few days residents of South London will know whether the old bridge, built in 1870, is safe or unsafe. City Engineer H. A. Brazier will let them know, by not verbally, if the bridge is unsafe for traffic, a sign reading, "Closed by Order, City Engineer," will adorn each end of the structure.

As a result of instructions given him by No. 2 committee on Tuesday evening, the engineer will examine the bridge. Mr. Brazier was given power to call in an outside engineer if such action was thought necessary, but he does not think that he will take advantage of this privilege.

Anyway, in his opinion the bridge will need a new floor soon. He examined that part of the bridge, but did not inspect the iron work. Ald. E. R. Seabrook had said that one of the rods was loose. If this is true, then it will depend on the amount of strain on the other rod whether the bridge is safe or unsafe.

Mr. Brazier declared that the rod could not be tightened if it was loose because of the rust on the buttons. If the bridge is declared to be unsafe because of a loose rod, then the construction of a new bridge will be the ultimate result.

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SQUIRE CHITTICK IS SERIOUSLY ILL AT HIS HOME IN CITY

Attending Physician Holds Out Little Hope.

HAS BLOOD-POISONING

Developed in Foot and Now Has Spread To Face.

Squire W. H. Chittick, of the Middlesex County court, one of the oldest justices of the peace in Western Ontario, is seriously ill at his home, 299 King street, and slight hopes are entertained for his recovery by Dr. James Wilson, the attending physician.

Squire Chittick dispensed justice in the county court here on Saturday morning last, but later the same day blood-poisoning developed in his foot, following a small cut. Yesterday the infection spread to his face, and owing to his advanced age, which is 72 years, the genial justice is in a precarious condition.

During his tenure of office in Middlesex County, Squire Chittick has made a host of friends, all of whom hope for a speedy recovery from his serious illness.

FINANCIAL EXPERTS INVITED TO CONFER ON DOMINION LOAN

Every Effort Will Be Made To Make New Victory Loan a Success.

Ottawa, July 30.—The members of last year's Victory Loan Dominion executive committee, consisting of prominent citizens and financial experts from all parts of Canada, have been invited to a conference to be held here on Friday for the purpose of considering the organization of the next Dominion loan, which will be made about the end of October. The requirements of the Government for demobilization of troops, including the existing war service gratuity to soldiers, loans for soldiers' land settlement, important public works of a capital nature, such as the purchase of Canadian wheat and other foodstuffs and manufactured articles, are very large, and the loan is regarded as most important from the national standpoint. The response to the invitation of the minister of finance is slated to have been most generous.

Notwithstanding the termination of the war, it is realized fully that this is, financially speaking, a war year, and that the demobilization and reconstruction period calls for heavy expenditures. It is, therefore, a war year, which will undoubtedly be attractive, will probably not be made known till next autumn.

Replies to the address, His Majesty, the King and Queen today drove in state to the Guildhall to receive the congratulations of the Corporation of London on the conclusion of peace. They were everywhere cheered along the route. The brilliant assembly on the platform at the Guildhall included the premier and other ministers, and distinguished persons.

Replying to the address, His Majesty, who wore the uniform of an admiral, contrasted the circumstances of the visit to the Guildhall a year ago, when the king and queen were in the city of London, with the present circumstances. He said that the visit would come on how much it would cost, with the situation today, Germany's lighting power destroyed, and our terms accepted. His Majesty incidentally expressed the sincere hope that this recent example of St. Paul's of several religious denominations joining for the purpose of expressing the nation's gratitude for peace would prove a step towards closer co-operation of religious communities for the spiritual life of the nation.

His Majesty paid a tribute to the imperishable deeds of the forces of the empire and the splendid services of the mercantile marine. The war had emphasized that the restoration of our commerce and the development of our mercantile marine and development of our shipping industry were essential in order to maintain the high industrial and commercial position we held before the war.

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Remnant Sale

All Departments Will Participate Tomorrow
NO PHONE OR MAIL ORDERS FOR REMNANTS.

As there will not be enough of the most desirable ends to go around, in fairness to those who come out tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, we will have to withdraw the phone or mail order privilege. This applies to the remnant sale only. As is our custom at the end of each season to make a final clearance of all short ends, remnants, odd lots and single garments—so tomorrow (which is the last day of the first half year's business for 1919) will be remnant day. In all departments during the present month there has been a skirmishing, and, as it were, a half-yearly house cleaning, as you will know by the department sales which ended yesterday. From these sales there are many fragments, odds and ends and remnants which will be found on the sale tables tomorrow, priced with the object of a quick clearance. Fractional prices will rule. Store opens at 9. The ends are always the choice pieces of the stock. If there were only more!

Remnant Sale of Ladies' and Children's Whitewear, Half Price

One table of Ladies' Whitewear, soiled with handling, including Gowns, Drawers, Petticoats, Combinations and Corset Covers. Remnant sale Half Price

One Table of Children's Soiled Whitewear, including Slips, French Embroidered Gowns, French Embroidered Princess Slips, Pyjamas and Middies and Dresses. Remnant sale Half Price

Ladies' Blouses, Half Price

One table of odd and broken lines of Ladies' Blouses, voile, crepe de chine, Jap silk and lawn. To clear Thursday at half price.

Black Lawn and Voile. Price 49c
White Voile. Prices \$1.75 to \$2.25
Crepe de Chine. Prices \$5.50 to \$11.00
Striped Lawn. Price \$1.75

Ladies' Vests, 29c and 49c

One table of Ladies' Summer Cotton Vests, low neck, short sleeves, also a few low neck with long sleeves, sizes 36 to 44. Price 29c

One table Ladies' Cotton Vests, low neck, lace yoke, no or short sleeves, sizes 36 and 38. Price 49c

Gloves For Remnant Day

About three dozen pairs of Black Silk Gloves, in small sizes, about one-third off the regular price, double tipped, two-dome length, sizes 5½ and 6 only. Price 39c pair

Silk or Lisle Long Gloves, sizes 5½ and 6. Price 39c pair

About 15 dozen of White Cotton Gloves, two-dome length, sizes 6 and 6½. Price 19c pair

Belts and Ties, Half Price

White Wash Belting, fine basket weave. Half price 5c belt

Colored Silk Beltings, in grey, brown, navy, fawn, etc. To clear at less than half price 19c yard

Navy and White Polka-dot Ties. Sale price, 29c

Middy Ties, the new straight messaline tie, in red and black only. Sale price 38c

Ladies' Neckwear, Half Price

Slightly mussed with handling. Fancy Pique and Muslin and Georgette Collars and Middy Collars.

Vestees in organdy, pique, wash satin, gingham and fancy colored linens and silks. All half price 75c to \$3.00

Elastic Hat Bands for the Panama hat, etc. Sale price 19c

Double Lace Frilling, fine val. lace, ceru only. Half price 2 yards for 15c

Boudoir Caps, in allover lace with lace frill. Price 22c each

Colored Muslin Boudoir or Dust Caps, with frill. Price 22c each

Remnant Sale At Toilet Counter

Aluminum Soap Boxes. Price 15c each, 2 for 25c

Rit, the soap dye, all shades. Price 3 for 25c

Taylor's Tooth Paste. Price 19c

Mentholatum. Prices 19c and 39c

Thermometers. Half price 20c and 39c