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PARENTS MEET WITH TEACHERS

Attend Conference With Teaching Staff of South London Collegiate.

Gathering Strikes New Note For Secondary Schools of City.

A new note was struck Tuesday evening in the relationship existing between a staff of a secondary school in London and the parents of pupils attending, a note of mutual interest and understanding. The largely-attended parents-teachers' meeting held at 8 o'clock in the attractive auditorium of the new Victoria School to enable the London South Collegiate staff and the fathers and mothers of high school students of the district to discuss the curriculum together, and to get acquainted, acquainted well for intelligent and appreciative co-operation from the very beginning.

Intense interest was manifested by the parents, who filled every seat in the hall, coming in response to an invitation extended by the president, Mrs. John Rose, and executive committee, Mrs. E. H. McKone, and Mrs. E. A. Miller of the new collegiate unit, and the majority of the members of his staff.

Principal speaks. Addressing the gathering, Principal Miller announced that one of his chief objects in seeking a meeting of the parents of secondary school students of the district was to thoroughly explain the new curriculum which had been introduced within the past year or so, and through which considerable confusion had arisen in the minds of the public.

He drew attention to the greater elasticity of the new curriculum than former curriculum, with opportunity afforded to adopt to an appreciable extent to community conditions, placing a large share of responsibility on local boards and principals. Instead of the hasty curriculum which involved a great strain on both pupils and teachers owing to crowding of subjects, the new curriculum, he pointed out, has fewer subjects, and thus affords opportunity for more concentration on the part of pupils.

Pupils are not expected to take more than eight subjects in any one year, and this number may be reduced to five on advice of the principal. The home work problem is thus finding a solution, and an opportunity is afforded to give more attention to individuals, with the idea of helping them to do their best work for which they are best adapted.

Offer Alternatives. With regard to the courses, these, he stated, offered three alternatives, matriculation for entering the universities; a straight teachers' course to prepare for entering secondary schools; and a course for second-class certificates, and special courses organized to meet special cases to fit for entering upon life work as early as possible.

"I have no hesitation," he said, "in advising the majority of students to elect the combined matriculation and teachers' course. It is not too heavy for the average student, and, at the end of four years, they are equipped to go into any one of several universities, or to be admitted to normal schools for teacher training. Seven or eight choices are open to them instead of a possible one or two."

The advantage of such broad training was pointed out from the fact that the majority of boys and girls do not make decisions regarding their vocations until between fifteen and twenty, and some drift into their work rather than decide. "Our policy in the London South Collegiate," declared Mr. Miller, "will be to guide boys and girls as far as possible in the choice of life work, and in this we want the co-operation of the parents. He expressed the conviction that the school is an ideal place for doing ideal work."

Reviews Building Issue. Speaking as a representative of the board of education, Trustee A. E. Silverwood reviewed the school building situation in London since the old collegiate was built in the eighties, followed by a long lapse until 1910, and the beginning then of the aggressive building campaign to bring the schools up to a desired standard. His only regret was that the London South Collegiate was not starting out with a new building, and he was not afraid to predict this would be remedied at the earliest possible date.

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A solo by Miss Ullah Kennedy, accompanied by Mr. C. Percy, was accorded an enthusiastic reception. Following the discussion of the curriculum, an informal reception was held, when the South London parents had an opportunity of meeting and chatting with the members of the staff. Refreshing sandwiches, cake and coffee were served, presidents of the five mothers' clubs in the district interested, or their representatives, acting with Mrs. Rose in making arrangements. These were Mrs. A. C. Cress, acting for Mrs. H. B. White, Victoria school; Mrs. S. F. Martin, Tecumseh; Mrs. W. L. Lowe, Witley road; Mrs. C. M. Linnell, Empress avenue; and Mrs. C. Walker, Riverview. Mrs. Rose conveyed the deep regrets of Trustee Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, who was unable to be present.

Market Gardener Carries Corn African Fashion

RICHMOND street assumed a tropical aspect Wednesday morning when a market gardener wended his way through the downtown district carrying a large basket of corn on his head, just like the African ladies bear their burdens in native haunts. The gardener attracted the attention of many pedestrians, and just to show that he was an expert in the art of balancing, he stopped at King street, lit his pipe, and continued his way without removing the basket from his head or touching it with his hands.

Town Topics.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS. THURSDAY—Lions Club holds regular luncheon at De Luxe Cafe, 12:15 o'clock.

MAURICE HAY was the winner of the motorcycle race held at Queen's Park Monday in connection with Labor Day sports. Through an error the name was given as W. Hay.

A PARTY OF FORTY London golfers left on the noon train, G.T.R., Wednesday for Brantford, where they will be the guests of the Brantford Golf Club for the afternoon. A friendly tournament will be staged.

FORMALITY is at times disregarded by the London City Council, and Tuesday evening proved one of the occasions when convention is overruled. Owing to the heat of the council chamber, Mayor Wilson ruled that coats could be disregarded for the evening, and that "shirt-sleeve diplomacy" would prevail during the session. It did.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE Society of the Epworth Methodist Church honored two of its members, now entered into the state of matrimony, by formerly Miss Eva Francis (Mrs. A. S. McGregor), and Miss Edna Jackson (Mrs. Grey), by a miscellaneous shower at the regular weekly meeting. Business was practically dispensed with at the meeting, and following the presentation games enjoyed a social time spent.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR Children's Day at the Western Fair, and consideration of a program for the evening, were among the important items of business to be transacted at the meeting of the Lions' Club at the De Luxe Cafe, Thursday. No meeting have been held during the summer, and it is expected that there will be a large turnout in order to prepare for a successful season. Preparations are to be made for ladies' night, Thursday, Sept. 28.

SERVICE OF STREET CARS on Hamilton road east of Egerton street was discontinued Wednesday morning, owing to the fact that the paving operations on this thoroughfare necessitates elevating the car tracks. It is expected that the service will be resumed in two weeks time. Hamilton road is closed to vehicular traffic from Egerton to St. Julien streets pending completion of the new pavement. Dundas street east, which has been closed for some time, will likely be opened to traffic Saturday night.

LONDON manufacturers will be given an opportunity of learning the present conditions in foreign markets and also of increasing their export trade when two of Canada's trade commissioners visit the city in October. Dr. J. W. How, Canadian trade commissioner to China, will reach the city Friday, October 13, while Major Johnston, trade commissioner in Ireland and Scotland, will be in London October 26 and 27 to meet the manufacturers of the Forest City. Chamber of commerce officials are anxious for the London manufacturers to wish to discuss trade conditions with either Dr. Ross or Major Johnston to get in touch with them so that an interview may be arranged.

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ASKS REPORT ON AUTO OPERATION

Alderman Douglass Claims Information on Cost Refused by Buchanan.

Ashton Deplores Fact That Industries Do Not Locate in London.

Declaring that he had been refused the information by E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, recently, Alderman I. H. Douglass moved at a meeting of the city council Tuesday night to have a full report on the cost of operation of every auto operated by the public utilities commission during 1920 and 1921 be prepared for the next meeting of No. 1 committee.

"That information was refused me by the city treasurer," alleged Alderman Douglass. "At least," Mr. Buchanan refused to give it to the city treasurer so he could not give it to me."

"They should use a little diplomacy," declared Alderman H. B. Ashton. "These officials have no right to say this and that to city aldermen."

"I never asked Mr. Buchanan for anything that he did not tell me," said Alderman Gordon B. Drake. "I think he is one of the best city officials that way. You did not go to the right person."

Asked Treasurer. "I went to the city treasurer, and I thought was the proper officer to give out the information," said Alderman Douglass.

"O, he'll get it for you," advised the mayor as Alderman Douglass' motion carried.

During the meeting Ald. John Ashton deplored the fact that other municipalities are obtaining new industries while London is apparently being overlooked. He intimated that there was "something wrong" as London offers transportation, power and other facilities for new factories. "It is disappointing," admitted the mayor. "We have done everything possible."

"We should spend less on pavement and develop the industrial area," advised Ald. F. B. Watkinson, who urged that a bridge be constructed over the Grand Trunk tracks at Ashland avenue, and that sewers be constructed in this district.

Would Cost Million. "The industrial area is not near Nilestown," charged Ald. G. B. Drake. "It takes so long to get out to it, that it would cost a million dollars to build sewers. We should sell it."

"I think Ald. G. Bartholomew Drake exaggerates it," said Mayor Wilson.

"Produce the industries, and we will put down the sewers," asserted Ald. Childs.

"That's the crux of the situation," added the mayor. "There is no use spending thousands and then getting no factories."

Ald. Childs asked that some action be taken to continue Marshall street east through the property occupied by the Jubilee Rink prior to being destroyed by fire. The proposal was referred to No. 2 committee.

The council decided to expend \$750 on the construction of a small building to house a fire apparatus at Queen's Park during the period of Fair Week. It was pointed out that a tent has been used for this purpose, but afforded inadequate protection.

Asks for Report. Alderman Holmes inquired when a report of the special committee appointed to investigate the transportation problem in London would report.

"As soon as it has completed an investigation of the problem," replied the mayor.

"Is it investigating?" asked Dr. Holmes.

"It certainly is," retorted Dr. Wilson, "but has not completed the job." "It hasn't started it," was the sharp shot of Alderman Holmes.

Alderman Ashton then asked when a report from the "joke department" would be submitted to the council. Asked to be more definite, he explained that he referred to the analysis department of the city, declaring that September is rather late to receive a report for 1921 city finance.

"I know of no other corporation in the same situation," he stated.

It was explained that the auditor's report had been received in July.

"That's very good," commented Ald. Ashton.

The council recommended that the town-planning commission define an area in South London where stores to serve that community will be located. It was also decided to accept the offer of the county in granting a site on King street for the erection of a city registry office, and the city solicitor was authorized to enter into negotiations with the county and close the deal.

No action was taken on the proposal to eliminate the left-hand turn for vehicles at Dundas and Richmond streets.

LOCAL GRAND TRUNK officials have been notified that sixteen special passenger trains will be run from various points in Western Ontario to the city from Sept. 9 to 15, to handle the Western Fair crowds.

ALTHOUGH MAJOR G. H. WEEKES, solicitor for the London Housing Commission, rules that Tuesday night was the time limit for Hayman & Willis, contractors, to name an arbitrator to sit with the commission representative on a board to fix responsibility for defects in roofs of Pine Lawn survey houses, no arbitrator had been announced up until Wednesday afternoon. "They promised to let me know today," said Major Weekes. City Clerk S. Baker has received written acceptance of his appointment as London Housing Commission arbitrator from Harry Walton, building inspector of Sarnia, who was appointed last week.

September Straw Hats Drive City Fathers Wild

RIOT IN COUNCIL HALL.

IN several large cities of the United States and Canada, Labor Day is regarded as the time limit for straw hats worn by males. After that day the summer headgear is parked in the attic for the winter, or relegated to the ash can. Owners who dare to wear a straw hat after this date, do so at their own risk, as the favorite hobby of their friends is smashing of hats.

Tuesday night was marked by a meeting of the London City Council. Ten of the eleven aldermen wore straw hats, and Mayor Cameron Wilson was present with a similar top piece. While viewing the array of straws in the waiting-room of the council Tuesday night, a scheme to crush them filtered through the brain of a reporter, who was on the job.

Selecting Ald. H. J. Childs as his confederate, the scribe unfolded his scheme, knowing it was safe because this city father did not wear a straw Tuesday night. The reporter offered to assist Ald. Childs in smashing every straw hat present, including his own.

Ald. Childs agreed it would be a good stroke of business for the haberdasher, but refused to be a party to the plot.

However, when the reporter went to retrieve his own bargain hat after the meeting, he discovered to his dismay that someone had accidentally pushed a fist through the crown, and that Ald. Childs was wearing a smile that would not come off.

Undaunted, the victim of this atrocity, paraded before the city council with his battered lid on his head, and suggested that other members of the straw hat brigade present stage a free-for-all smashing campaign.

Assisted with the force of destruction, Ald. H. J. Childs seized the straw hat of Ald. G. Bartholomew Drake, which was worth one dollar at least, and before that official could voice a protest, placed it upon the floor.

The entire mob made a dash for this goal, with Ald. Drake in the van. However, the victory was credited to a reporter, who brought his right foot down upon the new lid, simultaneously with a thrust from Mayor Cameron Wilson.

Ald. L. H. Douglass was singled out as the next victim, but he wisely placed his straw hat behind his back. An attempt was made to push him back against the wall violently, but was unsuccessful.

Finally, the owners of straw hats who were present realized that there was foul work afoot, and accordingly they marched out of the building in single file, guarding zealously the headgear of 1920 vintage. The final score showed that Ald. Drake and the reporter were the losers, both possessing straw hats resembling the housing commission dwellings on Pine Lawn with their leaky roofs.

CONSTABLE WANTS INFORMER'S NAME

Feels He Should Know Who Complained He Had Still.

Friends and acquaintances of County Constable William Fifield, whose home was raided over the past week-end by provincial police in a fruitless search for an illicit still, united Wednesday in the opinion that he was entitled to know the name of the person said to have registered the complaint that led to the raid.

While acknowledging the fact that it is practically impossible to gain the information sought from the office of the commissioner of the provincial police in Toronto, other members of the county constabulary as well as court house attaches, were loud in their protest that such should be the case.

They reason that once the police efforts, supposedly to locate liquor either for sale or in the process of manufacture, were recorded as fruitless, he should be entitled to certain recognition, and should at least be afforded the name of the informant.

It is explained that the visiting officers were armed with a communication from the Toronto department explaining that a complaint had been made involving the officer. The name of the person who was supposed to have penned the letter was not disclosed, however.

NO AUDITORIUM IS PROVIDED IN PLANS

All those including members of the city council, who feared that an auditorium was to be included in the proposed public school in Southeast London, thereby entailing an additional expense of great magnitude, may now rest easy.

L. E. Carrothers, school architect, elucidated briefly Wednesday: "No auditorium is included in the plans just prepared, and I am fairly sure that there will be none provided in the new school."

Weary of Abuse, School Trustees Decide to Retire From Civic Arena

Too much effort with but little else than a heap of abuse in return, is the chief reason for retiring from public life advanced by those members of the board of education whose term of office expires November next, and who assert that nothing can be done in the present indications it would seem that when the next poll will be asked to choose a brand new set of trustees, as each of the six who are concluding their two-year term, have already intimated, at some time or another in recent weeks, that they will be through for good in 1922.

School Trustee Rev. A. A. Bice, chairman of No. 2 and the salary committee of the board, is the latest to declare in this strain, submitting amongst other reasons, that his time does not permit him to give what he terms as satisfactory service to his own and school duties.

Other members of the board have already expressed themselves similarly, adding that the abuse and criticism that they have been subjected to since their election is neither desirable or just.

Thus it may be that the citizens may be compelled, to inject brand new blood into the board of education circles for 1923.

AUTHORITIES TO ENFORCE ACT

School Officials Reluctant, But Say Law Leaves No Other Course.

Chairman Smith Declares Revolution Only Thing That Will Stop Measure.

Now that the public schools have re-opened parents of children have become more impressed with the fact that the adolescent school attendance act is the law for this province and must be enforced until such time, perhaps, as the people see fit to demand a repeal.

While even reluctant to enforce rigidly the regulation just effective, that all pupils who have not attained their matriculation standard, or their 16th year, must attend at least part-time classes, school officials stress the point that they have no alternative in the matter.

Within the past 48 hours particularly members of the board of education have been besieged with dozens of frenzied parents who relate piteous tales whereby their every means of support is curtailed by reason of the new regulation of the act.

"I have had several telephone calls in this respect," School Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the board, commented Wednesday, "from parents who state that they will be subject to great inconvenience and even distress in many instances. I noted one sad case in particular last night of a widow with several small children whose only means of support was the eldest son who will not reach the age of 16 until the fall."

Chairman Smith points out that although the parents or guardians implore the members of the board to use their influence with the school attendance officer to obtain exemption, such is impossible. Everything rests upon the discretion of Dr. George Weir, and the latter has already stated time and again that he also is practically powerless to act other than stipulated by the act.

"Nothing short of a revolution can stop the enforcement of this legislation," he has stated.

REVISION COURT GRANTS APPEALS

Reduces Assessment of Business and Residential Properties in Many Cases.

The court of revision, held in the city hall at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, P. B. Fetterly presiding, met with a rather interesting and complicated case, in the appeal of the Elliott & Marr Co., to the effect that their stockholders were being asked to pay taxes twice on dividends paid by the company. Mr. Jared Vining, the lawyer in the case for the appealing company, said:

"Mr. Chairman, the assessment department had no right to change figures sworn in on the return given in by my client and mutilate it in such a way. They should have either returned it for correction or taken the customary proceedings." Mr. McPherson, a stockholder in the company, stated "that he did not care to pay taxes twice, and that was what he was doing."

In one stage of the meeting the court thought the matter should be given over to the court of appeal for judgment. Mr. Fetterly stated: "I feel that I cannot make anything from this matter."

The argument continued for some fifteen minutes longer, and upon further thought the matter was reserved for a later decision.

K. M. Gunne, who has been employed by the McClary Manufacturing Company, made an appeal that he was being assessed twice on his earnings while with that company. After some consideration the court decided in Mr. Gunne's favor.

The third case up before the court was that of William Left & Co. Mr. Left stated "that his factory was only worth \$2,000, and he would sell it to any member of the court on deposit of a check for the said amount." The property was assessed for the amount of \$4,100, which seemed a very large amount to him.

Mr. Left also had a house that he considered was only worth \$3,000 and was taxed for a much larger amount. The court announced a reduction of \$1,000 on the factory and \$300 on the house.

Judgment was announced in favor of the appealing party in many of the smaller cases, and after sitting for some three hours the court adjourned for the day.

THE PRESBYTERY of London will meet in Dorchester Thursday, Sept. 7, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the induction of Rev. Donald Stewart. Rev. Ross Stewart, the moderator, will preside. Rev. John Richardson will preach, Rev. John Currie will address the minister and Rev. J. W. Stewart, the people.

It seems a pity, though, that what were once splendid fields and valleys, which were the delight of people of the towns and cities, are now cut up in small trade, and one must go further afield for a glimpse of the real beauty of nature in England."

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Council Forbids Parking On Carling Street

FOLLOWING the action of the city council Tuesday night, in passing a bylaw, no parking of vehicles will be allowed on the south side of Carling street, between Richmond and Talbot streets. City Engineer H. A. Brazier has been authorized to place "no parking" signs on this thoroughfare warning the motorists of a change in the law.

In passing the above law, the city council followed the recommendation of No. 2 committee, who made it in deference to the request of merchants whose property faces Carling street.

More adequate drainage system for Manor Park and the consideration of a suit for damages filed against them by U. A. Buchner, were the more important items of business to claim the attention of the members of the Westminster Township Council in regular monthly session at the Mid-dex County Buildings, Tuesday.

A deputation of representative residents of the park, eight in number, appeared before the councillors, each voicing his opinion of the drainage service as it is at present and entering a strong plea for action as speedily as circumstances would allow. The majority of the delegation intimated that they were quite willing if necessary, to shoulder any additional burden in the manner of expenditure, that would be imperative.

Consult Solicitor. After certain discussion it was moved by Councillor Davis and seconded by Councillor Boler, that the county solicitor be consulted and information obtained as to the best means of acceding to the request.

The afternoon session was marked by the submission of formal notice that Urban A. Buchner had filed suit against the township of Westminster and the county of Middlesex jointly, seeking to recover an unspecified sum for alleged damage to his property by reason of water entering upon the same from the adjoining highway.

Have Received Petition. While declaring that they will prepare to defend the interests of the township in the courts should the case come up for trial, the councillors assert that they had already contemplated action pertaining to the road in question and were at that moment in possession of a petition to that effect from other residents of the territory affected.

All members of the council were in attendance with John M. Cousins, warden of Middlesex, in the chair.

LONDON DOGS MAKE SHOWING. That London dogs did well at Detroit Fair dog show is evidenced by the fact that Standard Collie Kennels took first and third in already classes, while J. E. Stabier's bull dog, capably handled by A. Stanton, made a good showing.

At the Theatres GRAND—Charlie Chaplin, in a revival of his great comedy, "Shoulder Arms"; Alice Lake, in "The Hole in the Wall"; five acts of vaudeville; special music.

ALLEN—James Oliver Curwood's story "The Valley of Silent Men."

LOEWS—Ethel Clayton, in "For the Patricia"—Earl Williams, in "The Man From Scotland Yard."

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We Know How.

Missions, evangelism and the work of religious education will take up a large share of discussion and business at the meeting of London Methodist district, which commences in the First Methodist Church Thursday, Sept. 21.

Rev. Jesse Arnup of Toronto, field secretary in mission work, will address the afternoon session on missions, and Rev. Walter Milson, field secretary in the department of social service and evangelism will conduct a conference, along the lines of his work.

Rev. Perry Dobson of Alma College, St. Thomas, will head a deputation from that city, who will support of the district in their campaign for funds to carry on the work of their educational society.

In order to secure as large an attendance as possible, each circuit in the district has been asked to send at least six delegates and as many more as possible.

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WANT BETTER DRAINAGE PLAN

Manor Park Residents Ask Westminster Township Council For Improvements.

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