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DEFER APPOINTMENT OF TRUANT OFFICER

Attendance Department Leaves Selection In Hands of Sub-Committee.

The attendance department committee, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, to consider the question of an attendance officer, left the decision in the hands of a sub-committee, consisting of Principals Mooney, Miller and Beal, and Inspector Greer, who will make their report to the board at today's meeting.

The committee as a whole disapproved of the decision of the board, made at its last meeting, to the effect that an attendance and vocational officer was unnecessary. The committee felt that London is large enough to employ a man who can fulfill both the attendance and vocational end of the position, and that the board underrated the needs of the city when they decided to appoint a man having only the powers of an attendance officer.

There is only one officer in Ontario performing both the attendance and the vocational offices, and he is connected with the Toronto technical school. He acts as liaison officer between the technical school and the various factories, looking after the placing of the pupils and the transferring of boys who may not be satisfactory in one position.

There are about twenty applications before the sub-committee.

CRASH LIFTS SCALP.

Guelph, May 10.—John Gibson, employed at the Homewood Sanitarium, was struck by a motor truck this morning and his entire scalp was lifted as a result. Doctors hold out every hope of his recovery, however, as the brain was not injured.

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Norfolk Nominee Asserts U.F.O. 'Absolutely No Good'

John S. Martin, Conservative Candidate, In St. Williams Speech, Roundly Flays All Departments of Present Administration.

Special to The Advertiser.

Simcoe, May 10.—Without opposition, John S. Martin, reeve of Port Dover, continent-famous Wyandotte poultry breeder, was accorded the unanimous nomination of the Conservative party to contest the riding of South Norfolk at a gathering of 200 farmers in St. Williams yesterday afternoon.

He took the platform and proceeded to denounce the Drury government in no uncertain terms. The outstanding feature of the present conditions in Ontario is that the U.F.O. government, in spite of its promises, has failed to carry out any one of them, he declared. "The Drury government considered it time for economy in provincial matters, but the politics of farmers' products indicate that the administration has been extravagant. The provincial debt in four years has increased from \$97,000,000 to \$241,000,000.

Raps U.F.O. Members.

"The U.F.O. eliminated lawyers from the house, then turned around and hired them to do business which the members should have done," Mr. Martin gave the premier credit for being a clever man, but Mr. Drury, he said, showed weakness in refusing to accept responsibility for any legislation. According to Mr. Martin, the Druryites had saddled the province with 500 new offices in the civil service and he accused the premier of employing party patronage tactics in filling them.

The speaker flayed the government mercilessly in all departments, and cynically remarked that the Drury Government had ridden in on a platform of economy and would go out on it. "The U.F.O. has worked for us during the past four years," asserted Mr. Martin, amid applause, "and we are satisfied that they are absolutely no good."

Alleges Patronage.

As an instance of alleged party patronage utilized by the premier, Mr. Martin cited the case of W. B. Gregory, who resigned his seat in Halton to make way for the premier in 1919.

He has been consistently appointed to the chairmanship of commissions, notably the Hydro commission inquiry, where he has drawn thousands of dollars from the pockets of Ontario farmers," he asserted.

The Conservative nominee considered the resignation of Hon. Mr. Raney as an admission that Ontario had no further use for him. Mr. Martin exhibited a volume of the public accounts and proceeded to scold Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, on what he termed his reckless and totally unwarranted expenditures. Peter Smith, in his opinion, was a good fellow, but a "terrible" financier, who had been "milked" by the Toronto brokers, with a resultant loss to the people of Ontario of \$225,000.

Questions Expenses.

Mr. Martin referred to the present government as "squander maniacs," and went on to criticize the departments of education and public highways in their expenditures. "Peter Smith's surplus was only a trick of bookkeeping," stated the Conservative stalwart, "and as the U. F. O. came into power on a tidal wave, so will sentiment in Ontario sweep them into oblivion."

J. C. Hodgins, editor of the "Onlooker," Brampton, was even more denunciatory of the U. F. O., and in stinging language proceeded to outline the alleged deficiencies of the present administration. He condemned the U. F. O. as "the most bewildered crowd of mariners that ever landed on a desert island." Mr. Hodgins said he believed that J. J. Macdonald was angrier than ever at the "Come ye all into the vineyard" speeches of Premier Drury, who was, he claimed, claiming the poorest excuse for a politician that he could recall. "Drury and Raney have been the autocrats of the assembly," said Mr. Hodgins, "and the rest have been cash registers."

The meeting dispersed with three cheers and a "tiger" for Ferguson, Martin and the Conservative party.

PUBLIC DRINKING COSTS SIMCOE RESIDENTS \$100

Special to The Advertiser.
Simcoe, May 10.—Delbert Rockefeller, Crallend Franklin and William S. Franklin were fined \$100 each by Magistrate Guntton in yesterday's police court on a charge of drinking in a public place contrary to the O. T. A. The cases were an aftermath of the City of Dresden wreck last November, the three offenders being charged with theft from the sunken ship. Today they were dismissed on that charge by Judge Boles, upon payment of the O. T. A. fine. The trio had previously been charged with judge and jury on the theft charge at the June assizes.

GALT BOY IS UNINJURED WHEN STRUCK BY RUNAWAY

Special to The Advertiser.
Galt, May 10.—Willie Ottaway, a 6-year-old lad of Brook street, was the victim of a peculiar accident yesterday. He was walking along Bond street with a brother, when a runaway horse turned suddenly off a cross street, taking the sidewalk and knocking the little fellow down. He was picked up unconscious, but outside of a lump on the head was not injured.

FIFTH CONSERVATIVE SEEKS NOMINATION

With Four Men Already In Lambton Field, Dr. McMillan Declares Self.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, May 10.—There is no paucity of gentlemen willing to bear the colors of the Conservative party in West Lambton. While the party leaders for several weeks have been distracted by the claims for the support of four individuals—P. T. McGibbon, R. E. Lesueur, W. S. Haney and J. M. MacAdams—today an announcement is made that a fifth is seeking honors. This is Dr. A. R. McMillan, a local practitioner, formerly of the Sombra district, who is being "pushed" in the southern portion of the riding.

Dr. McMillan has sprung immediately in many quarters to the position of favorite in the race for Conservative honors. While the older Conservative element favors Mr. McGibbon, a party stalwart for many years, and a younger element favors Wilfred S. Haney, young barrister and returned soldier, there is said to be support in the city as well as in the southern part of the riding for Dr. McMillan. The Conservative convention, which will be held May 15 at Petrolia, promises to be the liveliest affair in West Lambton political history, with its cutting and drying process is operated between now and that date.

Older Conservatives in the city state that they are bewildered by the lively "scrap" for favor. Meanwhile the Liberal organizing forces are already at work on behalf of Mayor Thomas H. Cook, who received a unanimous nomination at the Liberal convention Saturday last.

"Y" SECRETARY RESIGNS TO STUDY FOR MINISTRY

Special to The Advertiser.
Woodstock, May 10.—Alex. Donald, who has been boys' secretary of the Woodstock Y. M. C. A. for the past four years, has resigned, and his resignation, which takes effect on September 1, has been accepted with regret by the directors. Mr. Donald will go to Knox College in the fall as a theological student with a view to entering the Presbyterian ministry. He has been a resident of Woodstock since 1908, and prior to the war he was sporting editor of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. On his return from overseas, where he served with one of the battalions of the 48th Highlanders, he was appointed boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and was particularly successful in his work. He is this year's president of the Woodstock boys' work board.

FLAMES THREATEN HOME OF PETROLEA RESIDENT

Petrolia, May 10.—What might have proved a serious fire happened here yesterday when the shed and adjoining barn of A. Kirkpatrick caught fire. Only the prompt action of the fire brigade saved the house from being completely destroyed, as well as other framed buildings around. This makes the second call of the fire department in three days.

James O. Duke, "Canada's Corn King," Nominated By U.F.O. of South Essex

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, May 10.—James O. Duke, prominent farmer of Olinda and known as "Canada's Corn King" because of his singular success in the cultivation of that cereal, was yesterday afternoon nominated by the United Farmers of South Essex in convention at Kingsville to contest that constituency at the provincial elections next month.

Despite inclemency of weather, there was a large attendance of delegates. The names of eleven men and one woman were proposed when nominations were called for, but all with-

ALLOWS 'DAMP' PLANK IN WINDSOR PLATFORM

Frank Wilson, Conservative, Seeks Liberal Method of Purchasing Whiskey.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, May 9.—After considering the matter for three days, Frank W. Wilson, nominated last week by Windsor Conservatives to contest the constituency against Major J. C. Tolmie, tonight informed the executive committee of the association that he had decided to allow the name to stand. Mr. Wilson will run on a platform containing a plank providing for a modification of the Ontario temperance act to permit more liberal method of purchasing whiskey.

It is intimated that the Labor party may enter a candidate, as may also the prohibitionists who favor legislation that will make Canada bone dry.

A. WILSON DUNN INTERRED IN CEMETERY AT CULTUS

Special to The Advertiser.
Houghton, May 10.—A. Wilson Dunn, aged 71, passed away at his residence near Jacksonburg, Saturday, from heart trouble and pneumonia. He leaves his widow and three children, Mrs. Everett of Victoria; P. D. Dunn of Toronto; and William Dunn of Detroit; and a sister, Mrs. Henry Beaman of Cultus. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Kite, assisted by Rev. Mr. Chapman, at the Methodist Church, and interment made in Cultus Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Andrew Jackson, Albert Alton, James Alderson, James Crawford, Charles Burton and Fred Raven.

Obituaries

MRS. MARGARET JAMESON.
Woodstock, May 10.—Following a serious illness of three or four weeks' duration, the death occurred early yesterday at her home on Henry street of Margaret Jameson, wife of J. A. Cook. Mrs. Cook and her husband moved to Woodstock from Innerkip vicinity several weeks ago. Besides the husband, three sons and one daughter survive. All the children are married. The funeral will take place on Friday to the Presbyterian Cemetery.

RICHARD BILLINGS.

Woodstock, May 10.—The death place early yesterday of Richard Billings at his late residence, Dundas street. The deceased was in his 64th year, and had been in failing health for nearly four years. He was born in Valcartier, Que., leaving with his family for St. Marys when a child. He resided here for 40 years, coming to Woodstock 21 years ago. He followed the trade of a cabinet maker, and was an employee of the Karm Piano Company for 17 years, later joining the Warren pipe organ builders. He was a member of College avenue Methodist Church, and of Court St. Marys, Canadian Order of Foresters. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Ida, at home, and one son, Robert, of Ingersoll, and six brothers, Curtis of London, William of St. Marys, Fred of Windsor, Joseph of Toronto, John of Vancouver and Raley of Winnipeg.

FIND MOONSHINERS' CAR RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, May 10.—The automobile in which two alleged moonshiners escaped from Constable Weeks, of Royal Canadian Mounted Police, early Tuesday was found at a Walker-

ville garage yesterday morning. Body of the car was punctured by nine shots fired by Weeks, after he was thrown from running-board of moonshiners' car. Police believe car was abandoned because driver was wounded by one of the shots fired by the constable.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
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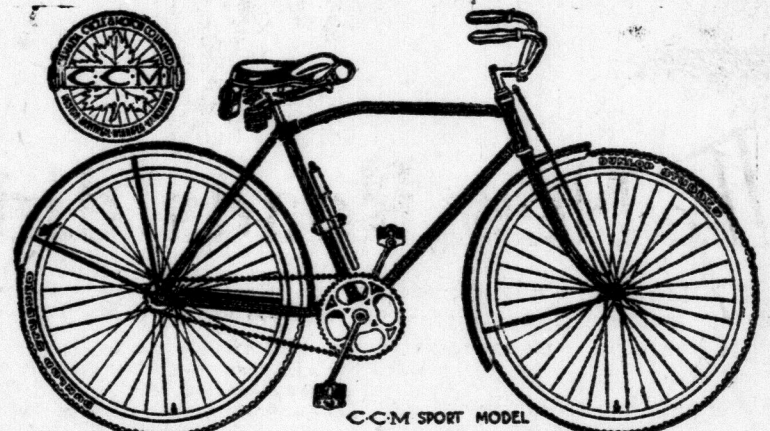
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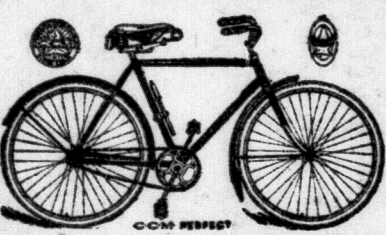
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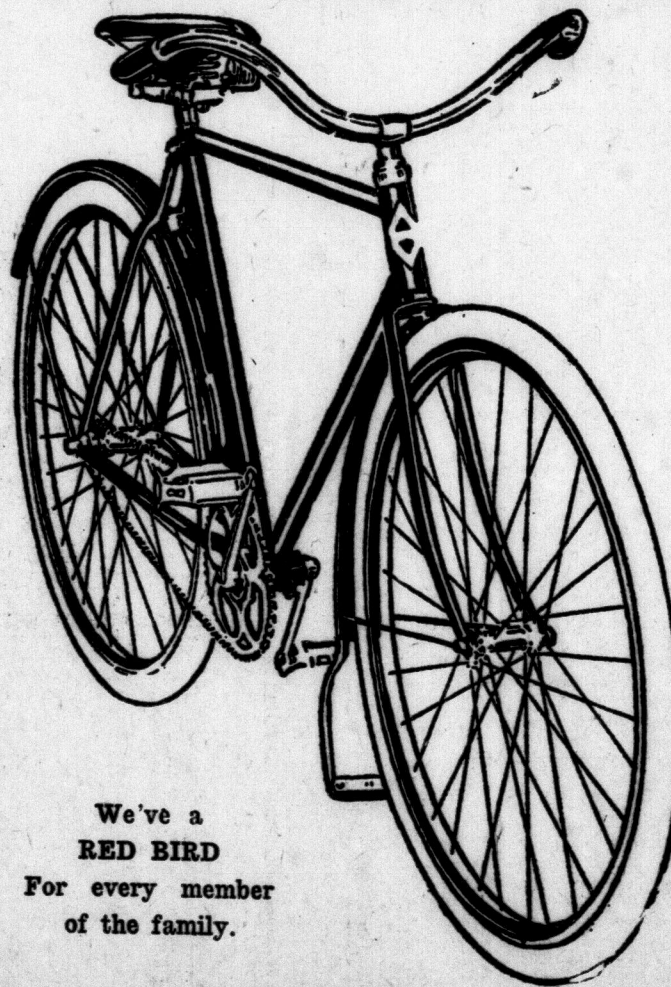
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