

DISCLOSURES CHATHAM BATHING PARTY

July's Last Day Breaks Records in Local Customs

SERIOUS CHARGES MAY YET BE PREFERRED IN "NUDE BATHING" CASES

Young Men Involved Plead Guilty in Chatham Court to Charges of O. T. A. Violation, and Disclosures Said To Be Sensational Are At Least Postponed.

HIGH CONSTABLE TO PRESS OTHER CHARGES

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.
Chatham, Aug. 1.—Changing their pleas from not guilty to guilty, seven of the most prominent young men of Chatham were each fined \$200 and costs this morning by County Magistrate S. B. Arnold, on charges of violating the O. T. A.

Blake McKelvey, George Pritchard, R. C. McKelvey, Noble Duff, Duncan Campbell, Terence Robert and Johnnie Wilson, the young men concerned in the scandals that have circulated throughout Ontario for the past two or three weeks, each pleaded guilty to one charge of having liquor in other than an authorized place. In addition to this, they admitted that other charges against them were substantially correct.

It was only after a couple of hours' conference between R. L. Brackin, K.C., for the defence, County Attorney H. D. Smith and Magistrate Arnold that the pleas of not guilty were changed, the primary object being to save ten young girls from appearing in court and giving testimony that would necessarily be of a distressing nature.

Court Crowded.
Although court was scheduled to open at 10 o'clock it was nearer 11 before the magistrate made his appearance, and pushed his way through the crowd of spectators which had been gathering since 9 a.m., in order to get choice seats.

George Pritchard was the first called and pleaded guilty to a charge of having liquor in Harwich Township on May 13. Five other charges of a similar nature were read to him, and on the advice of Mr. Brackin, he admitted that they were substantially correct.

The same procedure was adopted with the remainder, all of whom, with the exception of R. C. McKelvey, faced two charges. McKelvey faced six against him.

Harry Pick, who last Friday pleaded guilty to a charge of consuming liquor in an unauthorized place, was fined \$100. The others must pay \$200 and costs on the charge to which they pleaded guilty and costs in every other case.

Issues Warning.
County Attorney Smith in asking

that the stated fines be imposed, declared that next time the boys appeared before him on similar charges, they would have no opportunity of getting off with a fine. Six months in jail would be their portion on their next appearance.

Magistrate Arnold, in commenting on the case, stated that the crown had adopted this method of dealing with the charges in order that the young girls might not be forced to appear and give evidence. He stated that there might have been damaging revelations in the testimony of the girls, which would have given them undue and nasty publicity.

"Had these young men adopted this method last week and pleaded guilty," he continued, "they would have been more like men. As it is, they have disgraced the girls and their parents. They cannot have much respect for them, and should be ashamed of themselves."

"More particularly should the two married men with families have known better. One, in particular, Pritchard, deserves to go to jail. He has evidently no respect for his family or his relations."

Scores Pritchard.
Turning to Pritchard, Magistrate Arnold declared that he was warning him for the last time, and that while he was sure that a jail sentence was deserved this time, he would not get away with a fine if he made one more appearance.

"While undoubtedly several of the stories about alleged revels at the lakeside have their foundation in truth, people who have had no connection with any of it have had their names dragged into the scandals. Exaggerated stories have been making the rounds and will continue to do so. The whole occurrence is, I am regrettable, and I do not see how girls could so far forget themselves as to go out with married men and do the things which they evidently have done."

Sweltering heat did not deter the crowds from thronging the courtroom and overflowing into the hall, and long before court opened it was almost impossible to force a way through. The audience was mainly men with a fair sprinkling of women.

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VEGETABLE GROWERS IN SESSION.
In the above picture by an Advertiser cameraman can be seen the members of the London Vegetable Growers' Association who took part in yesterday's tour of inspection of the various market gardens on the north bank of the Thames. They are, reading from left to right: First row—J. W. Talbot, Eli Davis, D. Sanderson, F. C. Gard, J. L. Foote, C. W. Fuller (president), F. S. Whitehall, H. R. Lucas and W. J. Davis. Second row—Roy Weir, Alex. Watson, B. E. T. H. Hill, J. W. Thorne, G. Kirby, Charlton, N. T. Sanderson, T. H. F. W. Whitehall, J. Moulton and William Weir.

ASSESSMENT DEPT. TO GET HIGH MARK FROM BRITAIN

"Surveyors" Reported Highly Pleased With Work of Commissioner and Staff.

MOST EFFICIENT

Report Will Show That Maximum Result Is Attained at Minimum Cost.

Dr. Horace Britain and his associates, who are conducting, at the instigation of the city council, surveys of the several municipal departments, will bring in a very favorable report in connection with the city assessment department.

The Advertiser was notified this morning, from an authoritative source, and the prediction is forthcoming at the city hall that Commissioner Bennett's department will be declared A-1.

Certain recommendations will be made, but it is understood that these are actually consistent with suggestions already advanced from the department.

In addition to this, Mayor Wenige and individual members of his council, have been loud and emphatic in their praise of the assessment department since its reorganization early in the year. Only yesterday, the mayor declared that, roughly, as much as \$400,000 additional income tax would be added this year.

Members of the council are quite pleased with the showing of the department, and a musical program is being given at frequent intervals.

JULY STATISTICS MAKE NEW RECORD IN LONDON FOR TOTALS IN CUSTOMS

Yesterday's Return Shows the Biggest Day's Business in History of City.

MONTH ALSO HIGH

Collector Regards Showing as Indication of Return to Normal Prosperity.

July was a surprise month for the London customs officials. At a period when customs collections are supposed to be about normal, the local port sets two new records for this district, and while the establishing of the new high levels comes unexpectedly to O. H. Talbot, collector, as he told The Advertiser this morning, he looks upon it as an indication of a business impetus in Western Ontario.

One of the records was made yesterday when, after the day's business was completed, officials found that collections for the day amounted to \$72,783. This figure is far in advance of any other one day's collections, the nearest approach to this amount, as far as the oldest employee can recollect, being \$61,000. The second record came to light when the monthly report was compiled. The collections in the month of July are the largest ever made in the Forest City office.

In view of the fact that collections fell below the average in the second and third weeks of this month, I consider the showing for the last part of the month, as shown by W. Wooster, customs accountant, told The Advertiser.

The grand total for July, according to the report is \$2,470,431, an increase of \$61,822.66 over the corresponding month of 1922, when the total was \$2,408,608.35. Somewhat of a precedent is set by the month of June, when the total was \$2,408,608.35, an increase of \$61,822.66 over the corresponding month of 1922, when the total was \$2,408,608.35.

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LITTLE GIRL SAVED FROM BEING BITTEN TO DEATH BY DOGS

Vicious Canines Attack Child at Play in Manor Park.

DOG DESTROYED?

Richard Haines, Owner of Animal, Will Be Summoned to Court.

Only the herculean efforts of a passerby saved Beatrice, 3-year-old child of W. A. Richardson, Langarth street, from being bitten to death by three large dogs in Manor Park yesterday. The girl is now under the care of Dr. H. Hogg, who reports her well on the way to recovery.

Led by a big wolf collie, owned by Richard Haines of Manor Park, the pack attacked the little girl who was at play, taking big bites out of her arms, and gouging a large hole in her back. As she was surrounded by the snarling, biting pack a man, whose name has not been ascertained, came to her rescue, beat the dogs off and called medical aid.

Inspector George Tustin, of the Humane Society, was summoned and hurried to the scene to get the pack leader. He intended to have it impounded.

Claims Dog Destroyed.
When he arrived he was told the big collie had been shot and its body thrown into the waters of the Cove.

Haines will be charged in county police court with allowing a vicious dog to run at large.

Inspector Tustin declared that a dog which has bitten a person should be locked up and kept under the observation of humane officers for nine days to see whether it shows signs of madness.

Only a month ago, the girl was the victim of an attack by another dog. She still bears marks on her cheeks and mouth where the other dog bit her.

BOOM DOUGLASS FOR MAYORALTY CHAIR IN 1924

Many Supporters Urge Popular Board of Works Chairman to Enter Race.

HAS NOT DECIDED

Says He Is Not Seeking Honor of Opposing Mayor Wenige in December.

Representative citizens, not only in Ward Two, but throughout the city, are preparing to launch a "Douglass for mayor" campaign. The Advertiser was informed today.

Ald. Leonard Douglass is serving his second term in the city council, and there are many ratepayers who, having watched his record closely, declare that he is the logical choice for the mayor's chair. If George Wenige is to be opposed next December.

As chairman of the board of works, Ald. Douglass, his friends say, is attracting less criticism than is customarily directed at that position, and while he stated most emphatically today that he is not seeking any position, there are those who insist that he enter the mayoralty ring.

Ald. Douglass is also serving the ratepayers as chairman of the board of health.

WANT HIM FOR MAYOR.

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works and board of health, and for two years a representative in the city council from Ward Two, who is being urged to enter the next mayoralty race.

FALLS DOWN ELEVATOR, GEORGE MCCOY KILLED

Employee of D. S. Perrin & Co. Meets Instant Death at Work.

George McCoy, 92 Wilson avenue, was instantly killed at 1:45 o'clock today at D. S. Perrin's factory, where he was employed as elevator operator.

Mr. McCoy stepped from a loaded and moving elevator while it was between the first and second floors, and when attempting to regain the lift his head was caught in the gate. He fell to the basement, a distance of 25 feet. His skull was fractured and both legs were broken. Death was instantaneous.

An inquest will be held.

THINK DANGER OF STRIKE OF DETROIT RAILMEN OVER

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1.—With the selection of Judge Harry J. Dingman, presiding judge of the Michigan circuit court bench, as the third member of an arbitration board, it was believed in city hall circles today that the danger of a strike vote being taken by platform men of the Detroit street railways is ended. It was made known, although not officially, that the men had agreed not to press their claims for recognition of the union.

SHOOT CONSTABLE DEAD ON ASKING MOTOR LICENSE

Associated Press Despatch.
Methuen, Mass., Aug. 1.—Police Officer Arthur J. Bower was killed early today by a shot fired from an automobile which he had held up to demand the registration certificate and license from the driver. The three men in the car escaped. Bower and a fellow-officer were in search of house-breakers when they stopped the car.

PASSENGERS ESCAPE HURT WHEN ENGINE LEAVES RAILS

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Aug. 1.—The engine and three cars of a passenger train which left Providence for Worcester at 7:15 a.m. standard time today, were derailed at Riverdale, but all the passengers and crew escaped injury, according to an announcement from the office of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad here.

THREE PERISH IN FIRE OF TENEMENT HOUSE

Explosion of Oil Can Causes Havoc in Hagerstown Building.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 1.—Three persons were burned to death and three seriously injured in a fire which swept a tenement house, known as the Old Almshouse property on North Locust street, this city, today.

The fire was caused by an oil can in the hands of Geraldine Garbaugh, one of the victims, exploding as she was starting the fire in the kitchen stove. Her mother and father were also killed.

BRITISH GUNBOATS ARE SENT TO PORT OF AMOY

Consuls Ask Protection to Lives and Property in Chinese City.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hong Kong, Aug. 1.—Because of the fighting between rival Chinese factions at Amoy, the British gunboats Diomed and Fox Glove have been sent to that port. Looting is feared. The British and Japanese consuls asked for gunboats to protect foreign lives and property.

PLAYS 'HOME, SWEET HOME' EARLY ON HIS DOOR STEP

Advance Guard of Old Boys Pays Surprise Visit to His Former Home.

They say first impressions are lasting. The thing to do then on arriving in one's old home town for Old Boys' Week is to make the first appearance not only enthusiastic, but as sensational as possible. One of the early arrivals for the London Old Boys' Week was sufficiently early to be thoroughly consistent. His arrival was timed during the quiet hours between sunrise and urban breakfast. At that he was considered of the neighbors, as it was but softly that he played upon his mouth-organ that favorite tune, "Home, Sweet Home."

ST. MARYS WILL HOLD LAWN FAIR TOMORROW

St. Mary's Church will hold its annual garden party on the parish lawn at York and Lyle streets tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

The party is under the direction of Rev. Father Weber, who will take the form of a lawn fair, and although there will be no regular supper served, the various parish organizations will run booths from which cones, hot-dogs and pop will be offered for sale. The lawn will be illuminated with electric lights, and a musical program is promised. In addition to the pumbers put on by the parish members, the Marconi Band will be in attendance.

FORTY-SEVEN MEET DEATH AS GERMAN TRAINS CRASH

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Aug. 1.—Forty-seven persons were killed and thirty-seven injured in yesterday's railway accident at the Kreienstein station when the Hamburg-Munich express collided with a standing train. The engineer of the express is said to have been unable to see the signals set against him, and the locomotive crashed through the other train. The most of those killed were badly mangled, and identification was difficult.

BREAK LORD'S DAY ACT BY SELLING ICE CREAM

St. Thomas Storekeepers Are Haled to Court for Alleged Violation.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Aug. 1.—William Pallen and James O'Brien of this city appeared before Magistrate Maxwell this morning on a charge of selling ice cream on Sunday, contrary to the Lord's Day act, at their store, 549 Talbot street. It is alleged that the ice cream had been sold for several Sundays past.

O'Brien, who appeared on behalf of Pallen as well, asked for an adjournment till Friday morning in order that he might secure the services of a lawyer. He claimed that ice cream is food, and that the sale of it on Sunday is quite legal, especially as he served lunches along with it. It is pointed out, however, that he is not secured the regular permit to operate a restaurant from No. 4 committee.

MAY GIVE NEW FRANCHISE TO OTTAWA RAIL COMPANY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Reconsideration of granting a new franchise to the Ottawa Electric Railway Company by the city is likely as an outcome of the action of the board of control, which last night expressed its willingness to enter into negotiations with the company on the understanding that certain street railway extensions be considered.

Londoners Receive Vision of Fiction-Like Beauty

Dark-Skinned Maiden of Languorous Beauty, Evidently On Honeymoon Trip, Draws All Eyes on Arrival in City.

Now that "Sheik and Sheba" have arrived in the spotlight by way of the funny papers, somebody titillated remarked that the original Sheba, as far as he knew, had a skin of a rich walnut tint with kinky black hair. But that as it may, all the popular fiction followers have read about the lovely colored maidens who are to be found languishing in various regions of the tropics. It isn't very often they are seen as far north as the latitude of London, Ontario.

This morning, however, a colored maiden arrived from Cleveland with a face and form which would pass for sheer beauty, when measured by the standards of any clime.

She appeared to be a girl of little over twenty and might have been on a honeymoon trip as she wore a shiny wedding ring and a glistening diamond and the colored gentlemen with her were quite evidently her husband.

They came to the city via the London & Port Stanley and both appeared to be strangers as neither had been in London before. Cloudy G. T. R. was still standing.

But getting back, the girl was so pretty that nearly everyone on the car had a second look at her. She was dressed in brown that matched large brown eyes. Her skin was clear and velvet-like, and of rich, smooth color, not so very many shades darker than champagne color.

The hair, which peeped beneath her hat was formed of little tight curls and glowed like silk in the morning sun.

Whether the dark-skinned beauty came to stay for Old Boys' Week is a question that cannot be answered. If she did, however, the decorative effect won't suffer.

DEALERS AFRAID COAL SUPPLY MAY RUN VERY SHORT

Express Real Fear of Fuel Famine in London During Coming Winter.

NO DROP IN PRICES

Coal Orders Already in Hand Reported Heavier Than Can Be Readily Filled.

Unless an amicable agreement is reached by which the Pennsylvania anthracite coal strikers and owners can operate at capacity through the summer and fall, the possibility of a coal famine this winter looms extremely large. This is the opinion of representative coal dealers interviewed this morning by The Advertiser.

The anthracite situation in the big coal fields of the United States is precarious. Unless the operators accede to the miners' demand for a 20 per cent wage increase a cessation of mining is inevitable, according to local merchants.

In spite of local merchants' gloomy outlook in connection with the anthracite situation, there is no cause for alarm. Bituminous coal and other substitutes can be readily secured, although the use of these will no doubt cause a general inconvenience, and no small amount of dissatisfaction.

Many Orders Ahead.
Coal merchants of this city have at the present more orders to fill than they can possibly handle. People are becoming alarmed, and with last year's experience fresh in their minds are endeavoring to secure their winter's supply of coal now.

The Advertiser was assured this morning that if miners in the anthracite fields refuse to strike, there would be no supply of hard coal. People would not have to suffer from lack of heat. If there is no strike in the soft coal mines, the variety of fuel will be available, but in case of a strike in the anthracite fields, the price of substitutes will advance.

In any event, the price of coal to the consumer will probably be as high if not higher than that of last year. If the miners obtain their wage increase, the price of anthracite will naturally go up, and a reduction in cost of production is the only hope for reduced price of anthracite coal.

Prices No Lower.
It is the opinion of local dealers that strike or no strike there will be no decrease in prices. The supply of hard coal will certainly be limited. Producers are 12 to 14 million tons short as a result of last year's strike.

According to the latest report of the impending strike of the anthracite coal field workers, received this morning by William A. Martin, Aug. 31 is the date set for the workers to go out on strike unless an agreement is reached whereby they receive their 20 per cent wage increase.

"There is occasion for serious thought in regard to the probable shortage of anthracite, but people need not be alarmed about this winter's supply of fuel, owing to the many substitutes available," said William A. Martin this morning to The Advertiser.

FARMERS NEAR KINGSTON COMPLAINING OF DROUGHT
Special to The Advertiser.
Kingston, Aug. 1.—The continued dry weather is being severely felt by farmers in many sections of this country. Wells are drying up and farmers have been compelled to cart water long distances from creeks to water their cattle. Near Odessa many farmers are carrying water, and it is stated that the outlook is very serious as in many places there has been no rain for over two months. The hay crop is the best in years. One farmer stated that he had taken off 134 loads.

HUNDREDS OF BRITISHERS TO AID IN CANADA HARVEST
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 1.—Ever since the intimation that men were required on Canadian farms, the Canadian Pacific Railway office in Glasgow has been invaded by hundreds of men eager to get abroad. The lists are now being closed.

The steamer Marburn will sail on Friday with 800 harvesters headed for Winnipeg by way of Montreal. The Marlow leaves a week later with a similar number.

THE WEATHER
FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate southerly winds, fair and warm; thunderstorms in some localities tonight and tomorrow.
Thursday—Warm and showery, cooler by night.

The area of low pressure, which was centered in Dakota yesterday, is moving across the Great Lakes, and the barometer is falling throughout the west. The weather is unusually cool in the western provinces, warm in Ontario and Quebec and cool in the Maritime Provinces.

Station High Low Weather
Victoria 64 50 Clear
Calgary 56 42 Rain
Winnipeg 74 60 Fair
Port Arthur 66 60 Fair
Soo 68 64 Cloudy
Perry Sound 82 62 Fair
Toronto 82 62 Clear
Kingston 76 64 Fair
Ottawa 78 60 Fair
Montreal 78 64 Cloudy
Quebec 76 64 Cloudy
Father Point 64 42 Rain
St. John 82 50 Cloudy
Halifax 64 52 Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 86; lowest, 61. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 74; lowest, 65.

Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—8 p.m.—29.27.
Today—8 a.m.—29.24.