

DEDICATION FEAST TO BE OBSERVED

London Jews Plan To Commemorate Historical Event.

BEGINS SUNDAY

On Sunday evening the Jewish feast of dedication starts. It is not a feast which brings a holiday or any abstinence from work with it, being merely a commemoration of an important historical event in Jewish history. It will last for eight days, and will be celebrated in the homes of the more orthodox families, by the lighting and burning of candles. The event commemorated is the ultimate victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians in 165 B.C. The Maccabees, a Jewish family, were the first to free Palestine from the tyrant Antiochus the Fourth.

A concert will be given in the synagogue on Sunday evening next by the Junior Hebrew chapter in honor of the occasion. A preliminary celebration was held last Sunday, when the Senior Hebrew chapter held a social evening in the synagogue.

Temple Rededicated.
The temple at Jerusalem, which had been defiled by pagan practices, was rededicated on the 25th of Kislev of the Hebrew calendar, which corresponds to the month of December in the Gregorian calendar. The rededication of the temple is commemorated by the feast of Chanukah, which is celebrated every night of the eight days.

Among the old legends recounting the miraculous intervention of Providence in behalf of Israel is the story of the preservation of a single cruse of undefiled oil found in the temple at the occasion of this rededication, which burned for eight days. In recognition of this, lights are kindled in the home for that period, lighting one on the first night, two on the second, and so on.

Prayer Introduced.
No special synagogue service is held during Chanukah week, but a prayer is introduced in the ritual stressing the ultimate triumph of righteousness over the tyranny of night, showing that the light of the right faith is a majority no armies of men can overthrow.

In Jewish circles, there are parties given at this time, and in religious schools plays and pageants presented expressive of the glorious victory of the few and feeble over the aggression of tyrants and despots.

The joyful character of the day is always accentuated in home, synagogue and religious school and the value of the Maccabees revered.

CLUB AT LONDON LIFE HOLDS CHRISTMAS TREE

Presents Forwarded by Members to Children of Thomas

Always Hall Home.

Last night's meeting of the London Life Women's club at Dufferin hall was featured by a great Christmas tree. During the course of the evening the club members put gifts on the tree, which was later stripped and the gifts forwarded to the Thomas Always Hall home for the children there. The dismantling of the tree was accomplished by a real Santa Claus. It had been the intention of the club to have the children as special guests at the occasion, but the presence of mumps prevented that.

The meeting was arranged under the direction of the sports committee, including Joyce Gibb and Olive Hobbs as conveners.

Miss Norma Springer carried off the honors in a merry game arranged by the committee. The program included songs by Miss Muriel Atkinson and Miss Hazel Stone, a Christmas story by Mrs. Frieda Stephens. The Christmas Buzzer, a special edition for the holiday season, was read by Miss Kathleen England.

WILTON AVE. SECTION TO BE DEEDED TO C.N.R.

Four Streets Will Run to "Blind End" Through Commission's Action.

Following recommendations of the town planning commission and resolution of the council, part of Wilton avenue will be closed and deeded over to the C.N.R. The three blocks at the west end of the street are little used at present and are not built on except for C.N.R. sheds.

Now it is understood that any objections which neighborhood ratepayers might have had are now removed and no complaints regarding the closing of the street have been made. Gore, Shaw, Muir and Childers streets will now run to "blind ends" through the closing of Wilton avenue.

"BETHLEHEM" PROMISES TO BE STELLAR PLAY

"Bethlehem" Nora Holland's nativity play, which is to be presented in the Patricia theatre on Monday night next by J. J. Stanley Meredith and Miss Grace Blackburn, promises to be one of the finest productions of the year. An orchestra from the R.C.M. directed by L. K. Harrison, will be in attendance, permission having been given by Col. Seeley-Smith. And St. Paul's choir, led by Capt. H. L. Duncan, will have its share in the performance.

The play is being presented under the auspices of the women's guild of St. Paul's cathedral.

MRS. MARY LAUR.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Laur of Asymer, who died in the Victoria Home, London, on Monday, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from her residence. Mrs. Laur was one of the oldest residents of Asymer, being 81 years of age, and had been ill for three weeks. She was buried in Asymer practically all her life.

Mrs. A. W. Pierce of Asymer is a daughter of Mrs. Laur. Interment took place in Asymer cemetery.

BODY OF GOMPERTS WING IN STATE

Funeral Services at New York Tomorrow To Be Broadcast by Radio.

Canadian Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 17.—The body of Samuel Gompers, late president of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here at the Pennsylvania station at 7:05 o'clock this morning from Washington, accompanied by his widow, members of the family, and a large delegation of union officials.

The bronze casket was transferred from the train to an artillery caisson drawn by six horses. Preceded by a detail of police and squads of soldiers and sailors and members of the National Guard, and followed by the committee of labor officials, the body of Mr. Gompers was conveyed to the Elks' club on West Forty-third street.

The body will lie in state in the lodgeroom there until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. During that period state members of the Elks, the Masons and other fraternal orders will serve as guards of honor.

The funeral services at 9 a.m. tomorrow will be broadcast by radio of the station W. J. Z. by General Organizer Frayne of the federation are carried out.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise will officiate at the services in the lodge room. The eulogy will be delivered by James D. Duncan, first vice-president of the federation. Final rites will be held at the Elks' club on West Forty-third street.

SHIP "MINERVA" DOCKS AFTER YEARS SAILING

London's Cruiser Pulls Into Dock on King Street After Many Adventures.

The city of London's new fire tug, "Minerva," docked here yesterday after a lengthy and possibly adventurous trip from the Labrador. Fire Chief Aitken has been appointed commander of the craft and its christening and maiden voyage, undelayed in London colors, may or may not be held soon.

The "Minerva" is a 16-footer, equipped with four oars and a paddle. It will be the depot for the fire department's care of drowning cases on the river Thames. The rescue crew has been handicapped of late in operations along the river, as they have had to work about with grappling irons to work. The purchase of a lifeboat is a decided improvement in the equipment of the department.

The craft was made in Peterboro and has been on the way to London for nearly a year.

Obituary

MRS. M. M. MACLELLAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Maclellan, who died on Sunday at her home, lot 6, concession 2, London, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Maclellan, who was 37 years of age, was a life resident of Lobo township.

She is survived by her husband, Archibald D. Maclellan, and five sons, John Maclellan, M.D., of Pelee Island; J. D. Maclellan of Hamilton, Wash. Bert Maclellan, of Windsor; B. A. Maclellan of Auburn, Cal.; and J. H. Maclellan at home. She also leaves one daughter, Margaret, at home.

Interment took place in Poplar Hill cemetery.

DR. GORDON WILL SPEAK AGAIN NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Charles W. Gordon, D.D., (Ralph) Connor, of London, who addressed a meeting in Ryerson school last night on the question of church union, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, will return to the city to deliver a second address on the subject next Sunday.

The meeting will be held in King street Presbyterian church at 4 p.m., under the auspices of the church union committee of the presbytery of London, of which committee Rev. William Beattie, D.D., pastor of First Presbyterian church, is the chairman.

AUTOMOBILE IS STOLEN FROM CLARENCE STREET

A Hudson Coach belonging to Dr. W. J. Brown, 465 Clarence street, was stolen last night from in front of the doctor's office. Dr. Brown states that he left it outside the office during his evening office hours, and that when he went to get it to go home the car had disappeared. The license number is 120-485.

REVISION CASES

Revision cases come tomorrow chiefly on matters which have already gone into the hands of the tax collector. In a number of instances, co-operation of citizens could not be secured in business and income assessments and the assessor had to name sums which he thought fit. Some of the alleged delinquents are now protesting to revision court that they have been improperly assessed. Some 50 or 60 cases will come up before court of revision tomorrow.

Thamesford village has asked the city of London to provide fire protection.

MacDonald Will Take Sea Trip

Canadian Press Despatch. London, Dec. 17.—Former Premier MacDonald plans to start the sea voyage recommended for his health, next Monday. It was recently stated that he might visit the United States, but his actual itinerary comprises only West Indies and Central American ports.

Leaving Avonmouth aboard the steamer Camito, he is due to arrive at Kingston, Jamaica, on Jan. 6. After visiting Costa Rica and Panama, he will return by way of Kingston, expecting to arrive at Avonmouth on Feb. 3.

COLD WAVE GRIPPING PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Mercury Falls to 40 Below Zero at Calgary Last Night.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—With the mercury still on the war path, and registering new low records, there was no prospect last night of the cold wave abating in the western provinces. It has held sway for the past four days, with Alberta bearing the brunt of the wintry blast, and temperatures going to their lowest mark in thirteen years.

Winnipeg and provincial points continued to hold steady at around the 20 below mark, though a sharp north wind added its sting and made things generally uncomfortable. Saskatchewan beat out Manitoba in the way of low records, and some of the northern districts were dropping down in line with Alberta. Forty-four below was registered at Calgary at 10:30 last night.

There is no prospect in sight of any change as the weather bureau predicted for the prairie provinces "fair and very cold" for Wednesday.

P. U. C. ACCLAMATIONS PROVE PUBLIC FAITH

December Edition of "The Live Wire" Comments on Work Here.

The December edition of "The Live Wire," published by the public utilities commission, has just made its appearance.

The little magazine contains articles under the following headings: "What Makes Water Hard?" "Public Utilities Commission Devices." "Plan To Make London the Best Lighted City on the Continent." "Consider Increasing the Cost." "Consider the Violet Ray as Guarantee of Pure Water." "Proposed 100,000 H. P. Steam Auxiliary System at Port Stanley." "To West Vast Products From Coal Used." "Safety First in Handling Electricity." "How Hydro Improvement Will Make Service Better." "How Electricity Helps Out in Modern Policing."

A particularly interesting article entitled, "What Everybody Says Must Be True," is significant. "Standard English dictionaries are authority for this definition: 'Acclamation,' shout of approval; loud applause." "City Clerk Baker, as presiding officer over the municipal elections, has announced on nomination day that the voters will be asked to vote for or against the public utilities commissioners T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster that were re-elected by acclamation.

Thus the P. U. C. frequently described by competent critics as the most efficient public body in London, has received once again the unqualified endorsement of the people. In previous years elections by acclamation have been received by Chairman Jared Vining and Commissioner Philip Pocock, while on other occasions the commissioners have been elected by a direct approval of their votes.

The P. U. C. today ranks as one of the greatest industrial organizations in Western Ontario, employing hundreds of workers, faithfully discharging hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of service, and delivering day to day essential service for which satisfied water and hydro customers pay in nearly a million and a quarter dollars a year."

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ANTI-UNIONISTS ARE HOLDING MEETIN TONIGHT

The question of church union is being thoroughly discussed by the different Presbyterian churches of the city during the closing days of the year. The meeting of the vote-taking on Monday next.

The anti-unionists are holding a meeting in King street Presbyterian church at 8 p.m. tonight, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, Toronto, and one of the leaders of the anti-union cause in the Presbyterian church in Ontario.

Arrangements for meetings on zoning may be made at this afternoon's meeting of the town planning commission. Horace L. Seymour, town planning expert, was in the city today conferring with various members of the commission. At the several aldermen who are members of this year's body drop out of the council at the end of the year, the personnel of the commission will be greatly changed in 1925.

The final meeting of the traffic committee will be held tonight, when the question of snow removal and traffic handling is expected. Full data has not been secured on competitive tenders for the Richmond-Dundas intersection traffic system. It is believed, however, that proper equipment can be secured for about \$750 and the council has authorized expenditure of such a sum.

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METHODISTS TAKE UNION EN MASSE

Church Is Preserving Its Dignity, Rev. H. J. Uren Declares.

The Methodist churches of the London conference, and in fact all over Canada, are going into the United Church of Canada without so much as taking a vote on the question, as the Presbyterian church is doing at the present time.

Such is the declaration of Rev. H. J. Uren, pastor of Colborne street Methodist church, and president of the London conference.

That declaration is backed up by Rev. John Garbutt, pastor of Dundas street Methodist church, and one of the leaders of the anti-union forces in the Methodist church in the early years when the question was first considered by the general conference of the Methodist church of Canada.

The Methodist church, as also the Congregational church, has, in accordance with the terms of the church union act, the right to have its individual congregations vote on the question of concurrence or non-concurrence in the union, the same as the Presbyterian church.

As already stated, however, the Methodist churches of the London conference and of the whole of Canada, under the auspices of the London conference, are going into the union en masse and without taking a vote on the question.

In conversation with "The Advertiser" this morning, Mr. Uren stated that when church union had been adopted by the highest court of the Methodist church, the conference, it had been agreed the majority should rule.

"The anti-union minority graciously agreed to go into the union," Mr. Uren stated. "The church has adopted the peaceful attitude which has characterized it through recent years."

"We are going in as a unit," asserted Mr. Garbutt. "The Methodist church is not a divided church. The charge of the Presbyterian anti-unionists that we are an apostate church has only tended to smother what little opposition there was in the Methodist church toward union. It has made us solid on the question."

"I am glad," asserted Mr. Garbutt, "that we are going in with all we have."

RALPH CONNOR'S STAND BRINGS FINE TRIBUTE

Dr. Beattie Tells of Remarkable Achievements of Minister.

The honor of introducing Rev. Chas. W. Gordon, D.D., Winnipeg, better known as Ralph Connor, to a London audience last night in Ryerson school, fell to the lot of Rev. (Col.) William Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., pastor of First Presbyterian church.

In introducing the speaker of the evening Dr. Beattie pointed out that during the time had acted as chaplain of all the Canadian forces in the field during the great war he had had the privilege of "blessing" Dr. Gordon, among other big men of the church in Canada today.

"Dr. Gordon, better known to you as Ralph Connor, has brought a great contribution to the literary world," began Dr. Beattie. "He has brought to the church a great contribution, and let me tell you, as chaplain, a total of more than 200,000 men, he brought a great contribution."

"I am not surprised to find Dr. Gordon on the church program," Dr. Beattie declared. "He could scarcely be anything else, and has served as a chaplain overseas."

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PEANUT KING ANGERED OVER NEW MARKET EDICT

James Lamont, the goober king, is indignant. He has been providing a large slice of the world with goobers for many years, and now he has been refused the right to trade on Covent garden market.

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Ex-Emperor Karl of Austria.

ma, married Karl while he was still archduke and while Franz Josef was monarch. Admiral Horthy, on the right, was noted before the war as a yacht racer and later commanded the cruiser Novara, which several times raided the Italian coast. After the war he helped overthrow the Bolshevik regime in Bela Kun, and on March 1, 1920, was made regent of Hungary. A month or so ago a plot was uncovered which was aimed at the assassination of Horthy. Communists were blamed.

DEFENCE SCORES IN MCCOY TRIAL

Maid Testifies That Mr. and Mrs. Mors Led Quarrelsome Life.

Canadian Press Despatch. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.—Counsel for the defence in the trial of Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors, divorced wife of an anti-union dealer, last August, scored a point in his favor here late yesterday when, by a witness of the prosecution, they established their domestic felicity during the time McCoy was in the Mors household prior to the time McCoy met Mrs. Mors.

Sallie Teague, negro maid of Mrs. Mors, charged that the anti-union dealer and his wife had quarrelled before the introduction of the ex-pugilist, and that one time Mrs. Mors struck her husband with a broom.

Before the maid was called to the witness-stand, Deputy District Attorney E. J. Dennison announced to the jury that he had introduced the British by the maid's testimony that "a solute felicity reigned in the Mors household before McCoy was introduced there."

ST. GEORGE'S PUPILS GIVE CLEVER CONCERT

Attractive Program Presented Under Auspices of Mothers' Club.

The children of the St. George's school gave a most successful Christmas concert at the school last night, under the auspices of the St. George's mothers' club. Mrs. T. E. Clarke, the president, was in the chair, the arrangements for the concert having been made under the direction of Miss Graham, one of the members of the school teaching staff.

Mrs. H. A. Winnett was present, and appealed to the mothers for a shower of boxes for the Victoria hospital library.

The program included cleverly rendered numbers by the following: Gladys, Ruth, Elaine, Grace, Mary, Nora Low, Woodrow Ward, Marjorie Miller, Lucy Collier, Mary Landon, Eleanor Bailey, Katharine Phillips, Lillian Hayes, Madeline H. Anderson, Margaret Wyatt, Bobby Edy, Jack Fox, Jean Brown, Jack Smith, Morris Kingston, Sells Maclellan, Thelma, Barnes, Donna Huggins, Jane Crist, Phyllis Prescott, Muriel Randall, Billy Hull, Joyce Hepburn, Ruth Willis, Margaret McNicol and Gordon Robinson.

AGED WOMAN REMAINS IN UNCONSCIOUS STATE

Mrs. Elizabeth Young of 221 Grey street, who was found lying in the Thames river yesterday afternoon, was reported to be still in an unconscious condition at Victoria hospital, where she was brought by police.

Mrs. Young's condition was considered critical. She is suffering from shock and cold, and due to her advanced age, little hope is held for her recovery.

C. N. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WILL FETE CHILDREN

On Monday night next a Christmas concert will be given by the C. N. R. athletic association to the hall at the carshops. A fine program has been arranged for the evening and boxes of candles will be given to the children. The concert is an annual affair at the carshops, and is always well attended. The number of children is increasing and a new hall may have to be used some time in the near future for children's shows and entertainments.

CAR JUMPS OFF TRACK AND LINE IS TIED UP

Street car traffic on Richmond street north was tied up for almost an hour this morning when a trolley jumped the tracks at the Huron street switch. It was 45 minutes before the wrecking car succeeded in righting the trolley to its position on the tracks. Many pedestrians bound for work were forced to walk, as the accident prevented southbound street cars from passing.

THREE ARE FINED.

Three Londoners paid fines amounting to \$30 and costs in police court this morning on charges of intoxication. Another paid a \$10 fine on a disorderly conduct charge. Evidence in the latter case was heard in Magistrate Graydon's private office.

FIRE LOSS IS \$8,284.

Galt, Dec. 17.—Fire Chief J. E. Keyes, annual report shows Galt fire loss for this year was \$78,284.50, about the last of this week.



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RADIO IS SEEN AS NERVE CURE

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 17.—Radio is recognized by British hospital authorities as a treatment for nerve cases and insomnia and a number of institutions are installing wireless equipment almost as a matter of routine. Doctors declare the radio programs are important to nerve patients, not only in their direct effect, but as antidotes for the unpleasant everyday street noises.

Sir Henry Hadow is firmly convinced of the healing influence of radio music, and Sir Bruce Porter attributes to it the high turnover of 100 patients a month at the Third London General hospital.

HUGHES JEWEL THEFT BRINGS 6-YEAR TERM

W. J. Checkley Sticks to Story That He Was Trying to Shield His Son.

Canadian Press Despatch. Lindsay, Dec. 17.—W. J. Checkley appeared before Judge McGilvray of Whitby here yesterday and was sentenced to six years in Kingston penitentiary for theft of some \$5,000 worth of jewelry from the residence of Lady Hughes. His son, Harry Checkley, previously received a sentence of three years on the same charge.

Checkley, Sen., has a previous record. He maintained his innocence to the last, claiming that the son stole the goods, and he simply endeavored to shield the son.

OLD DOBBIN FINDS ICE HAS SPOILED HIGHWAY

Old Dobbin, who has thanked his lucky horseshoes all fall that he had a nice gravel strip to trot on along the Pipe Line road, passed up the center of the road this morning for the adjacent strip of pavement.

The gravel center was heavily coated with ice, while the pavement provided a sound footing owing to the snow having been pushed to one side by motor cars.

Township and county roads were nothing but strips of ice today, and extremely dangerous for horse traffic. Motor cars even with chains, found difficulty in keeping to the straight and narrow path.

KOMOKA YOUNG MEN ENTER SWINE CONTEST

Seven young men from Komoka, members of the Lobo swine club, are representing the county of Middlesex in the inter-county swine judging competition being held at the plant of the Ingersoll Packing Company today and tomorrow.

Members of the team are: Edgar Doan, C. Westbrook, C. Pinkham, C. Brown, G. Geary, W. Tunks and Earl Doan.

The following ten counties have sent representatives: Ingersoll, Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Elgin, Brant, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth and Waterloo.

The competitions are in charge of Prof. Steckley, O.A.C., J. D. Erlen, Ridgeway, and C. J. Webster at the recent municipal elections, and the re-election of G. A. Wenige as mayor.

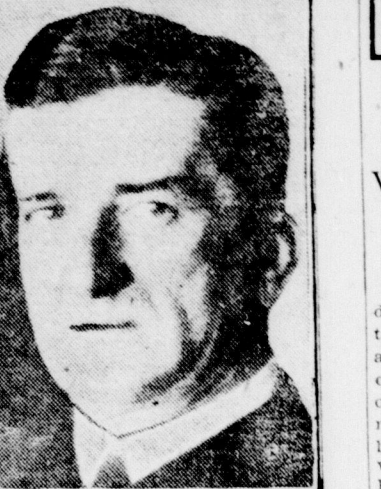
The other members of the competition are Chairman Jared Vining and Commissioner Philip Pocock. Since Mr. Vining has indicated that when his present term on the commission expires on Dec. 31, 1925, he will resign, it is altogether likely that he will again be chosen as chairman of the commission.

SELECT NEW PLAY.

"Pignoli," has been chosen by the members of the literary society of the university for this year's play, providing they are able to obtain the students to play the several necessary parts. The various parts have been listed and a meeting will be held in room 4 at the university, college of arts, tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. To sign up the students wishing to try out for the parts.

BUILDING IMPROVED.

James Deane market clerk, was again busy this morning painting the walls of the weigh scales house. The place already is much brighter and Mr. Deane expects to be finished about the last of this week.



Dr. Fred W. Routley.

Dr. Fred W. Routley of Toronto, director of the Ontario division of the Red Cross society made a stirring appeal on behalf of home nursing classes for the community, at a rally of nurses held in the Y. M. C. A. last night. This rally, called by the local branch of the Red Cross society was well attended. Mrs. Ronald Harris, president of the Red Cross, was in the chair.

WINNIPEG BOARD HONORS NANTON

New President of Dominion Bank Leaves to Assume Duties.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—On the eve of his departure for Toronto to assume the position of president of the Dominion bank of Canada, Sir Augustus Nanton was the guest of honor of the Winnipeg board of trade at a banquet last night and was made the recipient of an illuminated address in which high tribute was paid to his qualities of mind and heart, and cordial thanks was expressed for what he had done for the city, the province, the dominion and the empire.

Speeches of an eulogistic character were made by Premier John Bracken (out-governor), Premier John Bracken, Archbishop Matheson, Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Hugh Sutherland, George F. Galt, P. R. Dewar, D. C. Coleman and G. W. Allen, who presented the address, which contained the signatures of members of the board of trade and other citizens. There were about 500 prominent businessmen present.

TUGS ARE BATTLING TO SAVE FREIGHTERS

Vessels Held Fast