

FORM OF UNION BALLOTS GIVEN

New St. James Congregation
Will Vote on Question—
Two Questions.

At a special meeting of the session of New St. James' Presbyterian church last night a decision was reached as to the form of the ballot on church union which will be recommended by the session to the congregational meeting on Dec. 22.

W. D. Beamer and W. A. Tanner were appointed as a committee to select two scrutineers to act on each side. W. Watterworth and R. J. Webster were appointed poll clerks.

The times for voting on the question were fixed as follows: Monday, Dec. 22, 8 to 11 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 24, 3 to 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 26, 7 to 9 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 29, 8 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 1, 8 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 3, 7 to 9 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 5, 3 to 5 p.m. A second congregational meeting will be held on Monday evening to receive the result of the vote.

The form of the ballot to be presented to the congregation for its approval is as follows: This ballot is provided under the United Church of Canada act, 14-15, George V, Canada, chapter 100:

"For union—Are you in favor of this congregation entering the United Church of Canada?"

"Against union—Are you against the congregation entering the United Church of Canada?"

While both questions can be answered in the affirmative the voter will express his opinion on the question by marking an "X" opposite the first or second question according to his desires.

OWEN KIRK WINNER IN BILLIARD TOURNEY

Defeats G. W. Foote in the
G.W.V.A. Finals by Score
of 250 to 238.

George Turner, secretary of the London G. W. V. A., has just issued the official scores of the recent billiard tournament held in the "Puz Out." The final match of the tournament was Owen Kirk, who defeated G. W. Foote by 250 to 238. Kirk received a 75 handicap, while Foote played from scratch.

The full list of the entrants, with their point handicaps, are as follows:

T. O. Neal, rec. 35; Jack Smith, rec. 100; T. Holmes, rec. 75; J. Clark, rec. 100; G. W. Foote, scratch; P. Berry, rec. 100; Geo. Turner, scratch; Geo. Bridge, rec. 100; J. McNamara, rec. 100; H. Menzies, Owen Kirk, rec. 75; E. L. Lake, rec. 75; H. Boyle, rec. 45; A. Driscoll, rec. 55; R. Wildish, rec. 100; J. Stevens, rec. 100; Geo. Smith, rec. 100; E. Aiken, rec. 100; J. B. Bales, rec. 100; C. Dennis, rec. 35; J. W. Cunliffe, rec. 45; H. Clements, rec. 45; C. J. Nixon, rec. 45; M. Noble, rec. 125; P. Forbes, rec. 100; J. S. Serofo, rec. 75.

MRS. EMILY GREENAWAY PASSES AWAY IN WINDSOR

An old and well-known resident of London passed away Friday at the home of Mrs. P. R. Braddon, Hull avenue, Windsor, after a long illness. Mrs. Emily Greenaway, formerly of London, in her 80th year.

The late Mrs. Greenaway was born in Montreal, and resided in Windsor for 45 years, removing to London a few years ago to make her home with her daughter. For some time she had been a semi-invalid. Her husband predeceased her 17 years ago.

The deceased is survived by her three children, Arthur Greenaway of Royal Oak, Mich.; Edith (Mrs. P. R. Braddon), of Windsor, and F. J. Greenaway of Kingston, Ont. The funeral, which will be of a private nature, takes place on Monday morning from the C. N. R. station, interment taking place in Woodland cemetery.

FISH NETS WORTH \$300 ALL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire originating from an overheated stove, completely destroyed 25 nets, valued at \$300, belonging to the H. Moore and W. Stanton Fish company, Port Stanley, yesterday afternoon.

The owners, with their tax, were out on the lake until the time and only a few employees were in the shanty. The village fire brigade was called and quickly extinguished the flames. Two or three neighboring houses were drenched and pumped water while the firemen adjusted the hose.

Insurance covered practically the whole loss.

WILL BORROW \$82,000. Middlesex county will borrow \$82,000 for road expenditure until the government grant arrives. County Clerk Stuart stated this morning. The county will borrow an additional \$20,000 to pay current expenses until the 1925 council meets in January next.

Bylaws authorizing the borrowing were passed at the county council session late yesterday afternoon.

DEBATES PLANNED. Four debates will be held next week by junior farmers and members of the junior women's institute in connection with the Middlesex debating league.

The Appin club will debate at Mount Bridge, the Coldstream at Mount Bridge, Delaware and Komoka and Massonville and Hyde Park are the other contestants.

Hear

Ralph Connor

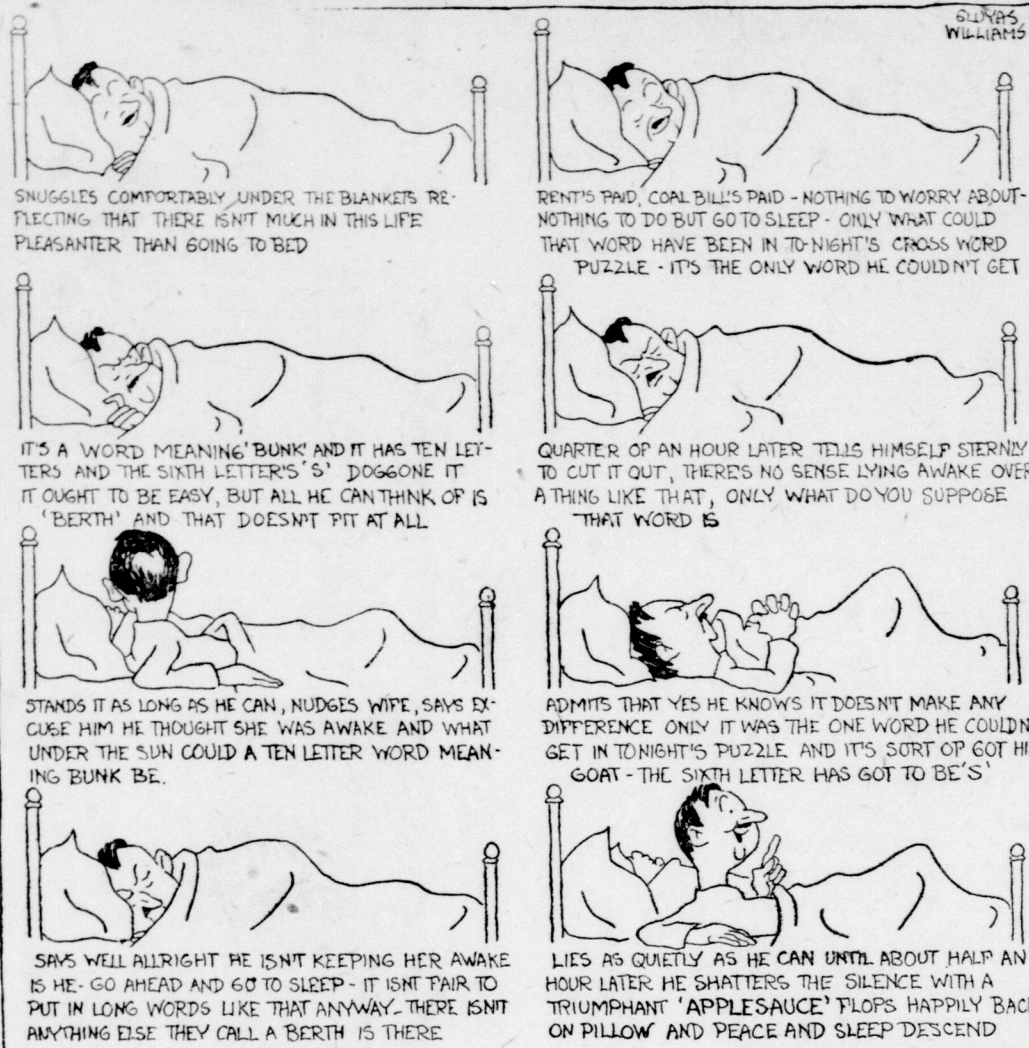
AT RYERSON SCHOOL

Tuesday Evg. Next

Subject:

'Church Union'

BEDTIME STORIES—IT GETS THEM THIS WAY!



News From City Churches

EGERTON M. C.
Mrs. William Watson's report on the Woodstock convention, was the feature of the regular meeting of the mission circle of the Egerton street Baptist church on Thursday evening. Mrs. J. W. Jones, the president, was in the chair.

GRACE CHURCH SCHOOLS.
A successful shower was held at the home of Mrs. J. Tack on Thursday by the ladies of Grace Methodist church in aid of the bazaar, which they are holding next week. There was a large attendance and generous donations were received. At the conclusion of a much enjoyed social, hour light refreshments were served.

CHRIST DISCIPLES L. A.
The members of the ladies' aid of the church of Christ Disciples held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Howard, William street, on Thursday, with the president, Mrs. C. B. Wood, in the chair. Plans were discussed for the program for the church dedication to take place on Jan. 11, and for the bazaar on Jan. 12. There was a large attendance.

COLBORNE W. M. S.
The members of the W. M. S. of the Colborne street Methodist church held their Christmas meeting Friday, with Mrs. H. Foster in the chair. There were 25 members present, and after the business session, Mrs. J. H. Huffer took the devotional period, and Mrs. Henderson read the Bible lesson, after which Miss Phina contributed a pleasing vocal solo. Reading was given by Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Knott reviewed the study book. Mrs. Trick gave a splendid paper, "Systematic Giving," and Miss Margaret Turnbull gave an interesting pantomime number. The meeting concluded with a social half hour.

NEW ST. JAMES L. A.
The ladies' aid of New St. James' Presbyterian church held its last meeting for 1924 in the schoolroom on Friday afternoon. After the usual business transactions were completed, the election of officers for the coming year took place. The past president, Mrs. McLure, occupied the chair for the occasion. No changes were made, all the present officers being elected by acclamation.

CHALMERS W. M. S.
The members of the W. M. S. of the Chalmers Presbyterian church held their annual meeting on Thursday, when Mrs. J. Richardson, the president, was in the chair. The feature of the meeting was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Frank Nichol; president, Mrs. J. Richardson; first vice-president, Mrs. Allan Eadie; second vice-president, Mrs. David MacPherson; secretary, Mrs. W. T. Weames; treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Brown; pianist, Mrs. J. A. McLachlan; home helpers, Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. Dunlop; strangers' secretary, Mrs. E. Duguid and Mrs. Chapman; supply secretary, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Henry Conn; secretary, Mrs. Frank Duguid; mission band superintendents, Mrs. Bryce and Mrs. Chapman.

ST. MARK'S GUILD.
The members of St. Mark's guild held a very successful sale of home-cooked yesterday afternoon in the Sunday school room of the church, when the left-overs from the bazaar were sold. The total amount realized was \$45, and have reached their objective of \$300, which they have raised for the rectory debt. Many people called during the afternoon, and were graciously looked after by the general convenor, Mrs. Willis, who was ably assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. A. L. Beverley and Mrs. R. R. Leathorne, who were in charge of the home-cooked table; Mrs. E. Willis, who presided over the home-cooked table; and Mrs. M. G. Garret, who was in charge of the tea room.

ST. MATTHEW'S JUNIOR W. A.
The members of the junior W. A. of St. Matthew's Anglican church met on Thursday afternoon to pack their hampers, which they are sending to the Indian reserve at Muncey, and it was valued at \$30. Candy, oranges, books, toys, clothing, quilts and many other useful articles were put in the hampers. It was the closing meeting of the year, and Mrs. Ed. Cripps presided.

ST. JAMES' AUXILIARY.
The evening auxiliary of St. James' auxiliary met for its annual meeting this week, when the members enjoyed an interesting address given by

HARMONY LODGE MARKS ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Members Banquet Sister Lodges
—Arrange For Joint
Installation.

Harmony lodge, L. O. B. A., marked its first anniversary last night with a birthday banquet in the lodge rooms over the Majestic theatre. Special guests of the occasion were the members of the sister lodges, Edith Cavell and Langemack lodges of this city, and Ruth lodge of Komoka.

About 125 guests were present, the tables being attractively decorated with the orange and scarlet colors of the lodge. During an interesting program of toasts, brief speeches were made by the lodge mistress, Mrs. W. L. Gowie, Mrs. Burdette, Mrs. G. Grosvener, and Mrs. Raynard.

A pretty ceremony of the evening was the lighting of the candles on the birthday cake by Mrs. S. Campbell, mistress of Harmony lodge, who made the birthday wish for the coming year.

An excellent program included vocal numbers by Mrs. Jessie Weames, piano selections by Mrs. Routledge, flute duet by Masters Midgough and Weitzel; and violin numbers by Miss Hilda Gowie. Great fun was introduced into the gathering by an impromptu debate between the Langemack and Edith Cavell lodges on the subject: "Resolved that a dirty, good-natured wife was preferable to a clean, tidy crank." The affirmative side was taken by Langemack lodge, who won the debate.

Mr. Arthur Wilkes was convenor of this most successful banquet. Plans are being made for a joint installation of the officers of the three city lodges on Dec. 16.

JOHN GILLEAN ILL.
Stationmaster John Gillean of the C. N. R. has had to give up his duties temporarily on account of illness. His place has been taken by J. Smith. Dave McHarg, who has been ill for a week, but it is expected will be able to be around again tomorrow.

Pythian Sisters.
The Pythian Sisters met in their lodge rooms last night when the feature of the meeting was the election of the following officers: Mrs. C. Hutchinson, past chief; Mrs. Robert Strathroy, most excellent chief; Mrs. James Park, most excellent senior; Miss Minnie Blake, most excellent junior; Mrs. M. Foster, mark; Mrs. J. J. McLean, mistress of records and seals; Mrs. J. Cook, mistress of finance; Mrs. Charles Thineley, protector of the temple; Mrs. J. Elliott, and Mrs. J. Foster, past chief.

Too Late to Classify
DIED.
RIDD—At St. Joseph's hospital, on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1924, Madeline, dearly beloved wife of Victor Ridd, in her 20th year.

Funeral (private) from the funeral home of E. C. Gillingsworth, on Monday morning, Requiem high mass at St. Michael's church, interment at St. Peter's cemetery.

MILLER—At her late residence, St. Johns, on Dec. 12, 1924, Eliza Miller, dearly beloved wife of Thomas Miller, in her 75th year.

Funeral notice later.

The city engineer's department has put on 52 extra men this week to help out on relief construction. With another shift of a similar number of men scheduled for jobs next week, it will be shown that work just authorized by the council will care for over 100 men, besides those who were already employed.

Going down to the east end hall on business the other day, a city

McKAY IS FAVORED FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

Experience of Labor Alderman
Will Likely Cinch No. 1
Post.

SMITH MENTIONED

Advance polls in municipal circles have named Ald. Frank McKay as the 1925 head of No. 1 committee in the city council. The same dopesters pick Ald. Harry Bottrell as the popular choice for committee No. 2. While the striking committee of the new council was not yet put, it is probable that they will get together during the coming week, as 'his final regular meeting of the 1924 council will be held Monday night.

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The most popular personnel selections for the committees are given as follows:

No. 1—Ald. McCormick, Douglass, McKay, Smith, Dole, and Chitt.

No. 2—Ald. Bottrell, Ashton, Neely, Kibbourne, Carswell, and Linnell.

Ald. Gordon Drake, who is retiring after nine years on the council, has been suggested as a member of the London railway commission, and Ald. Douglass may be appointed to the Western Fair board to succeed Ald. John Anderson.

STAMP CLUB MEMBERS DISCUSS THEIR HOBBY

Twelve members of the Y. M. C. A. stamp club made up of boys under twelve years of age met at the association building for a discussion of their hobby yesterday. A feature of the meeting was a series of talks on their reasons for collecting stamps. These ranged from entertainment to the making of money. After the discussion there was a half-hour period for trading stamps.

The following boys were present: Fred McGee, Keith McNaughton, Ross McNaughton, Frank Read, Willard Trafford, Jack Jude, George Montgomery, William Ladell, George Bitt, Bert Armer, Bert King and Bill Gibson.

W. H. Spearman was in charge of the meeting.

SANDCRAFT TOOLS WILL BE MADE IN THE SCHOOLS

The annual training department of the public schools will turn out 200 sets of sandcraft tools of seven pieces each for the civic playgrounds operated by the public utilities commission.

Work on the tools will be commenced early in the new year, the commission supplying the wood and the school department doing the work.

The necessary turning on some of the tools will be carried out by the Technical high school, it is expected, since the public school departments have not the requisite machinery for that particular work.

BOYS HOLD SING-SONG.
A group of high school boys met at the Y. M. C. A. last night for supper, sing-song and motion pictures. W. H. Spearman was in charge of the meeting. It was decided that the boys would meet every Wednesday at 4:15 for a talk on life problems.

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**Sleeping Sickness Is Not
Connected With the "Flu"**

Hiccoughs, at least that form of hiccoughs which is now prevalent in the province, may be a mild form of sleeping sickness, but it is not connected with the "flu," according to the institute of public health, stated today. Dr. Hill was very careful, however, to point out that there is hardly anything new in this epidemic, which has been discovered.

"It is supposed that this hiccoughs going round is a mild form of sleeping sickness," he said, "but we have very little on which to base this conclusion. Both occur in the same part of the country at about the same time, but there is no connection between them. Only they tend to run through the same course of stages in their development. There have been cases, I believe, where people seized with this particular form of hiccoughs have died, but that is the exception.

"As for what is commonly known as the 'flu', there is no relationship at all between it and sleeping sickness. It is a mistake to imagine that there is any connection here. 'Flu' is 'flu' and sleeping sickness is something else.

"The official found the place locked up. He borrowed the only key there is available for the doors, concluded his work inside the deserted hall, and forgot to return the key to the east end fire station. City Treasurer Bell was flooded with inquiries yesterday from sporting organizations who had been unable to gain admission to the hall and knew not where the key was. They thought the place had been ordered closed.

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RUINS OF GREER FACTORY.
Ruins of the A. B. Greer & Son Company, which was almost completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The above picture was taken by an Advertiser photographer while the ruins were still smoldering. The interior of the structure was almost entirely destroyed, the four walls remain upright with little support. The loss is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

GREER PLANT FIRE LOSS LESS THAN \$100,000

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members of the department were called to assist in the battle with the flames.

Several firemen were overcome by smoke and gas from burning varnish and paint.

Fire Spreads.
Evidence of the rapidity with which the blaze got under way, was given in a statement from the policeman on the beat, who said that the blaze started in the building but five minutes before the flames were seen, and at that time there was not the least indication of anything amiss in the plant.

Frank Mallory discovered the blaze as he was passing the plant. He gave the alarm.

Within five minutes after the fire commenced, a grey blanket had spread over the entire downtown district, and by 1:30 this had become an almost impenetrable fog of heavy, low-lying smoke, which considerably impeded automobile traffic and found its way into buildings.

The fire started in the finishing room and paint shop near the center of the plant, and had gained rapid headway because of the large quantity of paints, oils and varnishes on that part of the building. The trimming room also added fuel to the rapidly spreading flames, which were again the plants' glass windows and scattered the blazing oil and paint in all directions.

Ten hose lines, laid from hydrants as far away as two blocks, could do little for the first half hour to stifle the blaze, as the water unavoidably cascaded over the burning material in all directions.

The firefighters were hampered in their work from the start, because of the thick black smoke and acid fumes which poured from the structure in clouds and soon had covered the entire city with a pall.

ELMA TOWNSHIP COUPLE MARRIED 50 YEARS AGO

Atwood, Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. James Houcks, 14th concession, Elma township, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son Arthur on Wednesday. A large number of friends were present. Before her marriage Mrs. Houcks was Lucy Tudal. She was married in the Presbyterian church, Brussels.

Alex. Wilson of Atwood, who was present at the celebration, was the groomsmen. Miss Mary Routledge was bridesmaid. The following composed the family: Mrs. A. George, Winnipeg; Mrs. Ed. Werry, Detroit; Jim Houcks, Winnipeg; Mrs. E. Crawford, Stratford; and Arthur at home.

After supper Mr. and Mrs. Houcks were presented with a purse of gold and a bouquet of roses from the family. Ed Crawford read the address and Edna Houcks made the presentation. They also received a number of beautiful presents from friends. The rest of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

Guests were present from Atwood, Moncton, Listowel, Stratford and Toronto.

DOCK STRIKE SETTLED.
Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 12.—The strike of waterside workers at various Australian ports, which has been carried on for some time and has seriously interfered with shipping, was settled today.

ALL INVITED.
Strangers in London and those who are not connected with Sunday schools are invited to the fireside meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon. There will be an address by E. J. Jenkins, general secretary, who will speak on "Moses." Leslie Gray will play the violin. A. F. Penny the piano.

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GIFTS FOR LADIES
"Sterling" Brush, Comb and Mirror . . . \$40.00 to \$60.00
Ivory Sets from \$5 to \$45.00
Vanity Purses and Compacts . . . \$1.50 to \$10.00
Thimbles . . . 60c to \$7.00
Bar Pins, "Sterling" . . . \$1.00 to \$8.00
Bar Pins, gold and platinum . . . \$3.00 to \$100.00
Wrist Watches . . . \$5.00 to \$285.00
Umbrellas . . . \$5.00 to \$12.00
Mesh Purses \$3.00 to \$25.00
Pearl Beads, "Deltah only" . . . \$5.00 to \$92.00
Fountain Pens. \$2.75 to \$12

GIFTS FOR GENTLEMEN
Military Brushes, in cases . . . \$5.00 to \$10.00
Military Brushes, "Sterling" . . . \$25.00 to \$40.00
Signet Rings \$3.50 to \$12.00
Stone Rings, \$6.00 to \$25.00
Emblem Rings . \$6 to \$50.00
Tiepins . . . \$2.00 to \$50.00
Pen and Pencil Sets . . . \$9.00 to \$12.00
Cuff Links, gold filled . . . \$1.00 to \$4.00
Cuff Links, solid gold . . . \$5.00 to \$20.00
Cigarette Cases, plated . . . \$3.00 to \$6.00
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HURON AND ERIE BANQUET TONIGHT

Ontario Staff Members Will
Mark Firm's 60th
Anniversary.

In celebration of its sixtieth anniversary, The Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation will give a banquet tonight in the Tecumseh House to members of its Ontario staff.

Members will come from Windsor, Toronto, St. Thomas and Chatham to join the Londoners in this celebration. The banquet is timed for 7 o'clock, and Hume Cronyn, general manager, will preside. T. G. Meredith, one of the directors, will deliver the address of welcome to the visitors and Marshall Graydon will also be a speaker at the evening.

At 6 o'clock, a hockey match between the Toronto branch and the London branch will be staged in the arena as a prelude and appetizer to the dinner. The Toronto branch claims to have a plus four team going these days, and as the Londoners hold the same faith the game should be worth while.

Following the banquet, the staff will adjourn to the Ontario Club in the main office building on Richmond street, where two or three hours of social enjoyment will be spent. It is expected that more than 130 guests will be present, and covers for that number have been laid in the dining-room.

INFANTRY EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD IN CHATHAM

For the purpose of conducting examinations in connection with the provisional school of infantry instruction a board of officers will assemble at Chatham on Tuesday and Wednesday, according to orders issued by Brig.-Gen. W. B. Kinz, D.O.C., M.D., No. 1, today.

The proceedings of the practical portion of the examination will be forwarded by the president of the board together with the written answers by the candidates to the commandant of the royal school of infantry here, who will be responsible for the recording of the results.

FARMERS STATE TREES ARE BEING REMOVED

Several farmers attending the Saturday market state that men, presumably from London, have been entering their swamps and stealing Christmas trees.

"This thing happens every year," declared one man. "This year they have started earlier than usual. I am going to look the matter up with the county police."

"I don't mind giving these people a tree or two if they are hard up, but do object to the wholesale cutting of trees."

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