

ALL CITY DOINGS

News of the Day in the Commercial Metropolis of Western Ontario.

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Facts That Will Keep You Posted On This Great Development.

FAVOR NAME OF MOTHERS' CLUBS

Union Meeting Hears Debate On Change in Cognomen.

"Home and School" Wins Argument, But Sympathy With Old Name.

Which shall it be, Mothers or Home and School Club? Shall the historic name of "Mothers," persisting through seventeen years since the formation in this city of pioneer clubs for the province, to promote co-operation between home and school, be changed to the one by which the provincial federation is known, Home and School?

This was the subject which was eloquently discussed on Monday evening at the quarterly meeting of the Union Mothers' Club, with Mrs. Miller of St. George's, Mothers' Club, and Principal D. J. Ferguson of the Victoria school, staunchly standing for the "good old name," and Mrs. Alex. Harvey, Jun., of Talbot street and Principal D. J. Ferguson of Holy Memorial school, offering reasons for a change, in the interests of advancement, broader service and uniformity with the provincial and national movement soon to be.

The motive for the discussion was to present the case clearly before the Mothers' Club members without any idea of a decision at the present, or probably for some time to come. For this reason the debate was not a formal one. There were no judges, no summing up of points, no rendering of a decision. The weight of argument lay with the advocates of change to "Home and School" or "Parents-Teachers," as more inclusive than "Mothers." The sympathy of the meeting, two hundred or so strong, representing a membership in the city of a thousand mothers, was apparently on the side of sentiment, retaining the name "Mothers," judging by distribution of applause.

Mrs. Bull Speaks. Mrs. H. W. Bull of Windsor, president of the Border Cities Home and School Federation, brought the testimony of her experience to bear on the side of "Home and School" when introduced and asked to say a few words.

"We received our first inspiration for our organization from the London Mothers' Club, through a nurse who came from London and told us about your pioneer organization," she said. "But a year ago Easter we changed the name, and have made great advancement since that time. The Home and School more adequately expresses the idea for which the organization stands. As both a mother and a member of the Home and School Federation, I feel that any husband or share equally with me the care and training of the children in the home, and I feel the co-operation of the fathers is needed in the same way in the organization. The Home and School is the name which represents co-operation between home and school."

"We have changed the name, but we still receive inspiration from the London Mothers' Club. You do not need an act of sense to change your organization simply because you change the name to be in line with the provincial organization."

Principal D. J. Ferguson's strong appeal was, "We must place our child before everything else, sentiment, or anything else. Parents must join with the school to help along the child. We have done well in London with the Mothers' Clubs. Can we not do a little better?"

Reads Paper. Mrs. H. W. Paddell, recording secretary, read a paper prepared by Mrs. Miller, urging that the name "Mothers' Club" be retained, first because it was the name used in the difficult pioneering days. It had come to stand for something definite, of traditional value in London. Mrs. Miller didn't believe the name Mothers' Club had ever kept that any husband or share equally with me the care and training of the children in the home, and I feel the co-operation of the fathers is needed in the same way in the organization. The Home and School is the name which represents co-operation between home and school."

She quoted Premier E. C. Dmy in his address to the O. E. A. "Teachers depend largely on the community supporting them." They needed fathers as well as mothers, she said, yet the mothers clubs would shut the fathers out and give to the teachers a one-sided community. The fathers, she declared, needed the prestige of belonging to the home and school organization. The children shouldn't feel that the mothers had the monopoly of interest in their welfare.

The world was changing, and the form of the organization should be made to keep pace with changing conditions. Special emphasis was laid on the need of co-operation of fathers with the schools in the adolescent or high school age. Should fathers of London be kept out of the provincial home-school federation and the Dominion-to-be, simply

Railmen Consider Union With Mine Workers

UNIONS comprising the Federated Railroad Shop Crafts throughout the United States and Canada are still battling on the proposed affiliation of the United Mine Workers of America, to the railway employment department of the American Federation of Labor.

This question was considered by local car workers in session Monday night, and referred to the federation for final action. It is reported that the International Machinists as well have already expressed willingness to co-operate with the miners in their present strike.

DONATES \$10 TO HUMANE SOCIETY

At the meeting of the Princess Patricia Chapter, I. O. D. E., held Monday afternoon, with Mrs. A. V. Beecher as hostess, \$10 was voted to the London Humane Society and sewing undertaken for the War Memorial Children's Hospital. A report was made that the proceeds of the recent home cooking sale amounted to \$50. A deputation was appointed to officially represent the chapter in visiting the exhibit this week of war memorial paintings, in aid of the War Memorial Children's Hospital, the committee including Mrs. Fred Phelps, Mrs. A. V. Beecher, Miss Eula White, Mrs. Norman Humphries and Mrs. Gordon Philip. Mrs. Hamilton Young assisted the hostess at the tea hour.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.—Proverbs 26:4.

THESE clumsy feet, still in the mire

Go crushing blossoms without end;

These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust

Among the heart-strings of a child.

Earth holds no balsam for mistakes;

Men crown the knave, and scourge the fool

That did his will; but Thou, O Lord,

Be merciful to me, a fool.

—Edward Rowland Hill.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

WEDNESDAY—W. E. Saunders addresses chamber of commerce at luncheon, Tecumseh House, 12:15 o'clock.

No. 1 committee, city council, meets at city hall, 8 o'clock.

Ald. H. B. Ashplant's appeal concerning annual taxes heard before Judge Macbeth in court of revision, 11 o'clock.

ONE BAGGAGE CAR with overseas dead on route from New York to Detroit passed through London at 11:40 on the G. T. R. this morning.

MEETING IN REGULAR session at the Labor Temple, local members of the International Machinists' Union will consider proposed amendments to their agreement with the various railroad corporations.

AT A SPECIAL SESSION before Wednesday night the executive of the Street Railwaymen's Union will select a representative to sit with the street railway company's delegate upon a federal board of conciliation called to iron out, if possible, disagreements occasioned by the latter's three-cent wage reduction effective since March 1.

THE MONDAY EVENING Bible Class held their closing supper of the season in the "Y" on Monday evening, Mrs. J. K. McDermid, who has been in charge of the tables, and J. Holman, who has conducted the class, were presented with bouquets by the members. The presentations were made by Mrs. E. Smith and J. P. Finnegan.

A MEETING of the Western Ontario O. A. C. Alumni Association will be held in the department of agriculture office in Woodstock Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. G. F. Pearson, manager of the market branch, will address the members. Mr. Pearson will address the members on matters relating to the farmer and his banker. It is expected that there will be a large attendance.

because of clinging to tradition in the London clubs?

Would Retain Old Name. Principal E. H. McKone based his reasons for maintaining the name "Mothers' Clubs" on "two fundamental, natural, divine laws."

In the first place, the clubs had grown steadily, regularly, according to divine laws of growth on which the universe is founded. In the second place, nature presented to the mothers the care of the children in the earlier years. Mr. McKone hoped to establish a consummation in Victorian London, and a report to do so with the co-operation of the Mothers' Club.

A reading from "The Bluebird" by Miss Kathleen Heard and solos by Mrs. Tremaine added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Business included the appointment of Mrs. Cole as convener of the nominating committee for the annual meeting, the next of the club, and a report of a committee appointed to pay a visit of inspection to the Empire Avenue school. Mrs. A. G. Calder stated that the school had been visited on a sunny day, yet it was found to be so dark it was difficult to see the blackboards. Moreover, the conditions were considered "deplorable," and a campaign for a new school was advocated.

Mrs. H. B. White reported satisfaction in the financial condition, a surplus of \$7 on the books. Other reports covered relief work of the individual clubs, the egg show for children's institutions at Easter, and other welfare activities. Mrs. John Rose presided.

MAKE IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

Prof. Morrow and Miss Leslie Ross Chosen by Western Governors for Two Vacancies.

CREATES SCHOLARSHIP

William Wyatt Bequest of Victory Bonds Will Be Used as Permanent Fund.

The board of governors of Western University has recently made two important appointments to the staff. Professor E. H. Morrow of Queen's University coming as head of the department of commercial economics, and Miss Leslie Ross, Ph.D., now of the University of Toulouse, France, as instructor in romance languages.

Professor Morrow is at present director of the extension department of Queen's University, and in this capacity has visited London several times during the past year. His lectures on banking and kindred subjects to the London members of the extension course on banking have greatly impressed all who heard him. Recently Mr. Morrow delivered an address in a Chamber of Commerce luncheon on the subject of "The Factory and the College." All who heard him on this occasion were impressed with his strong grasp of business principles.

Mr. Morrow is a Canadian. He took his degree of bachelor of arts at Queen's University, and that of master of business administration from the graduate school of business administration in Harvard University. Mr. Morrow knows Canada thoroughly. For several years he was engaged in business in this country, an experience that qualifies him to speak from the practical as well as the academic point of view on the subjects treated in the department of commercial economics.

Miss Leslie Ross comes from good Canadian-Scottish stock. She taught for a year or two in the University of Wisconsin, which, on account of her unusual command of French, awarded her a large fellowship to enable her to continue her studies in France during the last two years.

The board of governors announces that it has decided that the legacy of five thousand dollars in Victory bonds left to Western University by the late William Wyatt will be kept intact as a scholarship fund. Two or three scholarships will be awarded to promising students in certain departments of the college of arts each year, and each one will be known as a William Wyatt scholarship. By devoting to this purpose the money coming to the university from this legacy, the name of the generous donor, William Wyatt, will be preserved to perpetuity.

PERMITS SHOW LONDONERS ARE COMFORT SEEKERS

Houses Come First, Then Verandas and Finally Garages to House Cars.

Londoners are fond of comfort, while those who already enjoy the comfort are out for luxury.

This is pointed to by the building permits issued Monday.

Three kinds of permits make up the long list, first homes, then verandas for homes already in existence, and thirdly, garages to house luxurious cars.

The latest permits are: Hyatt Bros., three frame cottages, 7, 9 and 11 Rosewood avenue, \$2,000 each; A. R. Oiler, Briscoe street, 2-story concrete dwelling, \$5,000; M. Kelland, 19 Kensington avenue, 1½-story brick-veneer dwelling, \$3,400; Chas. Randall, Carlton avenue, brick cottage, \$1,000; T. B. Kilbourne, Cove road, brick dwelling, \$4,000; J. M. Mills, Oakland avenue, 1½-story brick-veneer house, \$3,000; Harry Lauder, Hale street, frame dwelling, \$1,100; A. Dickinson, Gardiner avenue, 1½-story brick-veneer dwelling, \$3,500; W. Birch, 785 Hill street, frame kitchen, \$200; A. Rodgers, 502 Queen's avenue, veranda, \$175; W. Riddle, 141 Bathurst street, re-shingling house, \$120; Mrs. F. Graham, 347 Simcoe street, veranda, \$125; Thos. Cousins, 199 Richmond street, veranda, \$200; R. Gibson, 941 Wellington street, garage, \$200; D. J. Campbell, 125 Hogg street, veranda, \$175; J. P. McCafferty, 789 Lorne avenue, garage, \$100; C. Jackson, 502 Oxford street, garage, \$100; Mrs. E. Spence, 853 Queen's avenue, veranda, \$250; J. Underhill, 1158 Florence street, veranda, \$155; Jas. Robinson, 86 Abillon, 145 Wharncliffe road, garage, \$150; A. Cave, 110 Wortley road, garage, \$120; J. W. Kerr, 9 Barrington avenue, garage, \$90; H. C. Prior, 99 Edward street, frame addition, \$475; S. Hamilton, 111 Brishin, frame addition, \$1,100; R. Scott, 4 Gerard, garage, \$250; W. Rumball, 564-568 Horton, veranda, \$150. One hundred and eighty-four permits of \$246,830 value.

THE CONSERVATIVES voted with the government as did two of the Progressives and the Independent, A. W. Neill (Comox-Alberni). The Labor members voted with the Progressives. Mr. MacMaster was the only Liberal voting for the resolution.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, announced that the government had sold to a New York syndicate, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., \$100,000 of 5 per cent. bonds at par. The purpose of the loan is to meet maturities during the present year.

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Custom House Clock Silently Rots, Suffering Still of Lightning Shock

"I'm tired of bothering with it," said O. H. Talbot, collector of customs, this morning, when questioned as to why the well-known clock on the top of the customs house building had not been running for the last six weeks or so.

Unless the clock is repaired soon it is liable to fall to pieces, declared officials at the customs house today. If the government fails to act in the matter within a short time, said one of the officials, it will be liable to pay damages through some of the woodwork around the clock falling on the people below.

A few weeks ago a large beam nearly three feet in length, more than five inches thick and weighing 25 pounds, became detached from the face of the clock and would have fallen if one of the men had not noticed it in time.

It is a fact that the clock has not been painted for 22 years, and is fairly rotting with age, said an employee of the customs house. The 3-8 inch glass on the face of the clock is cracked in four places and is liable to fall at any moment.

It seems that estimates of \$2,200 for repairing the clock were sent to the old government, six months ago, but nothing has been done in the matter.

A local jeweler, who has charge of oiling and winding the clock, stated that repairs to the mechanism would cost in the neighborhood of \$50, but could not repair the clock until Ottawa has sent its approval.

Fifty-three long years the clock has performed its work faithfully and well, but last year when it was struck by lightning the trouble began and since that time has only worked in spasms.

Economy Drive by Wilson Will Force Musicians to Play on Sward In Park

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CLAIMS HE KNEW MONEY WAS SPENT

Trustee Edwin Smith Says Board Has No Designs on North End Sale Proceeds.

WHERE ARE FUNDS? Treasurer Bell Reiterates Money Spent; Smith Says It's Going To Be.

Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the board of education, takes exception to the claim advanced by City Treasurer James Bell that the city has twice already spent the proceeds from the proposed sale of a school property on Grand avenue and Richmond street north.

The chairman contends that the report that the school trustees were anticipating the purchase of school sites in East London is highly erroneous. "I don't believe that a school board would entertain such a notion," declared Smith Tuesday. Furthermore, the proceeds from the sale will naturally go toward the payment of the Ryerson and Tecumseh avenue schools.

Trustee A. N. Udy, chairman of No. 1 committee, admits that he also is puzzled over the apparent sale of the property. However, it does not seem clear to me yet.

If it is true that former boards of education spent this money which has not yet been received, they must have obtained the money from somewhere. Where did they get it, and has it ever been returned?

Treasurer Bell contends that the money has already been expended upon the Ryerson school, while Trustee Smith states that it will now be spent in a like manner. The former is consulting the records to support his contention.

THE cost to the city of holding the election is placed at about \$1,600 and the expenses of each candidate \$200. It is stated that Ald. Watkinson regards the situation as a safe bet for him. He has headed the poll in the ward three times, and only after he had staged two successful contests did the labor men come to him and take him into the fold. He always paid his own expenses, it is claimed.

REPORTS THEFT OF ELECTRIC BULBS

Ald. Penhale, St. Thomas, Claims New Lights Being Exchanged For Old at City Hall.

ST. THOMAS, April 24. — Some person is removing the high power electric light bulbs from their sockets in the city hall and replacing them with old dim ones, it was reported by Chairman M. H. Penhale at a meeting of No. 4 committee, Monday night.

The janitor had collected enough useless bulbs to fill a large bag, Ald. Penhale said. It was suggested that some words indicating their ownership, be sanded into the bulbs used in the public offices in order to prevent petty thievery, and a report will be submitted as to the cost.

Estimates for the new cast-iron troughs and a new flagpole will be submitted at the next meeting. The flagpole is in such a condition that no flag could be flown during the visit of Lord and Lady Byng last week, it was stated.

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ENJOY PLAY PUT ON AT COLLEGIATE

Londoners Laud Drama League Artists for Work in "The Valiant."

LAURELS GO TO S. F. SIMS

Vincent Perry Praised for True and Talented Interpretation of Title Role.

The London Drama League with each production offered gains for itself a more prominent standing in the community, not only as an educational institution, but one which provides genuine entertainment for its members.

Holworthy Hall's, "The Valiant," presented last evening at the collegiate institute, under the direction of S. F. Sims, indeed gave proof to this, for it was one of the very finest of the season. More pretentious than any other play offered, it was played with a true dramatic sense. It differed from the others in that it was a tragedy filled with big moments and offered a splendid opportunity for acting. Vincent Perry, in the role of "The Valiant," made much of his opportunity, and gave an interpretation which was exceedingly true and talented.

The last magnificent lines of the play: "The Valiant never tastes of death but once," were present for many a day to come. Upon this theme Holworthy Hall has built up his little tragedy. The scene is laid in a warden's office, the time close on midnight, and occasion, the moments which precede the execution of a murderer, whom the playwright calls "The Valiant."

Refusing to give away his right name even to his own sister, "The Girl," who visits the prison in order to establish his identity at the eleventh hour, "The Valiant" maintains his heroic stand until the very end and goes to his death, leaving behind him for his mother and sister an un-sullied name.

The intense suffering of the man, who longs for the comfort of dear ones on the eve of the gallows, remarkably brought out in the play itself, was skillfully interpreted by Vincent Perry. He was supported by an excellent cast, including Bert Perry as the warden, Miss Kitty Mundy as "The Girl," Frank Emery as the priest, and S. F. Sims and Dr. Detweiler as the prison attendants.

Special mention should be made of the very fine dramatic work of Miss Kitty Mundy and Bert Perry.

The production committee of the Drama League should be congratulated on its latest effort, and special laurels should go to S. F. Sims, the able producer, and Vincent Perry, who interpreted so truly the title role of the play.

Vocal solos by Miss Elsie Green completed an excellent program. A nominating committee was chosen to draw up a slate of names for the annual meeting next month, this committee including Mrs. Arthur Brinkenden, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Miss Grace Blackburn, S. F. Sims and Kenneth C. Greene.

Inspector Piper, along with Fire Chief John Allen, will visit the site of the destroyed hall in the meantime, protests against the issuing of a permit to rebuild are reaching the inspector, when he applied for a permit to repair his barn.

He stated that on two occasions petitions for the closing of the hall have been sent to the council by residents in the vicinity, but without avail.

He declares that the dance hall is a "nuisance" in so far as the residents of Grey and Hyatt avenue are concerned. The dances, he claims, keep up until 2:50 o'clock and later in the morning, and the people cannot sleep.

The decision of the inspector and fire chief will be awaited with interest by the residents involved.

OBITUARIES

PETER SMITH. Peter Smith, 87 years old, died suddenly on Monday at the residence of E. M. Smith, Winnipeg, where he resided since going to that city in 1904. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and for 25 years prior to his removal to Winnipeg was engaged in business in London, Ont.

The committee, who is considering the applications, have met and the process of weeding out the applicants has begun. Mr. Jenkins stated that only those who have had considerable experience in the athletic part of Y. M. C. A. work would be considered. He stated that the applications, which have been received so far, have come from fully competent men.

An assistant physical director, to take the place of Art Horwood, who has also tendered his resignation, will not be appointed until a new physical director is installed, said Mr. Jenkins.

CHOIR WILL GIVE ANNUAL CONCERT

Tonight the choir of Dundas Center Church will give its annual concert. A fine program of choruses and songs has been prepared, and the choir will be assisted by Mrs. Clara Salisbury Baker, reader, and F. L. Willgoose, violinist.

Mrs. Baker, who appeared with this choir three years ago, is an exceedingly fine artist, and her selections and interpretations are much above the average. Mr. Willgoose needs no introduction to a London audience. A fine evening is promised.

CHURCHES PLAN UNION

Presbyterians and Methodists of Midway May Unite.

Special to London Advertiser. MIDWAY, April 24. — Committees representing the home mission departments of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches have formulated plans for the union of the Midway congregations, and the matter is to be considered on Friday, April 28, when congregational meetings are to be held.

If the proposal meets with approval the union will take effect this summer.

BIRD BULLETIN

Issued by the Macmillan Ornithological Club.

There are usually a few adventurous spirits amongst the birds that hurry along in the spring and arrive some days ahead of their fellows. A sharp lookout will often discover these and result in the species being reported ahead of its average date of arrival. The cold spell of the past week has held up migration, and a pair of new ones noted on the afternoon of the 23rd.

A pair of Spotted Sandpipers (due on the 24th) were found along a river bank near the Cove bridge, and a little farther along several White-Throated Sparrows (due on the 25th) were scratching among the bushes looking for hidden weed seeds and insects. These two birds are quite common, the Spotted Sandpiper as a summer resident, and the White-Throat as a spring and autumn migrant, and need no detailed description. Occasionally a pair of White-Throats will take up their residence near London, but the swampy places that would prove attractive to them are one by one being cut down and drained, and the birds do not seem to care for the drier woods.