

WESTMINSTER TP. COUNCILLORS OPEN SESSIONS

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PUBLICITY URGED

The first serious problem to face Westminster Township council when it meets this afternoon at the county buildings will be the appointment of a clerk. A dozen or more applications have been received for the position which carries a salary of \$500 per year. There are a number of splendid and well-qualified men among the applicants and the job of picking a clerk will not be an easy one.

E. S. Hunt, township assessor for the past 23 years is looked upon as a likely choice. He is familiar with township work and several members of the council are known to favor Mr. Hunt as successor to Mr. Riddell who was forced to retire owing to ill-health.

W. E. Grieve, a former reeve of Westminster is also among those prominently mentioned as are Andrew Elliott, J. H. Anderson, Clifford Vanslyke, R. W. Mille, George Bogue and Albert Moody.

Reeve Laidlaw was not anxious to give the applicants to the press, stating there might be some more men in the race before the day was over.

Deputy Reeve William Boler took the attitude that the public was entitled to know the ins and outs of all township business and entirely from memory dictated the names of those who were after the job.

Ex-Reeve John S. Cousins opened the meeting shortly after 11 o'clock and thanked the members of last year's council for the co-operation he had received from them. He also thanked the press for the publicity given to township matters. Reeve Laidlaw read the minutes of the last meeting in 1923, after which E. S. Hunt led the council in prayer.

In the absence of a clerk, the council members were duly sworn into office by Mr. Hunt.

As intimated in The Advertiser last week, residents of Manor Park intend keeping a close watch on township affairs. There were half a dozen men from the park on the job this morning and they will be back this afternoon.

"They aren't going to put anything over us this year," declared one Manor Park voter. "We're going to watch them all the time."

"They won't get anything by air-lifting themselves in the press," declared Deputy Reeve Boler. "Manor Park will get just what is coming to them, no more and no less. They are making a mistake if they think they can bulldoze us into any special favors."

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY WILL MEET TONIGHT

Howard Hartley, president of the London Horticultural Society, will preside tonight at the annual meeting of the society in the public library at 8 o'clock. The annual report of the society will be presented and officers for the coming year will be elected.

The meeting will be held in the rooms of the children's department upstairs. The program in addition to this season and some suggestions for beautifying London and its suburbs will also be discussed.

HEAD OF ENGINEERING SOCIETY TO SPEAK HERE

Walter J. Francis, Montreal, president of the Engineering Institute of Canada, will attend the annual meeting of the London district branch to be held Wednesday at the Tecumseh House. The meeting will take the form of a banquet and in addition Mr. Francis will be attended by Willis Chipman, Toronto, president of the Ontario Association of Professional Engineers. Members of the profession from St. Thomas, St. Marys, Stratford and surrounding towns will attend, the local branch having a membership of sixty.

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SMALLMAN'S NEW HOME DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Schooner Crew Is Rescued
Loss Placed At \$100,000 As Country House Burns To Ground.

NEARED COMPLETION

Mystery Surrounds Cause of Early Morning Blaze—Will Rebuild.

The stately mansion on the fourth concession, London Township, belonging to John E. Smallman, wealthy horseman, was burned to the ground between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

According to Fire Chief John Aitken, the loss will be more than \$100,000. Jack Watt, architect, estimated the loss to be \$65,000. Chief Aitken pointed out that much of the costly material purchased for the house several years ago could not now be replaced.

The beautiful home, which had taken two years to construct, was to have been completed and occupied by the Smallman family this spring. It is said to have been one of the most elaborate and costly in Canada.

BUCHANAN STATES PLAN FOR POWER MATTER OF TIME

Believes St. Lawrence Development Is Assured in the Future.

GOOD RECEPTION

The development of the St. Lawrence river for hydro power to supplement that of Niagara is just a matter of time, in the opinion of General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the public utilities commission, who attended a conference on this question with the prime minister at Ottawa on Friday together with the deputy speaker, G. N. Gordon, and representatives of scores of other municipalities of Ontario.

Speaking to The Advertiser on his return, Mr. Buchanan said he had been favorably impressed with the reception accorded the delegation, numbering 180, by the prime minister King and his cabinet. The visitors were introduced to Mr. King by the deputy speaker, G. N. Gordon, and the arguments were listened to without interruption.

After having presented their case, the delegates were assured that the matter would be given immediate attention by the cabinet.

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In a few hours the building was completely demolished, only a few remnants of stone walls remaining upright. Huge pieces of masonry were cracked and split. The whole of the interior of the building was a total wreck.

Mr. Smallman has been in frequent connection with the architect in connection with the reconstruction of the home. Special designs and expensive arrangements for a distinctive original touch in all of the interior rooms had been made, and the residence was an acknowledged architectural triumph.

Furniture and hangings were to be moved into the structure early in the spring.

In conversation with The Advertiser yesterday Mr. Smallman said the damage was partially covered by insurance. He could give no estimate of the amount of damage done.

MAYOR BELIEVES SERVICE BETTER

Points Out Changes Made by Street Railway During Year.

Did the city council of 1923 experience a "showdown" with the London Street Railway Corporation? Opinion is sharply divided in this respect, but Mayor Wenige is one of those who answers in the affirmative. And he now expects co-operation to have replaced the antagonism of the past.

2. The paving of the company's track allowance on Richmond street, Stanley street and Briscoe street.

3. New rails on Oxford street and elsewhere.

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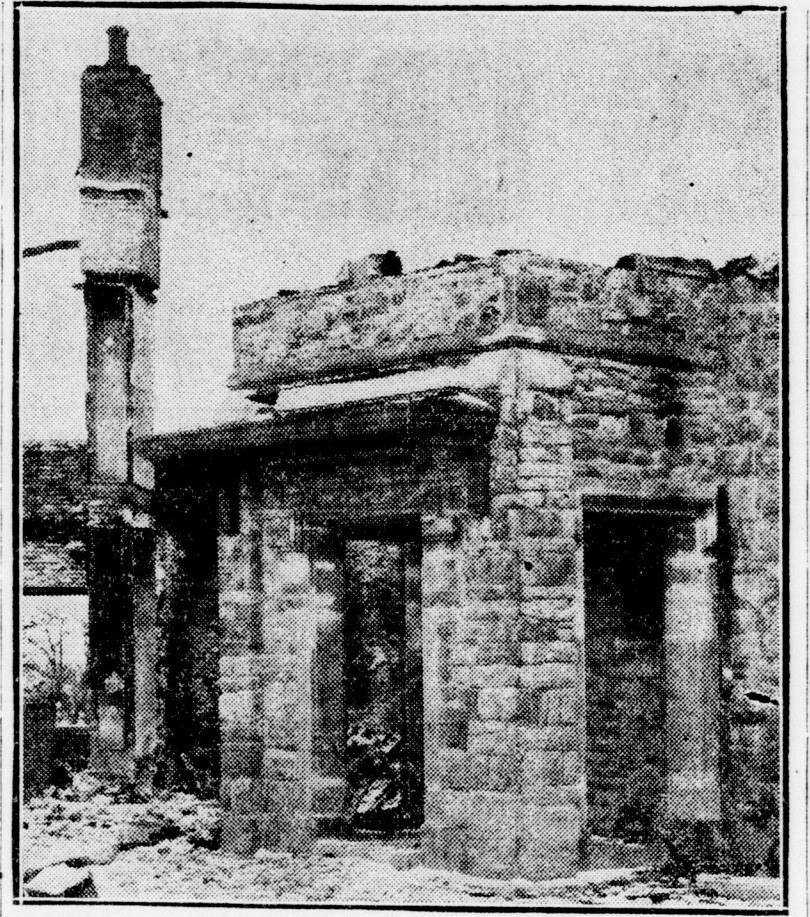
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News From City Churches

Y. P. FEDERATION. Organization for the federation of young peoples' departments was commenced yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

J. T. Parkinson, principal of the Tecumseh school, addressed St. Andrew's church, dealing with the subject, "Some Obstacles to Brotherhood." He named six obstacles to brotherhood and understanding in the church. These were class contempt, religious bigotry, intolerance, ill-used political influence and corrupted justice. Mr. Parkinson traced the history of these six, showing that each one entered into the trial of Christ before Pontius Pilate and had been obstacles in the path of the church ever since.

ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID. At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, held in the Sunday school recently, very gratifying reports of the year's work were heard. As the result of the election the officers for the coming year will be: Honorary president, Miss E. Haldane; president, Mrs. J. W. Nairn; vice-president, Mrs. J. M. McKillop; secretary, Mrs. D. McLean; social committee, Mrs. R. Oliver, Mrs. S. Osborne, Mrs. McNeill, Miss Haldane, Mrs. J. W. Nairn, Mrs. D. McLean, Mrs. G. Willet. It was decided by general consent, on Mrs. McKillop's proposal, that at each regular meeting there would be a short missionary program. Refreshments were served at the close by the executive.

HAMILTON ROAD CHOIR. The annual business meeting of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church choir was held in the church recently. Mr. A. B. Stein occupied the chair in the absence of the president, Mr. D. Farquhar.

The following officers were elected for 1924: President, D. Farquhar; vice-president, Miss M. Copeland; secretary, Miss J. McCaig; treasurer, Miss G. Lennox; librarians, Miss A. Davidson and Miss E. Lewis; executive, Miss N. Willoughby, Miss A. Henderson, Miss E. Carroll and A. Munro; social committee, Mrs. J. Davidson, Miss E. Lee, Miss L. Cleland, J. Hendry.

F. Price and Mrs. G. Laughton; pastor's aid, Mrs. F. Rossiter, Mrs. J. Chalmers.

CHALMERS MISSION BAND. A special meeting of the Mission Band of Chalmers Presbyterian Church was held yesterday afternoon, when the following delegates were appointed to the coming Presbyterian convention in the First Presbyterian Church: Margaret Standfield, Florence Tilley, Beth Duguid and David Duncan. The members of the band are making a special effort now to complete their memory work study by Easter, in order that they may be letter-perfect for the special Easter services, in which they are to take part.

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Ceremony at the Askin Street Church Proves Splendid Success.

MUSICAL SERVICE

Addresses Given by Prominent Members—Development Is Praised.

With over eight hundred people in attendance and an auditorium beautifully decorated with ferns, palms and flowers, the dedicatory service in connection with the new gymnasium at Askin Street Methodist Church yesterday was a most inspiring affair.

At three o'clock the orchestra under the direction of Dr. James Smith opened the service with the Festival March from Mendelssohn, and the special hymn and prayer for the occasion were announced and given by J. F. Maine, with an appropriate Bible lesson read by W. Courtis. The musical service continued with a solo, "Consider and Hear Me," by A. McCullough, rendered with orchestral accompaniment.

Just previous to the actual dedication, Charles Walker, the superintendent of the Sunday School, gave an interesting resume of the Sunday School achievements, of which he expressed himself as justly proud, and also a short address of welcome to the many visitors.

Rev. W. E. Millson, the president of the London Methodist Conference, who was in charge of the dedicatory service was introduced by Rev. R. J. Garbutt, retired pastor, and a member of the Askin Street congregation.

Prince Begins Tour May 2

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 14.—The Prince of Wales will leave Southampton May 2 for his South African tour, travelling on a passenger liner direct to Cape Town. There he will be welcomed by the Earl of Atholone, governor-general of South Africa, and Jan. C. Smuts, the South African premier.

The prince, whose tour will occupy three months, will visit all the important cities and towns in Cape Colony, the Orange River Colony, the Transvaal, Natal and Southern Rhodesia.

Declares Mothers Who Play Cards For Prizes Gamblers as Well as Sons.

CLASS WITH SAVAGE

Rev. J. Bruce Hunter, First Methodist Church, declared in his evening sermon yesterday that the mother who played cards for a prize, or who offered a prize for competition at cards, was a gambler just as much as the most ardent race track or poker player.

The sermon, one of a series, dealt with the choice of amusements, and was a scathing denunciation of those forms of amusement that are not sane or of benefit.

Card-playing for prizes and money came in for the strongest comment, the pastor declaring that the mother who played was no whit better than the son who went downtown and gambled his money in a professional manner.

"What else can I say," he continued, "when I have boys come to me and say that their mothers play for prizes and that therefore the money they are playing for is only in the nature of a prize."

Dealing with the theatres, Mr. Hunter stated that any man who went to a theatre to be amused by girls in scanty attire was robbing that girl of more than he paid for. He was robbing her of her modesty and was therefore in the same class as a cannibal or savage. Also a man who robbed a theatre of money by gambling methods was a cannibal. "Real amusement must have entertainment in it. Enjoyable games must be positive and not negative. I have no fault to find with games of cards except when the amusement contained in such a game is used for gambling. Recreation must be planned to give more than it takes away if it is to be of benefit," he concluded.

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TO MEET AT "TECH"

The 1924 board of education is losing no time in getting down to business, judging from the number of meetings scheduled for this week.

Every committee appointed to date will meet for the first discussion of the year's work, while a special meeting of the whole board will be held on Friday at the Technical School.

Tuesday afternoon No. 2 committee, under the chairmanship of S. P. Lawson, will convene. This body deals with the buildings and grounds of the public schools, and while no building program faces the committee this year, there will undoubtedly be matters in connection with equipment, painting, decorating and grading that will come up and consume much attention.

On Wednesday No. 1 committee, with Rev. Quintin Warner at the head will meet to discuss finances and pass accounts that have gathered since the beginning of the year.

No. 3 committee, dealing with colleges, will meet on Thursday. It is expected that this body, under the direction of Dr. A. J. Grant, will consider immediately the problem of secondary school accommodation, the question that in the opinion of the chairman, Bryden N. Campbell, is the most important that the board will face.

Then on Friday at noon the vocational advisory committee will meet to elect a chairman and appoint a representative to the audit committee. This meeting will be held at the Technical School and the two new appointees, A. R. Kennedy and W. N. Manning, will attend for the first time.

Following this committee meeting the board will convene in the model dining-room at the "Tech" for luncheon, when the chairmanship of the advisory committee will be announced and incidental business transacted.

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KINTORE W. M. S. NAMES DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

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The lesson from the study book, "The Island Beautiful," was given by Mrs. Agnes Chalmers. Miss Lenora Armstrong gave a very interesting talk on impressions of the Students Christian movement convention in Indianapolis.

Mrs. D. E. Henderson, Mrs. D. McCoull and Mrs. C. Ironsides were appointed delegates to the W. M. S. convention in January.

One interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation of a life membership certificate to Miss I. McKenzie from her sister, Mrs. A. J. Gorry.

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MOTORIST WAS UNAWARE OF M. V. A. LAW IS FREED

H. H. Kirby stated in police court this morning he would have "appreciated a warning" when charged with violation of the motor vehicles act in that he parked his car on Richmond street for more than 30 minutes.

"This is the warning," the court explained.

Mr. Kirby did not know it was contrary to regulations to park more than half an hour, so the court dismissed the charge on condition that Mr. Kirby pay witness fees.

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