Propose Union Charity Drive

St Thomas Civic Bodies Initiate Plan For 'Community Chest.'

COUNCIL SUPPORTS IDEA

Chamber of Commerce Formulates Scheme For One Big Campaign.

ST. THOMAS, March 31.—The first definite steps for the formation of a community chest in this city will probably be taken Friday night, April 7, when, at a specal meeting of representatives of all charitable institutions deriving money by public subscriptions, will be held, plans for the undertaking will be discussed.

A community chest for this city has been under consideration for some time. The scheme was first formulated by the chamber of commerce, and when a plan was worked out Secretary Harmer secured the interest of the city council. The special meeting was called by Mayor C. E. Raven.

If the idea meets with general favor one week each year will be set aside, when a huge drive for funds will be carried out under the direction of a special committee of businessmen. The money secured will then be divided among the different institutions which depend on the public for support. When an organization receives help in this way it will not be alowed to conduct an individual campaign at any time during the year. In this way the citizens will gve once, and so be saved from the annoyance of many campaigns.

It is hoped that some action will be taken in the near future, as several of the organizations are anxious to have the matter settled so that if it is not adopted they can go ahead with their own campaigns.

Special Notice!

Because of weather conditions Thursday night and yesterday many hundreds of the Grand's regular patrons were unable to attend their favorite theatre.

All day yesterday they were telephoning, asking for additional opportunities to witness the particularly good vaudeville and picture bill.

For their convenience the management has decided to give two complete shows tonight. The first will start at 7 p.m. and the second at 9 o'clock.

Get seats early, for the rush will be great.

Remember—2 Shows—7 and 9.

Will Outline "Tech" Benefits

Inspector F. P. Gavin To Speak at St. Thomas Gathering.

PLAN NEW BUILDING

Dr. A. Voaden To Describe New Type of School Proposed.

ST. THOMAS, March 31.—F. P. Gavin of Toronto, inspector of technical schools for the department of education, will be one of the speakers at the forum meeting of the chamber of commerce to be held at the city hall Thursday evening, April 6. Mr. Gavin will come to this city as the result of a request for a speaker made to the department by Secretary J. R. Harmer of the local chamber.

Mr. Gavin has accepted an invitation from the local chamber to speak on the subject, "The Advantages of a Technical Sschool in a City." No man in the province of Ontario is better versed in the work of schools of this type than Mr. Gavin, and so it is expected that his talk will prove of the utmost value to this city.

Dr. A. Voaden, principal of the Collegiate Institute, will tell of the dire need of more school acommodation for higher education in this city, and will explain the type of school the advisory committee of the board of education proposes to build.

The Alma College extension fund will be the subject of an address by Rev. Perry S. Dobson, principal of improvements that are to be made to that building, and of the means which will be used to raise the money.

A musical program will be given. Ald. Frank Lemon will act as chairman.

PRINCE'S VISIT IS BENEFICIAL

Happy Smile and Gracious Manner Have Won Through in Indian Empire.

IS RECEIVED IN CEYLON

Japan Preparing To Give Great Reception To British Heir-Apparent.

LONDON, April 1.—After having spent four months in India, practically every important section of which he visited. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on March 17 once more embarked on the British battleship Renown, this time sailing for Japan, stopping on the way at the Island of Ceylon, in the Indian Ocean.

History will record the results of the prince's strenuous, and on the whole, pleasant tour through the various parts of the great empire of India, but at present there is a general British sigh of relief that his royal highness has carried out his mission in safety, and there is a general acknowledgment that his mission, which was really to convey a message of good will to the various peoples of that country, has had a beneficial effect. In short, the prince's happy smile, coupled with his gracious manner and his abilities as an all-round sportsman, have won through in India, as it has already done in other parts of the British Empire.

Reception at Colombo.

Now the interest in this royal traveler shifts to Colombo, the capital of Ceylon, where arrangements have been made for a magnificent reception for the prince. Colombo has a population of 267,888, and the official residence of the governor of Ceylon, His Excellency Brig.-Gen. Sir William Henry Manning, is in that city. From Ceylon, the prince will sail for Japan. He is due to arrive at Yokohama on April 12, and he will go up to Tokyo. There he will be received with all the Oriental grace and attention characteristic of the Japanese, and doubtless his visit in Japan will be exceedingly pleasant, as well as interesting.

Among the entertainments arranged in honor of the Prince of Wales at Tokyo are dinner parties at the Japanese foreign office and at the prime minister's official residence, and a ball at the British embassy. At Yokohama, where the prince will stop a brief period before going to Tokyo, he will be the chief guest at a ball given by the British colony there.

Japanese Itinerary.

The prince will travel to Nikko on April 19, and after spending two days he will return to Tokyo for one night. Then he will proceed to Odawara and Lake Hakone, visiting Yokohama on the way to unveil an inter-Allied war memorial arch, which has been erected on the Yokohama "Bluff" by public subscription. After a short stay at Lake Hakone, the prince will leave by motor car for Shoji, where he will remain over night and continue on the following day to Lida. From Lida, he will the next day descend the Tenryugawa Rapids as far as the railway line, where he will take train to Hikone, on Lake Biwa, for Kyoto. He will devote a week to Kyoto, during which time he will visit Lake Biaw and its island of Chikubushima.

After Kyoto, two days are alloted to Nara, the old capital of Japan, and his royal highness will then proceed to Kobe. A ball will be given at Kobe by the British colony there. From Kobe he will sail on May 8 and traverse the Inland Sea, possibly calling at the sacred island Miyajima, to Kagoshima, in Kiushiu.

On May 9 the Renown will leave Japan with the prince on board and proceed to Manila in the Phillippines, where his royal highness is to spend two days. He is expected to return to London in June.

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5½% $1,000 will, in 12 months, earn $25 more than "ordinary Savings interest." 5½%

First mortgage security and extra interest dollars form a desirable combination for thrifty people who have saved a few hundred or a few thousand hard-earned dollars.

Call TO-DAY and safely invest your surplus funds.

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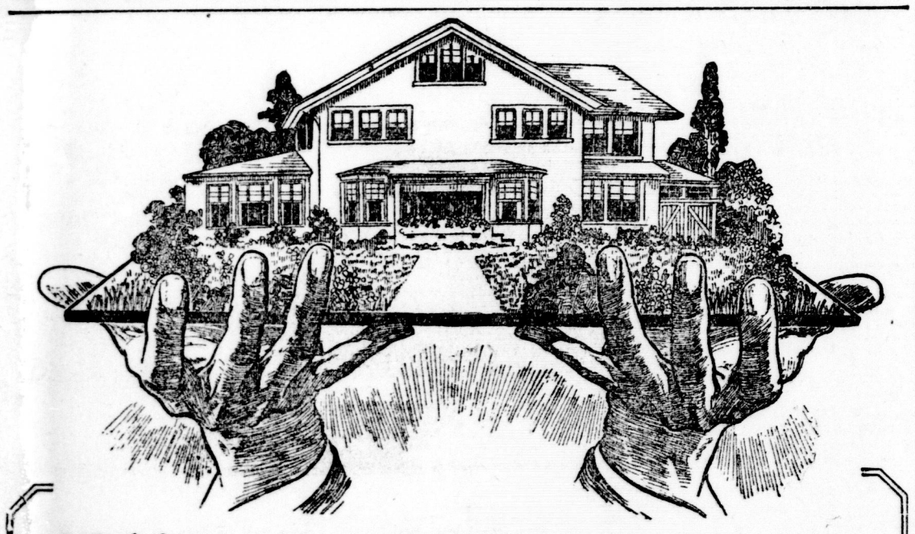

Making the Old Home New

IT IS CHEAPER to paint up than to build—and the old home comforts are enjoyed like the comfort of the old shoe.

Most likely all that old home of yours needs is a thorough going over inside and out.

Paint up with Scarfe's "Surface Satisfaction" Paints and Varnishes. Fill in the cracks with Scarfe's Fillers.

All Scarfe's products are of the greatest durability and highest quality.

Many local manufacturers are familiar with Scarfe's products since 1877.

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Made by SCARFE & CO. Limited, Brantford, Ont.

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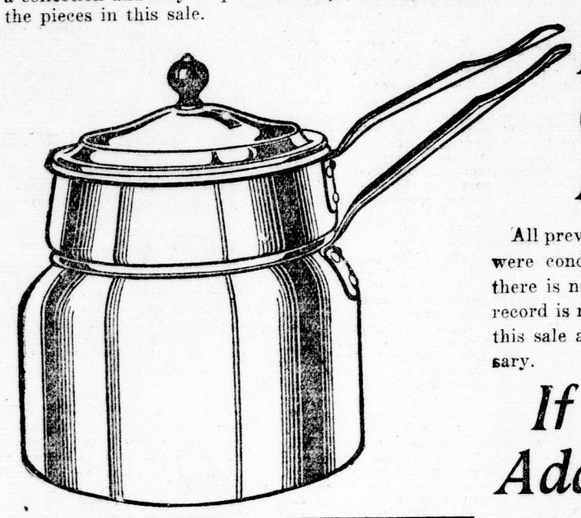
LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS.

Demonstration Sale Of "Wear-Ever" Aluminum

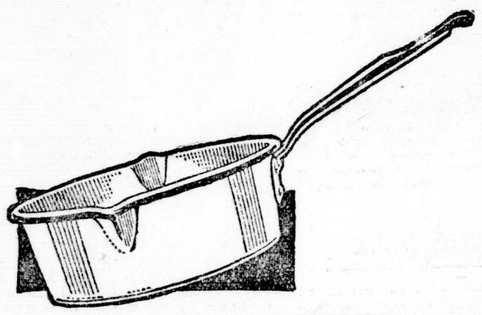
ONE WEEK ONLY

Five Sale Specials, About Third Off

A demonstrator from the "Wear-Ever" factory will be here next week and conduct a six-day demonstration sale of "Wear-Ever" Aluminum Utensils. Cooking demonstrations will be made showing what can be done with aluminum and how to take care of same. We have selected five of the most useful kitchen utensils for this sale, four of which are illustrated here and which will be sold at about one-third less than the regular price. This five-piece set would make a nice start on a collection and may be purchased by the single piece or pieces. You may order just the piece you need or any number of the pieces in this sale.



NO. 1 "WEAR-EVER" DOUBLE BOILER
2-QUART SIZE $2.39
(Wine measure).
If mailed, 15c extra.



NO. 3 "WEAR-EVER" SAUCEPAN
1-QUART SIZE ..... 39c each
(Wine measure).
If mailed, 10c extra.

No Coupons Needed

All previous sales of "Wear-Ever" were conducted by coupon, but as there is no limit to the quantity, no record is required by the factory for this sale and the coupon is unnecessary.

If Mailed, Add Postage

Mail order customers may participate in this sale and the parcels post charges are listed with each article. But a saving of 30c will be made on the postage, if the complete set is ordered.

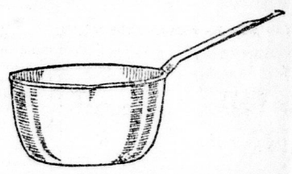
		Postage
No. 1—Double Boiler	$2.39	15c
No. 2—Dishpan	$2.49	20c
No. 3—Saucepan	39c	10c
No. 4—Lipped Saucepan	89c	10c
No. 5—Pudding Dish	69c	10c
Total	$6.35	Total 65c

Outfit complete including postage $7.20

NEXT WEEK ONLY—Basement.

NO. 2 "WEAR-EVER" DISHPAN
10-QUART SIZE $2.49
If mailed, 20c extra.

NO. 5 PUDDING DISH
2-QUART SIZE 69c
This dish will fit other "Wear-Ever" utensils, making a double boiler. Not pictured. If mailed, 10c extra.



NO. 4 "WEAR-EVER" SAUCEPAN
(Lipped)
2-QUART SIZE 89c
If mailed, 10c extra.

Ready, Tuesday, April 4

OXFORD EDITION CANADIAN PRAYER AND HYMN BOOK COMBINED.

In variety of sizes and bindings, good assortment. These will be ready for sale on Tuesday.

Table Silverware In New Section

A new department has been opened and cases arranged for the convenient display of Table Silverware at east side of Dundas street entrance and many new lines have been added to the stock, which we now invite you to inspect.

Rogers New La France Design

A most attractive pattern in parplate (guaranteed), at a reasonable price.

Teaspoons	$3.50 doz.	Butter Knives	75c each	Pie Servers	$2.50 each
5 o'Clock Spoons	$3.50 doz.	Pickle Forks	75c each	Cheese Servers	$2.50 each
Dessert Spoons	$5.50 doz.	Berry Spoons	$2.00 each	3-piece Child's Set	$2.00
Tablespoons	$6.50 doz.	Baby Spoons	75c each	1 Set Flat-Handle Dessert Knives and Forks, set of six	$7.50
Soup Spoons	$7.00 doz.	Tomato Servers	$2.00 each	1 Set Flat Medium Knives and Forks, set of six	$8.00
Meat Forks	$1.25 each	Cream Ladles	$1.25 each		
Sugar Shells	75c each	Gravy Ladles	$1.50 each		

COMMUNITY SILVER

We also carry Community Silver, Grosvenor, Adam, Patrician and Sheraton designs, 1847 Rogers Old Colony design.
3-piece Silver-plated Tea Services, prices $17.50, $18.50, $32.00
Bread Trays, prices ..... $3.75, $6.50, $6.75, $7.00 and $7.50
Sandwich Trays, prices ..... $3.75 and $6.00
Entree Dishes $9.50
Cut Glass Pepper and Salts, sterling tops. At $2.50 and $3.50
Cut Glass Bud Vases, in silver-plated holders $1.75, $2 and $3
Cheese and Cracker, silver-plated. Price $7.50
Flower Baskets, prices ..... $7.00 and $9.50

AFTERNOON TEA.
Fresh Tomato and Lettuce Sandwich, Cake, Cup of Tea, 25c.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

AFTERNOON TEA.
Cucumber, Tomato and Lettuce Salad, Thin Bread and Butter and Cup of Tea, 30c.

Storm Loss Will Be $7,500,000

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came back to Ottawa last night when several inches of snow, accompanied by a strong wind, made conditions uncomfortable for pedestrians. Street car traffic was not hampered to any extent, and there were no reports of telephone or telegraph poles having been blown down.

WINDSOR WITHOUT LIGHT.

Windsor, March 31.—The border cities were lighted by candle and kerosene tonight, and faced the prospect of general unemployment on Saturday. The three cables of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission which deliver Niagara power were down and industrial heads said the possibility was that their companies would have to shut down for three or four days.

A force of 200 men was at work all day on temporary lines to give light to domestic consumers, but at 6 o'clock the work was unfinished. Some business places have auxiliary steam plants, but they are of limited capacity.

Before grocery stores closed at 6 o'clock all stocks of kerosene and candles were exhausted.

MICHIGAN SUFFERS.

Detroit, March 31.—Lower Michigan today was under a blanket of snow and ice; communication lines were crippled; fany highways were impassable, with telephone poles and wires blocking traffic, and interurban railway service was greatly hampered by the ice-covered rails and interruption of power transmission lines. The glaze covered the southern half of the lower peninsula, while in the north, which was all but cut off from wire communication a heavy snowfall was reported. Officials of the Michigan State Telephone Company said today that damage to its equipment would amount to $1,500,000; the Detroit United Railway placed its loss at $10,000, and the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies also sustained heavy damage.

Farmers also will be hard hit, according to reports reaching here, which state that many small trees had broken under the weight of ice.

Blenheim, March 31.—The rain and sleet storm of yesterday did a lot of damage in this section, the telephone lines of the Bell Company suffering especially. On the main street of the town in the west end there were 10 large poles in one stretch felled across the pavement, and the wires are badly tangled.

The annual shoot of the Blenheim Gun Club was to have been held today and shooters were here from Hamilton, London, St. Thomas, Dutton, Crediton and other points. Shooting was out of the question and the event was postponed until Wednesday, April 11.

The hydro service was also demoralized, light and power being shut off in the middle of the afternoon on account of poles being down between here and Chatham.

ST. THOMAS, March 31.—It is doubtful whether this district was ever hit as hard by a storm as it was Thursday and Friday, when freezing rain and sleet, accompanied by a fairly high wind, completely isolated St. Thomas and Elgin County, and wrecked havoc with trees, poles and wires.

The city was without power from Thursday afternoon until Friday midnight, when it was still in total blackness. The phone service to points outside and parts of the city was crippled, while telegraph service was badly tangled.

The roads leading from the city were blocked by a tangle of wires and poles which had been pulled down by tons of ice. The city streets were strewn until they were almost impassable at spots with limbs and fallen trees. Although the steam roads kept fairly well to scheduled time, the electric road to London was completely stalled Thursday night and Friday from a lack of power.

The city was cut off from hydro, when several breaks occurred in the high tension wires between here and London. Gangs from Hamilton worked all Thursday night and Friday, but even then it was doutbul if the Flower City would be lighted at any time Friday night.

In all directions from the city phone wires were strewn over the roads. Between this city and Union, a distance of only a few miles, seventeen telephone poles flat on the ground, and other hanging at dangerous angles stopped traffic.

Hundreds of shade trees within the city limits were completely spoiled, broken tops which had become laden with ice. Few trees escaped damage, as everywhere broken limbs were strewn about the ground.

Throughout the afternoon the emergency squads of the hydro commission were kept busy propping up poles and towers.