

OLDEST 'OLD GIRL' TELLS OF LONDON LIFE OF OTHER DAYS

OLDEST 'OLD GIRL' HERE PLEASED WITH WELCOME WISHES SHE HAD STAYED

Mrs. Elizabeth Crane, 86, Recalls Old Days in Forest City—One of the Few Real Old-Timers Who Come Back Every Year.

WHEN VICTORIA PARK WAS CAMP

Bubbling over with joy at the reception she was accorded yesterday at Queen's Park when on behalf of the City of London Mayor George Wenige presented her with the key to the city, Mrs. Elizabeth Crane, 86 years of age, told The Advertiser this morning that she wished she had never left her.

"I love London," declared the city's oldest visiting old boy or girl, "and I would like to come back and live, but my two daughters in Detroit have a home there and are in business so I must stay with them. But I tell you, I don't like the States." Mrs. Crane is one of the few old timers left. Leaving here 20 years ago she has never failed to visit the city once a year since that time, and renew acquaintance made during the 40 years she lived here.

Came From Scotland.

Originally coming from Scotland, Mrs. Crane, well remembers many incidents of the old days when she lived on Central avenue. She is the reporter of the time when the soldiers were here and camped on what is now Victoria Park. At that time it was surrounded by a stump fence and the surrounding land was more or less cleared. Robinson Hall, standing at the corner of Ridout and Dundas streets was then a hotel and many were the soldiers who used to walk in there for their daily rations of alcoholic beverages. Later it was turned into a barracks.

"The soldiers were a wild lot," she stated. "I well remember the time Mayor Cornish fought with the officers of the 83rd Regiment and threatened to fight the whole lot. I forgot what it was about but I know that the soldiers were taken from her after that."

Result of a Prank. "One of the officers of the regiment at that time made a bet that he could enter so many houses in town without being discovered. Day after day he went from house to house and turn things upside down. He would not take anything but just

disturb them so that people would know the house had been entered. One day he got into a house through the window of a girl's room and he had no sooner gotten in then he heard the girls coming. He jumped behind a curtain which concealed the girls talking and joking he could not stop laughing. He burst into roars and made one dive for the window, getting away. After this he inserted an advertisement in the papers saying that if he had broken or damaged anything he would replace it if he was notified. He gave his address as the postoffice.

Scores Present Day Styles. Asked regarding present day styles and fashions, Mrs. Crane said she had no use for them.

The old days they dressed sensibly and looked just as nice and smart as they do today. I don't know what dress is coming to when girls run around showing their knees and their necks. It is not so attractive to me as the old days.

"As to the young people, I don't know what they are coming to. I never heard of such freedom as children of today are granted. My children were brought up well and not too strictly, but there was never anything scandalous about the things they did. Perhaps they are just too happy-go-lucky and have no real sense of responsibility."

Mrs. Crane is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Burton, at 13 Southgate street. She has seven other children living, these being Frank, Niagara Falls; Walter, Cleveland; Jack, California; Mrs. Loney, Detroit; Mrs. Barrett, Cleveland; Miss Margaret, Detroit. When in Detroit she makes her home with Miss Crane at 1517 Woodward avenue.

One son, William, was killed in France when serving with the 71st Battalion.



FREEDOM OF CITY FOR OLDEST 'OLD GIRL'

Mrs. Elizabeth Crane, the oldest Old Girl visiting the reunion, being presented with the golden key, emblematic of the freedom of the city, by Mayor George Wenige at yesterday's celebration at Queen's Park. Mrs. Crane, who is 86 years of age, now lives in Detroit, and is shown in the picture by The Advertiser staff photographer, with her grandson, Harvey Barrell, Chicago. Mrs. Crane says that she wishes she had never left London.

Women Wishing to See Pope Must Be Fittingly Clothed

Vatican Will Tolerate Hair Dye, But Arms Must Be Covered and Dress Worn to Ankle Length.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Rome, Aug. 7.—New dress regulations governing the manner in which women seeking an audience with the pope must be clothed provide radical modification of current popular styles. Following his holiness' expressed indignation at seeing women in the Vatican with bare arms, the papal major domo announced the following rules for the dress of women desiring an audience with the pope.

Dresses must be of thick, non-transparent material. The clothing must not accentuate the bust. Arms must be clothed to the wrist and the neck to the chin. No cosmetics may be used. Hair dye is tolerated, if not too conspicuously peroxide. Women visiting the Vatican are obliged to pass three examinations before receiving final permission to see the pope.

PAY HONOR TO MEMBERS OF EXHIBITION TRAIN

Strasbourg Banquets Senator Beaubien and Canadians Touring Through France.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Aug. 7.—Senator Beaubien, Montreal, who is accompanying the Canadian traveling exhibition through France, made a touching speech yesterday at Strasbourg, where the exhibition train is receiving a warm welcome. The Strasbourg Chamber of Commerce gave a banquet in honor of the visiting Canadians, and the senator replied to the gracious welcome accorded him and his companions.

Sensor Beaubien recalled the sacrifices of the Alsations who had fought in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, and he referred to those Alsations who had emigrated to Canada rather than become German. Touching on the great world war, the senator said his first son was killed at Soissons in 1918, but his second son, whom he had sent to replace the first, was able to enter Strasbourg with the victorious French army. The senator recalled that Strasbourg was his own native city.

In conclusion Senator Beaubien said: "We are with France, which only asks one thing and that is justice. We pray that this may be accorded."

THOUSANDS WATCH PARADE OF K. OF C. IN MONTREAL. Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Aug. 7.—Thousands of citizens lined the streets of Montreal to witness the church parade of the visiting Knights of Columbus to Notre Dame Cathedral, where pontifical high mass was celebrated by His Grace Mgr. Gauthier, administrator of the diocese of Montreal. A sermon in French was delivered by Mgr. A. E. Deschamps, vicar-general of the diocese of Montreal, and one in English by Mgr. Donnelly, domestic prelate to the pope.

MOTORIST GIVEN RIDE, IS KILLED IN COLLISION. Belleville, Aug. 7.—Frank Loft, 37, died early today from injuries resulting from a collision between two automobiles late last night outside the city. Loft, whose own car was stalled on the side of the road for lack of gasoline, was picked up by a motor car on his way to a garage. Near Trenton, the automobile collided with another, and he sustained a fractured skull.

SLAY MANCHURIAN BANDITS Being Trained For Army. Victims Slaughtered by Soldiers at Command of Military Governor Had Surrendered and Were Housed in Barracks.

Associated Press Despatch. Peking, Aug. 7.—Despatches from Tientsin, Province of Honan, Manchuria, announce that 750 bandits were slaughtered by soldiers in the barracks there by command of the provincial military governor.

The victims were among 1,200 outlaws who surrendered recently, and were being trained for the army of Chang Tso-Lin, the Manchurian warlord. Because of the mutinous attitude of the prisoners, 50 were summarily executed before the military authorities, ostensibly for a rapin.

It subsequently transpired that the 50 had been executed, whereupon the remainder tried to escape. They were surrounded by provincial troops and a fight followed. The troops, using large guns, destroyed three camp buildings and wiped out most of the bandits. Fifty of the regulars were killed and many wounded.

FULL OF 'PEP' AND GLAD TO BE HERE WITH 57 HEIRS

Mrs. George Lewis, 82 Years Old, Another Visiting London 'Old Girl.' HAVING FINE TIME

Prominent among the Old Boys and Girls visiting London is Mrs. George Lewis, sen., 82 years of age, from Windsor, who with 57 descendants attended a total of 69 living, attended the reunion celebration at Queen's Park yesterday afternoon, and again last night.

Mrs. Lewis, who was in all the fun of the night, looking forward to the remainder of the week with much anticipation, and when asked by The Advertiser if she was tired, replied that she was not, and would like a good dance.

Last night at the park she, together with 35 other members of the family, second cousins, and when Mayor Wenige entered the grounds, he roped him off and refused to let him go. She was then lifted high in the air and waved three cheers. Still later, in the evening, she was with the party drove up to the mayor's house and serenaded him. This morning she spent motoring and renewing old friendships. She made in her 52 years' residence in this city.

Headed the List. Mrs. Lewis was the first to head the list of London Old Boys and Girls when an organization meeting was held in Detroit some time ago.

After telling The Advertiser that 57 of her descendants were yesterday, she proudly pulled out a gold watch, and opening the back of it, showed the inscription, which stated that it had been presented to her by Hon. C. S. Hyman at the reunion of 1905, for the mother having the largest number of heirs present.

"If they had given me that key, I would have opened the brewery with it," she stated. "Perhaps, however, I will get it some day. I have had it since I came from Devonshire to London when this city was only a bazaar," she said, speaking of the old days. "Victoria Park was nothing but a sandhill, and in one corner, where the tennis courts are now, was a skating rink. We bought a lot at the corner of Bland and Queen streets, which was then the end of the city. We paid \$5 down for the property, and the other side of us was all water."

Shot Raccoon. "I remember one Sunday afternoon my husband went into this bush and shot the largest raccoon that I have ever seen near here. I had his skin tanned and sent to the Old Country as a souvenir. There were no street cars, and the bus that ran from Lilley's Corners to in front of the jail. Why, we even had to pay a penny for every letter that was delivered."

"Am I tired? I should say not. I would like a good dance now." And her appearance bore out her words. Mrs. Lewis, who is a widow, with a memory that many a man would envy, Mrs. Lewis is overjoyed at being back in London.

She is staying in Windsor with her son Ernest, at 322 Pine street. While in London she is staying with Frank Lewis, 801 Princess avenue. Other children are: Mrs. M. Grant, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. S. Neno, Cleveland; Mrs. Alma Stephenson, Detroit; Mrs. Hector Munro, New York; Mrs. E. Barnum, Windsor; George, William, and Frank, of London; Ernest and Jack, of Windsor; Mrs. Fred Cowherd, Detroit. None of her family except her husband and son Ernest, who is now 12 years old, have died. Mrs. Lewis does not think much of the fashions of today, and stated that if she were a young man she would not be seen on the streets with girls dressed as they do today. She also declared that the young people of today were living too fast.

CHILTON WILL REPRESENT THE KING AT FUNERAL. Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 7.—King George yesterday designated Henry Getty Chilton, counselor of the British embassy at Washington, to represent him at the funeral of the late President Harding. Mr. Chilton's participation will be in addition to the official presence of the representative of the British government and its dominions.

BELIEVE HUNTER VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY, MAN SOUGHT. Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, Aug. 7.—With the finding of the body of Patrick Tremblay, a hunter from St. Nazaire, in the woods, 150 miles north of Quebec, another mystery of the Quebec forests presents itself for solution by the provincial police. While no marks of violence were found on the body, it is thought that Tremblay was the victim of foul play, and a companion, Gonzague Boly, who entered the woods with him, is being sought.

TO MAKE CENTENNIAL GREATEST SHOW YET. Continued From Page One. Wilson, Chicago, Frank Plant, mayor of Ottawa; honorary vice-presidents, Atwell Fleming, Toronto; Dr. Harry Forsythe, New York; Col. Tom Tracy, Vancouver; Alec Calder, Winnipeg, and Alf Christie, Los Angeles. Mayor Wenige moved that an international association be organized and the motion was seconded by J. Chapman of Detroit, and unanimously carried.

"Back in 1923 for the Centennial celebration, stronger than ever." Such was the unanimous decision of the Detroit delegation of the London Old Boys' meeting in special session this morning.

The Detroiters, more than two scores of whom were in attendance, voted to give the greatest show yet but all were determined that the next shall eclipse all. Preliminary arrangements were made today but other meetings will be held in Detroit from time to time during the next two years. The Border Cities were well represented this morning.

Another outstanding feature of this morning's session was the reception tendered Mayor Wenige whose brief remarks prompted fervent applause.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that George Wenige be on hand to welcome the Detroit and Windsor contingent when they come back again.

"And let's hope that you have a decent council behind you," was the concluding remarks from the boys from the border municipalities.

GLADIOLI WON SPECIAL PRIZE. In this picture is shown the wonderful display of gladioli which won a special prize in the Old Boys' market contest this morning. The display was up by the Misses Attridge, and was spoken of as the finest exhibition of gladioli ever seen in London. The flowers were tastefully arranged with a background of asparagus fern, and the showing which it made would rival the very best which the Western Fair can produce in the way of exhibits.

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played under the heavy-leaved trees, and their music and dainty models drifted through the quiet glades, adding to the success of the gathering, and lending their soothing harmonies to the city-bred people enjoying the shade of the country.

The reception committee of the Old Boys' Association gathered at the marquee on the grounds at 3 o'clock, and extended the welcome on the city to her guests on the sloping green lawns. Later in the afternoon they served tea and refreshments in the large tent, the tables of which have been decorated with lovely vases of cut flowers presented by the park commission, giving the interior of the room an air of festivity and coolness.

The whole program is of an informal kind that particularly suits the "hot day, and will make the picture from Mrs. John Attkin, Mrs. W. H. Abbott, Mrs. S. F. Lawson, Mrs. L. H. Douglas, Mrs. T. I. A. Hunt and Miss Isabel Armstrong.

After a lengthy consultation, the judges awarded the prizes as follows: First prize, fruit and vegetables—Youton; second prize, F. C. Gard, R. R. 7; third prize, K. Whitlow, R. R. 8; fourth prize, John Eggert, R. R. 4; fifth prize, Mrs. E. M. Nelson, R. R. 8. Special prizes for best floral display—First, Mr. Attridge; second, Pearson & Son.

In awarding the vegetable prizes the judges made special mention of the small but excellent display put up by Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson applies all her time to the cultivation of a market garden, while her husband is engaged in the building trade in this city. Although of advanced years, Mrs. Nelson tends to her garden unassisted and her husband, who is the fifth prize among a lot of younger competitors was applauded by the judges and those who watched the judging.

There were many old boys attending the market this morning and, although most of them were there as spectators only, it gave a bright atmosphere to the Tuesday market. According to most of them, the market has changed little since they numbered themselves among Londoners. "One old boy was heard to remark, 'Things here on the market are pretty much the same as they always were. Lots of produce, but mighty few buyers. If it wasn't for the new pavement, I would say she was the same old market.'"

"Old Girls" at Spring Lakes. This was the Day of Fair Ladies at London's park by the riverside. The Old Boys have been featured long as the chief visitors, but today the better halves spent a wonderful afternoon in the park, which looked its very best for the occasion. From 2:30 the Cortese Orchestra

BRITISH HARVESTERS ARRIVE IN WINNIPEG

Members of Contingent For the Prairie Farms Decide To Remain in Canada.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—The first of the British harvesters for Western Canada, numbering about 150, arrived here over the Canadian National Railways last night, and were directed to their destination on prairie farms. The majority of them intended they had already decided to remain in Canada after the harvest. Three special trains over the Canadian National Railway and three over the Canadian Pacific Railway reached here from the Maritime Provinces, carrying an aggregate of 3,500 harvesters.

REUNION NOT ADDITION TO WORK OF POLICE

City Officers Report Old Home Crowds To Be Quite Orderly.

Old Boys' Week has not added to the number of cases on the police court blotter.

Yesterday, the first big day of the celebration, was quiet from a police standpoint. Officers on duty reported the crowds to be quite orderly.

No cases of a serious nature have been brought to the attention of the police since festivities began. No thefts or robberies have been reported.

Most of the O. T. A. violators who have passed through the local department within the past few days are local men who have been brought before the court on previous occasions.

SUIT OVER RIGHT-OF-WAY. Edward Francis, through his solicitors, Elliott & Moss, of Gloucester, has issued a supreme court writ against Henry Smith and Joseph Walker, of Moss Township, claiming damages for the alleged obstruction of a right-of-way which he claims was mentioned in an agreement between William Gilbert and John H. Gilbert, dated Oct. 23, 1906.

LAKES FREIGHT AG CLAIMED UNSOUND BY GRAIN SHIPPERS

Prominent Winnipeg Dealers Attend Special Meeting of Commissioners.

STATE OBJECTIONS

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—Prominent Winnipeg grain men attended a special meeting of the board of grain commissioners this morning to discuss the new lakes freight act.

L. H. Boyd, chairman of the commission, in outlining the reasons for the meeting, said he had heard of complaints that certain sections of the act were not workable and impracticable. The act was on the statutes, he said, and the commission expected the fullest co-operation from the shippers and exporters.

H. J. Symington, K.C., representing the shippers and exporters, presented a statement on their behalf setting forth their objections to the act.

The result of compulsory filing of freight tariffs would tend to drive away United States boats from Canadian lakes, he said, because they fear the same law would be enacted in the United States.

If this was the result, the desired effect of the whole act would be lost, he said. Mr. Symington suggested it would be sufficient to so administer the act that submission of contracts would include also tariffs.

Concerning the demurrage amendments in the act, Mr. Symington said there was a strenuous objection to them on the ground that they were "inequitable and unjust."

It would force exporters to do business on a margin of profit which would reflect to the detriment of the producer.

OTTAWA WOMAN MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Aug. 7.—Mrs. Leah Susan Rapson, 36, wife of Mitchell Rapson, a merchant, was instantly killed last night when the automobile in which she, her husband and five children were driving turned turtle on Laurier's Hill at King's-mere. Beyond slight bruises and severe shaking, none of the other occupants of the car was injured.

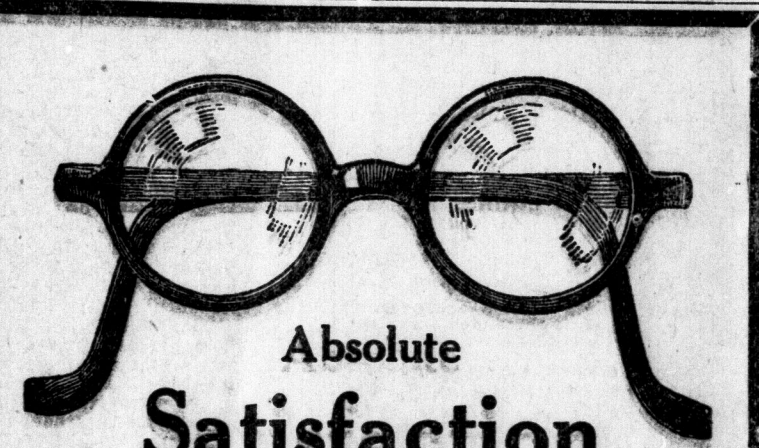
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ROTARY ENTERTAINS OLD BOYS AT LUNCH

Dr. W. Taylor of Washington Praises Reception Accorded to Visitors.

The Rotary Club entertained some seventeen old boys at luncheon in the Townhouse House at noon today. Following the luncheon, Thomas McFarlane introduced Mrs. Costello, a well-known singer and whistler. Accompanied on the piano by her London old girl, Miss May Griffiths, Mrs. Costello gave several whistling solos which brought forth rounds of applause from the hundred Rotarians who listened to her.

James Gray called upon the visiting ex-Londoners to give their opinions of the place, and how it feels to be once again back home. Dr. Walter Taylor of Washington, the first visitor called upon, commended the manner in which the charge of this year's Old Home Week, he told how glad he was to be back with the friends of his schoolboy days. "The genuine old boys have received is significant of the growth and prosperity that I see everywhere about me throughout this district. The number of buildings which have been erected since I was last here is proof of the prosperity of London," said Dr. Taylor.

Mr. McPherson, who was called upon to give a short address, "I am always glad to come back to London," said Mr. McPherson. "The reception we have received has been a royal one."

Among the other guests who were called upon to speak were Col. Milligan of Brandon; R. Compas of Niles, Mich.; C. W. Brown of Saskatoon; Dr. Wallace Crawford, Alfred C. Jackson, Edward Rhodes of Winnipeg; Victor Smith of Windsor; William Howard of Jackson, Mich., and Clarence Tate of Calgary.

TORONTO POLICE STILL HOLD ROBBER SUSPECT

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 7.—Police circles are reticent regarding the rumors that a big roundup in connection with the recent sensational robbery of bank messengers here is expected today. Stories of sundry developments, including the arrest of a woman, continue to reach this city from outside points, but there is nothing here to confirm any of the recent rumors of wholesale arrests.

William S. Morton, the man who was arrested at Detroit on Saturday, on the alleged identification by Stanley K. Hallam, formerly of Windsor, Ontario, as having been at the wheel of the bandit automobile previous to the raid, is still in custody here. Police today are giving out nothing in regard to their investigations as to Morton's alleged identification. Morton declares he can prove an alibi. His friends say he was in New York on the day of the robbery.

CANADIAN BODIES SEND MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Aug. 7.—The Canadian Red Cross Society and the Canadian Boy Scouts' Association have sent telegrams of sympathy and appreciation on the occasion of the death of President Harding to their sister organizations in the United States. President Harding was president of the American Red Cross and honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Aug. 7.—Struck by an automobile at Roxborough avenue and Province street last night, Mrs. Emma Carter, 67, died this morning. She was being taken to the hospital when she was struck by a car.