

## TO NAME EXTRA SCHOOL OFFICER

New Official To Act As Mediator Under Adolescent Act.

Edwin Smith Named As Possible Incumbent For Position.

In order to better facilitate the operation of the new regulations of the adolescent school attendance act, effective September next, the board of education will appoint, it was announced Friday, a vocational officer who will act as a mediator between the school authorities and the various industrial firms who employ adolescent children.

Propose Edwin Smith.  
While Senior School Inspector V. K. Greer explained that as yet no person has been recommended for the position, the name of Edwin Smith, chairman of the school board, has been persistently advanced as a possible incumbent for the position about to be created.

It was explained to The Advertiser Friday that Trustee Smith would consider the proposal upon certain conditions. In any event the question of an appointment will receive full consideration by the school trustees when they gather Thursday for their regular monthly session.

School authorities state that the act, which the Hon. Dr. Grant, minister of education, rules must be strictly adhered to when the schools reopen, provides for the services of a vocational officer, and it is acknowledged that provision for the same was made by the local trustees when they prepared their estimates for 1922.

It is believed that the new official will relieve Dr. George Weir, present school attendance officer, of considerable work. While the latter has exerted certain energy in this respect in the past, it was purely on his own initiative he explains.

Must Interest Himself.  
The provincial authorities rule that a vocational officer must interest himself in securing suitable employment for those pupils, from 14 to 15 years of age, who will be compelled by the amendment to the act to attend part-time courses despite the fact that they may have left school a year or two ago.

As the act prescribes that evening class tuition will not be accepted as adequate, it is feared that not a little difficulty will be experienced by these youngsters, dozens in number, in their search for part-time employment.

A questionnaire recently submitted by the chamber of commerce to the various employers elicited the report that any young people who desire work must be at their duties all the day or not at all.

An Important Phase.  
To bridge the gap between the school age and the employment age will become an important phase of the vocational officer's endeavor, and a man with business experience, and one who is considered competent to deal with businessmen, is the type desired, the school authorities explain.

From the educational survey of the city recently completed by the board of education it is known that there are actually 1,877 adolescent students in London, who will be affected by the act. These children, 210 of them being separate school pupils, are between 14 and 15 years of age.

Here boy! Page Chairman Edwin Smith.

We want him to meet Alderman H. J. Childs, who speaks a few words for the members of the board of education.

"Yes, we will have to have a meeting of this commission and clean up all these school questions," the latter stated Friday. "You know that after all the school trustees have been pretty fair this year. Give credit where it is due. They reduced their building program substantially when the mayor appealed to them."

"Now that they have chosen a new site I am only too willing, personally, that they should go ahead. I was unfavorable to the Dakin site, however, when it was purchased."

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## Town Topics.

### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day.—2 Peter 3:8.  
PATIENCE is the ballast of the that will keep it from rolling and tumbling in the great storms.—Bishop Hopkins.

### TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

SATURDAY—Commercial Travelers' picnic at Port Stanley.  
G. T. R. shops hold picnic at Springbank.  
Carpenters hold Springbank picnic.  
I. O. O. F. holds picnic at Springbank.  
Lakeside is scene of Labatt picnic.

REV. W. J. BRAIN, honorary secretary of the Church of England Provincial Synod, is in London in conference with the Bishop of Huron.

THE CONDITION of Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant, who was prostrated by the heat while at work on Wednesday, was reported to be greatly improved Friday morning.

NO CHANGE is reported in the condition of former Sanitary Inspector James Lutzman, who is critically ill at his home. Mr. Lutzman served as an officer of the London Board of Health for many years.

IN RESPONSE to an official request from the board of education, the public utility commissioners announce that they will be unable to assume control of the Alexandra Public School playground this year at least. Lack of funds is advanced as the one and only reason.

FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL of the utilities commission, A. H. Hunt, acting general manager, reports that work commenced Friday at Wonderland to prepare the civic tourist camp. It is fully expected that it will be ready by Wednesday next. E. E. Graham, park superintendent, is in charge of operations.

IT WAS DEFINITELY announced at the hydro building Friday morning that the annual picnic for the public utilities employees will be held Aug. 12, at the site of the new plant. The picnic was decided. The change has just been made at the suggestion of the employees themselves. The commissioners have expressed willingness to co-operate in the same manner as has been customary in the past.

THE EMPLOYEES of the McCormick Manufacturing Company are confident that their fifty-first annual picnic, which they purpose holding at Port Stanley Saturday, July 22, will prove the "bumper" picnic of the firm's history. An excellent program has been prepared, with a long and varied list of sporting events, so that the day promises many eventful thrills. Following the customary practice at the McCormick picnic, refreshments will be given away free of charge, and every effort is being put forward to make the day one of continuous enjoyment.

THE PLAYGROUNDS committee of the public utilities commission has found it necessary to authorize the construction of a dressing-room for the youngsters at Queen's Park. While the pool furnished there this summer was intended only for washing purposes, the supervisor reported that the smaller children have persisted in getting into the water on all fours. Rather than make any attempt to halt the practice the authorities have viewed favorably the suggestion for adequate accommodation from Mel Brock, chief of the playground supervisors. The building will be erected without delay.

## GROCERS ARRANGE FOR BUMPER PICNIC

Will Give Away \$450 in Prizes at Port Stanley.

Arrangements by the sports committee of the London Grocers' Association, in charge of the preparation for the big grocers' picnic to be held at Port Stanley on Wednesday next week, have been completed, and they report that they have prepared a program which, they believe, will excel all others of previous years.

There will be \$450 given away in prizes at the picnic. The committee has listed 19 events in field sports, 12 for the baby show, and 12 for the Irish and Scotch dancing.

During the afternoon three baseball matches will be played. The first will be between the grocer clerks of the north end versus the grocer clerks of the south end of the city. In the second game a team from the Neal Baking Company will play a team of the grocer clerks, and in the evening the girls of the Gorman-Eckhart Company will play against a Grocers' Association team. Both teams in the latter contest will be in costume.

Two bands will be in attendance at the picnic grounds all day, and during the afternoon daylight fireworks will be put on, while in the evening night fireworks will be displayed.

A prize of 100 pounds of sugar has been offered for a ballot contest for ladies. Every lady is asked to put her name and address on a slip of paper in a ballot box, which will be placed conspicuously on the hill at Port. At 6 o'clock in the evening a slip will be drawn from the box, and the lady whose name it bears will be declared the winner.

A prize is being listed for every baby entry in the baby show, which committee announces also that the tents will be placed on the hill at Port.

These are but a few of the arrangements that have been painstakingly prepared by the committee, who hope to make the occasion the greatest day in picnics that the season will see.

## ENGINEERS HOLD PICNIC AT PARK

Nearly 400 People Attend Outing of Local Brotherhood.

Nearly four hundred people were present at the annual picnic of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which was held at Springbank Park Thursday afternoon. The sports program prepared was of a nature to provide the keenest excitement and with enthusiastic baseball and ground hockey games, action lagged not a minute.

Capable committees were in charge of each detail of the day's outing, so that matters moved smoothly and without a hitch. Prizes for the various events were awarded by a number of London merchants and proved well worth winning.

The winners in the races were the following:

Girls, 5 to 8—Dorothy Taylor, Rose Sullivan, Nellie Niven.  
Boys, 5 to 8—Gordon Raymond, Bruce Richardson.

Girls, 8 to 11—Mary Grassick, Violet French, Jean McDonald.  
Boys, 8 to 11—Philip Raymond, Bruce Richardson, Albert Coleman.

Girls, 11 to 14—Charlotte Grassick, Lorraine Byron, Nora Lutton.  
Boys, 11 to 14—Jeffrey Allison, Tom Spicknell, Asa Willisie.

Three-legged race—Mr. and Mrs. Roulston, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Spicknell.  
Relay race—Mr. and Mrs. Roulston, Mrs. Niven and H. Tuxford.

Time race—Mrs. Milliken, Norma Spicknell, Mrs. Spicknell.  
Boot and shoe race—Mrs. Niven, Mrs. Roulston, Nora Lutton.

Ladies of Lady Connaught Lodge—Mrs. Niven, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Richardson.  
Clothespin race—B. Hatley, C. Roulston, J. Grassick.

Fat ladies' race—Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Grassick.  
Blind pig race—Mrs. Robbins and Mr. Spicknell, Mrs. Tuxford and Mr. Hatley.

Men's race—G. French, H. McCarg, Fred Morgan.  
Wheelbarrow race—Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Robbins and Mr. Hatley.

Special prizes awarded to the oldest lady and gentleman present at the picnic was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, both of whom are over 80 years of age.

The committee handling affairs were the following:

Sports—Mrs. E. Willisie, convenor; Mrs. T. Moore, Mrs. J. Richardson, Mr. Milliken and Mr. Spicknell.  
Refreshments—Mrs. Geo. Birch, convenor; Mrs. A. Cove, Mrs. Milliken, Mrs. Kell, Mr. Russell and Mr. Kell.

MOTHERS' CLUB PICNIC.  
Members of the Ealing Mothers' Club held a delightful picnic at Springbank Thursday afternoon. A majority of members were present and under delightful weather conditions and with a splendid program prepared, both members and children thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

The winners in the various sporting events were the following:

Kindergarten race—C. Holstead, P. Pearce, J. Griffith, A. Millen.  
Children 6 to 8—G. Blackwell, J. Smith, V. Cameron.

Children 8 to 10—E. Jones, G. Blackwell, A. Scaff.  
Children 10 to 12—B. Blackwell, E. Jones, V. Holstead.

Children 12 to 14—I. Holstead, P. Pearce, A. Ayres.  
Mothers' race—Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Mellor.

Shortest skirt contest—Mrs. Petrie.  
Longest skirt contest—Mrs. Smithers.

MASTER PAINTERS PICNIC.  
The Thursday afternoon session of the master painters' convention took the form of a delightful picnic at Springbank, with ball games and races taking the place of conference and discussion, a substitution much enjoyed by the painters and their wives and families.

One feature of the day's outing, which caused much excitement was a ball game between the "Hasbeens" and the "Istobees," with the score 15 to 8 in favor of the former. The latter were Martin and Pace for the "Hasbeens" and Malone and Stevens for the "Istobees."

The following were winners in the races:

Boys under 9 years—M. Smolk, W. Lewis, J. Moffatt.  
Girls under 9 years—R. Hiett, D. Taylor, E. Garville.

Boys 12 to 16 years—R. Harris, S. Harris, Angus Garville.  
Girls 12 to 16 years—Henrietta Lewis, W. Emery, F. Judd.

Boys 17 to 18 years (special race)—Ed. Gotsinger.  
Ladies' newspaper race—Mr. Eastwood and Mrs. Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Versteeg, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw.

Gents' walking contest—A. Bolton, D. Durling, H. Lawford.  
Egg contest—C. E. Prime.  
Gents' race—H. Lawford, C. Evans.

## School Trustees Not Ready For Proposed Meeting Of Commission

Now that Mayor Cameron Wilson has signified his willingness to stage another meeting of the civic commission to discuss questions of educational importance, it would appear that the school trustees are not quite ready for a session.

"The board must determine yet whether we shall change from the Dakin street site to the new one," Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman, explained Friday. "Although we might decide right away, it would not be perfectly legal. A notice of motion will be submitted at the regular session Thursday next that the subject will be re-opened for consideration."

## DECORATE GRAVES AT SHORNCLIFFE

Wreaths From City Schools Put In Place by English Children.

From Folkestone, England, Senior School Inspector V. K. Greer has received copies of press reports of the annual ceremony of placing flowers on the graves of Canadian soldiers buried in the Shorncliffe Cemetery there.

That portion of the report touching upon the floral tributes furnished by London school children follows:

Wreaths and crosses brought by individuals and representatives of various bodies to deck the graves. These included a massive floral emblem contributed by the girl students of the Talbot, Lord Roberts and Ryerson schools, London, Canada, who sent over a sum of over £4 for this purpose.

This is another instance of the growing interest in the ceremony among the people of Canada.

"In the glorious sunshine of summer's opening day some thousands of school children of Hythe, Folkestone and district assembled in Shorncliffe Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, June 21, to once again perform the impressive ceremony of beautifying with flowers the graves of the Canadian soldiers who lie buried in this peaceful corner of God's Acre."

The first part of the ceremony was of a particularly appropriate nature. Quite recently a supply of Canadian pressed maple leaves was received from Miss M. A. Higginson and Miss Marjory Stewart of Renfrew, Ont., and these were placed upon the graves before anything else was done.

In addition to the children's flowers there was a very large number of

## TOWN PLANNERS TO GO TO TORONTO

F. E. Harley and Gordon Philip To Attend Association Meeting.

Two London representatives, F. E. Harley and Gordon Philip, of the Ontario Town Planning and Housing Association, will leave on Wednesday of next week to attend a meeting of that association. Two items in connection with town planning are coming up before the meeting—the first, preparations for the annual convention; and the second, preparations for the sessions of the committee of the legislature which has been appointed to look into housing and town planning legislation.

A request has been made that each municipality name a committee to prepare their case. The committee has been appointed in Toronto at a meeting of the town planning commission. London's town planning commission will hold a similar meeting in the near future, and all to a committee the work of preparing a statement of London's needs as viewed from all town planning and housing standpoints.

These standpoints, as instanced in Toronto, are: One committee man to deal with legislation authorizing the appointment and powers of a town planning commission; a committee man to deal with provincial control; a committee man to deal with housing; a committee man to deal with the planning of new areas; a committee man to deal with the reconstruction of old areas; and a committee man to deal with taxation as related to town planning.

ALEXANDER MACKIE.  
Alexander Mackie of Toronto died in Victoria Hospital Thursday night, failing to recover from a stroke which he suffered on Richmond street Wednesday morning. He was taken to the hospital in the police ambulance in an unconscious condition Wednesday. The body was forwarded to Toronto by George E. Logan, undertaker, at 1:25 o'clock Friday afternoon via C. P. R. Mackie is survived by his wife.

DESERTED BABE BURIED.  
The 2-weeks-old babe, named "Ross Highway," which was abandoned on the doorstep of a Parkhill farmer's home, and which died in Victoria Hospital, was buried in Woodland Cemetery Saturday. The funeral was under the direction of the Children's Aid Society.

CHARLES HOWARD.  
The funeral of Charles, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard, 115 Hamilton road, was held Friday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. John Richardson at 2 o'clock. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

JOHN ANGUS O'DELL.  
John Angus O'Dell, 42 years old, died at the residence of his father-in-law, William Scott, 419 Central avenue, Friday morning. With the exception of three years spent in Windsor, Mr. O'Dell had spent all his life in London.

Besides his wife he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Catherine O'Dell; a daughter, Dorothy; two sisters, Mrs. B. W. Bennett of Walkerville, and Mrs. Harry Campbell of Toronto, and one brother, W. A. O'Dell. His father was the late John F. O'Dell.

The late Mr. O'Dell was employed by the London Life Insurance Company, and formerly by Robinson, Little & Company. He was a member of the Knox Church case ball team.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon. Services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be made at Woodland Cemetery.

## DENIES THERE ARE ANY REDS IN CITY

Arthur Mould Says He Has Never Been So Accused.

"I am inclined to conclude that they are talking through their hats," Such is the frank opinion of Arthur Mould, prominent member of the London Trades and Labor Council, who adds that it would be an utter impossibility to locate any of the so-called "red" labor men in the city, even should a rigid search for the same be instituted.

While members of the trades council have stated that certain of their colleagues have suggested extreme caution in the selection, at their next meeting, of representatives for the Dominion Trades Congress, opinion of the delegates at large seems to be sharply divided upon the question thus precipitated—"are there any 'reds' in the local central body?"

An interesting session is now anticipated Wednesday next, when the delegates convene, and while he entertains no expectations of becoming a delegate to Montreal, Arthur Mould points out that as yet his knowledge, "he has never been accused of being a 'red.'"

"Of course, it all depends upon what you class as a 'red,'" he comments. "You can tack anything you wish upon the unsuspecting victim, and he has no say in the matter."

It appears that the delegates have been warned that as the so-called radical element of organized labor throughout Canada is determined to gain control of the Dominion conference, care should be taken by the various councils that delegates should be chosen who will maintain a strictly conservative attitude.

## TO FIGHT FOR RESOLUTION ON ADOLESCENT MEASURE

London Trades and Labor Delegates To Montreal Congress Want Act Enforced.

Delegates from the London Trades and Labor Council, who will attend the annual session of the Dominion Trades Congress in Montreal during August next, will stage a vigorous fight for the passage of a resolution endorsing the adolescent school attendance act of Ontario, and asking the Drury government to enforce the act as intended.

Local labor men have received a communication from Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades Congress, acknowledging receipt of a resolution to that effect, passed by the London delegates at their last session. He assures them that the issue will receive the utmost consideration at the Montreal convention.

Several weeks ago the city council of London endorsed the stand assumed by the Chatham councillors, who voiced disapproval of the act, holding that the enforcement of the same would mean distress and suffering among the workers. The latter claimed that such is not the case, however, contending that they have been fighting for such legislation for more than 100 years.

At the Theatres

PORT STANLEY—Free movies on board walk.

ALLENS—Constance Binney in "Midnight."

LOEWIS—"Is Matrimony a Failure?"

PATRICIA—Hoot Gibson in "Step On It."

## RECEIVES NEW REGULATIONS ON EMBOSSED CHECKS

NEW regulations governing stamps on embossed checks have been received, and the customs house authorities state that the checks will be ready for the public within the next few days.

Embossed checks are lithographed checks bearing the licensee's name and the name of the bank on which the checks are to be cashed, and they do not need to bear the ordinary postage stamp for the new excise tax.

## FINES MRS. SISKIND \$1,000 ON BOOTLEGGING CHARGE

Court Disbelieves Alibi of Accused Being at Party at Time of Sale.

"If you were not a woman, or were without children, I would send you to jail without hesitation," declared Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon, to Mrs. Sadie Siskind, when he fined her \$1,000 and costs with the alternative of spending three months in jail, after convicting her of bootlegging in police court Friday morning. It was the third time Mrs. Siskind had been convicted of a similar offence in four years.

The court did not think the alibi to the effect that Mrs. Siskind was at a party at home on the night the provincial "spotters" claimed they purchased a bottle of liquor from her at another house was any good. "I think some of the witnesses were telling what was not true," he added.

A. R. Douglas, acting crown attorney, declared: "She should suffer a severe penalty. A very substantial fine should be imposed. I would suggest the limit."

## SEEK MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF AUTOMOBILE

Police are searching for Floyd Sells, who has left the city, and who is wanted on a charge of attempting to steal an auto owned by George H. Billings. William L. Raine, who is held on the same charge, appeared in police court Friday morning and was remanded a week pending the arrest of Sells.

Others may be implicated in this matter, police believe. According to witnesses for the crown, Raine and Sells attempted to steal the auto from the corner of King and Richmond streets a week ago.

## ROYAL BANK SUES W. B. MULLIGAN

Seeking the recovery of the sum of \$1,349.80, the Royal Bank of Canada has filed action against W. B. Mulligan of Glenora. The case will come for trial at the next sitting of the supreme court of Ontario. The plaintiffs allege default of a promissory note.

Presiding at a special sitting, His Honor Judge Talbot Macbeth has reserved judgment in the case of Siskind v. Mulligan, a dispute which has claimed the attention of the court for several days, being of a highly intricate nature.

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