

"MAKE OVER" PROPOSAL FOR CITY HALL OPPOSED

HAYDEN'S PLAN FAILS TO MEET MAYOR'S FAVOR

Wenige Claims "Make Over" Expenditure Would Be a Waste of Money.

LET PRESENT ONE DO

Mayor George Wenige opposes strongly any move to "make over" the city hall during 1924 as proposed by Ald. Edmund Hayden.

"Nothing doing," he stated, "I wouldn't put a pair of gloves and new uppers on an old pair of shoes, and that is just about what it would amount to."

The mayor submits that any money expended on the old building would be "nothing" less than a deliberate waste. He will not vote for it in any event, he states, if the proposal comes to the council soon after the inaugural session, as promised by Ald. Hayden.

"The present structure will have to do until the people say they want something different," the mayor concluded. "They stated emphatically last December that they do not care to spend any large sums this year for such building projects, and the council should abide by that ruling."

With others, Ald. Hayden has recommended also the sale of the McCormick site. The mayor reasons that this also cannot be accomplished without another vote of the people or permission from the Ontario Legislature.

UTILITIES STRIVES TO REDUCE POLES

General Manager Tells of New Plan To Lessen Number.

The electrical department of the public utilities commission is waging war against street poles and endeavoring to reduce them to a minimum.

This statement was made to The Advertiser by General Manager E. V. Buchanan, who said that wherever possible the commission and the telephone company had agreed to use the same poles for both wires.

On York street, new poles have been erected inside the sidewalk, and when the transference of wires is completed, the old ones along the narrow boulevard will be taken down. There are about twice as many of the old ones. On Richmond street, between Grosvenor and Huron streets, a single line of poles has been erected for both purposes.

Mr. Buchanan expressed the hope that before long but one line of poles would be seen on the majority of the streets. Efforts were being made to get the street railway to also enter into an agreement to use the same poles, and when this was done the reduction would be considerable.

Mr. Buchanan further stated that he understood City Engineer Near contemplated removing the curb and narrow boulevard on York street, below Ridout street, and widening the pavement to the sidewalk, constructing an elliptical gutter that would, in the event of motorists being crowded by street cars at this point, allow them to drive up on the sidewalk if necessary.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
Liverpool, Jan. 7. — Scythia, New York.
Southampton, Jan. 7. — Minnedosa, St. John, N.B.

BOARDER'S THIRST LANDS LANDLADY BEHIND THE BARS

Mrs. Burbitch Didn't Understand the Law, Says Maurice Gootson.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Maurice Gootson, local junk dealer, appeared at police court this morning in the role of lawyer, interpreter and humanitarian. He conducted the defence for Mrs. Mary Burbitch, 33, an Austrian, so successfully and revealed such humanitarian impulses as to compel the admiration of a crowded courtroom.

Mrs. Burbitch could not speak a word of English and depended on Gootson to convey her evidence to the court. She was charged with having liquor in her home, a bottle of liquid joy.

In July last Mrs. Burbitch was found with a bottle and through the generosity of friends managed to pay the \$200 and costs fine then imposed. Yesterday, it being the Austrian Christmas, a boarder residing at 532 South street, Mrs. Burbitch's home, gave her \$7 with which to purchase a bottle of liquid joy.

This Mrs. Burbitch did. In her case, however, the purchase constituted a breach of the law. The homes of all persons convicted of having liquor on public places are regarded as public places for a year after the offence. Thus, Mrs. Burbitch in having liquor in her home, did, under the Ontario temperance act, also have it in a public establishment.

Joe Furnishes Money.

Apparently the prisoner did not understand the complexities of the O. T. A. and, according to the wish of her boarder that the Austrian Christmas be celebrated in the proper manner, John Touric offered her a bottle of rye for \$7 which she accepted, paying with money advanced by the boarder who was known as "Joe."

Inspector Lucas gave evidence that he had secured a search warrant to go through Mrs. Burbitch's house yesterday. He found two empty bottles and another bottle half full of whiskey. He ordered "Joe" to ask Mrs. Burbitch where she got it and the interpreter replied "from an Englishman."

Evidence was here introduced which showed the Austrian woman had been discovered six months ago in possession of a milk bottle filled with whiskey. It was then that she was fined \$200 and costs.

"You see, your worship, that this woman is ignorant of the law," Mr. Gootson said. "She is living in her own home. Being good-hearted she volunteered to let the boarders in that home have a good time on the Austrian Christmas which was yesterday. So she bought some whiskey with Joe's money. At supper they had a special meal and drank half the bottle. She didn't know her house was a public place under the law."

Gootson Provides Bail.
"Mrs. Burbitch has three children and no husband," Gootson continued. "She is a hard working woman and she is not making as much money as she did. Right now she couldn't possibly pay a \$200 fine. She was locked up in jail all night."

"I'll suspend sentence, but somebody will have to supply bail said the court. "Will you supply it Mr. Gootson?"

"Sure I will," the latter said. "If she doesn't appear in a week you will lose your \$400, Mr. Gootson," the magistrate explained. "That's the amount of the bail."

Gootson nodded cheerfully and said he could depend on Mrs. Burbitch to appear.

Hirohito Is Well Guarded

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokio, Jan. 8. — Cavalrymen with drawn swords guarded Prince Regent Hirohito this morning when he went to the Yoyogi parade grounds to conduct the annual military review of the imperial army. In addition, the grounds were heavily guarded. The elaborate precautions were the result of the recent attempt by a youthful Socialist to slay the prince regent while he was on his way to a meeting of the diet.

LABOR IS URGED TO PREPARE FOR ELECTION FIGHT

Ald. McKay Points Out Other Parties Are Always on Move.

SELECT CANDIDATE

Labor is going to be an important factor locally in the coming federal campaign, and early preparations for the fight are desirable, according to Ald. Frank McKay.

The Labor councillor from Ward Three insists that the local fight should not go by default to either of the old-line parties, and he would launch preliminary work at the inaugural session of the party this month.

The other political parties are keeping in trim and always watching the labor movement should do likewise. He believes also that a suitable candidate should be entered in the next federal fight.

The name of John Colbert, president of the Street Railwaymen's Union and past president of the local Labor party, is coupled with that of Arthur Mould's as a prospective nominee.

The latter was the Labor standard-bearer during the 1921 campaign, while ex-Ald. Colbert, although for many years prominently identified with the Labor movement, trades as a politician, has yet to make his initial bow in either the provincial or federal fields.

It is expected that the election of officers for 1924 will also claim attention at the next session of the party.

BRITISH WILL TAKE NO ACTION OVER SEIZURES

Although Much Interested Over Rum-Runners, Will Wait Report From Embassy.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—British government officials were much interested today in despatches from Galveston, Texas, reported the seizure, outside the three-mile limit, of the Canadian schooner, Muriel E. Winter, alleged rum-runner. They will take no action in the matter, however, until they receive a full report from the British embassy in Washington.

The continued activity of rum-runners under the British flag and their confiscation outside United States territorial water by the United States form a source of irritation to the foreign office, and officials express the hope that no incident will arise to endanger the pending treaty extending the three-mile limit to cover such cases.

"There is no justification in suspending sentence," said the court. "Railway property should be protected, for the progress of the country depends to a large extent on the prosperity of its railroads. It is everyone's duty to take care of such property. While the value of the goods is small, the maximum penalty for such thefts is 14 years. I shall be lenient, however, and impose three months on Angus and two months on Harding."

Mr. Cluff then voiced strenuous objection. He appealed for leniency on the grounds that Harding was under age. Technically his client was guilty, he said, but session in prison would be a shame for one who did not ransack railway property, or who had no interest in the goods.

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WORKERS SPEAK IN CITY TODAY

Local Conference of Religious Education Council Opens Here.

G. W. HOFFERD PRESIDES

A city conference of children's workers of the London Religious Education Council opens in the First Presbyterian Church at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Two outstanding figures among children's workers of the province will be present and take part in the discussions — Miss Bertha Laine of Toronto, Ontario children's work superintendent of the Religious Education Council, and Mrs. J. J. Eaton, also of Toronto, president of the Toronto School of Religious Education. The afternoon session will be followed by a cafeteria supper at 6:15, then a story-telling hour, led by Mrs. Eaton. Previous to the evening session at 8 o'clock a social period will be held.

The afternoon program, over which G. W. Hofferd will preside, will include a survey of the work accomplished during the past year by Miss Mayme Young, the children's work secretary. Fifty-two Sunday schools in London are working in co-operation with the children's work board and the secretary has found an increasing interest on the part of the smaller churches and outlying churches of the city, which have not formerly been linked up with the work of the larger Sunday schools.

The afternoon program will also include a demonstration of the junior department worship period, and a demonstration of a song talk by Miss Laine. At 5:20 two departmental conferences will be held. The first for workers among children up to nine years of age will be led by Miss Laine, and the second for workers among children from 9 to 11 years of age will have Mrs. Eaton as leader. Assisting Mr. Hofferd in presiding during the afternoon will be Miss Lillian Moss, while the devotional exercises will be conducted by the Rev. A. E. Thompson and the Rev. J. A. McKay.

The evening session will be opened at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Dean Norman Tucker with a worship period to be followed by addresses from Miss Laine and Mrs. Eaton, Miss Laine to speak on "Present-Day Plans in Children's Work."

The opening conference conducted under the direction of the London Religious Education Council will be held at the meeting of the council on the following Mondays. On Monday, Jan. 14, the conference will be for young people; on Monday, Jan. 21, for boys and girls, and on Monday, Jan. 28, for administration work.

YOUTHS ARE GIVEN SHORT JAIL TERMS
Found Guilty of Theft of Property Belonging to the C. N. R.

In spite of an appeal made in George C. Harding's behalf for dismissal, later and Roy C. Angus were sentenced to two and four months respectively for theft of property belonging to the C. N. R. in police court this morning.

George C. Harding, 19, of the Robertson street, was charged with having passed that after sentence had been passed that the court, in his opinion, was extremely harsh. It should take into consideration the fact that Harding was under age, and that it was his first offense. The stigma of a jail term would be a handicap to Harding's future, counsel declared.

Ray Angus was charged with purloining railway property. Harding was with him at the time and was carrying stolen articles when apprehended.

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A.P.A. BANQUET AT ST. JAMES IS BEST EVER HELD

Addresses and Novelties Are Feature of Campaign Meeting.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The campaign banquet held last evening by the A. Y. P. A. of St. James' Church, South London, was generally conceded the best meeting ever held by the organization. Tables, placed skillfully, so that all members were in view of each other, were beautifully decorated. The Go-Getters, captained by Edith Spaul, the winners in the recent membership campaign, were awarded the place of honor, and roast chicken was served. The second team, captained by Myra Woods, were given roast beef and weiners were the meagre portion of the losers, captained by Robert Franks.

The latter situation was a great source of fun, and the banquet was made merry by the introduction of the various team yells. Short addresses were given by two of the winners who were in attendance, Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Hodgins, and the rector, Rev. W. L. Armistead, expressed his appreciation of the progressive nature of the A. Y. P. A. and its excellent spirit of comradeship. The report of the treasurer was presented and adopted, and an outline of work during the past year was given by the secretary.

The election of officers also took place during the banquet, and John Liddle was unanimously re-elected to the post of president. The other officers were: Vice-president, Kenneth Hodgins; second vice-president, Norman Campbell; third vice-president, Robert Franks. Miss Evelyn Woods was re-elected as secretary. The ballot for treasurer resulted in a tie between Miss Jean Cadwallader and Miss Myrtle Richmond, and the former was elected on the second vote. Committees are to be elected at the next meeting. At intervals during the evening, a P. U. Dawson acted as song-leader. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Cadwallader, Mr. Hodgins, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Barrows, and Miss McNaughton for their assistance in making the banquet a success.

Sixty-five answered to the roll call.

City Churches
CENTENNIAL LEAGUE.

Last night's meeting of the Epworth League of Centennial Methodist Church was a most successful one. The charge of the first vice-president, Mrs. Walton. Several papers were read on the topic, "The New Year."

EGERTON ST. B. Y. P. U.
Miss Queenie Salch and Fred Johnston were the featured speakers at last night's meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Egerton Street Baptist Church. An address was given by the pastor, Rev. J. J. McQuinn, and a prayer lesson was read by Pearl Jarvis. A delightful solo was contributed by Miss Phyllis Kennedy.

GUIDE ELECT OFFICERS.
The Chancel Guild of St. James' Church, South London, held its annual business meeting and election of officers yesterday afternoon. The new officers are as follows: President, Mrs. A. J. Hunt; first vice-president, Mrs. Manahan; second vice-president, Mrs. Forsyth; third vice-president, Mrs. Hodgins; secretary, Mrs. E. J. Dawson; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. J. McQuinn; treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Elliott. The work of the guild last year was reviewed, and plans discussed for the new year. One thing was definitely decided, the holding of a banquet in honor of the choir, and the date was set for Jan. 18.

On the conclusion of the business session, Mrs. Speers, Miss McCee and Mrs. Durand, Miss Manuel presided in the absence of the retiring president, Mrs. Edwards.

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In connection with the devotional service at the meeting of the Robinson Memorial Epworth League last evening, the pastor, Rev. W. L. Hiles, gave a splendid address on the topic, "What is the meaning of God's Word?" The first vice-president, Mrs. Ball, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Hiles and Mrs. Fenton sang a duet pleasingly.

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People Turning To Religious Reading, Say City Dealers

Situation Is After-Effect of War, According to General Opinion.

"LIFE OF CHRIST" POPULAR

The Bible Sold Better in First Nine Months of 1923 Than in '22.

Books on religion are now in keen demand and London is now reading religious literature on a scale never before recorded since the early days of the war, according to local book dealers. More publishers are bringing out more of such literature today than in the past, they say, and there are more titles and bigger editions.

Religious works appear on the "most called-for" lists of the public library and a "Life of Christ" heads the roster of best-sellers in the non-fiction class.

Various explanations are offered for this situation in the book-selling trade. The general opinion is that the world, emerging from the war, is looking to its soul. Matters of the spirit are common subjects of conversation and people may be heard discussing them in crowded elevators, in restaurants and on the streets.

From books which deal with ecclesiastical points now in controversy the demand reaches the increased demand reaches in one direction to semi-religious and philosophical works and in the other direction to the Bible itself. The Bible, sold better in the first nine months of 1923 than in all of 1922, and the 1924 total is likely to run 50 per cent higher than for the preceding year.

The cheapest Bible book agents say, is worth 75 cents. Many complaints are received in regard to the price of the book, which people claim should be sold cheaper. It is their opinion that should there be a reduction in the price the demand would be almost trebled. Some dealers pointed out this morning that the Bible should be sold on the same basis as public school text books. Should the publishing of the Bible be controlled by the government, the price would be reduced considerably and the sales consequently would be swelled. As it is the sale of a Bible brings little or no profit to the retail book dealers.

RYAN GETS LIFE TERM AND THIRTY ASHES
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publish a book on the life and exploits of the bandit, and he fears that in order to get a fair trial might be prolonged into a tedious legal battle. A sheet of paper was handed Ryan by his brother, and the conversation of Ryan's mother, which was noted there. It was not definitely ascertained whether it was a letter or simply notes jotted down by Frank Ryan to assist him in his appeal.

The proceedings before Judge Costworth were brief, lasting but 15 minutes. Throughout Ryan maintained a stoical calmness even remaining unperturbed as his honor after addressing a few words pronounced sentence.

The elaborate precautions taken yesterday at the trial in police court were repeated today. Ryan was guarded by Inspector Dunn, Deputy Warden Tucker of Portsmouth Penitentiary and five detectives. The courtroom was cleared of spectators except a few lawyers and newspapermen. Frank Ryan sat behind his brother who was represented by Austin Ross, while Eric Armour, K.C., crown attorney, prosecuted.

While waiting for Judge Costworth's arrival the two brothers chatted quietly, the prisoner betraying a slight nervousness but this left him as he stood to face the charge of the choir, and the date was set for Jan. 18.

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Appeals For Mercy.
Austin Ross made an appeal for mercy for the notorious robber. He said that the original intention of Ryan's counsel was to try the case in the assize court. Upon reflection, however, and after considering the whole circumstances, he decided that another charge against him at Kingston and also the fullness of defence, Ryan decided to plead guilty and save the expense which a trial in the assizes would incur.

"Ryan's career has been spectacular of late," continued Mr. Ross. "But now he is convinced of the truth of the saying 'crime doesn't pay.' Ryan is now willing to go back and serve his time and make what amends he can for what he has done."

Judge Costworth in addressing the prisoner, declared that he must be adequately punished. He urged him to reform to make a model prisoner of himself so that he might obtain clemency from the government. His honor also spoke of Ryan's wife and little child, exhorting the bandit to make a man of himself and be of some service to society.

BRUSSELS.
Special to The Advertiser.
Brussels, Jan. 7.—A. C. Baeker (by accl.); councillors, J. H. Hewitt, W. Rose, J. W. Armstrong and G. E. Weller. Grey Township—Reeve, J. J. McCutcheon; deputy reeve, Thos. McDonald (accl.); councillors, W. V. McKay, Fred Rowland and Wilbur Turnbull (accl.). Morris Township—Reeve, Robert Shortreed; councillors, E. Cardiff, J. Brown, W. J. Henderson and John McGill.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOWS SPLENDID PROGRESS IN YEAR

Annual Meeting of King Street Presbyterian Association Is Held.

MISSION FUND \$609.94

King Street Presbyterian Sunday School Association held their annual meeting in the schoolroom last evening.

The young people's treasurer showed collections of \$146.86, with a balance of \$24.13; primary, junior and intermediate \$382.22, with a balance of \$65.42; Cradle roll \$529.39 and balance of \$949.61; senior C. G. I. T., \$105.28, with a balance of \$11.55; junior C.G.I.T. \$32.05, with a balance of \$5.25, and the girls' work board \$15.23 with a balance of \$3.23, making a total of \$2,210.01 and a balance for general activities of the Sunday School of \$459.99.

The mission treasurers showed the following receipts: Mission Club \$60.71; Young People \$378.29; Junior and Intermediate Department \$28.53; special \$25.19. Total \$609.94.

The Cradle Roll report, presented by Mrs. Forsythe, showed a membership of 71. They had held monthly meetings at the homes of the ladies of the Cradle Roll, and prepared for a bazaar which produced \$409.94. They had provided chairs for the choir loft, provided music for the choir to the extent of \$20, and gave \$10 for Christmas cards.

Dr. Orr reported for the junior and intermediate department and expressed gratitude for the faithful services of the teachers. Great regret was expressed for the loss of the services of Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Francis and Miss Grey. The plan of substitute teachers had worked out successfully.

SENIOR C. G. I. T.
Miss Rhyn reported for the Senior C. G. I. T. They have a membership of thirty with an average attendance of twenty.

Miss McIntosh reported for the children's work board, showing good work done, and the hope for better in 1924.

Miss Margaret Ross reported that their department, the Junior C. G. I. T., had tried to develop the girl in that part of the development which does not receive attention in day and Sunday school, so that they have stressed the social and service side of their work most, with a short devotional and business period in each meeting.

The meeting decided that no change would be made in either the superintendency or the monthly meeting matters at present.

Dr. Orr reported re Christmas entertainment.

Mr. McIntosh took up the question of church attendance, and it was decided to continue the present system of giving pictures with certain modifications.

The school also decided to engage an orchestra and provided funds for the purpose.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Ladies' Aid for the splendid supper served the members of the Sunday School Workers' Association.

PEACE PLAN ANNOUNCEMENT RE-KINDLES LEAGUE FIGHT
Washington, Jan. 8.—Announcement of the Bok peace plan which provides for United States entry into the world court and co-operation of a modified plan of the League of Nations has served to some extent to rekindle the animosity of the League of Nations' fight. The Senate irreconcilables declare the Bok plan is propaganda for the League of Nations and they will support a resolution to investigate the financing of the plan.

Under the circumstances there is nothing surprising that the Bok plan be approved by the Senate or that the administration will try to press it on congress.

WOMAN'S HEALTH RESTORED
She Claims Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Did It After Everything Else Failed

"I feel that I ought to let you know about my case. I was ailing and could barely do my housework and washing I was so run-down just from having one child. I took a lot of medicines and had doctors. They gave me all up and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I feel wonderfully good now. I do every thing that comes along, and we all take your medicine as a tonic when we don't feel just so. I am thankful for what the Vegetable Compound has done for my health and for my family."

Mrs. Mary Sampson, 344 28th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Letters like these testify to the value of the Vegetable Compound. These women speak from the fullness of their hearts. They describe as correctly as they can their conditions. First, those symptoms that affected them most conspicuously; and later the disappearance of those symptoms. They are sincere expressions of gratitude. For nearly fifty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been so praised by women.

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