

FARMERS STAGE BIG ANNUAL PICNIC

East Middlesex Members of
U. F. O. Assemble at
Springbank.

From far corners of the riding of East Middlesex, members of United Farmers of Ontario to the number of 3,000 and more are gathered at Springbank today to celebrate their annual picnic.

By the street car, train and automobiles, a stream of pleasure-seeking crowds poured into the park from an early hour in the morning. No time was lost in getting a pretentious program under way.

First came baseball. Pond Mills and the Maple Leafs fought the first game of the tournament and then the team played Brynastown. At 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Lucan was aligned against Ilderton, the winner to play the winners of the morning contests for the championship of the riding later in the afternoon.

After the baseball, foot races, a tug-of-war and a baby show were scheduled to entertain the huge crowds.

Speeches by Archibald Hodgins, M.P. for East Middlesex and the member of the Provincial House, J. W. Freeborn, were delivered in the afternoon. Mr. Hodgins came especially from Ottawa for the occasion.

RIDOUT STREET METHODIST LADIES HOLD GARDEN FETE

Japanese Lanterns and Gayly-Colored
Electric Lights Illuminate
Church Lawn.

Japanese lanterns and gayly-colored electric lights lent a festive note to the garden party held on the lawn of Ridout Street Methodist Church Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid and the Ridout Street Men's Brotherhood.

City Forwards Petition To Ottawa Asking Remedy For Unemployment

Following instructions issued by the city council, S. Baker, city clerk, is forwarding a petition to the federal government requesting that immediate action be taken to remedy unemployment. This petition is in support of the appeal of the Dominion Veterans' Alliance, embracing the six principal organizations of former service men in Canada, that definite legislation be enacted at Ottawa during the present session of parliament, to remedy or ameliorate unemployment.

The employment service council, federal and provincial governments and other organized interests have admitted prospects of serious unemployment next winter, with acute distress, and in view of this menace the city council has taken action.

The federal government last April officially recognized the inability of municipalities and provincial government to deal adequately with the problem. Therefore, the assistance of London has been solicited to join with other municipalities in petitioning federal legislation on this subject.

It is the purpose of the petitioners to impress upon the government the necessity for immediate and definite action to preclude hasty and improvised measures, including the doles system next winter.

A profusion of lovely early summer blooms decorated the booths from which dainty refreshments were served throughout the evening, and with the Sunday school orchestra under the leadership of Sam Beaton, nothing was lacking for the complete enjoyment of the scores of people who attended.

In addition to music from the Sunday school orchestra, there was a short program: Vocal solos by Robert Simmie and Harold Barnes, an instrumental duet by Jack Russell and R. Hulbert, as well as a delightful musical drill by the girls of the C. G. L. T. Club under the leadership of Miss Effie Brown.

Mrs. E. M. Russell was convener of the committee which attended to the refreshment booths throughout the evening. Those assisting her were Mrs. John Bruckell, Mrs. S. Adams, in charge of the tea room; Mrs. Percy Taylor and Mrs. Robert Brown, ice cream booth; Mrs. J. T. Snyder and Mrs. W. Proctor, home cooking; Mrs. M. Maloney and Mrs. Evans, soft drinks; Mrs. S. Wilson and Mrs. Duncan, candy; Mrs. Elmer Perrin and Mrs. Lorkin, ice cream, and Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Bines, Weiner and buns. The cooking of the evening made a huge success of the sale of the weiners and buns.

SEEK YOUTH CHARGED WITH ROBBING FRIEND OF WATCH

At the request of High Constable B. F. Watterworth of Middlesex County, the police of Stratford are searching for a young man, whose name is being withheld for obvious reasons, who is alleged to have stolen a valuable watch and chain and other smaller pieces of jewelry from a companion.

The police authorities assert that the stolen property was located in a local pawn shop, and while they enquired for the missing man at his supposed address on English street, he was not encountered. As a matter of fact the officers state that no such number is to be found on that thoroughfare.

It is explained further that the alleged culprit was taken by the owner of the watch out to the Byron Sanatorium for the purpose of securing employment and that but little time elapsed before the man and the valuables both disappeared.

KNOX CHURCH CHOR HOLDS PICNIC AT PORT STANLEY

About sixty members of Knox Presbyterian Church were present at the annual choir picnic held Wednesday afternoon at Port Stanley.

After an afternoon spent in games and races, there was a picnic supper about 7 o'clock, at which Mr. Chas. Percy, the choir leader and organist, was the speaker.

Mr. Percy complimented the choir on the work they had accomplished during the past year, and expressed the hope that, entering into new work next fall, they would be even more successful.

The results of the races were: Ladies' race, Miss McArthur and Evelyn Haylock; men's race, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Welburn; necktie race, Miss McArthur and Mr. Kennedy; Miss Malloy and Mr. Kay; 2 o'clock race, Miss Kesson and Mr. Westland; Miss McLeish and Mr. McPherson.

The choir picnic of Centennial Methodist Church held Wednesday at Port Stanley was voted one of the most successful in the church's history. The picnicers, about eighty in number, left London by motor about 2 o'clock, and after an afternoon spent in games and races on Ingersoll Heights, a feature of the afternoon was a ball game, in which the Centennial Church team engaged a team picked from the choir of Knox Presbyterian Church.

The results of the races were as follows:

Ball game—W. Tillson, Bert Weir, Ethel Martin, Miss Dora English, Archery contest, between the alms and busses, and the soprano and tenors, with the former team coming out victorious.

Necktie race—W. Tourney, Gordon Mills, W. Riley.

Football kicking contest—Hilda Rowell, Mrs. Menzies, Mrs. A. W. Hayward.

Broad jump—Mr. Roland, W. Tillson, Bert Weir.

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CHAPMAN STAFF PICNIC AT PORT Make Merry Wednesday Afternoon.

Employees of Drygoods Firm

With sports and dancing and a delightful picnic lunch, employees of J. H. Chapman and Co. made merry at Port Stanley, Wednesday.

The glorious day was featured by a baseball game which rained, lost balls and umpire baiting failed to mar, and speeches by P. H. Mulvey, store manager and L. Chapman, expressing appreciation for the loyal spirit shown by the employees and complimenting them on the success of their outing.

It was a real baseball game played by teams captained by L. P. Chapman and P. H. Mulvey. Mr. Chapman's team laid claim to victory, which was undisputed because of the superior weight of its members and the determined look they wore.

Two loads of oats were sold quickly at \$1.55 per cwt for new and \$1.50 for old.

A large quantity of vegetables were offered, but prices were not very attractive. The berries were mostly of a large variety.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

PRICE OF BERRIES ON MARKET JUMPS

Cherries Bring 60 Cents to
75 Cents, While Hogs
Advance.

Although strawberries jumped in price on the local market on Thursday morning, there was no noticeable decrease in the demand for that variety of fruit. The report they had very little difficulty in disposing of their loads.

Berries were selling wholesale at 15¢ to 20¢, and retail at 16¢ to 20¢, but the number of boxes offered for sale was far less than on Tuesday. The berries were mostly of a large variety.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

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