

SCOTS RALLY AT LAKESIDE PICNIC

United Caledonian Societies of Middlesex and Elgin Frolic At Port.

Inter-County Tug-of-War Proves Outstanding Feature of Outing.

"Hoots, mon, it was yin grand and glorious day," was the general opinion at the picnic of the United Caledonian Societies of Middlesex and Elgin Wednesday, when, with the flourish of many a braw tartan and the skirling of the bagpipes, the clans gathered for the time of their lives.

Nothing so stupendous or so successful has been known at Port Stanley in way of Scotch picnics since the old steam lines from London to the lake was replaced by the present electric system.

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Represent Many Cities. Chicago, Cleveland and other American cities were represented in the dancing contests, but it was Londoners and St. Thomasites who carried off a goodly quota of prizes.

A somewhat outstanding figure, however, was Campbell Griggs of Flint, Mich., who, at 12 years old, yet having a chestful of medals numbering 104.

Miss Jessie Charleston of Chicago, who did some clever dancing, bore medals to the number of 74, while another heavily-bemedalled dancer was Miss Margaret McVior of Cleveland, Ohio.

For a time rain threatened to put an end to the dancing contests, but although it was almost 8 o'clock before the final awards were made the fair weather held good to the finish.

A contest in the playing of the bagpipes was held for the first time this season, and brought an unexpected large number of contestants, both boys and girls.

The winners were: Donald Ellis, St. Thomas; William Webster, London; and Gladys Brown, London.

Was Oldest Woman. The award for the oldest woman of the group went to Mrs. Catherine Wonnacott of St. Thomas, aged 88 years, while the oldest Scotchman to be found at the picnic was John Lawson of Wilton Grove, aged 85 years.

The following were the line-ups in the tug-of-war: Middlesex—Capt. Tom Robson, Herbert Baldwin, London; Charles Walden, Granton; Alton Westman, Granton; John Riley, Thorndale; Cliff Elliott, Bryanston; Charles Doug, London; Capt. Frank Pennone, James Wiseman, William McMillen, James O'Brien, Cecil McCandless, Thomas Canish.

Starters, Dougald Graham and Harry Phillips; referee, Alton Ryckman.

Ware Prize-Winners. A complete list of the prize-winners in the various events follows: Scotch reel—Jessie Charleston, Chicago; Marion Stark, London; Margaret McVior, Cleveland.

Highland fling, under 12—Campbell Griggs, Flint, Mich.; Ivy Baldwin, London; Lenore Gilmour, London.

Shawn trews, over 12—Jessie Charleston, Margaret McVior, London; Ivy Baldwin, Campbell Griggs, Helen Wilkie, London; fling, under 12—Margaret McVior, London; fling, under 12—Margaret McVior, London; fling, under 12—Margaret McVior, London.

Charges Police Hold Up Traffic Needlessly

COMPLAINING that the officer on duty at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets often holds up traffic by taking several minutes to direct inquiring motorists to various destinations, Ald. O. I. Cunningham is attempting to devise a system to eliminate this nuisance.

"I have seen inquiring motorists hold up a whole string of autos while the traffic officer directs them," declared Ald. Cunningham. "I have also seen the cop on the corner waste several minutes of motorists' time, holding up traffic while he gives several minutes to directing inquiring motorists to various destinations. Such action is nonsense. The constable should either take the number of the offending motorist at once and summon him to court or else let him go."

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BIG POTATO CROP IN DISTRICT

Up to Present Tubers Remain Free of Late Blight and Rot.

With empty coal bins staring them in the face, and prospects that exceedingly high prices will prevail this winter for fuel, householders in London may be cheered by a report that all indications point to a heavy crop of late potatoes throughout the district, and that moderate prices for tubers will prevail during the coming months.

According to the local department of agriculture, the crop everywhere in Middlesex, on light ground and on heavy clay, promises to be bountiful. Nowhere is there indication of late blight or other serious disease which too often works havoc in the potato fields.

The acreage is about average, they report.

The department officials, however, are a trifle worried over the present weather conditions. Heavy, hot, murky weather is not favorable to potatoes at this stage of their growth, they declare, for such conditions are favorable to the development of blight. They are hoping that rain and a clearer atmosphere will come soon.

Ivor, Marion Stark, Jessie Charleston, Shawn trews, under 12—Campbell Griggs, Violet Gilmour, Lenore Gilmour.

Irish jig, open—Marion Stark, Jessie Charleston of Chicago, Margaret McVior of Cleveland.

Winner of the Daughters of Scotland medal for the best dancer under 12, and a medal for the dancer getting the highest number of points—Helen Wilkie, London.

Best baby girl, under 6 months—Dorothy Gray, Frances Wilson.

Best baby boy, under 6 months—Billy Haigh, London; Gordon Ross, London.

Best baby between 1 and 2 years—Margaret Wray, London; Lucille Walker, London.

Best baby girls between 6 months and 1 year—Beatrice Bignall, Margaret Sahil.

Best baby boy between 6 months and 1 year—George Arthur Wakeling, Beverley Richmond.

Best twins, under 3 years—Doris and Lorna Barnett, London.

Heaviest baby boy, under 1 year—George Arthur Wakeling, Gordon Ross.

Heaviest baby girl, under 1 year—Berty Bendall, Lucille Walker.

Best dark-eyed baby, under 2 years—Margaret Wray, Freda Williams.

Best blue-eyed baby, under 2 years—Jack McDonald, Billy Haigh.

Results in Races. Boys under 6—Glenn Dunn, Bert Morgan.

Girls under 6—Jenny Trudell, Helen Morgan.

Boys, 6 to 10—Jimmy Sayes, Jimmy Smith.

DISMISSES CASE AGAINST DRIVER

Magistrate Warns Bus Operator to Observe Traffic Rules.

Charge Laid by Employees of Street Railway Company.

Bus operators won a victory in the transportation war, in which they are opposed by the London Street Railway Company, when the case of Earl Boyd, charged with passing a street car on the left-hand side, was dismissed by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning.

Owen Hooper, motorman on the Ridout car which Boyd is alleged to have passed, stated that while the car was taking on passengers at the corner of Horton and Ridout street, Boyd passed the car on the left-hand side and proceeded over Ridout street bridge. His car was facing west on Horton street at the time, he declared. He did not see a Normal car at the "Y" at this corner.

His conductor, Reginald Young, gave similar evidence.

Boyd's version of the affair was that the Ridout car had taken on passengers and had started when he passed. He admitted passing on the left-hand side of the car, but said that he did so when the street car was on Ridout street. At this point all traffic passes the street cars on the left side, as the cars run on the right-hand side of the road just before crossing the bridge into South London.

One of the passengers in the bus, Edward Morgan, stated the Ridout car had started when the bus passed it.

In dismissing the case, Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon warned Boyd to observe the traffic rules carefully at all times.

Town Topics.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.—Proverbs xvi, 15.

WORDS which flow fresh and warm from a full heart, and which are instinct with the life and breath of human feeling, pass into household memories and partake of the immortality of the affections from which they spring.—Whipple.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS. FRIDAY—Kiwanis Club holds luncheon at Tecumseh House, 12:15 o'clock.

Court of Revision meets at the City Hall, 7:30 o'clock.

BANK CLEARINGS for the week amounted to \$2,187,142.

MAUD FRANK, through her solicitor, A. R. Douglas, has issued a writ in the county court against Thomas O'Hagan, claiming damages, which she alleges, she received when O'Hagan ran her down at the corner of Richmond and Bathurst streets on May 26. Both parties are residents of London.

MISS V. GOLDING has taken out a building permit to construct a 1½-story brick veneer dwelling on Wellington road at a cost of \$3,500. This makes a total of 84 permits for buildings issued at the city hall this month, and the aggregate cost of the work involved is \$120,495.

MRS. S. J. FRANCIS, of 376 Ontario street, through her solicitor, A. R. Douglas, has issued a writ in the county court against W. R. Simpson and Stanley Coyle, of London, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of a collision with the defendants' auto at the corner of Maitland and Dundas streets on December 27, 1921.

SLEEPING IN A BOX-CAR at the race track on the G. T. R. cost Jack McDonald of Point Edward \$10 and costs in police court this morning. McDonald admitted he had stolen a ride from Sarnia to London. His trip made him sleepy, so he parked himself in an empty car for the night. However, constables discovered him before morning. He admitted he had a little money with him.

WHEN W. G. THOMPSON failed to offer any evidence in defence of a charge of driving a car not bearing a license marker in police court this morning, he was fined \$10 and costs. According to Motorcycle Officer Gavin Monahan, Thompson was very abusive when he stopped him for not having a marker on the rear of his car. When the officer went to look for the front marker, Thompson tried to drive away, the former stated.

HERBERT POWELL, arrested for driving a truck for hire, pay or gain, without having the necessary chauffeur's license, was dismissed in police court this morning, when he proved he was only driving the truck for the driver while the latter read a newspaper. He was employed by the same company as the driver, but as a machine operator. He had had a license other years, but did not take one out for 1922 as he was not driving. He was warned not to drive another truck until he had taken out a license.

J. W. CUNLIFFE, salesman for the London Housing Commission, reported Thursday morning that he has sold 41 dwellings erected by the commission on Pine Lawn survey for prospective seekers of homes in this city. There remains but one civic owned house on Pine Lawn to be sold, and it is likely that a purchaser will be located for this building in the near future. In addition to these sales, Commissioner Cunliffe reports that of fourteen houses constructed on Garfield avenue by the commission, five only remain to be sold, and despite the fact that he will be out of a job when these go, Mr. Cunliffe is on the alert for purchasers.

Motormen Stage Wordy Battle As Passengers Patiently Wait in Cars

The passengers on Richmond car No. 114 and Ottawa car No. 112 were treated to a "small time" vaudeville act staged by the motormen of the two cars Wednesday afternoon, at the corner of Ottawa avenue and Wellington street.

When each one claimed the right of way, and refused to go into the "Y," after holding a wordy combat in the middle of the road, they retreated to their respective cars and waited, and the passengers waited.

SILVERWOODS, LTD. STAGE BIG OUTING

400 Employees and Guests Disport Selves at Springbank.

Silverwoods, Limited held their annual picnic at Springbank Park yesterday, which proved to be a most enjoyable affair. About 350 or 400 guests were present, including representatives from most of the outside branches.

A baseball game between the "Smoothers" and the "Silverleafs" proved very exciting and was won by the latter team.

The baby show had many outstanding features, and winners were: Under 1 year—1, Kenneth Johnston; 2, Betty Dowdell. Under 2 years—1, Leo Lafontaine; 2, Glen C. Brodie.

An enjoyable program was run off, the events were as follows: Girls' race under 6 years—1, Margaret Ashwell; 2, Gertrude Beaton. Boys' race under 6 years—1, Geo. Dowdell, 2, Homer Cox.

Girls' race, under 8 years—Aime Ashwell, 2, Barbara Colbert. Boys' race, under 8 years—Geo. Bennett, 2, Gordon Moore.

Girls' race under 14 years—Marjorie Colbert, 2, Margaret Beaton. Boys' race under 14 years—1, E. McCue, 2, Jack Bowman.

Tug-of-war, Warehouse vs. "Whole Works"—Won by Warehouse. Single ladies' race—Won by May Baker.

Needle and thread race—Won by Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Douglas. Married ladies' race—Won by Mrs. Lafontaine.

Wheelbarrow race—Won by Miss Perry and Mr. Williams. Men's 100-yard dash—Won by Mr. Wanless.

Elopement race—Won by Mr. Hatheway and Miss Orr. Branch representatives 100-yard handicap—Won by Charles Chapman.

Three-legged race—Won by Miss Perry and A. McWain. Backward race—Won by Miss Lawrence and Mr. Brown.

Chicken chase—Won by Miss Wilson. Committee ladies' race, 75 yards, handicap—Won by Miss Thompson.

At the completion of the sports, a tasty luncheon was served at the pavilion, followed by a dance in the pavilion hall. The whole entertainment was voted a most enjoyable one by all present.

EXPECT WESTERN FAIR TO BREAK RECORDS THIS YEAR

Secretary A. M. Hunt Files Largest Single Entry for Horse Show.

If fair weather holds, Western Fair officials are confident that the 1922 Western Fair will set a record for success.

It is being found necessary to refuse applications of would-be exhibitors, since practically all the outside and every inch of the inside space is taken.

Thursday an application was refused a Walkerville firm, which asked for a hundred square feet in the auto show, which incidentally promises to be one of the best features of the exhibition.

In the horse show, the largest single entry on record for any year has been filed. One exhibitor has asked for space for 25 horses, which is believed to be the largest single entry on record.

Letters have been sent from the office of the secretary, A. M. Hunt, announcing to exhibitors that space in the buildings is now ready for those who wish to start preparations, and all the extra help is being marshaled for the work, which is steadily increasing.

Obituaries

MRS. HULDAH SALMON. Scores of friends of the late Mrs. Hulda Salmon, who died Monday at her home, Let 1, Concession 10, London Township, attended the funeral which was held Wednesday to Sileam Cemetery.

Mrs. Salmon was in her hundredth year, and the residence of a lifetime in London Township had gained her many friends and won for her the esteem of all.

Palbearers were chosen from her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nephews. They were: Cester Salmon, Ernest Salmon, Charles Salmon, Roy Salmon, C. Elliott and C. A. Salmon. Rev. Kolum of Thorndale officiated.

But neither one moved. The motorman on the Ottawa car getting a little bolder, drove right up to the Richmond car, with the idea of pushing it off the rails, but it never moved. Another wordy battle followed between the two motormen. After threatening one another by considerable hand-waving and shaking of fists the Ottawa car backed into the "Y," and the Richmond rambled on her way, well satisfied that she had won.

PARKING AT ANGLE TRAPS MOTORIST

Uninformed City Hall Visitor Comes in for Strenuous Time.

The new city bylaw permitting angle parking of autos on certain downtown streets presents its difficulties as a London motorist will testify. Thursday morning he drove up to the city hall, and not noting the fact the angle parking is in vogue there, stopped his car parallel to the curb.

While in the city hall transacting business several other motorists drove up and, observing the parking regulations, placed their cars at right angles to the curb, thereby surrounding the auto which was not properly parked.

When the owner of the latter vehicle put in an appearance he was confronted by the problem of extricating it from the midst of the others. After attempting in vain for 15 minutes to manoeuvre his car out into the road he gave his task up in disgust.

Finally, in desperation, the enraged motorist, pushed the other cars out of the way by muscular effort, then pushed his own auto into clear space by the same method, and drove away, tired, tired and peeved, determined that next time he came to the city hall he would become a disciple of angle parking.

WILL HURRY WORK ON DUNDAS STREET

City Engineer Closes Road Between Hale Street and Limits.

Dundas street east, between Hale street and the city limits, will be closed for paving operations Thursday night, thereby necessitating all traffic meant for that street from Ashland avenue to the city limits taking a detour via First and Oxford streets, City Engineer H. A. Brazier announced Thursday morning.

This means that all tourists entering London via the Governor's road must make a detour, until further notice, of almost one mile.

Mr. Brazier promises to rush the job so that this important thoroughfare will not be closed long. Prior to Thursday night, motorists could detour via Hale street, but the paving job has advanced to such a degree that this intersection must be closed.

Concreting on the north side of Dundas street in the new paving area was completed Wednesday, and two cement mixers are now engaged in this work south of the street car tracks. Grading has been completed on the entire section, and London Street Railway gangs are working nights in an effort to keep ahead of the city engineer's gangs in laying new rails for the pavement.

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However, the city engineer points out that these tracks must be elevated to conform with the new pavement, and also paved, but the London Street Railway Company will do this work as expeditiously as possible, with funds advanced by the city on terms of interest.

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COMMENCE WORK ON HAMILTON ROAD

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Less Than Half of Winter's Coal Supply in Bins of City Schools

The coal strike is making itself felt in the school circles of this city. Although in other years the bins of every school were piling high with fuel at this time of the year, much less than half the necessary winter's supply has been installed so far this summer.

It is the custom of the school board to secure a full supply of coal in the early part of the holidays before the janitors at the various schools start their summer house-cleaning. This year janitors will be forced to contend with drifting coal dust all through the year.

The board of education will be quite content in view of existing circumstances if one-half the necessary coal is secured by the first part of the winter. The members would then live in hopes that the difficulties in the coal fields would be cleared away before the partial supply is exhausted.

Some coal has been placed in every school of the city, and a further supply is gradually being received. The board is worrying but little over the situation, as the contractors have given no intimation that they will not be able to fill their contracts.

SENDING ENGLISH TEACHER TO CITY

Authorities Choose Miss Guition in Exchange For Miss Justin.

For the first time since the plan for an interchange of school teachers was effected between England and Canada, a representative of the profession in England is to come to London.

Within the next few days Miss Lillian Daisy Guition, of the Beckenham public school, who is already in Canada, will arrive in this city to replace Miss Myrtle Justin, of the Wortley road school, who has gone to England to teach.

Miss Guition, according to the records sent in advance, is a very accomplished person. Besides holding a full teaching certificate significant of wide experience in the schools of England, she has won distinction in English literature as an academic subject. She also holds a certificate as a teacher of physical training, of singing and of dancing. She also plays the piano well.

It is expected that during the year she will spend in London the interchanging of ideas, which is bound to follow will prove of great value to herself and to the profession as a whole in this city.

It is not known as yet what grade Miss Guition will teach, but it is certain that Inspector V. K. Greer and the teachers of the city will do everything possible to meet any preference which she might express, and to make her stay as pleasant as possible.

There is a possibility that a second teacher from England will come to the city staff this year, while it is expected that several more London teachers will go to England.

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Eleven Londoners Commence Two-Week Canoe Trip to Georgian Bay District

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The party, consisting of W. E. Saunders, Jack Cole, Clifford Fairless, George Copeland, W. Christianson, E. J. Jenkins, Walter George Sinclair, A. C. Deacon, Allan Talbot, and D. Patterson, left Toronto, Monday, with a full month's supply of provisions, and everything necessary for the various moods of Georgian Bay weather.

Down the French river to Georgian Bay and back the Severn river will be the route of the trip, which, if all goes well, will take two weeks. On the journey the party plans to visit some of the hunting lodges, which are located at many points along both rivers.

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The canoeists expect to be back in the city by September 4, and if the trip proves a success will probably be taken again next year.

CYCLIST HAS ANKLE HURT WHEN STRUCK BY MOTOR

When Lottie Hughes of 712 Harriet street, Flint, Mich., cut a corner at Ridout and King streets, while driving auto bearing Michigan license number 497-102, at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday, she knocked John McAlpine of 43 Blackfriars street from his bicycle, according to the police. McAlpine sustained a sprained ankle and a grazed wrist. His bicycle was smashed. The driver was taken to the police station by Constable Percy East, and later released. Dr. Cameron Wilson attended McAlpine.

ANGLERS PICNIC AT POND MILLS

Western Ontario and Game Protective Association Have Gay Time.

Pond Mills was the natural selection of the Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association for the scene of their annual picnic held Thursday.

Nearly three hundred were in attendance. The grounds were gayly decorated with bunting and flags, and members had gathered bunches of pine branches to make the setting even more picturesque.

The single men and women waged a contest in the form of a baseball game, in which the victory went without much difficulty to the ladies with a score of 14 to 6.

Chris Pink's quartet and Vita's orchestra provided the musical side of the program in splendid style, and a corn roast wound up the evening's entertainment.

The committee were: Wm. Nutkins, president; Bert Gilbert, vice-president, and H. C. Rennie, secretary.

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FIRE DESTROYS WEST SIDE HOME

Midnight Flames Raze House North of Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Neighbors Try To "Rescue" Youth Who Was Safe At Springbank.

Spectacular flames which attracted attention from all points of view in the city, destroyed a small frame house, the property of Frederick Ashton, on Victoria avenue, a street running north of Mount Pleasant avenue, and a short distance east of the cemetery, last midnight. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Ashton, who is employed as a crossing watchman on Colborne street for the Grand Trunk Railway, was on his way home from work when the street car he was riding on was passed by the fire trucks. The other members of the family were also absent from home at the time, including a son who was at Springbank.

Neighbors who were under the impression that the boy was at home in the house made frantic endeavors to enter the burning building just a few minutes before the missing youth arrived upon the scene.

The neighboring house caught fire, but the flames were extinguished by the firemen, who had responded to an alarm sent in from Wilson avenue and Alexander street.