

HIGHWAY ENGINEERS TO COVER WIDE FIELD

FOUR ENGINEERS MAY BE AFFECTED IN HENRY'S SLASH

Minister Plans That Men in Department Cover Greater Area.

MORE SUPERVISION

Which, if any of the Western Ontario provincial resident engineers will be out in the cold after the Hon. G. S. Henry has finished pruning the staff? This is the question agitating local engineering circles today after reading the dispatch from Toronto stating that Hon. Mr. Henry was on the job-slicing warpath.

There are four engineers in the district who will be affected. They are: J. M. Empey, St. Marys; C. K. S. McDonnell, Woodstock; J. G. Smith, St. Thomas, and J. Sear, Chatham. All these men have control over portions of provincial highways which total in all about 550 miles.

"I understand that all these men have been asked to resign," declared one man in close touch with the situation. "They are all splendid engineers, and Mr. Henry will have his work cut out in choosing who will remain. I don't expect that more than two men will be kept on the job. The appointments were made back in 1920 when there was a great deal of construction work to be done. This is practically completed now, and all the engineers will have to do is to see that the roads are kept in proper repair. It will be more supervision than anything else."

"I have been told that Western Ontario will be divided into two sections and two men should be able to handle all the work that will be found necessary."

PILOTS OF ST. ANDREW'S MAKE GOOD PROGRESS

Trail Ranger Group Has Only Been Organized About a Year.

After being in existence about a year the Pilots, a trail ranger group of St. Andrew's Church, are well pleased with the progress made. The group won second place in the national C. S. E. T. athletic meet, held in June last, and under the leadership of Harold Newell, won the monthly cup competition in December. Robert Rider and Donald Adams are two members of the group who have done much to annex the awards and it is hoped that they will show the same prowess during 1924.

The following is a list of the badge awards gained by the boys of the group: Robert Rider, 22; Rudolph Eberhardt, 15; Donald Gladman, 14; Ernest Smith, 14; Wentworth McPetich, 10; Donald Adams, 9; Stanley Glazier, 8; Bruce Hogarth, 12; Harry Rowley, 5; Donald Carr-Harris, 5; G. Langlois, 3; and Carson Brown, 4.

NEBRASKA RESTORES SERVICES AFTER STORM

Associated Press Despatch. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 11.—Nebraska was gradually getting back to normal today after digging out from under one of the heaviest and most widespread snowstorms of the winter.

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Dean Fox Defends College Girls Against Drinking and Cigarette-Smoking Charges

"As I Know Her, She Is an Admirable Type," Western Official Says.

IS SUPERIOR, TOO

Physical Director Declares Co-Eds Here Healthier Than Average "U" Girls.

Defending the college girl against the charges of cigarette smoking and drinking, made yesterday by Dr. Charles Smith of Roanoke College, Dean W. S. Fox of the University of Western Ontario, declared the college girl to be of a superior type.

"So far as I know her, the university girl is an admirable type," the dean declared.

Dr. George Smith, director of physical training at the university, speaking on the general fitness of the girls at the university, said that the girls were decidedly above the average. The girls who specialize in athletics and games at the university are superior in physical perfection to the girls of other universities in Canada, according to Dr. Smith.

"At the commencement of each university year, every boy and girl who intends taking part in any form of athletics, has to undergo a physical examination," Dr. Smith said.

"We find from these examinations that the girls of this university are strong and robust. Few of them suffer from weak hearts and in comparison with the girls of other universities they are a healthier lot. The boys of the university are not above the average, but they can hold their own with any other university in Canada."

Dr. Smith attributes the general good health and physical ability of the university girls to regular attendance at the physical culture classes and enthusiasm in sports. It is Dr. Smith's opinion that the physical culture courses which play such an important part in university life should be continued after the second year. The rules now require first and second year students must take physical training. "In many cases," said Dr. Smith, "among third and fourth year students the tendency is to neglect physical training and as a result they are not as healthy a type."

Preparations are being made at the university to develop the physical culture courses. With the completion of more suitable playing fields at the new university and a modern gymnasium, Dr. Smith expects that athletics will make great strides in university life of the future.

EDUCATION OFFICIALS RECEIVE 25 MAGAZINES

W. A. Tanner Requests Instructions re Continuance of Periodicals.

An incomplete list shows that more than 25 magazines, practically all American, are supplied to the officials of the board of education and the collegiate institutes.

This was brought out at the inaugural meeting of the board of education last night, when Secretary W. A. Tanner requested instructions as to the continuance of these periodicals.

Referring to the subscriptions for the colleges, Principal Miller stated that the list was incomplete, and that several Canadian magazines were also on the list. These were paid for from a special grant made to the colleges for this purpose and included in the estimates. The matter was referred to the various committees interested.

WOMAN GARBED AS NURSE GETS MORPHINE SUPPLY

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 11.—Operating in the guise of a nurse a woman has been obtaining quantities of morphine from druggists throughout the eastern section of the city, and to date has successfully avoided the police.

A warning has been sent to all local druggists concerning her.

Entering a store, the woman would state she was a nurse on a case at such-and-such an address. She would want a hot water bottle or other goods sent over within an hour, but having parcels to carry, would take a dozen morphine tablets with her at once. She presented a regular prescription with her order, and in each case was given the drug asked for. Only when the balance of the "order" was delivered was the fraud discovered.



A. R. KENNEDY, who was appointed to serve on the vocational advisory committee of the board of education for three years.

City Churches

WELLINGTON STREET W. M. S.

The devotional exercises at the meeting of the W. M. S. of Wellington Street Methodist Church yesterday were taken by Mrs. T. Fairies and Mrs. L. Wallace. A questionnaire on the annual report was an innovation, during which many asked questions, which were answered by the different members. A great deal of information about the work being accomplished in the home and foreign fields was received. The questionaire was led by Mrs. E. Brady. Mrs. H. Woollett gave a half-hour talk on the new study book, after which arrangements were made for the Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in January 20, which will be in charge of the W. M. S., and at which Mrs. Gordon Wright will be the speaker. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. J. Currie, Mrs. Bonser, Mrs. J. Bailey and Mrs. A. McCallum.

BROTHERHOOD MASS MEETING.

Ex-Controller J. Q. McCarthy of Toronto will address the mass meeting of the Men's Brotherhoods on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in Dundas Centre Methodist Church. Arrangements for this important meeting are being made by Men's No. 8 Club Brotherhood. Mr. McCarthy is probably one of the greatest workers in the Brotherhood Federation, and has been on the executive for years. Many men of this city will take advantage of this opportunity to hear him.

GET-TOGETHER CLUB.

In spite of the disagreeable weather, there was a first-rate attendance at the monthly banquet of the Men's Get-Together Club of the First Congregational Church held last evening. The speaker on this occasion was Dr. McQuig, who spoke on the debt of the present generation to pioneers. W. Harrison, the vice-president, occupied the chair, and the program included two solos by Mr. Shaw. Following the banquet, the men enjoyed a sing-song and a few minutes of business received attention.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

The guild of the Church of St. John the Evangelist met last Tuesday evening and commenced the election of officers for 1924. The election of a new president will take place shortly.

ST. JOHN'S W. A.

Miss A. H. Gower addressed the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at the regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Miss Gower's address was given at the conclusion of a business period during which extensive plans were being made for the Dorcas work during the year. Mrs. A. G. L. Clarke, the president, was in charge.

ROTARY MEMBERS PLAN FOR DETROITERS' VISIT

More Than 50 From Border City Expected Here This Month.

Preparations are already being made by the London Rotary Club for the visit of the Detroit Rotary Club under the leadership of Paul King. The visit is for the purpose of bringing the Rotary wheel to London, and more than 50 Detroit Rotarians are expected to be in the city either on the 21st or 22nd of this month.

A letter was received this morning by President Dean Fox of the city club from Mr. King, in which he stated that he had just returned from the Boys' Work Conference in Chicago. While there, he boosted the local Rotary Club's "Boys' Hobby" which is to become an annual institution in this city.

RUMANIANS DENY QUEEN WAS INJURED

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 11.—Reports in circulation here today that Queen Elizabeth of Greece had been seriously injured in a motor accident in Bucharest, Rumania, while driving with King George, who was unhurt, were discredited at the Rumanian legation. The Greek king and queen, it was pointed out, are in Naples, Italy, attending memorial services for the late King Constantine.

TWO WOMEN M. P.'S FOSTER "NO HAT" SLOGAN IN HOUSE

Lady Astor Delighted With the Idea and Will Fall in Line.

RECRUITS ARE GAINED

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 11.—The earnest speeches and discussions that occupied most of the time of the women members of the House of Commons at the dinner given in their honor last night, were enlivened by an exchange of views on the momentous question of whether the women are to continue wearing their hats in the House, as Lady Astor and her two first colleagues have done, or go bareheaded.

The new Labor women members departed from this precedent on the first day of the session, and last evening gained a recruit when the Duchess of Athol said: "It is my ambition to be allowed to do my work in the House of Commons with uncovered head. I am ready to obey the wishes and teaching of St. Paul when I enter a divine building, but in the Commons I am prepared to recognize only the authority of the speaker and the rules of the House."

Lady Astor said she was delighted with the no-hat slogan, adding: "I mean not to wear a hat henceforth, when I can keep my hair in order."

One of the ancient odd customs of the House is that when a member raises a point of order he must don his hat. Lady Torington wanted to know how this would apply to the women—would they have to keep their hats under the seats against such an emergency? She thought the speaker would have to make a new ruling on this point.

When the customary formal permission to smoke was given at the conclusion of the dinner, it was remarked that the only woman to avail herself of the privilege was Miss Jewson, Labor member for Norwich.

F. E. PERRIN HEADS BAR ASSOCIATION

Members Indorse J. M. McEvoy as Qualified for Supreme Court Judgeship.

Finley E. Perrin was elected president of the Middlesex Bar Association at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. Other officers elected were: E. T. Essery, K.C., vice-president; Gordon Tennent, secretary, and Alex. Purdon, treasurer. J. W. G. Winnett was appointed to the board of trustees.

A resolution indorsing J. M. McEvoy, K.C., as being eminently qualified for the position of supreme court judge, was unanimously passed. Mr. McEvoy is recognized as one of the outstanding lawyers of Ontario, and members of the Middlesex Bar feel that the government could not make a better or more popular choice for the vacancy in the supreme court bench. It will be no fault of theirs if Mr. McEvoy does not receive the appointment.

A motion was made at the gathering to cut expenses in connection with the probate of wills, by an amendment to the statutes allowing persons the option of registering or not registering all existing will in full.

A further motion dealt with the elimination of the representative of the official supervisor of administration with minor details in connection with wills were being considered.

BOARD WOULD REDUCE NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Resolution Forwarded to Urban Trustees' Association—Urges Religious Instruction.

Two resolutions passed by the board of education have been forwarded to the Urban Trustees' Association for presentation at the meeting to be held in Kingston in February.

The first is one requesting that the association urge legislation reducing the size of the board from 12 to five or seven members. This, in the opinion of several trustees and officials, would make for greater efficiency and would also do away with committees. The board would meet every two weeks and be in touch with all that was happening.

The other resolution dealt with religious instruction in the schools, urging that steps be taken to have it introduced.

The question of delegates from the board to the meeting in Kingston was left in the hands of Chairman Bryden N. Campbell.

MEXICAN GUNBOAT SAILS TO ATTACK REBEL PORTS

Associated Press Despatch. New Orleans, La., Jan. 11.—The Mexican gunboat Bravo in the harbor here, has been completely overhauled and is ready to sail to attack Mexican ports held by rebel forces, it was announced today at the Mexican consulate. The vessel is manned by a contingent of Mexican soldiers transferred from other ships loyal to the government, which arrived yesterday to replace 35 men who asked to be allowed to quit the boat.



ROY CAIRNCROSS, elected to the board of education at the head of the polls. Mr. Cairncross was appointed to No. 2 and No. 3 committees at the inauguration meeting last night.

VOCATIONAL AID TO BE STRESSED BY MARCUS SIMS

Pupils Will Be Guided as Soon as They Pass Their Entrance.

TO WATCH PROGRESS

The work of aiding pupils entering the secondary schools of the city in choosing their vocational as soon as they pass their entrance examinations, is to be taken up by Marcus M. Sims, attendance and vocational officer of the board of education.

Vocational guidance will occupy a large portion of Mr. Sims' time and will call for the following of a student through high school and then into employment for a number of years.

Mr. Sims stated that the first duty was to see that the students started in the line for which they were best adapted. This would be accomplished by consultation with the pupils and the parents. The next step was the following of the pupil through school, watching his progress and special adaptability to anyone branch of a general course. This was followed by getting the pupil into the line of work in which he or she had been trained.

The pupils would be kept in touch with after entering business and if any special ability was shown for which there was no scope in the work being done, a re-arrangement would be made in order to benefit the pupil.

A record would be kept in order that after a period of years, something tangible might be shown as the results derived from vocational education.

COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH STUDENT FEES

Board Discusses Pupils in the Counties Not Adjacent to Middlesex.

The question of collecting fees from secondary school students attending school in London but residing in counties not adjacent to Middlesex was brought up at the opening meeting of the board of education last night and was left in the hands of the three boards and the vocational advisory committees.

The board decided some time ago that 80 per cent of the cost of educating the students from counties adjacent to Middlesex would be collected from the clerks of these counties, but with these not contiguous to Middlesex nothing had been decided. It was pointed out that either 100 per cent could be collected from the student or 80 per cent from the clerk of the county. The matter must be decided soon in order that the clerks may be notified.

Obituary

WILLIAM BURTON.

The death occurred in London Township on Thursday, Jan. 10, of William Burton, a former resident of St. Marys, Ont., after an illness of several years. His wife predeceased him about two weeks ago. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. Wainwright.

The funeral service, which will be in charge of Rev. Mr. Reid of Hale Street Methodist Church, will be held at the Oatman Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Interment will be made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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SELL AT LOW PRICE

Four "hale and hearty" Scotch seamen, who have been selling "genuine" Scotch cloth in London for the past week, were rounded up by the police this morning and appeared before Harry Talbot, collector of customs, to tell how they managed to sell the cloth to citizens at such a cheap price and how they managed to evade customs officials at the coast.

The four sailors have been travelling about London for some time garbed in marine uniforms. It is stated they told Londoners they had managed to evade the customs officials at Montreal and had succeeded in bringing to the city some of the finest samples of Scotch broadcloth. Because their wares were smuggled and they desired to go to the United States, they were offering the cloth to Londoners at exceptionally low prices. Enough cloth to make a suit of clothes would only cost the purchaser the ridiculous sum of \$2.49.

When their story was unfolded to the collector of customs it was revealed that the cloth had been bought in Toronto and Montreal and had not been smuggled over from Scotland.

The four seamen all expressed indignation at being paraded down the street by the police to be brought before the collector.

Two C. P. R. detectives questioned the men as to why they were wearing sailor uniforms similar to those worn by C. P. R. sailors. They had an answer for the inquisitive officials, but their case will be further investigated.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S COMING DENOUNCED

Mr. Koehler Declares Jesus Said, "No Man Knoweth the Day."

Speaking on "Has Jesus Come Already?" Mr. Koehler, at the Latter Day Saints' Church, on Matland street, said that many have declared his coming at definite times, and in defiance of the statement of Jesus, who said: "No man knoweth the day or the hour when the Son of Man cometh, no, not the angels that are in heaven, neither the Son of Man, but the Father only." He was supposed to have come twice in the year 1841, again in 1847, and a third time in 1873. In 1812 a company of people in Massachusetts went to the top of a mountain dressed in white robes to await his approach at midnight, selling all they had, but found that they had prophesied wrongly. "Unconsciously the world is calling for this Saviour to lead them," declared Mr. Koehler. "There is not a nation today, but what is demanding a Saviour to settle their perplexing problems. Revolution is universal. Governments change over night. Kings are dethroned and subjects have acquired the seats of masses. Nations are massing troops and collecting them at strategic points. Men's hearts are failing them for fear of the consequences of it all. Man has failed to discover a remedy for the world's troubles. Nations are losing faith in each other, and through it all we find ourselves unconsciously crying out for a deliverer. Jesus will come when the world will need him the most."

H. BINGLE WILL TELL CLUB OF SALES TAX

Round Table Members to Convene at Blue Dragon Tea Rooms Tonight.

Taxation in general and the sales tax, in particular, will be subjects of discussion tonight by the Round Table Club at 6:15 in the Blue Dragon Tea Rooms. Hamilton Bingle, accountant of George White and Sons, will be the speaker.

The executive, which is very well pleased at the turnout of the round table club so far, are looking for a record meeting. The chamber of commerce, sponsor of the Round Table Club, has arranged a fine program of speakers for the rest of the season.

COMMITTEE WILL PROBE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

A special committee of the board of education, composed of one representative from each of the standing committees and the board chairman, will be appointed to investigate the matter of the board's accounting system and the duties of officials. A committee was appointed last year, but met only on one occasion. At that time it was decided to get information from other centers on certain questions.

The necessity for the committee was brought about by the statement by W. A. Tanner, secretary, that greater efficiency could be obtained by combining the offices of secretary and treasurer, at present divided.

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