

CRONYN CHOR CONCERT THRILLS

Recital on Occasion of 51st Anniversary Is Brilliant Event.

REV. CLARKE SPEAKS

The choir of the Cronyn Memorial church, appearing last night in recital on the occasion of the fifty-first anniversary of the church, presented a service of praise which was indeed worthy of the occasion. The voices, led by Clarence E. Gilmour, were heard in beautiful harmony in the old church music which has stood the test of many years.

It was an effective opening—Mendelssohn's chorale, from the great "Hymn of Praise," "Let All Men Praise the Lord" sung from the great gallery. The choir out of sight, gave a rendition which was subdued and beautiful.

This and the rest of the choral numbers were sung with precision and artistic finish. The choir was in excellent voice, and was immediately responsive to the direction of Mr. Gilmour.

Douglas Fetherstone was the assisting artist. His violin playing, especially, was exceptionally brilliant last night. "To Thee, O Lord," in the "Litaney for All Souls' Day" and in the "Chopin-Wilhelm" "Nocturne Op. 27, No. 2," in the Schubert number, particularly, he displayed the fine singing quality of his playing.

The program also included an interesting talk on church music by the Rev. A. L. G. Clarke, while the rector read Everson's.

Among the choir numbers, one of the most difficult and at the same time brilliantly rendered was the "T. Tertius Noble" selection, "Pierce Was the Will Willow."

There was the Bach "Chorale Prelude," "Sleepers, Wake, a Voice Is Calling" and Bachmann's setting to the twenty-fifth psalm, "To Thee, O Lord." In this latter number Miss Element, soprano, took the solo part.

Outstanding was the "hermion Song" from the Russian church liturgy, "Gretchen's Song." The beautiful and haunting quality of this music was effectively brought out by the singers.

Mr. Gilmour's organ number, Beethoven's "Toccata in C Minor," was one of the finest of the evening. It was brilliantly played from the first notes to the magnificent climax, calling for all of the resources of the modern organ.

981 SCHOOL CHILDREN BETWEEN 10-11 YEARS

Interesting Fact Disclosed in Annual Census of Inspector Greer.

There are 981 children attending the city public schools who are between the age of 10 and 11, and of this number 371 are in grade VI. The above is only one of many interesting facts gleaned from the table which classifies the pupils as to grades and ages in the annual census now being completed in the office of Senior Inspector V. K. Greer.

There are 212 children between the age of 1 and 5, 135 between the age of 15 and 16, and only 10 between the age of 16 and 17.

The average age in years and months of the pupils in the different grades throughout the schools is as follows: Kindergarten, 5.1; grade I, 6.2; grade II, 7.7; grade III, 8.3; grade IV, 9.2; grade V, 10.3; grade VI, 11.7; grade VII, 12.7; grade VIII, 13.5, and auxiliary classes, 12.3.

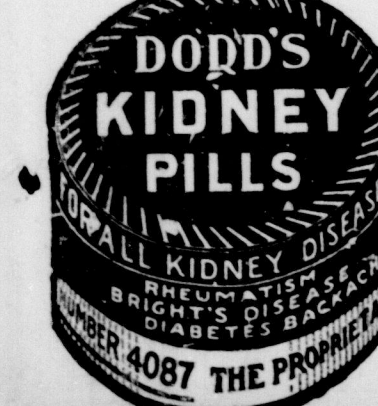
PUZZLES EMPHASIZE NEED OF DICTIONARIES IN HOTELS

Travelling men speak highly of the work of the Glendon society in providing Bibles for every hotel bedroom on the continent. The road book has increased in popularity and usage through the kindness of the Glendon. But now the travelling man is in need of another publication whenever he drops into a new town. He is searching for some organization or society which will follow the suit of the Glendon and provide another well-known volume for hotel rooms. Cross words puzzles call for dictionaries, it is said. And they are always missing around hotels. In recent weeks London hoteliers have had to turn down numbers of requests for the precious volumes.

FOUND CARRYING BOTTLE, MAN TAKES JAIL TERM

Charles McGuire could offer Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon no reasonable excuse when he appeared in court today for having a bottle of liquor in his possession at a local hotel last night. The minimum penalty, \$200, and costs of three months in jail, was imposed, and McGuire took the jail term rather than pay for his breach of the O. T. A.

He declared that he carried the liquor because he had been suffering from the grip, but Magistrate Graydon pointed out that a hotel was not a place to seek relief from the illness.



SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN WAITING FOR AN ELEVATOR



CONCESSIONS GRANTED ARE COMPLIMENTARY

Dominion High Commissioners Will Be Exempt From British Taxes.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 16.—The concessions which the chancellor of the exchequer, Winston Churchill, proposed to grant to the dominion high commissioners in London, putting them on a par with foreign ambassadors with regard to exemption from British taxation, as announced by the colonial secretary, Lieut.-Col. L. C. Amery, at the Canadian club dinner here last night, will be complimentary rather than of intrinsic value, it is thought, and probably will consist of exempting them from the income tax on any remittances received through foreign investments.

The official salaries of the dominion high commissioners and the agents-general of the provinces already are exempt from the Canadian tax. The proposed exemption will likely apply to the high commissioner's private as well as official automobiles. Hon. P. C. LaRue, the Canadian high commissioner, uses only his private cars.

The high commissioner's private baggage hereforth will be exempt from the customs without even a superficial examination. It is understood here that the Canadian government will press strongly against the exemption of the new Canadian offices in London from taxation on the same lines as the embassies of foreign powers. This is thought to be considered by the British exchequer as a far-reaching precedent and possibly there may be some hesitancy in the exchequer acquiescing in the request.

FAIR WORK PROVIDES FUEL FOR CITY POOR

More Than 100 Loads of Lumber Distributed Among Families.

Thanks to lumber which has been left over in the reconstruction of the city, the Western Fair grounds have been provided poor families of the city. The supply is now exhausted, and the city will have to look to other sources if further relief in this line is needed.

Old hemlock boards in some cases found unsuitable for use in reconstruction. The lumber was split up too much to use again. Another source was a low shed at the rear of the cattle buildings. This wood was staved out as fuel by the relief department, the city engineer informed.

Very little new lumber is needed by the city engineer's department to complete the job of rebuilding sheds, a few cedar posts being the only expenditure to date.

EVANGELIST WILL OPEN SERVICES IN CITY CHURCH

Evangelistic services under the leadership of Dr. H. T. Crossley of Toronto are to be held in the Centennial Methodist church in the coming year. The services open on Dec. 28, of this year, and will continue for some weeks.

Dr. Crossley has been in the evangelistic work for the past 40 years. He is a well-known man in both Canada and the United States where he has been very successful in his work. At present he is in New Brunswick, and his first Ontario campaign will open in London at the Centennial Methodist church. Dr. Crossley will be assisted by his song leader, Mr. Leonard, who is also well-known.

GLENCLOVA WILL REMAIN AT PORT FOR THE WINTER

The Glenclova, the large grain boat at Port Stanley has been officially ordered to remain there all winter. The crew of the boat, as is the custom, will leave shortly for their respective homes, and only a keeper will be left in charge of the ship during the winter months.

Poison Liquor Claims 9 Lives

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 16.—The death toll from poison liquor during the past three days amounted to nine with the death of Abram Botnoy in a Brooklyn hospital. Sixty-seven other poison victims are in Bellevue hospital. Twelve of them are not expected to live.

REVENGE ON FACULTY BREWED BY STUDENTS

Startling Disclosures Promised For Western "Lit" Show.

"Revenge is sweet" say students of the college of arts of the University of Western Ontario, and "Revenge will soon be ours."

As a result of faculty whimsicalities of their fellow-students last Friday night, when the "Faculty Follies" took place, the staff of the Western "U" Gazette plans to stage a comeback Friday next at the annual Christmas "Lit" show.

Under the leadership of Jim Dean, chairman of the Gazette skit committee, the college journalists are rapidly rounding into shape, and are planning to pay off grudges of years' accumulation. Advertisement of the Christmas "Lit," the chief yearly event of the university literary society, bear out laconic and non-committal remarks that there will be a "skit, Christmas tree, eats, dancing." This, coupled with the air of mystery surrounding the Gazette's rehearsals, secretly held behind closed doors, with the cub reporter on guard outside, is giving the student body lots to talk about and sundry professors, whose wise cracks were too pointed, lots to worry about.

The Gazette skit committee includes Jim Dean, chairman; Herb Uren and Robert Shaw-Wood, editors, in "ex-officio" capacity. The program of the Christmas "Lit" is under the supervision of Mark Auden, senior representative on the literary society.

UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS WILL START SATURDAY

Christmas holidays start at the university on Saturday, when the students will cease to attend lectures until Monday, Jan. 5. In the common room in the college of arts today some of the students were talking over their plans for the two weeks' vacation. There was considerable wondering as to whether entertainment should rule during that time for the two weeks of examinations, which have to be passed shortly after their return to college, is something to think of. Several students came to the conclusion that a little plugging over the holidays would enter into their program.

WILL ATTEND COURSE

Nineteen young men and women signed up at Komoka last night to attend the short course in agriculture to be held in that village from Jan. 5 to 30. The course is under the direct supervision of R. A. Finn and John Andrews of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture.



Pola Negri, the screen's foremost emotional actress, portrays the title role at the Capitol today, and Wednesday in "Forbidden Paradise."

CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSURANCE INCREASED

Committee of Board Decides To Add To Sum on Contents.

Insurance on the central collegiate institute building will be renewed for a period of three years for the sum of \$285,750, and the insurance on the contents raised from \$29,250 to \$35,000.

Such was the decision arrived at by No. 3 committee of the board of education at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The committee gave leave to the insurance sub-committee should bring in a report to the board as to the placing of the \$320,700 of insurance.

The committee decided that during the winter months at least the auditorium of the central collegiate should not be rented. It was pointed out that if the auditorium were rented to be on the janitor and engineer to be on duty on Sunday.

The committee reached the above decision without directly considering the request of the London Presbyterian church association, which organization had asked for the auditorium to hold a meeting next Sunday afternoon.

Principal E. A. Miller reported that the applications for the position made vacant on the staff of the central collegiate owing to the resignation of Holman C. Doolittle, B.A., were not satisfactory. The committee, therefore, empowered Principal Miller and Trust A. J. Grant, chairman of the committee, to make the necessary arrangements for temporarily filling the vacancy.

Accounts totalling \$286.92 were approved by the committee.

THOMAS FURNITURE CO. BUYS NEW BUILDING

Dickinson-Nicholson Premises Obtained for Business Expansion.

The Thomas Furniture Company has purchased the Dickinson-Nicholson building, Richmond street, from Colonel W. G. Coles and will move the store to that location in the near future. Tenders for the remodeling of the new building have been called for, and the contract will be let by tonight, it is expected. W. G. Murray is the architect.

While the cost of this remodeling will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000, the price of the building, however, is not known. The building has been vacant for some time, and several offers have been made for it recently. The Thomas Furniture Company, however, has been looking for a new site to be located on with favor by the company, and when the alterations are concluded will be one of the finest stores in the city.

MERCURY REGISTERS FALL 84 DEGREES IN 12 HOURS

Associated Press Despatch. Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 16.—A temperature drop of 84 degrees in 12 hours was registered yesterday from noon to midnight at Fairfield. George Sandford, director of the sun observatory project at Fairfield, announced the drop today. At noon Sunday the government thermometer stood at 63 above zero. At midnight it was 21 below. This, he said, was the greatest drop in 12 hours ever recorded by the United States reclamation survey during its history in this part of the state.

PORT DOVER FISH TUGS NET 114 TONS IN ONE DAY

Fishing at Port Dover is proving popular and the fishermen from Port Stanley report successful catches. The total catch of all the boats for one day last week in the Port Dover harbor was 114 tons. This is considered to be a big record among the lake fishermen. Most of the boats left the dock this morning as the lake was calm.

HOLIDAY GAZETTE IS SPLENDID WORK

University Staff Wins Praise For Christmas Number of Magazine.

Alive with the Christmas spirit, the holiday number of the Western U Gazette, official paper of the University of Western Ontario, made its appearance today.

Greetings from the deans, Dr. W. Sherwood, Dean of the college of arts, and Dr. Paul S. McKibben, dean of the medical school, appear on the front page under a cheery Christmas design. Along with these is a Yuletide message from the prefect, Grant W. L. Wiley.

There are several cartoons. One shows the editorial staff, under the telling St. Peter that heaven may be all right but "Has he seen the new university building?" This cartoon by Tom Sampson won first prize. Other features are news items of the day, jokes, and letters to the editor. The Christmas number of the Gazette is a splendid piece of work and reflects credit upon the staff of the editors, who devote considerable time to getting out the first-rate student paper.

The editorial staff includes: Robert Shaw-Wood, editor; A. L. Storey, associate editor; Prof. Fred London, consulting editor; women's editor, Miss Kathleen Richardson; local news editor, G. R. Stott; sports editor, Cecil L. Snyder; literary editor, Cecil L. Snyder; sports, C. Elliot, H. A. Stewart, J. E. Dean, N. J. T. Bigelow, Art Reid, Misses Margaret Goodwin and M. Jordan.

The secretary-treasurer is James Humphries, B.A.; business manager, Eugene Durant, F. N. Owen, and William Hall are in charge of advertising.

NOTED CITY MUSICIAN, MICHAEL VITA, IS DEAD

The death of Michael Vita, one of London's best known musicians, occurred early this morning at his residence, 122 Queen's avenue.

Mr. Vita was born in Italy 42 years ago, and had resided in London for the last 30 years.

He was formerly harpist in the Tony Vita orchestra, where he remained for many years.

Mr. Vita had been ill for the past two months, and his death came as a severe shock to his many friends.

He is survived by his many friends, his wife, Mrs. Vita, one sister Mary at home, and two brothers, Anthony and Frank, both of this city.

GRADE IMPROVES. SOME 1400 HOVS SHIPPED OUT

According to government figures arriving at the department of agriculture office this morning, the grade of the road from Komoka to the north is now improved, however on the previous week, when the percentage was but 17.

The largest shipments were made from Komoka, where 213 hoys were loaded on the cars. Hartsville was next with 198.

BOY SCOUTS BUSY.

The boy scouts of the city are again busy today collecting funds from sources that have hitherto been overlooked.

Fourteen troops are engaged in the work, and it is possible that \$2,000 objective can be raised in the next two days in the campaign.

SOUVENIR HOUNDS COST CAFES \$3,000 ANNUALLY

Spoons Fall Prey to Eager Hunters, But Other Silverware Goes, Too.

CARE NOW TAKEN

Restaurant Owners Philosophical, But Also Determined to Check Losses.

Some people are born lucky with a silver spoon in their mouth and others pick up the silver spoons as they go. This is a literal fact, according to some London owners of cafes and restaurants. One of these bonifaces told The Advertiser this morning that he had lost over \$300 worth of spoons since the spring. He was not particularly indignant about it, but he observed that he had no longer put spoons in the sugar bowls or left them lying about carelessly where they could be seen and "swiped."

This comfortable-looking chap is not only the capable owner of a food emporium but is also a diplomat of the first water. "Of course," he says, "it's not Londoners who take my spoons, it's those travellers and tourists. No Londoner would do anything like that. Well, who are they? Where do they come from? Where did they eat last? Who knows?"

He shrugged his shoulders vastly as if lifting the weight of all the oppressed keepers of taverns and chop houses on the continent. He said, "Canaille, that's what they are. Dogs and pigs. But they'll get no more of my spoons."

He was a human after all and he lapsed into the vernacular of Angli-Saxonism in his peroration. "I hope they choke when they use 'em, that's all," and he went back to see how the chef was getting on with an order of shoestring potatoes which a budding journalist had ordered as a filler in between meals.

Another member of the order of the stainless apron was more outspoken. He said he had lost not only spoons but knives as well, and even a salt cellar and a pepper pot. He thought that the tourists took them as mementos of their visit to the city.

Teaspoons seem to have the most trouble because they can be carried so easily. There is no sharp edge to ruin a pocket lining, and they are small enough to pick up quickly. Some of the ministers of the interior admitted that they had lost dinnerware worth all the way from \$50 to \$500 this year. As there are some 1400 hoys shipped out of the city, the total annual loss must be somewhere around \$3,000.

MATHESON WILL HELP HAMILTON UNEMPLOYED

"Billy" Matheson, the lumberjack missionary and well-known Ontario man from east to west, and north to south, is going to feed the unemployed single men in Hamilton one meal a day throughout the winter.

"Billy" was in London this morning seeing one or two old friends, and dropped into The Advertiser office.

"The unemployed situation in Hamilton is bad," he said, "and I am arranging to feed all the single men one meal every day throughout the winter. I would like to be able to do more, of course, but this is as far as my available means will go. It is really a situation which should be met by the federal or provincial authorities, but when the men are hungry something has to be done immediately. It's no time to send letters and write notes."

PAYS \$10 FINE.

For selling cigarettes without a license Gordon J. Williams paid \$10 and costs in police court this morning. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid his fine out of court.

Regret

Written from "Whitewood Lodge," Dorset, Lake of Bays, and inspired by Margaret Clark Russell's poem "Free," published in The Advertiser some weeks ago.

Out of the woods she came in fall, Yes, woods of russet, leaves and all, With nature's plumes of graceful hair, And to the city took a dare To have it bobbed, and now you see, She's not as pleased as pleased should be.

LEO J. FISHER. Margaret Clark Russell's poem "Free," published in The Advertiser some weeks ago.

PROMINENT DAIRYMEN WILL SPEAK IN CITY

Western Ontario Association Will Gather in London in January.

The 58th annual convention of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario is to be held in the Masonic temple on Jan. 14 and 15, promises to be one of the best in the history of the association.

A number of prominent dairymen have been secured to give practical addresses, and there will also be the usual butter and judging competitions with silver cups as prizes. Addresses of welcome will be given by Mayor Wenke and R. H. Dowler, president of the chamber of commerce.

Among the speakers will be such well-known dairy experts as H. M. Woodstock, president of the association; Bert Roadhouse, deputy minister of the department of agriculture for Ontario; J. A. Kudlick, Ottawa; Professor H. S. Arkell, Professor R. E. Freeman of the university of Western Ontario, who will talk on "The Conflict Between Town and Country"; George A. Putnam, Toronto; R. D. Colquhoun, O. A. C.; George H. Barr, Toronto; J. B. Muir, Ingersoll; James Burgess, Montreal; John H. Scott, Toronto, and Frank Ierna.

HARBOR WORK COSTS \$267,000 IN 6 YEARS

Federal Government Plans More Improvements at Port Stanley.

The department of public works, Ottawa, has informed the London chamber of commerce that a total of \$267,000 has been spent on Port Stanley harbor improvements since March, 1918. To prove that the government is interested in Port Stanley, the total amount voted for work on harbor improvements in that time has been \$309,200.

Dredging costs have been \$101,653, construction \$118,875, and repairs \$148,672.

There is much work still to be done at Port Stanley, Gordon Philip, secretary of the C. of C. states. This work includes the removal of the old east pier, the completion of the southeast breakwater, and dredging and widening the channel.

FIRM TAKES ONLY MONTH TO RECOVER FROM FIRE

One month from the date that fire completely gutted the IXL spice and coffee mills at Marmora street, a new structure has been completed, and with the installation of new equipment and machinery, the company is now manufacturing to capacity.

Fire swept the building on Nov. 15 and causing a loss of \$52,000, but it was little time before the ruined portions of the factory were completely transformed. The rapid construction of the new plant is considered by contractors to be a record.

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