

ALLEGED BANK ROBBER IS ON TRIAL AT MOUNT FOREST

EDUCATION BOARD REQUESTS SCHOOL PLAN INDORSED

Will Wait On City Council, Requesting Building of Two Collegiates.

EXPECT REDUCTION

Tomorrow night the board of education will wait on the finance committee of the city council and request the reduction of the plan for the building of two collegiates in London this year.

This was learned this morning following the announcement that a special meeting of the board of education had been called for tomorrow afternoon, at which the final details of the matter will be thrashed out, and the amount needed decided on.

At first it was estimated that \$700,000 would be required for this purpose, but it is understood this amount has been reduced. The actual figures could not, however, be secured.

The special meeting follows a caucus of the collegiate committee held last night, at which it was announced that the committee would require no more than \$700,000. The caucus lasted till well after midnight, and when the members adjourned, the matter was in such shape that it requires but the final touches of the board before coming to the council.

It has not yet been decided whether the board will appoint a deputation or will visit the committee in a body. Several of the trustees favor the latter arrangement, and it is possible that all twelve of the trustees will urge the question before the aldermen.

SCHOOL FLOOR WILL AGAIN BE DISCUSSED

No. 2 Committee of the Board of Education Meeting Today.

When No. 2 committee meets this afternoon the question of the floor at Boyle Memorial School will probably be again thrown to the center of the arena.

For the past two meetings of this committee the condition of the floor, whether it was made according to specifications and whether it is good or not, has been a bone of contention between Trustee Rev. R. D. Moss and Architect L. E. Carothers. It is, therefore, more than likely that the members will be called upon to discuss the matter.

Other matters that will be taken up are of a routine nature, and include the passing of accounts, Turner, secretary, requested that the committee be asked to refer to the committee by the board.

Obituary

ELIZA ELLIOT.
On February 26, at the Vancouver General Hospital, after an illness of three months, Eliza, beloved wife of James Elliot, passed away in her 82nd year. She was a daughter of the late Thomas Caverhill of Lobo, Ontario. She is survived by her husband and two sons, John C. M.D., of Chilliwack, and Norman of Athlone, B. C.

MEETING OF G.W.V.A. TO BE HELD TOMORROW

A general meeting of the G. W. V. A. will be held tomorrow night in the Dugout and matters of important business will be discussed. George Turner, secretary, requested that as many members as possible attend the meeting.

The absence of Harry Wray and Teddy Aitken, president and vice-president, respectively, Mr. Turner will preside.

HEAR INTERESTING ADDRESS.
The London Businessmen's Bible class of the Y. M. C. A. were addressed by Dr. Neville at their regular dinner last night in the Y.

A good attendance heard an interesting talk on "The Manuscripts of the New Testament."

Mrs. Albert Blunt



KIDNEY TROUBLE

The Kidneys Are the Blood Filters—When They Weaken and Stop Up, the System Becomes Overloaded With Uric Acid.

Toronto, Ont.—"I can highly recommend Dr. Pierce's Anuric (anti-uric-acid) Tablets to all those who suffer in any way with their kidneys or bladder. Anuric is by far the best medicine of the kind I have ever taken. My kidneys were congested and inflamed, my back ached something awful, my bladder was weak, and I suffered from a scalding and burning sensation. I was almost down and out—but, thanks to Doctor Pierce's Anuric (kidney) Tablets I do not suffer any more. Those who suffer as I did will find Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets just the medicine they need."

—Mrs. Albert Blunt, 4 Evelyn Place.

Ask your nearest druggist for Anuric in tablet form, or send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce's Laboratory at Bridgeport, Ont. for trial package. Write Dr. Pierce, president, Lavalade Hotel, Buffalo, N.Y., for free medical advice—Adv.

LEWIS AUSTIN UNMOVED AS THEFT CHARGE READ

The Mount Forest Courtroom Is Crowded to Capacity as Trial Opens Today.

CRIME REVIEWED

Man Held Was Apprehended in New York and Later Extradited.

Special to The Advertiser.
Mount Forest, March 11.—Fourteen months ago, the quiet little town of Mount Forest was thrown into a whirl of excitement when robbers broke into the Royal Bank of Canada at dead of night and got clear away with \$40,000 worth of Victory Bonds.

Today excitement again reigns supreme, for the morning train brought with it a carefully guarded prisoner, Lewis Austin, who this afternoon is being given a preliminary hearing on the charge of being responsible for the theft of the bonds. The robbery bore every evidence of being carefully planned, except in one respect, the strength of the main safe was underestimated. It was tax collection time in Wellington County, and the vaults of the bank were well loaded with money. It is thought that it was the knowledge of this fact which prompted the thieves to make the attempt when they did. An easy entrance to the building was gained by forcing the bars of a back window. The condition of the snow on the ground the next morning indicated that the time must have been around 4 o'clock in the morning.

Secured Victory Bonds.
After working for a considerable time on the main safe, the thieves evidently found themselves frustrated and concentrated on the bond safe. Here they had better luck. The heavy lock gave way to their efforts and they removed Victory Bonds valued at \$40,000.

The next morning the police followed their motor tracks for a considerable distance, but presently lost the trail.

It was in January, 1923, that Austin first became associated with the crime. Apprehended in New York for another offence, a search revealed some of the stolen bonds among his possessions, and the provincial authorities were immediately notified. Subsequently, nearly all of the other missing bonds were discovered by accident, carefully cached in an orchard near Agincourt, but the police were not able to definitely establish who hid them there.

After Austin's apprehension in New York, the attorney-general of Ontario waived extradition proceedings, and the provincial authorities a chance to try the prisoner on a charge of murder at Little Rock, Arkansas, when this charge exploded, the attorney-general's department immediately re-opened extradition proceedings and with the co-operation of the United States federal department, their efforts were rewarded with success.

Courtroom Crowded.

Austin was brought back to Ontario by Inspector Boyd a few weeks ago, and has since been retained in custody at Guelph. The station platform was crowded with people when Boyd arrived at Mount Forest with his prisoner. The crowd today, and when the court was called to order a short while later there was hardly standing room left.

The prisoner was immediately driven to the courthouse. A girl passed over the courtroom floor and Lewis Austin was brought before Magistrate Albert Hyler, securely manacled to a provincial constable.

On the street outside, half a hundred people craned their necks in an effort to catch a glimpse of the man who had been retained in custody at Guelph, was present for the defence, J. M. Kearns, crown attorney for Wellington, conducted the prosecution.

Austin presented an air of complete indifference as he entered the courtroom. He was of average height, he was well-dressed in a suit of brown tweed with an orange-tinted tie, bearing a conspicuous tie pin.

His clean-shaven face, of more than ordinary intelligence, bore a dreamy expression throughout the early stages of the hearing.

Prisoner Hears Charge.
"You are charged that on the 15th day of December, 1923, the town of Mount Forest you did by night, contrary to law, break into the Royal Bank of Canada with intent to steal therein and did steal from Canadian Victory Bonds, Province of Ontario bonds, and other securities to the value of \$50,000," said Magistrate Hyler.

The first witness called was Arthur Keals, a former employee of the bank. On entering the bank the morning of the 15th, he had found the vault door open with the combination ripped off and most of the safety deposit boxes forced open.

Austin Keals, a former clerk of the bank, had found a similar state of affairs when he arrived around 9 o'clock.

"I arrived at the bank about 8:45," said Robert Powrie, the present manager. "I found the vault door open, the bars on the rear windows had been cut and forced apart. The back door was locked. Most of the safety deposit boxes were open. Some boxes were forced by a chisel and the locks were removed from others."

R. O. Kilgour, Mrs. Gertrude Armstrong, Joseph Goodyear, J. E. Armstrong, and Mrs. Addison, all testified that they had had bonds in safety deposit boxes of the bank previous to the robbery. Some boxes after the robbery these bonds were missing. Most of the bonds had since been restored to them, but some were still missing. Constable in the front row of the court was Lewis Austin's wife, a bright-faced young woman, attractively attired in a coat of gray velvet, and a blue and brown hat. Outwardly she preserved the same appearance of unconcern as her husband.

N. Y. Detectives Testify.

When the court adjourned at noon Austin accompanied her husband and the constable up to the Empress Hotel,

New Hydroplane Record Is Made

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 11.—A Havas despatch from Paris says Sadi Lecointe, the noted French ace, in an eight-hour flight on a hydroplane, reached the height of 9,000 metres, and thus established a world record for a hydroplane flight.

MARKET PIGEONS' HOME IS FAVORED

Douglas States Question Will Be Decided On Its Merits.

Members of the finance committee cannot be stampeded warns Ald. Leonard Douglas, chairman. It is his opinion that the "pigeon question" will be decided on its merits by the committee, "as are all other issues, great and small," he says.

What the finance members propose to do in this regard, however, is a puzzle, and while Market Clerk Maker was directed to bring a report Wednesday as to the best means of the elimination from the market square, it appears now as though a compromise will be effected.

Ald. Gordon Drake suggests that a "roost" be constructed on the top of the market house, where the pigeons would be allowed to roost, and the birds to meander around the square as in the days of yore and until the present time, but he would not be a party to any extermination order.

"Let them have a thousand of them," he advises. "Let them walk about and we built a roost over the market house for them. I can recall any person authorized the market clerk, at the meeting when this question was first introduced, to find the best place for the roost, and to keep them away from the stores and they will be all right."

Ald. Edwin Smith can furnish an "air tight" alibi. He has proven conclusively that he was out of the city at the time of that "first awful meeting" when the "pigeon question" was raised. While he has no information as to the nature or extent of the complaint, he would say off-hand that he has no objection to their presence. He is taking no definite stand in the matter, however.

It is the general opinion, however, that some permanent habitation will be found for the market birds still to be seen about the square, and the ground "all abuzz" to the minor irritation at the city hall.

LOVE CONQUERS LAW IN THE POLICE COURT

Arrested Two Months Ago, Married Yesterday, Girl's Case Dismissed Today.

When the clergyman asked the time honored question and Violet Wimperis replied "I do," she automatically tied one knot and untangled another. Three weeks ago she was in police court charged with fraud. Now she is a married woman in her own home charged with responsibility.

For, as a result of her marriage yesterday, Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon decided to let her off on suspended sentence this morning. The case had been pending for some time and Miss Wimperis might have received a severe sentence but for her sudden marriage.

Love, however, conquers all things, according to poets. It certainly conquered the law in Miss Wimperis' case. Now, if her behavior is above reproach she will, like the heroine in the fairy tale, live happily ever after.

Two months ago on complaint of E. L. Maine and J. G. Bull the girl was arrested on a charge of fraudulently obtaining money. J. M. McMeekin, K.C., her counsel, pleaded guilty for the prisoner. Miss Wimperis' parents stated they would look after her if suspended sentence were granted, because she was not finally disposed of until this morning.

ISSUES "HEAVY" WRIT.

The "heaviest" county court writ filed at the courthouse in some time was received Tuesday morning. W. G. R. Bartram, on behalf of the Peerless Oyster Company, Baltimore, is suing Charles E. Santo of this city for \$23.75, the price of 25 tons of oyster shells sold and delivered to the defendant, where they had lunch. She joked with him on the way as hundreds of curious town folk, who had been unable to get in the courtroom, lined the sidewalk outside to catch a glimpse of the prisoner as he passed. After the noon hour adjournment, Capt. Jas. J. Greagan and Lieut. Jas. J. Greagan, of the bomb and radical squad of the New York police force, who brought with them the \$3,600 worth of bonds found on Austin in New York, were busy engaged turning over the bonds to Manager Powrie of the bank.

Each number had to be carefully verified with the list in the possession of the bank. While at Mount Forest, Austin was carefully watched by Provincial Inspector A. B. Boyd, who brought the prisoner up from Little Rock, Arkansas; District Inspector Jas. McCaffrey and Provincial Constables Frank Melville of Guelph and H. Gardner of Kitchener.



At the left is shown Lieut. Leonard Wood, Jr., who declares the nomination for the presidency of the United States was offered to General Leonard Wood.



Wood (second from left) by the oil W. J. C. A. is back at his usual duties again after being confined to his home for a few days suffering from a severe cold.



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News From City Churches

DUNDAS CENTER W. M. S.

Under the convenerhip of Mrs. R. M. Blair, a particularly successful program was presented at last night's meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Dundas Methodist Church. Mrs. W. E. Milson, the president, was in the chair. A talk on "Nation Building," by Miss Bessie McCann, was an inspirational feature of the program, which included, together with the opening Bible reading by Mrs. D. N. McCann, a solo by Mrs. B. E. Wilson, and a reading by Mrs. R. E. Grant. The meeting was well attended.

KNOX CHURCH CHOIR.

The Knox Church choir are planning special musical ventures for the spring months. At a meeting of the executive held recently at the home of the choir leader and organist, Mr. Charles E. Percy, plans were outlined for these. It is proposed to hold a congregational service of praise early in April, and this is to be followed by the presentation of unique musical programs on two occasions. The choir social committee are planning a social held shortly. At the conclusion of their business, which included a satisfactory report from the treasurer, the choir members were treated to the evening refreshments were served.

PRESBYTERIAL EXECUTIVE.

The executive of the Presbyterian W. M. S. did a fitting honor recently to one of its most faithful friends in presenting Rev. F. Ballantyne with a handsome umbrella. For eleven years, Mr. Ballantyne has aided the Presbyterian books, and apart from this capacity, he has been a valuable with the work as a whole by means of ready advice and support. His resignation, owing to ill-health, was accepted at the recent annual meeting with the deepest regret. As representatives of the executive, Mrs. S. B. McEachern and Mrs. H. Peterman visited Mr. Ballantyne at his home and presented the gift, together with the expression of appreciation which came unanimously from officers and members of the church. The treasurer, Mrs. McEachern has been a co-worker for eleven years with Mr. Ballantyne.

COLBORNE STREET Y. P. L.

An interesting and pleasing talk was given last night by the Young People's Society of Colborne Street League by Mrs. Albright of the university staff. Mrs. Albright spoke on the part of the series of rallies is to be held in the personal duty of every individual toward the building of a greater nation. The meeting was held in the hall of the Young People's Society of Colborne Street League, with Miss Olive Hobbs in the chair. Miss Huttel, in her usual pleasing manner, conducted the program arranged by the missionary committee. Miss Burgess. An address was given by Rev. S. Edworthy of Alberta, a missionary in the home department of the Methodist Church. His theme was, "If Christ Had Not Come." The program included a solo by Miss Ruby Fitch.

A. Y. P. A. RALLY.

Anglican Young People's Society of the Eastern Districts united last evening for the Lenten service in St. Matthew's Church. This commenced a series of Lenten rallies which are being held by the young people of the various districts. Rev. A. Bice, rector of All Saints' Church, preached a most inspirational sermon, especially suited to his audience of young people. His theme was "To What End Was I Born, and For What Came I Into the World?" The program was presided over by the president, Miss P. Fletcher, with Miss Olive Hobbs in the chair. Miss Huttel, in her usual pleasing manner, conducted the program arranged by the missionary committee. Miss Burgess. An address was given by Rev. S. Edworthy of Alberta, a missionary in the home department of the Methodist Church. His theme was, "If Christ Had Not Come." The program included a solo by Miss Ruby Fitch.

ASKIN STREET W. M. S.

Arranged under the convenerhip of Mrs. A. W. Johnston, a successful program was carried out at the meeting yesterday afternoon of Askin Street Methodist Church W. M. S. Mrs. James Brown presided, and commenced the program by reading a letter from Miss S. Smith, who is in charge of the foreign mission station in Hamilton, and in which were related many interesting features of the work. Other home missions were introduced in letters read by several of the members. Mrs. Salton read a paper on Nelson House, an Indian mission, Cross Lake, Manitoba, and Mrs. H. Baker read of the work at the Hastings Hospital, Fort Simpson. Acknowledgement of a bale sent to Muncy Reserve was made in a letter from Rev. S. Robinson, the missionary in charge there. There was a period of special interest, when the auxiliary paid tribute to one of its most valued members, Mrs. Wm.

Westlake, in presenting her with a life membership. The solo by Mr. Carmen Lindsay was also a delightful feature. At the business session the members planned for the W. M. S. union meeting, which is to be held in Dundas Center on the last day of the month, and also for a special service at Easter, of which Mrs. J. Wallace has been made convener.

HARVEST REAPERS BAND.

The Harvest Reapers' Mission Band of Empress Avenue Methodist Church carried a difficult task to a successful conclusion last evening in undertaking the program for the regular meeting of the Epworth League. Miss Irene Guymer, assistant superintendent of the band, presided over a program, which included two excellent given topics, one by Edith Bowie on "The Heroine of Morley," a mission story of the northwest, and another by Geraldine Eicher on "World Friendships." Fred Rossiter gave a solo. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks on the part of the league members for their young visitors. The band held their regular meeting in the afternoon and listened with interest to a talk by little Chinese boys, Mrs. McLean, the leader, instructed them concerning the mite boxes.

C. E. S.

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor of the Southern Congregational Church was held last evening, with the president, Dr. H. Taylor, in the chair. Mr. Wilfred Clarks gave a splendid paper on "Dangers of Trifling With Life," and this was followed by an open discussion on the part of members. Mrs. S. Angles gave a delightful solo.

CONGREGATIONAL Y. P. S.

Following a short business session the Young People's Society of the First Congregational Church held an annual meeting last night. The speaker was the pastor, Rev. M. Kelly, who spoke on "Protective Coloring in Animal and Insect Life." Dundas Center Y. P. S.

FIRST CHURCH Y. P. S.

Miss Bessie Rain presided over last night's meeting of the Young People's Society of First Methodist Church, conducting a program arranged by the missionary committee. Miss Burgess. An address was given by Rev. S. Edworthy of Alberta, a missionary in the home department of the Methodist Church. His theme was, "If Christ Had Not Come." The program included a solo by Miss Ruby Fitch.

ST. JAMES' A. Y. P. A.

A large attendance greeted Professor Kingston of the Western University last night in St. James' A. Y. P. A. meeting, when he gave a wonderful illustrated address on "Glorious of the Heavens." The sun's eclipse, the planets, comets and the different phenomena found on these planets, also the immense distances and sizes of these planets, the defeat of the young people. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Prof. Kingston for his interesting address.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

The Epworth League of the Robinson Memorial Church met last night with Miss Watson occupying the chair. The attendance numbered 25. Miss Hall read the lesson while Miss Glyn sang a solo. Miss Hazel Thompson gave a reading on the life of a mission in China, which was listened to with much interest. Rev. Mr. Hiles gave a short talk entitled "Where and What is God."

ASKIN STREET LEAGUE.

Under the auspices of the missionary department of Askin Street Epworth League, a successful program was presented at the regular meeting last night. Rev. Mr. Garbutt gave an address dealing with many phases of mission work.

TAKES UP DUTIES.

E. J. Jenkins general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is back at his usual duties again after being confined to his home for a few days suffering from a severe cold.

ASKS FOR FUNDS FOR DR. BANTING'S RESEARCH WORK

Appeal Made For Research Foundation Through F. Lorne Hutchinson, Secretary.

BEING CONSTRUCTED NOW

An appeal for funds has been broadcasted by the Banting Research Foundation through F. Lorne Hutchinson, secretary. A letter to The Advertiser from Mr. Hutchinson asks that all those who appreciate the importance of medical research send in contributions to the institution.

Announcement of Dr. Banting's idea to establish a research foundation was made by the former London doctor on his visit here last autumn. Since then organization of the foundation's executive has proceeded and now a research institute second to none is in the course of construction at Toronto.

The purposes of the foundation have been defined to be:

(1) To provide, in the first instance, further funds for the support of the Banting and Best chair of medical research at the University of Toronto.

(2) To establish a fund for the adequate financial support of such scientific workers as may have produced definite problems of medical research, and for whom funds are not otherwise available.

All financial arrangements in connection with the foundation, and the expenditure of the principal and subsequent expenditure of the income of the fund have been vested in a board of trustees.

These trustees are making an appeal to the public for funds and subscriptions will be welcome any time. They should be made payable to the Banting Research Foundation, Toronto.

OWEN SOUND TO PLAY KITCHENER AT ARENA

Two Junior Teams Will Meet in London Tomorrow Night For O. H. A. Title.

Owen Sound and Kitchener Junior O. H. A. teams will clash for the Ontario championship at the local arena tomorrow night. Roy Dale, arena manager, said this morning, "Ice at Kitchener became too soft today to play the game there, and Mr. Dale on hearing this, wired the two teams, who readily consented to stage the battle in London."

Notwithstanding the lateness of the announcement, seats are selling at a fast clip. The game will be the first championship affair held in the city this season.

20 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

The council chamber looks quite respectable these days, the chairs having been reupholstered and the desks revarnished.

Six feet of frost in the ground prevents the extension of water mains or other outdoor work.

The Grand Trunk pay car, containing the pay checks for the men of the London division, was destroyed by fire while on the way to the city yesterday.

The Springfield line of the street railway will be in operation again in a few days, after having been tied up for several weeks due to the heavy snows.

25 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

His Holiness the Pope was not expected to live beyond Easter owing to a cancer.

The two-pound loaf of bread is now selling in Woodstock for four cents.

The finance committee will recommend a large number of salary increases to the council at its next meeting.

The Allan Line steamer Castilian struck some rocks in a fog and in a short time became a total wreck. No lives were lost.

Be Sure and Save All These Free Votes

GOOD FOR 200 VOTES

This vote ballot will be published in The Advertiser during the campaign, and will be counted for the name of the contestant it bears, when neatly cut out and mailed to the Campaign Department.

Name of Contestant.....

Address

Each of these coupons counts for 200 Free Votes, and any number can be sent in by the candidates or by their friends.