

FOXCROFT NAMED SECRETARY FOR LABOR PARTY IN LONDON

Nominations Place Mould and Avery in Field For Presidency—Party Will Investigate Pleas of Labor Defence League—Committees Named.

Revision of the constitution of the London Labor party was decided upon at the meeting of this body last night, when Arthur Mould, A. C. Avery, William Pierce, Frank McKay and William Tite were appointed as a committee to go into the matter and bring in their recommendations at the next meeting of the party in January. In the work of framing a new constitution they will seek out suggestions from the various adherents of the party.

A communication from the Canadian Labor Defence League was read, urging the local organization to affiliate and take part in the work of defending labor men who have been imprisoned for taking part in strikes or in picketing activities. The letter pointed out that several persons, some of them mere boys of 15 years or so, had been placed in jail or given suspended sentences for peaceful picketing.

The local organization named a committee, comprising Messrs. Menzies, Thomson, Brewster, Mould and Pierce, to go into the matter of affiliating with the defence league. What ever recommendation it makes will be followed out by the organization.

The nominations for officers, which proved the main business of the evening, resulted as follows: President, Arthur Mould and A. C. Avery; vice-president, Albert Graves, John Ashton, Tom Clift and J. F. Thomson; secre-

tary-treasurer, Robert Foxcroft; assistant secretary-treasurer, G. H. Brewer; sergeant-at-arms, William Tite. Ward chairmen: Ward one, J. F. Thomson; ward two, John Pawley; ward three, Donald Wright and W. Pierce; ward four, Tom Clift.

In the cases where acclamations did not result elections will be held at the next meeting, the third Friday in January.

The matter of securing coke from the old civic filtration beds for the unemployed of London was again brought before the members and in this regard it was decided to request Robert Foxcroft, president of the unemployed council, to call a meeting of the latter body to sound out the matter of the matter of whether or not they wanted this coke and if they would club together where possible to take five-ton lots, as has been advocated by the city engineer's department, in the interests of preventing congestion at the coke beds.

British Mails

British mails close as follows: Monday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m.—Full mail for Great Britain and countries via Great Britain to connect with the C. P. R. steamer Montclair, sailing from St. John to Liverpool, via Greenock, on Wednesday, Dec. 23.



FREED OF BOMBING CHARGE.
Stanislaw Steiger, termed the Polish Dreyfus, has been acquitted at Lemberg of the charge of throwing a bomb at President Wojciszewski.

ROAD BOARD CONSIDERS PURCHASE OF GRAVEL PIT

Owing to the absence from the city of County Engineer Charles Talbot, road commission and the advisory committee of the county council, which was to have been held on Friday, will be held on Saturday in the engineer's office in the county building.

One of the matters to come before the meeting is the purchase of a gravel pit to be used as a source of material for road construction work.

Maintenance of suburban roads during the spring season will be discussed and the county engineer will submit his report for the past year on the work done on these thoroughfares.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS M'CORMICK PLANT

Great Christmas Program Entertains 1,200—Sweet Time Had by All.

A crowd estimated at 1,200, employees and their families, attended the annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, held in the dining-room last night. The evening was full of frolic and merrymaking and the Christmas spirit was greatly manifested. The hall was beautifully decorated with red and green and the large Christmas tree, elaborately set with spangles and silver cord with red and green lights. A splendid program was provided by talent in the plant and the pupils of Miss Marion Stark, who entertained the audience with numerous dances. The program included violin and piano duets by Misses Dorothy and Sylvia Hill, and A. Longfield and M. Wilkie; readings by Alice Miller and Jean Shirley; the Charleston by Miss Olive Rowling; and a one-act comedy, School Days, by the girls of the biscuit department, that kept the crowd in riotous laughter.

The various dances, including the Scotch Highland fling, Dutch sailors' hornpipe, Hawaiian, as well as the waltz, by the staff dancers were well received. Those who took part in the dances were Margaret Wood, Bobbie Wood, Dorothy Donahue, Eva Gooding, Lucile Morrison, Violet Arbuckle, Neta Morrison, Billy Gorman, Jean Tuxford and Shirley Ayres.

A feature of the program was the presentation of gifts to the members of the girls' softball team, who were tied with the Brownies for the city championship. The presentation was made by F. A. McCormick, who in a few remarks reviewed the work of the team. Miss Vera Sumner was presented with a sweater for gathering the greatest number of hits this year. In the coupon drawing the gold wrist watch was won by Emma Ball, 19, Pottersburg.

The most important part of the program, and the part looked forward to by the children with great excitement and noise, was the arrival of Santa Claus, whose progress in his trip from the North Pole was relayed through-out the program by telegrams. It was really Santa Claus night and the fine old fellow with his long white hair and beard was greeted with a wild shout on his appearance. He was loaded with gifts for everyone present, especially for children, to whom he distributed over 500 presents.

The presentation of a box of cigars to Mr. McCormick by Santa Claus to the employees and other presents to the various superintendents, including a chicken to Mr. McNaughton, a rabbit to Mr. Scott, a large clay pipe to Mr. Russell and a large lollipop to James Craig, brought roars of laughter from those present. The evening was one of the most successful events staged in the plant.

YOUTH RECEIVED BY TUB'S FALSE BOTTOM

Shaving Soap Proves Satisfactory, But End Comes All Too Soon.

A London youth some time ago depleted his life savings to the extent of a dollar and a quarter for a new type of shaving soap which came in a little wooden tub about three inches wide and apparently about two and a half inches deep.

The soap had a wonderful perfume and proved entirely satisfactory in the all-important matter of reducing to some degree the hirsute units that made up his beard. It helped to make his skin the kind they love to touch.

But when he got near the bottom of the little wooden tub he discovered that he had been touched in an entirely different manner. It wasn't the bottom at all but only the top of the bottom.

To make this more clear, the bottom of the receptacle was about an inch thick and it was then borne into the youth's glibble mind that he had bought only about two-thirds of the amount which he thought he was getting.

What makes the matter more noticeable is the fact that it was made in England, whose manufacturers have always been thought of here as the epitome of integrity.

"I can't dope it out at all," said the London youth, "Why even a bee with a bad attack of nerves wouldn't sting you that way. The only reason for it that I can see is that the soap I bought was intended to be sold in the States as retaliation for the wooden nutmegs the Yankee peddlers used to unload on the British settlers years ago. Such is life, though; we have to live and learn."

PET STOCK ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The final meeting of the year of the London Pet Stock association was held last night, and took the form of a complimentary expression for the work in behalf of the association during the year by President James McCormick.

During the evening, there was a showing of Buried Rocks, the winners being: Cockerel, James Mitchell, 1 and 2; James McLeod, 3; Pullet, F. H. Stokes, 1 and 2; James Mitchell, 3.

Election of officers for 1926 resulted in the following being chosen as an executive, who will name their own officers: R. E. Anderson, A. Hickey, J. C. Andrews, J. Mitchell, W. McLeod, James McCormick, R. Oke, F. H. Stokes and W. Wilkey.

The evening closed with cards and lunch contributed by the president, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was tendered.

SEVEN LONDONERS WIN PHARMACY CERTIFICATES

Seven London young men were candidates in the December examinations of the Ontario College of Pharmacy in Toronto and all were successful.

Two of them, Harland C. Wilson and Charles D. Millard, took first-class honors in the examinations, while another, Maurice E. Kennedy, appears in the list of those taking second-class honors.

Lawrence S. Campbell, Earl Houghtby, Wilfred C. Lethbridge and Milton Chancer were also successful in the tests.

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EX-ALDERMAN R. WRAY DIES EARLY TODAY

Former Well-Known Manufacturer Passes Away at Age of 78.

After an illness of about a year's duration, Richard Wray, a former well-known corset manufacturer here and a member of the city council here about 25 years ago, passed away at the family residence, 418 Wharfedale road, early this morning.

Mr. Wray had been a resident of this city for 40 years. He was born in Yorkshire, England, and after coming to Canada he first located in Toronto, where he lived for about eight years before coming to London. He was in his 79th year and had been living retired for the past 20 years.

While he was still active Mr. Wray was an ardent worker in the congregational activities of what is now Wesley United Church.

Besides his widow he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Walter Dutton of London, and two sons, R. W. Wray of R. W. Wray & Co., of this city, and F. E. Wray of Windsor.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon to Mount Pleasant cemetery. The services will be in charge of Rev. A. E. Thomson.

CHRISTMAS TREE HELD.
West Lorne, Dec. 17.—The Church of Christ was the scene of a Christmas tree and entertainment on Friday evening. The Christmas service will be held December 27 at 8 p.m. On December 31 the annual watchnight service will be held.

VICTORIA DOWNS PORTLAND.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—Victoria defeated Portland 2 to 1 in a Western Canada hockey league game here last night. Victoria secured both tallies in the first period. Hart and Outman scored after combination rushes down the ice. Portland got its single counter in the second period, Hay gathering an unassisted tally. Fast hockey featured the third period.

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CLAIMS \$1,008 ON CHECK.
A writ has been issued in the supreme court of Ontario by George H. Faulds against H. H. Thompson and the Star Grocery of North Bay, Ont., drawn on the Bank of Nova Scotia. Through his counsel, Winnett, Moore-plaintiff.



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