EARLY COUNCIL START IS URGED

City Clerk Baker Advocates Inaugural Session First Monday in January.

Provision in the municipal act for holding the inaugural meeting of municipal council the first Monday in January, is advocated by City Clerk B Baker, an executive officer of the Ontario municipal association. Mr. Baker was unable to attend the executive meeting of the association today but stated that he was very much interested in progress in municipal legislation, which will likely be discussed to some extent at the Toronto gathering.

At the present time the act says that meetings for the inauguration of new municipal councils cannot be held until the second Monday in January. This, under the old practice of January elections, permitted time to protest election results or call for recounts before the newly-elected council assumed office.

However, London has for several years held its annual election on the first Monday in December. This procedure is being adopted in many other municipalities. Under it councils are forced to wait five weeks after election before holding their first meeting.

The long wait forced by the original statute is regarded as unnecessary, and councils could get away to a much better start by meeting as early as possible in January. The proposal will likely come up for discussion by the municipal association in the near future.

COUNCIL TO REVIEW PLANS FOR RELIEF

Special Session Called to Take Up Question of Springbank Road.

So that the opinion of city aldermen may be secured on the new Springbank road project, suggested as a relief measure, a special meeting of the city council will be held on Monday afternoon.

At yesterday's session of the public utilities commission it was proposed that new roadways be opened at the popular city park and the work done by day labor during the winter months. There will be practically no expense other than that of paying the men hired for the job.

Total cost of the road building is estimated at between $9,500 and $10,000, which would be borne by the city if indorsed by the council. Part-time employment would be given to many men who are now out of work.

It is likely that the city's relief bill will reach large proportions during the coming winter, as it is understood that another $5,000 will be needed before the work of rebuilding sheds at the Western fair grounds is completed.

HEALTH OFFICES NOW SADLY IN NEED OF REPAIR

Repairs and renovations of the health department offices will likely be considered by the 1925 city council at one of their early meetings in the new year. The walls of the offices are blotched and blackened from long usage and are duplicated in some of the other departments which have not seen the hand of the painter or paperhanger this year.

This morning city hall employees were stumbling over the ancient flooring in the health office. Protruding knots and widening cracks in the floor are quite noticeable.

"The city's position would be extraordinary if the health department quarters were condemned as insanitary," one citizen remarked this morning.

It is understood that shortly the plumbing inspector's office will be moved upstairs to the city engineer's department, and more room will therefore be provided in the health offices.

ASK FOR GRANT.

The East Middlesex teachers' association have addressed a request to the Middlesex county council for the annual $50 grant towards the upkeep of the association. The matter will be brought before the county fathers at their gathering next week by County Clerk John Stuart.

PUT OUT SAND.

Service with a capital "S" is the motto of jail authorities. Ten minutes after the pavements became slippery this morning from the rain, "trusties" from the jail were on the job with sand to sprinkle on the court house walks.

COURSE IS STARTED.

Cadet instructors of schools started this week at London and Stratford. Sixty teachers of the city are qualifying for subalterne in a period of study covering ten weeks. Two afternoons a week will be spent on the work which will be carried out at the armories. The Stratford teachers number 25. They will pursue their course at the armories there.

MacMillan In the Arctic

Did you know that Eskimos like their long night?

That the mighty walrus is speared and held by a thin rope?

These are part of the third fascinating story by the intrepid explorer in The Advertiser tomorrow.

Try reading it to the children!

HECKLING OUTSIDE CODE OF THE ALASKAN INDIANS

Customs of Northern Tribes Described by Salvation Army Worker.

LIKE WHITE MEN

One Native Bride Was Determined to Have Real Civilized Wedding.

There are no hecklers among the Indians of Alaska. If a man comes among them to address them they wait until he is finished, no matter how long he talks, but they do expect to have their say afterwards.

Speaking of the life of the Indian tribes in the far north, Commandant Halpenny, who spent many years of missionary work in the far north, brought out many serious and humorous sidelights on the customs of the aborigines at Oak street citadel last night.

The officer, who was assisted by Commandant and Mrs. Sharpe, who were also on the ground, told of going into the hinterland and finding the Indians living on fish and fish eggs and porcupines. They lived in rude huts and ate on the floor. In some cases they had flour and made bread.

The Indians adopt the ways of white men as quickly as they come in contact with them, said Commandant Halpenny, who cited a marriage where the bride was determined to have a white man wedding. She procured silks and satins and thus arrayed, with six bridesmaids and six groomsmen, they paraded the streets of the village, though it was pouring rain. They had a feast, to which the army officers were invited. All the food that could not be eaten was carefully wrapped in handkerchiefs and placed in curious-looking dishes and carried home by the guests.

The Indians take kindly to the army officers. They like the uniforms and the bands and become strong Salvationists. At Port Essington and Simpson there are flourishing corps and the Indians are regular attendants at the meetings. Many converts are received. The officer visited one old man who was dying, and his last words were that he had not touched liquor or tobacco, nor had he sworn since he knew the army.

The officers displayed some of the Indian clothing they had brought back from the north, and sang songs in the native tongue of the Kitishans tribe.

Brigadier McAmmond occupied the chair.

MIZPAH COMFORT CLUB ELECTS MRS. WILKES

Members Plan Starting Coal Fund For Relief Purposes in Winter.

Mrs. Arthur Wilkes was elected president of the Mizpah Comfort club at the annual meeting held this week. The club is planning to start a coal fund to provide fuel for needy families of the city.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. Arthur Wilkes of a handsome silver basket. Mrs. Wilkes has been acting president for some time past and the gift was made in appreciation of her services to the club. She, too, had a gift to present—a pretty handkerchief for each member concealed in cleverly made paper roses, the handkerchief acting as the center.

During the social hour which followed, Mrs. J. T. May, Mrs. Thomas Welch and Miss Maud Glenn acted as hostesses.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Arthur Wilkes; vice-presidents, Mrs. Thomas Welch and Mrs. Louise Patterson; secretary, Mrs. M. T. Collett; treasurer, Mrs. Sam Arbuckle; press reporter, Mrs. A. W. Linnell; cutting committee, Mrs. Albert Glinz, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffatt; buying committee, Mrs. James Weir, Mrs. Albert Lewis and Mrs. Waugh; social committee, Miss Betty Sanders, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Blackwell.

PATENT MEDICINE MAKERS MUST USE NEW NUMBERS

W. E. Wilson, local food and drug inspector under the federal department of health, has announced that manufacturers of patent medicines are required by an order-in-council dated Oct. 23 to use labels bearing the new numbers issued by the department in reference to patent medicines.

For the protection of the public, the numbers on patent medicines are changed from time to time to keep track of the date of manufacture. Not long ago an order was issued that retailers could sell their remaining stocks of medicines numbered under 4,000. The inspector said today that the order did not apply to manufacturers, who will be required to use the new numbers.

ELGIN WANTS NEW FLOOR IN THE BOTHWELL BRIDGE

Elgin county wants a new floor put in the Bothwell bridge which links up the counties of Middlesex and Kent, and is anxious for Middlesex to pass favorably on the matter at the coming meeting of the county council.

County Clerk Stuart has received a letter from James A Bell & Son, county engineers for Elgin, asking that the council take the matter up and suggesting that a new creosoted block floor be laid. The letter will likely be referred to the highway committee of the council for a report.

GIVEN ACCLAMATION.

Russell Acker of the Cheapside "Gitches Manitou" taxis square, has been elected by acclamation to represent Haldimand county in the fourth boys' parliament to be held in Toronto, according to an announcement made by J. M. Oestreicher returning officer, today.

SIKI BEATEN.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 4.—Jack Burke, the Pittsburg light heavyweight, was awarded the decision over Battling Siki in a twelve-round bout in Brooklyn tonight.

"Radio Rash" Hits Europe

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—"Radio rash" is Europe's newest affliction. It is an eruption of the tender skin of the ears of wirless devotees, resulting from the constant pressure of the hard rubber headpieces, Dr Marcus, of Vienna, writing on the subject for the Clinical Review, says the rash while very annoying, is not serious when attended to promptly.

Use of soft rubber "ear muffs" which fit over the hard ear pieces, is suggested as a precautionary measure.

NEW ELECTION TANGLE LOOMS IN BRANTFORD

Street Railway Post May Be Due to H. J. Symons If Recount Made.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Brantford, Dec. 5.—That Henry J. Symons is the successful candidate for the street railway commissionership in place of C. H. Hartman, who ran for re-election, is the latest development in the civic election situaiton. In ward one, subdivision six, Mr. Symons was officially credited with six votes. M. J. Heneberry, the deputy returning officer, recaleld that the figure was above 60 in place of but six. He prepared an affidavit, which was sworn to, and on advice of the mayor submitted it to the city solicitor for advice as to the legal course to pursue.

The opinion of the solicitor was that it will be necessary for Mr. Symons or some other party to demand a recount for this subdivision. Heretofore Mr. Hartman had been conceded elected by a majority of 11 votes.

ELDERLY MAN HELD ON INSANITY CHARGE

Tom Synott, an elderly man from Thorndale district, who is now behind jail bars on an insanity charge, caused quite a flurry last night in city and county police circles.

Synott was brought as far as Pottersburg late yesterday afternoon by the Thorndale constable, and it was thought that he had escaped from the Ontario hospital. He was to be given a meal at a Pottersburg house and became quite violent in his actions while waiting for supper to be served.

An S. O. S. was sent out for police officers and lots of them. The city police were first to arrive and conducted Synott to the Carling street cells. It was then ascertained that the man was from the county, and County Constable Ed. Guest took him to the jail. Synott will appear before County Magistrate Hawkshaw either this afternoon or tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT GRIPS UTILITIES COMMISSION

The public utilities commission believes in Christmas and the Christmas spirit and believes in it thoroughly.

This fact is proved conclusively in that the commission's community Christmas tree in Victoria Park has already been bedecked with hundreds of colored lights, which will twinkle and sparkle over the snow-covered ground of the park from now until after the new year.

The commission's hydro shop has been gorgeously bedecked by the manager, G. W. Blay, with gaily-colored decorations appropriate to the most festive season of all the year.

The spectacle which the hydro shop presents to the passersby, and even more strikingly to those who step inside, is most delightful to the eye and most catching to the heart in its spirit of concrete expression of all that Christmas and the Christmas season should be in this the 20th century.

MIDDLESEX PAYS BILLS, ESCAPES GENTLE HINTS

Middlesex county is not receiving gentle hints from the Ontario government to pay up suburban area bills, such as the city of London is receiving.

Inquiry at the county buildings today brought forth the fact that Middlesex had paid her road account bill over a year ago to the province, which was $97,000, and due for provincial highway construction and maintenance.

"Middlesex never allows her bills to become overdue," stated one of the county officials. "We pay our road foremen and other road maintenance accounts every two weeks. Other bills are paid promptly when rendered. Any businessman in the city that deals with us will tell you that."

COUNCIL IN PERTH SEEK RE-ELECTION

Majority of Present Members Will Be Candidates in Township.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 4.—Practically all members of the present county council have expressed their intention of standing for election for the 1925 term. Warden Michael Hagarty of Logan and Reeve James Stewart of North Easthope are the only members who at present are not certain they will run for next year's council. If Warden Hagarty returns it will be his seventh year in the council, while Reeve Stewart is completing his fourth term as councillor.

Robert Armstrong, reeve of Ellice, and veteran member of the council, will be in the field again. If returned it will be for his 17th consecutive term, and previous to that he served at intervals. Mr. Armstrong does not know whether he will be opposed or not.

In Elma a contest is looming between the present reeve, William Scott, and the deputy-reeve, I. Ballantyne. Mr. Scott has been reeve for ten years.

Preliminary plans have been made at Shakespeare to hold a big celebration to mark the opening of the new stretch of highway between Shakespeare and Stratford. It is expected that this will take place about December 17.

It is hoped that the Hon. George S. Henry, minister of public works, will formally open the highway.

Another case of smallpox was reported yesterday. The patient this time is a child living in the south end of the city.

The board of education met with the education committee of the county council yesterday afternoon and effected a satisfactory settlement on the question of the amount for which the county was liable for the tuition of county pupils in 1923.

The 68th annual meeting and election of officers of L. O. L., No. 759, took place last evening, and resulted as follows: W.M., J. E. Bryant; D.M., H. Chapman; chaplain, S. Cousins; recording secretary, W. Senior; financial secretary, G. W. Heagy; treasurer, W. Graham, all by acclamation; marshal, W. B. Moore; 1st lecturer, F. Mill; 2nd lecturer, R. Robinson; committee, S. Corman (chairman), G. Pollard, Sen., G. Sloan, W. Odbert, R. Dunlop; tylers, H. Turner and A. Everett; auditors, S. Cousins and H. Dunlop.

PARKDALE AND AURA LEE WIN JUNIOR S. P. A. GAMES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Parkdale and Aura Lee were the winners in the junior S. P. A. double-header here tonight. Parkdale defeated De La Salle, 3 to 0. Aura Lee scored a victory over Toronto Canoe Club, 6 to 4. Both games furnished the fans with fast, close-checking hockey.

SCHOOL WILL HOUSE LIBRARY UNTIL SUMMER

Arrangements have been made through V. K. Greer, chief inspector of the board of education, whereby the southeast branch of the public library will not be moved from Trafalgar school until summer.

This step was deemed advisable, since it will take the public library board some months to put the new building into shape to handle the library service for that district.

It is expected that the work of remodeling the building will begin at an early date.

MONEY TO ASSIST POOR STOLEN FROM STATION

The meanest man in the world has visited the city. Every now and then he turns up somewhere. Columns have been written about him. He is the fellow who stoops so low he robs the poor boxes in the church vestibules, sells worthless stocks to widows, and takes candy from the children.

This time he merely helped himself to the proceeds donated by travellers to the Santa Claus fund which is to bring happiness to poor children who know little of it. Yesterday he took two boxes from the Canadian National railways station.

"MEANEST THIEF" STEALS GLASS, THEN BREAKS SASH

High Constable Wharton would like to lay his hands on the "meanest thief in the country." This individual went to a house in course of construction for Wm. Broughton, a farmer living three miles east of Crumlin, and took two panes of glass from a window sash. Not being content with alone, the man smashed the sash to pieces and threw the pieces into a nearby field.

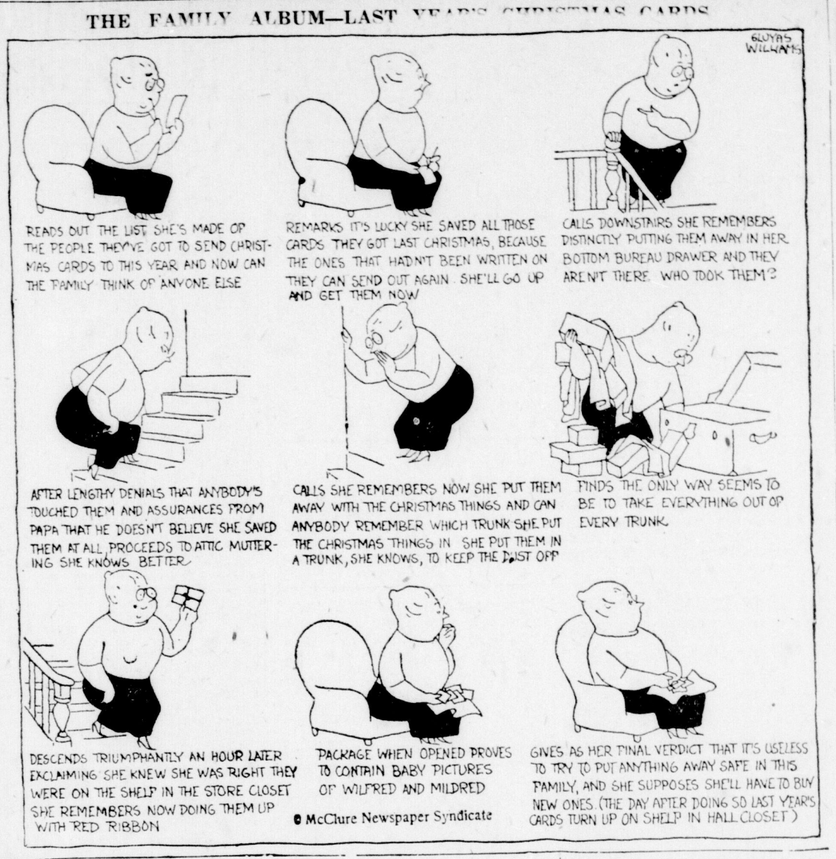
High Constable Wharton investigated the matter early this morning.

GORE NOMINATION CONFIRMED.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The nomination of Howard N. Gore to be secretary of agriculture was confirmed today by the senate.

THE FAMILY ALBUM—LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARDS



M. M. SIMS SPEAKS TO LORNE AVENUE CLUB

Mothers Plan Relief Work in District For Winter Months.

"Vocational Guidance" was the subject of an instructive talk given before the Lorne avenue mothers' club last night by M. M. Sims, London school attendance officer. In his talk Mr. Simms urged the mothers not to choose a life work for their children; often the parents' choice was not suited to the boy or girl; their duty was to guide rather than to choose for their children in this connection.

The club is planning an interesting season of relief work. News of families in need has already reached the members, and they have decided to send flour and a shower of groceries to one family. Warm clothing will be shortly sent to another, so that the children may go to school.

The club members are backing a school concert which is to be given in the central collegiate auditorium late in January. They are also planning to raise funds for a new piano at the school. The decision was made to send books to the Victoria hospital auxiliary for circulation in the library there.

A bright little program included vocal numbers by Miss Robertson, a piano solo by Miss Lewis, and recitations by Miss Helen Johnston. Mrs. C. H. Wilson, the president, was in the chair.

Mrs. Spalding and Mrs. Sherlock were made child welfare conveners.

CENTRAL INSTRUCTOR WILL LEAVE FOR SOO

The board of education has accepted the resignation of Holman G. Doolittle, B.A., from the staff of the central collegiate, the resignation to take effect at the end of the current month.

Mr. Doolittle, who is a graduate of McMaster university and a specialist in science and physical culture, has taken a permanent position on the staff of the Sault Ste. Marie collegiate institute beginning Jan. 1 next.

Principal E. A. Miller was empowered by the board to make the necessary arrangements in connection with the filling of the vacancy.

The board also approved of the continuance on the staff of the south collegiate of Miss Gertrude Cole, B. A., until the close of the current school year.

FISHERMEN RUSH WORK AS SEASON NEARS CLOSE

As the fishing season nears a close at Port Stanley and all other ports along the north shore of Lake Erie, fishermen are rushing their work. The closing date is Dec. 31.

At Port Stanley all the nets that can be possibly forced into service are being used, and the catches are showing an increase in size.

Herring are being caught in larger quantities, one tug having four tons recently.

City Churches

NEW ST. JAMES'

The cradle roll department of New St. James' Presbyterian church held its annual business meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the lower hall of the church. Good reports were given, showing that this organization has had a most successful year.

Mrs. Gillies, the retiring president, has been an ardent worker, and by her untiring efforts has done much toward the success of the society, but has a worthy successor in the person of Mrs. L. E. McGugan, who will take charge the first of the year.

The other officers elected are as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Charles Moran; secretary, Mrs. Taylor; treasurer, Miss Spry; conveners of baptism, Mrs. Beamer and Mrs. Wheaton; decorative committee, Mrs. Day; music, Mrs. Braunton; refreshments, Mrs. Armstrong; sewing, Mrs. Hindmarsh, and press reporter, Mrs. MacIntyre.

At the close of the meeting tea was served by Mrs. Aikenhead, and a social half-hour enjoyed.

CLASS 27.

The ladies of class 27 of Dundas Centre Methodist church met this week under the direction of Mrs. John Banks, the energetic president. Gratifying reports were given by both the secretary and the treasurer from the successful home-cooking sale held recently, leaving a substantial balance for the work of the class. Plans were made for a free will offering for Sunday, Dec. 21, and also for a shower of clothing and toys for needy families, which are to be left at the home of Mrs. Lowry, opposite the church, any time before Dec. 21.

There were 20 members present, and a social half-hour was spent, when Miss Hessey and the social committee served dainty refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. N. Nobel, Maitland street, on Jan. 6.

ADELAIDE STREET M. C.

The members of the mission circle of the Adelaide street Baptist church held a meeting yesterday, with the president, Mrs. James Baldwin, in the chair. The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. D. Trimmer and Mrs. W. Ballantyne, and reports from the convention at Woodstock were given by Mrs. H. Watson. Mrs. Dev and Mrs. Baldwin. A very interesting paper on "Our leper work in India," was given by Mrs. Percy Schott, after which a delightful duet by Mrs. Schott and Mrs. Ellis added much interest to the meeting.

ST. MARK'S LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the St. Mark's ladies' guild was held in the schoolroom of the church yesterday to make final arrangements for a sale of home-cooking, which is to be held there next week, when afternoon tea will also be served. Some of the articles left from the recent bazaar will also be for sale. Mrs. E. Wills presided over the meeting, and will also be the general convener of the event.

CRONYN MEMORIAL MOTHERS.

The regular meeting of the C. M. M. was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Bunting, Queen's avenue. Rev. Quintin Warner opened the meeting with prayer, and took charge of the election of officers, the old officers being re-elected, and are as follows: President, Mrs. Charles Legg; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Bunting; second vice-president, Mrs A. Brock; secretary, Mrs. H. Bovee; treasurer, Mrs. J. Ellison; organizing secretary, Miss M. Buckwood. During the meeting Mrs. Legg presided and a feature of the afternoon was the drawing up of a check by the mothers, which they are giving to the church at the annual service. There were also contributions to the bale in the Blood reserve dealt with and laid over for the next meeting which will be held the second Thursday in January.

CHURCH OF EPIPHANY.

Through the kindness of Dean Tucker, the ladies of the church of the Epiphany are holding their annual bazaar in the basement of Cronyn hall on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 9 o'clock. In the evening a cantata will be put on in the synod hall from 8 to 9 o'clock, entitled, "Glimpses from the Lives of Moody and Sankey." The choir and orchestra of the church, assisted by others, will put on this musical part of the event.

Mrs. Shore is the general convener of the bazaar, and will be assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. C. Ball fancy work; Mrs. Ackert, home-cooking; Mrs. Andrews, vegetables and fruit, and Miss D. Buglar, toys and [illegible]. The proceeds are to be devoted to the parish hall building fund of the church of the Epiphany on Manor Park.

BROWN'S FINE APPEAL TO BE HEARD DEC. 17

Middlesex Farmer Was Fined $500 For Being in Possession of Still.

The appeal of William G. Brown, Middlesex farmer, who was fined $500 and costs or six months in jail on a charge of having a still on his farm, will be heard by one of the county judges on Dec. 17.

The appeal was filed at the court house today by Donald Menzies, counsel for Brown, when he appeared before County Magistrate Hawkshaw on Nov. 27.

The still was located by Cecil Webbe of the inland revenue department on Nov. 22. Inspector Webbe was accompanied by License Inspector Walter Bolton and High Constable A. J. Wharton.

P. U. C. ORGANIZES CLASSES IN FIRST AID METHODS

The public utilities commission is organizing classes in first aid methods to be applied in case of electric shock.

Classes are being organized for the employees under three divisions, as follows: Station operators and maintenance men; line department of the distribution system; and the inside men on the consumers' premises in connection with motors, wiring, meters, etc.

The program is being pressed by the commission following the recent lecture on the subject by George A. Mowat, first aid lecturer of the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario.

The classes will continue throughout the winter months, and will prove of great value to the employees.

NEW DENTIST APPOINTED TO SUCCEED SNELGROVE

Senior Inspector V. K. Greer recommended to the board of education yesterday that Dr. Harold L. Windrim, 242 Queen's avenue, be appointed as assistant school dentist to succeed Dr. C. M. Snelgrove, resigned, his duties to commence immediately.

Dr. Windrim was duly appointed by the board as part-time dentist on forenoon service at a salary of $1,000 per annum.

Inspector Greer reported that the number of dental operations performed in the school dental clinics during November had totalled 1,212. In addition to the operations there were 729 examinations made by the chief dental officer, Dr. A. W. Fuller.

INSPECTS CORPS.

Lieut.-Col. Francis B. Ware returned today from an inspection trip to Chatham and Amherstburg. Three days were spent in covering the territory. At Chatham, Col. Ware inspected the No. 1 signal corps, under command of Capt. Nurse. At Amherstburg the signal corps of the First Hussars, under Major Balfour, was inspected.

KIWANIS WORK IS LAUDED BY HAWK

Noted Psychologist Pleads For More Interest in Underprivileged Boy.

FRENCH SPEAKS

Edward Lee Hawk, psychologist, addressing the London Kiwanis club today at noon made an earnest plea for enthusiasm and renewed interest in the work now being carried on by this club in behalf of the underprivileged boy. He spoke of personal experiences of his own with boys and girls in reformatories in various parts of the States and Canada, and registered an unequivocal defiance at the present social laws which send children of tender years to a penitentiary or a reformatory whe ncorrection rather than punishment was the cure needed.

"The boys of today," he declared, "are the citizens of tomorrow. As we train them today so will they react tomorrow. The future of our country and of the whole world will lie in the hands of the boys of today. It is our definite and not-to-be shirked responsibility to see that these boys, all of them, our own and other people's, are given that training and care which will fit them to deal with the questions of life when they must face when they grow into manhood and womanhood.

Easy to Overlook.

"It is the easiest thing in the world for us who are men and women, with the strength and experience of forty or fifty years in this world to overlook or underestimate the ability of the youngsters to face life successfully. Yet every day we who call ourselves good businessmen come in contact with problems which tax out every ability to meet successfully. What chance has the under-privileged child to cope with this problems unaided.

The reformatories are full in every country of boys and girls who should never have been sent there. I hear that this club in London claims in its membership the man who was the first man any Kiwanis club in the world to institute this boys' work. I want to congratulate you on this glorious record, and to urge you, if I may, to stand sturdily and bravely behind his dreams and hopes. There is nothing finer that any individual or club can do, either from a moral or from a practical point of view than this work of help and love in the interests of the boy without proper and adequate help to guide him along life's highway in the early years that matter so much, to him and the world at large. There is just one thing of which I would like to remind you, though you know it well enough. It needs more than money to make this work a success. It is the personal interest and affection and care that will bring you in London and you members of the club particularly, the spiritual and practical satisfaction of seeing this work well done and the harvest of good citizenship benefitting the Dominion from coast to coast in the days to come."

Praises Miss Taylor.

Donald French, of the publishing firm of McMillan and Company, Montreal, another speaker of the day, speaking appropriately enough on "Canadian book week," declared that a greater and wider knowledge of the work of Canadian writers would tend to a better and clearer understanding of all between the various races which are going into the making of the Canadian nation of the near future. He instanced William H. Drummod, whose stories of the "habitant" in Quebec, and Pauline Johnson of Vancouver, whose books had done more than any ther writer to tell the white men the story of the coast Indians. He congratulated the city of London on the work of Francis Beatrice Taylor, a writer whose work he said was in the front rank of present day Canadian literature. Courage, he maintained, was the keynote of Canadian literature, and optimism its most striking attribute.

Mayor Wenige, apeparing for the first time since his election as mayor for 1925, asked members of the club to do what they could for the man out of work in the city of whom he said there were now 900 listed. He received a vociferous welcome from the members when he arose.

M'CULLEY AND SWEENEY BAIL NOW DEFERRED

Mrs. Margaret McCulley and Dauris Sweeney, who were to have appeared before a county judge this morning to request bail, weer unable to do so owing to the fact that depositions taken at the preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon were not ready for the judge.

It is likely that they will appear tomorrow morning.

Mrs. McCulley and Sweeney were sent for trial on a charge of theft in connection with robberies at the store of W. C. Barons, Belmont, and the Kerwood Creameries.

Gossip Around The City Hall

Ash collections are being held regularly throughout the city and ashes are being used as filler on city properties. On a number of streets, particularly in the south end, where bridge approaches are being built up, the plentiful supply of ashes is being dumped to provide filling.

Six civic meetings are scheduled for next week. Monday is a busy day in municipal circles with monthly sessions of the London railway board and the board of health on the boards, as well as a special meeting of the council. Tuesday the final meeting of the board of works is held, and on Wednesday No. 1 committee gathers for the last night. A special meeting of the council and interested citizens to consider changes in the plumbing bylaw has been called for Friday.

Building permits authorized today include E Strathmeyer $2,000 dwelling and $1,700 dwelling, Elliott avenue; E. S. Boughner, $160 porch, 152 Dundas street; W. C. Nickles, $3,800 dwelling, Carling street.

Sewer work on Emery street, on Riverview Heights and in London East is progressing with little interruption. There is frost for a depth of six inches on some streets, but this is not sufficient to seriously impair progress.

Purchase of 55 poles from the Bell Telephone Company has been authorized for the use of the city fire department. These are poles which carry the alarm wires in several sections of the city and which are not now in use by the telephone company since the installation of further conduit lines.

City workmen were busy today for the first time this year sanding sidewalks. A quantity of sand was available at the city hall, and men were secured to sprinkle the slippery walks downtown. A light fall of rain, followed by a few degrees of frost late in the morning, made pedestrian travel dangerous for a time.

While communicable diseases have been almost at a minimum during recent months in London, the city health department is not taking any chances. It is likely that discussion at Monday night's board of health meeting will include discussion of preventive measures in connection with possible epidemics during the winter.

STOVE BARGAINS

We are anxious to reduce our stock before Christmas. All Heaters, Ranges, will be sold at reduced prices. We have also a few used Baseburners, if new worth $75.00, will be sold at ..... $10.00 each

ALUMINUMWARE.
We have a full stock at bargain prices.
2-qt. Double Boiler $1.35
Large Roaster $2.00
Frying Pans 75c

SEE OUR CHILD'S SETS IN ENAMELWARE.
Just what you want for your boys and girls.

See our Bonnie Blue Enamel, makes beautiful presents for Christmas.

A COLEMAN LAMP
makes a beautiful Christmas box for mother. A lantern for father.

MATCHES
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