

Have You Sent an Item For
"I Spied Column?"

The London Advertiser

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Greater Favor. Page 6.

URGES DELAY ON POLICE STATION

Ex-Ald. Wenige Believes City
Should Go Slow On
Spending.

Avers New Building Needed,
But People Should Vote
on Question.

Ex-Alderman George Wenige, acknowledged candidate for the mayor's chair at the coming civic election, takes direct issue with Mayor Cameron Wilson or those who favor the proposal for an immediate construction of a new police station.

"No person will take exception to the statement that London needs a new police station. I do not myself," declares Mr. Wenige. "I do say, however, that the present is no time for another big expenditure, and if the issue were to be put to a vote, it would be proper, for a mandate, I am confident that they will vote against it, for the present at least."

"Let us have time to catch up first before we contract any new debts. This proposed undertaking follows directly after all the agitation for economy and when such effort was expended in city hall circles for the reduction of wages, and a general 10 per cent reduction in all estimates."

"Certainly we need a new police station, but can the city afford the money that will be required for the structure, as well as the probable purchase of new property? There are things that I need myself, but I do not buy them as I cannot afford to. Most people find themselves in the same predicament at some time or another, and more particularly at a time like the present. We have to wait till we have the money."

"It would be only good business and judgment for the city to wait as well."

TO DEFINE STATUS OF DR. GEO. WEIR

Special Committee of Trustees Expected to Make
Suitable Arrangement.

An amicable settlement is expected in the controversy that has waged back and forth in board of education circles as to the official status of Dr. George S. Weir, or, as the latter has termed it, "Who is boss of the school attendance department, myself or Miss Dallas Radcliffe?"

When the special committee of the board appointed to thresh out this conundrum gathers shortly, there is little doubt, the school authorities state, but that a decision will be rendered amicable to all parties involved.

It is proposed that Dr. Weir will be assigned her special duties, and every effort will be made to insure peace and harmony, but in the event that any disagreement should transpire the senior school inspector will preside as official arbitrator.

Miss Radcliffe was originally hired by the board as a substitute public school teacher, and was about to be placed on the staff of the school, when she was appointed to the attendance department to assist in the increased work occasioned by the added regulations of the adolescent school attendance act.

HAVE NO REPORT FROM FIRM OF CONTRACTORS

London Housing Commission Still in
Dark Regarding Appointment of
New Arbitrator.

A state of armed neutrality prevails on all fronts in the struggle between the London Housing Commission and the firm of Hayman & Willis, contractors, respecting the city's houses at Pine Lawn.

Major G. N. Weekes, attorney for the commission, extends the deepest sympathy and developed since he notified the counsel for the contractors that their selection for the board of arbitration appointed to settle all disputes, Thomas Terry, was not qualified to act.

He declined to state what steps would be taken should the contractors or their solicitors essay to ignore the warning.

"Attorney Vining is quite right," commented Major Weekes. "If he states that the commission has not all the say about the arbitration committee. We don't want to, and we are not trying to, but we claim that Mr. Terry is not qualified to sit as their representative."

BUSINESS CARDS

Just a glance down the
Business Cards, and you
know that you can get
in touch with men who
offer you Service, Skill
and Experience in any
line of business.

When you want a job
done of any description,
read the "Business Cards"
of "live" business men in
the Classified Ads.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A wholesome tongue is a tree
of life; but perverseness therein
is a breach in the spirit.—Prov-
erbs 15:4.

HE that falls into sin is a man
that grieves at it is a saint;
that boasts of it is a devil.—
Thomas Fuller.

FINAL REGISTRATION for the
London Technical and Art School be-
gins at the school tonight.

REPAIRS to the flooring at the
central fire hall is being made by
members of the force. Every avail-
able man was at work Tuesday
morning tearing up a section of the
old floor, which had rotted. It will
be replaced by new planking.

THE OPENING MEETING of the
Akin Street Young People's Society,
held in the church auditorium Monday
evening, was featured with an address
on "What Goes to Make a Successful
League" by President Clark. After a
musical program, contributed by Miss
Milton, Goodie and Dobbin, a social
time was enjoyed.

THE FOLLOWING officers were
elected at the recent elections to the
London South Collegiate: Hon. presi-
dent, Mrs. E. A. Miller; physical in-
spector, Misses M. Thompson, vice-
president, Miss Carr-Harris; secre-
tary, Myra Woods; treasurer, A.
Johnson; form representatives, Misses
N. Ferguson, D. Gravel, S.
Harris, J. Goellner, E. Wheeler, G.
Cape, L. Loney, N. Richardson and
H. Williams.

AN EVENT long looked forward
to by the "Halestones," a boys' club
in connection with the Hale
Street Methodist Church, will take
place Tuesday night in the form of
a corn roast. Preparations have
been made for healthy, hungry boys,
with appetites saved up for the oc-
casion, and a record attendance is ex-
pected. In addition to the quantities
of corn and weiners, there will be a
promised treat, as several "Honey-
dew" melons have been sent speci-
ally from the States for the boys.
The meat will be held on Spruce
street, London East.

ALBERT AUSTIN, residing at 1
Christie street, was taken suddenly ill
Tuesday morning while in the
office of the Government Employ-
ment Bureau, Dundas street. Every-
thing was done to relieve him tem-
porarily by the presence at his re-
sidence, but his condition being
secured after difficulty, he was taken
to his home.

WHOOPIING COUGH, scarlet fever
and diphtheria lead in the weekly re-
port of communicable diseases issued
by Dr. W. S. Downham, civic medical
officer of health. Three more cases
of diphtheria, two of scarlet fever and
one of whooping cough were noted
during the past week, which brings
the grand total of cases in all in-
stances under observation to 40, of
which 29 are whooping cough. Not
one case of another nature was re-
ported.

FIRE PROTECTION for North
London and a full consideration of
the recent report in that respect just
issued by the Provincial Fire Under-
writers' Association, will furnish a
subject for debate at the next regu-
lar session of the trades and labor
council delegates to that body stated
Tuesday. When the city council first
moved toward a general 10 per cent
reduction of all estimates, a strong
resolution of condemnation was
passed by the union delegates and
referred to the city council.

Obituaries

EDWARD O'BRIEN.

The death was announced recently
of Edward O'Brien of Chicago, young-
est son of the late Dennis O'Brien,
son of this city. Deceased is survived
by his widow, one daughter, Mrs.
Northam Warren of New York; three
grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs.
McMillan, of Richmond street north,
this city. The late Mr. O'Brien was
born in London and received his early
education at the old Grammar school,
which was formerly conducted on
King street by Messrs Thompson and
Bayley.

Deceased was a charter member of
the Chicago Athletic Association, and
the following tribute to his memory
was recently passed at the meeting
of the board of directors of this as-
sociation:

"To his family, the board of direc-
tors, on behalf of the entire member-
ship, extends the deepest sympathy
and every expression of condolence."
"Your grief, heavy as it is, may be
softened by the knowledge that it is
shared by a host of friends whose
hearts are one with yours in this hour.
It is not for us to enter the house
where the drawn curtains hallow that
sorrow which none fully realize save
those who have known it, but so far
as human speech can express our
thoughts we tell you that your grief
is ours and your loss is ours."
"George Tweden, President;
"Robert S. Kenyon, Secretary."

W. H. Wilky.

London Branch Order of Hoboes Holds Final Summer Meeting

Behind closed doors, the French
River Chapter of the Canadian An-
cient Order of Hoboes held the final
meeting of the year Monday night.
None of the business transacted
would be made public. E. J. Jenkins,
chief pullman inspector in Ontario,
intimated that the historian held
away last night, and the evening was
spent in proper recording and filing
an account of the summer's activi-
ties.

More than 150 photographs, many
of which it is said would capture
blue ribbons, gold cups, and much
praise in the art museums of the old
world were arranged in order of

POLICE STATION SITE UNDECIDED

The Mayor Suggests Carling
Street or Incorporation With
New City Hall.

Would Include Latter Sugges-
tion in Municipal Bylaw
for December.

Just where the newly-proposed
police station for London should be
placed is a question yet to be de-
cided, explains Mayor Cameron Wil-
son, who promised Tuesday, however,
that the entire issue would be award-
ed the consideration of the city coun-
cillors as speedily as possible.

While stating that he has not given
the matter any real thought since the
meeting of the police commission
Monday, when the proposal was
broached, his worship "fers two al-
ternatives—the incorporation of the
proposal in the bylaw for a new city
hall or the erection of a new struc-
ture upon the present Carling street
site."

The suggestion has been voiced, he
related, that the police department be
included in the city hall proper, as is
the case in certain other Canadian
and American towns and cities.
Should this course be deemed expedi-
ent by the council, it would follow
that the scheme be incorporated in the
bylaw, which comes before the
electors in December, for the sale of
the federal square and the subsequent
construction of a city hall on the
present location.

"I understand that Police Magis-
trate Graydon is favorably inclined
toward this move, while Chief of
Police Birrell holds a contrary view."

The other alternative in view at
this juncture, he points out, would
be the erection of a new station on
the old property, and the question
arises whether the site is now ade-
quate for the purpose.
Assuming that such would be the
case, Mayor Wilson was questioned
as to the possibility or advisability
of purchasing adjoining property on
either side of the Carling street edi-
fice. He replied that in his opinion
it would be hardly probable that such
land could be obtained should the
city elect to purchase.

His worship stressed his conten-
tion that London is well behind the
times respecting police buildings, and
ventured to declare that none of the
ratepayers who lend the question
any consideration, will conclude
otherwise.

PLAN FOR ANNUAL PET STOCK SHOW

London Poultry Association
To Hold Essay Compe-
tition for Kiddies.

Arrangements are being completed
by the London Poultry and Pet Stock
Association for the holding of their
15th annual Thanksgiving show at
the Western Fair poultry building
from Nov. 2 to 6, inclusive. By all
indications the event will be the big-
gest and best yet held, as it is ex-
pected that several thousand birds
will be shown. White Leghorns, White
Wyandottes, Barred Rocks, Anconas
and Rhode Island Reds will be the
leading class of birds.

A large number of chicken fanciers
have written H. Layng, secretary-
treasurer of the association, express-
ing their desire to enter exhibits. Let-
ters have been received from as far
west as Winnipeg inquiring for par-
ticulars in regards to this big show.
Most of the exhibitors, however, are
expected from London, Toronto and
nearby points.

A reduction in the entrance fees
has been announced, 15 cents being
the new price of admission. Children
will be admitted free if they are ac-
companied by an adult.
To create an interest in the younger
generation, children will be encour-
aged to write an essay on the show, and
prizes amounting to \$20 will be
awarded for best essays. As yet,
complete arrangements have not been
made in regard to this contest, but it
is expected that there will be an
age limit set for those competing.

In connection with the poultry ex-
hibits, a large display of feed will
also be shown.
The judges of poultry will be Wil-
liam McNeil, R. Oke, both of Lon-
don, and W. E. Durand of Toronto.
Judge of rabbits, H. E. Storey of
London, Donald McGinnis of London
will judge the pigeons.

The officers of the association are:
W. J. Siesser, president; J. M. Adams,
1st vice-president; H. Layng, secre-
tary-treasurer; William McNeil, hon-
orary president; board of directors, J.
C. Andrews, A. Hocking, J. McCor-
mick, R. Oke, L. Flawn and G. Mar-
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PRIZE FOR BEST ITEM DAILY.

YOU must see something going on every day. Perhaps not a big
thing, but interesting. The Advertiser wants you to send it
for use in the "I Spied" column. Every reader a reporter is the
idea behind the plan. The items must not be written to "take a
stab" at any person. If so, they will not be published.

In order to create interest in the column, the Grand Opera
House has donated two seats each night as a prize for the best item
of the day. Your name and address must accompany the item, and it
can run with only your initial attached if you desire. The contest
is on. Who wants to go to the Grand?

A STREET watering cart out on
a recent wet day. When ques-
tioned, the driver declared
"Would water the river if I told
to!"—G.

A FRIEND down town who
asked me what they were doing
about the Lloyd George Hotel. I
said they had turned it into an
art gallery.—J. S.

A NEW AUTOMOBILE racing
north on Ridout street, closely
followed by a motorcycle cop, who
was trying hard to catch the
speeding car.—G. W. O.

AN AUTO going east on York
street with a pair of buggy
shafts strapped to the back.
Someone asked if the driver used
them when he gets stuck in the
mud?—I. A.

A PROMINENT London druggist
with a large sign in his win-
dow, "Normal School Supplies,"
and in the same window, another
sign reading, "Cigarettes, Cigars
and Tobacco."—R. F.

IN THE VICINITY of 191 Cheap-
side street, a wonderful Wild West
Show, produced, managed and
staged by enterprising sons of one
of London's business magnates.
Admission, 2 cents—but "It's really
worth it," so said one of the per-
formers.—A. B.

A MAN in the north end of the
city adding three strands of
barbed wire to the top of his
back fence in order to keep the
young hopefuls of the neighbor-
hood from destroying his chicken
coop and stealing his fruit.

A B. C.
CITY WORKMEN clearing out
the watercourse between Dorset
and Barbours streets. They made
a good job—cut down the wil-
lows, but forgot the roots. The
floods were among the branches,
not the roots, they evidently
thought.

The LATEST STRIKE in
London consisting of about thirty
London street cleaners, who
were grouped on the side-
walk, between Lyle and Adelaide
streets, on Dundas street, about
8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.
Two policemen were there
to watch proceedings, and the
street cleaners were busy pick-
ing at the bricks.—H. W.

SOMEONE BOLD ENOUGH to
steal Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott's
hat, right in police court. Mr.
Elliott, after searching some time,
convinced himself by finding a much
better one which had been left
behind. He had just obtained the
magistrate's permission to keep it
when the thief had taken his
hat discovered that he got the worst
of it.—G. N.

URGES HASTE FOR OLD BOYS' REUNION

City Treasurer Warns That
Loss of Time Will Mar
Success.

Events should be speeded up con-
siderably if it is proposed to stage
an old boys' reunion in this city next
year, warns City Treasurer James
Bell, who was prominently identified
with movement in the old days
when the big annual event was more
or less responsible for placing Lon-
don on the map.

Now is the time for action, urges
Mr. Bell, who reports that he is con-
tinually in receipt of queries from
former London boys and girls, now
residing in distant places, as to when
the next event is to be held. "I have
a letter here," he explained Tuesday,
"from some of the boys out in Win-
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Unless a start is effected at once
it is too late, he holds, as the task
is a mighty one and sufficient notice
must be given the members, more
particularly in the larger and more
distant communities, in order that
they may arrange early in the year
for their vacation in August.

O'BRIEN GETS ONE YEAR, THEFT OF AUTOMOBILE

George O'Brien was sentenced to
one year and William Haggarty was
discharged on the charge of stealing
a car alleged to belong to H. B. Ag-
new of this city, Tuesday morning
by Judge Judd.

Haggarty was re-arrested by De-
tective Down, however, on informa-
tion furnished by the Windsor police,
to answer a charge of false desertion
in that city.

O'Brien and Haggarty were up on
Saturday, but as the evidence was of
a circumstantial nature, Judge Judd
reserved his decision until today. The
car was alleged to have been stolen
here and taken into Stratford by the
prisoners, where they were appre-
hended.

Haggarty will be turned over to the
Windsor police.

SHOWS NEED OF PUMP AT FIRES

Fire Chief Points Out Hazard
of Inadequate Equip-
ment.

Claims Gasoline Propelled Ap-
pliance Would Insure
Greater Protection.

Further efforts will be made this
year by Fire Chief Aitken to secure
the addition of a power pump to the
fire fighting apparatus of this city.

For several years, in fact ever
since the scrapping of the old steam
pump, the city has been without a
pump for use in big fires, and to add
to the normal pressure in the mains
without endangering the water sys-
tem of the city.

Although the department has man-
aged splendidly without it, the chief
has always felt the handicap, and has
always lived in anxiety lest a fire
beyond the control of the present
system would break out.

Opposed Expenditure.
Last year he urged the city to
secure the power to purchase one
through the medium of the City of
London Bill, but on the plea of econ-
omy, and because certain city officials
opposed the expenditure was turned
down. This year he will again make
the request, with the full support
of those who opposed last year.

Chief Aitken points out, and he is
supported in his contention by mem-
bers of the public utilities commis-
sion, that a gasoline propelled pump,
occupying a place on a truck used
for other purposes, would double
the pressure now supplied by the
mains without in any way endan-
gering the weakest portion of the water
system of the city. This is possible
because the extra pressure is applied
only at the location of the fire, while
other parts of the system is relieved.

Extra pressure for fighting big
fires is not available at the present
time, as it is applied at the source
of the water, which necessarily must
affect the whole system, endangering
all private plumbing, which is the
weakest link. Even by running this
risk a pressure cannot be assured
that would adequately fight a fire in
London's tallest building.

By the use of a power pump, the
normal pressure of about 60 pounds
can be more than doubled. A pump
with a capacity of 850 imperial gal-
lons a minute, will give a pressure of
120 pounds, sufficient to reach far
above the highest building in the city,
as well as break any window.

Bought For \$15,000.
A pump of this nature, a truck
that carries all other equipment can
be purchased for \$15,000. An ordinary
truck costs at least \$12,000.
The motor pump has replaced
cumbersome steam pumps every-
where in London, is practically the
only city in Canada which cannot
boast of such equipment.

The city of Toronto has seventeen
such pumps in service, Ottawa has
four, Hamilton, with its normal pres-
sure received from the mountain top,
has two, and every other city of the
size of London has two or more. Even
Chatham and Sarnia have one each,
and Windsor has two.

So successful have the power pumps
been found in protecting water mains
from dangers incurred by extra pres-
sure, the Iowa section of the Ameri-
can Waterworks Association recent-
ly passed a resolution calling upon
every city to make use of such equip-
ment. It was also recommended that
the waterworks department should
bear the expense of such a pump in
return for the protection they re-
ceive.

LAY PLANS FOR 3 WEEKS' EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Methodist Clergy of City Decide To
Open Drive on October 15.

Immediately following the opening
ceremony at Ealing Methodist Church,
which takes place on Oct. 15, Methodist
clergy of the city will conduct a three-
week evangelistic campaign there-
abouts. Plans for the campaign were laid at
the meeting of the Methodist Minis-
terial Association in the First Methodist
Church on Monday afternoon.

Rev. W. E. Milson and Rev. George
W. Dewey of Enniskillen Ave. Meth-
odist Church will be in charge of the
singing and sermons will be preached
by all the Methodist clergy of the city.
Rev. A. R. Stone, who has been
supplying at the Methodist Church in
Bayfield during the summer, has been
appointed to occupy the pulpit at the
Ealing Church.

Owing to insufficient attendance at
the meeting, little business other than
of a routine nature was transacted.

LACK OF QUORUM HAMPERS HOUSING COMMISSION WORK

Members Present Adjourn Session
After Spending Sociable Hour.

Anecdotes and reminiscences of by-
gone days claimed the attention of those
members of the housing commission
who waited patiently at the city hall
Monday night for a quorum that
failed to materialize.
Building Inspector A. M. Piper drop-
ped in just as the discussion centered
upon the report credited to Finance
Commissioner James Bell that "there
might be a move on foot to prohibit
smoking in civic circles during regular
meetings."

"Don't pay much attention to that,"
cautioned the inspector. "One can hear
a heap of stuff in a day around the city
hall."

At 9 p.m. Commissioners D. J.
Tallant and E. R. Dennis were still
among the absentees, and a postpone-
ment was ordered indefinitely, as a
special session will be called should
any developments occur in connection
with the Pine Lawn dispute that would
require the immediate consideration of
the members.

W. O. REGIMENT HOLDS FIRST TRAINING PARADE

Valuable Cups, Medals and Cash
Prizes Offered for Saturday's
Rifle Matches.

The first parade of the season of
the Western Ontario Regiment was
held at the Armouries on Monday
night, and there was a most prom-
ising turnout. A number of recruits
were taken on the strength of the
regiment. There are still vacancies
for men in the regiment.

On Saturday next, commencing at
1 p.m., the regimental rifle match,
will be held at Cove ranges. Valuable
cups and medals have been donated,
and there will also be a large number
of cash prizes awarded.

Letters have been received from
headquarters, thanking the regiment
for offering its services in the event
of war in the Near East.

The brass, pipe and bugle bands
were out in full force and are making
excellent progress in their work.

AWAIT DECISION ON SCHOOL LAND

Authorities Want Land Owned
by Board for Street
Purposes.

Would Continue Belgrave
Avenue Beyond Tecumseh
and Build Bridge.

"Notwithstanding all reports to the
contrary, that may emanate from the
board of education, I am still await-
ing their pleasure," reported City
Engineer H. A. Brazier Tuesday, re-
ferring to the scheduled conference
between the board and his depart-
ment in connection with the proposed
extension of Belgrave avenue.

"It is many weeks since this ses-
sion was arranged," the city engineer
continued, "and I am still waiting for
some action by the school trustees. I
spoke to Secretary Tanner nearly ten
days ago, and he said something about
the trustees going to meet, but he
noticed that they met, but have
heard nothing about our proposition."

The city proposes to continue Bel-
grave avenue south beyond Tecumseh
avenue, and has offered to purchase
certain property adjoining the Tec-
umseh avenue public school, still
controlled by the school board. This
land is essential for the proper con-
summation of the scheme, according
to the city engineer's department.

It is proposed also that once this
thoroughfare is completed, that a
highway be constructed at the foot of
Richmond street to Carleton Place,
thereby furnishing another short cut
to the city for hundreds of South
London residents.

The property owned by the school
board and desired by the city en-
gineer was originally intended, it is
understood, as the location for a
branch high school in that district.

The question has now arisen, to
further distract the school trustees,
whether the provincial department of
education will consent to the con-
struction of a high school near door
to a public school, or in any event
the tract in question adequate for the
purpose and within the requirements
of the provincial authorities.

TAKE NO STAND ON DAM PROPOSED

Public Utilities Commission
Favor Project, But Remain
Silent on Question.

While advocates of the proposal to
construct a new dam at Springbank
Park in 1923 predict that the question
will be submitted to the ratepayers
in December next for sanction of
otherwise, a strictly non-committal
attitude will be maintained by the
commissioners and their associates.

The same proposition was included
in the City of London bill prior to the
last municipal contest, but it was
withdrawn at the last moment in view
of the general sentiment in the elec-
tion of all estimates to the minimum.
The officials of the utilities department
explain that while they favor the
entire scheme for a dam at Spring-
bank and the subsequent beautifica-
tion of the river Thames from that
point to the city, they are placed in
a totally different position in re-
spect than if it were a question
involving revenue-producing phases
of their business as hydro or water
rates.

In the latter instance, they point
out, they would be in more of a
position to say to the council, "we
propose to do this or that," while
in this case they do not more than
"urge."

It is assured, however, that the
question will be debated by the utility
commissioners in sufficient time
before the elections.

PLAN TO BOLSTER UP GREEK CABINET

Athens, Sept. 26.—Premier Tri-
filiakos is planning to strengthen
his cabinet still further, according to
the newspapers, by proposing the
creation of a national ministry re-
presenting all parties, and including
Elitheos Venizelos, who would serve
as a special envoy in the entente cap-
itals. This move is credited as the
cabinet's answer to the project of
bringing General Metaxas into power
and is hailed not only as clever
political initiative, but also as a
step calculated to assure a united
Greece at this moment of complete
international isolation.

To uncover the head is our way of
showing politeness and respect,
but the Chinese when he wishes to
be polite, puts his hat on his head,
if it is not there already.

INSPECT SITE OF NEW SCHOOL

No. 2 Committee of Board
View Property Monday
Afternoon.