

VARSITY THESPIANS IN COLLEGE PRODUCTION



PRINCIPALS IN COMING WESTERN UNIVERSITY PLAY.

On this page The Advertiser staff photographer shows the members of the Western University Dramatic Club, who will produce the A. A. Milne comedy, "Mr. Pim Passes By," on Wednesday next, for matinee and evening performances. Above, from left to right, the players are: Winston Harris, J. Mackenzie Dobson, Helen Hughes, Helen Burdon, Margaret Gibson, Dorothy Silverwood, Marc Auden and Bruce Nimmo, business manager of the production.

JURY BLAMES TWO WHEN WOMAN DIES IN AUTO MISHAP

H. Cross and W. Hall Held Responsible for Death of Mrs. Rosenfeld.

HALL DISAPPEARED

Car Crashed Into Wall When Traveling Fifty Miles an Hour.

Canada Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 17.—A coroner's jury last night found that Herbert Cross and William Hall were equally responsible for the death of Mary Rosenfeld, who died as a result of injuries she received when a motor car in which were Cross, Hall, Miss Gussie Slater and William Swales, ran up on the sidewalk on Dundas street, struck Mrs. Rosenfeld, crashed against the wall of a building, and zigzagged its way until it finally was stopped by a telephone pole. Hall made his escape after the car had stopped, and has not been located. Cross is held on the charge of manslaughter.

The affair occurred on May 8. The evidence submitted last night went to show that the persons in the death car had been drinking, that the car was going about fifty miles an hour, also that Hall was driving, but when the car had reached such a speed Cross grabbed the wheel, Miss Slater was the chief witness.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNODS BEGIN U.S. CONVENTION

Church Leaders Gather in Indianapolis For 135th General Assembly.

Associated Press Despatch.
Indianapolis, Ind., May 17.—Presbyterian Church leaders, representing 361 synods in the United States and 22 foreign missions, opened their 135th annual general assembly this morning, partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and heard the annual sermon of the retiring moderator, Rev. Calvin C. Hayes. This afternoon they will select his successor, organize their convention, and appoint standing and special committees preparatory to beginning the actual work of the assembly tomorrow.

Tonight Will C. Hayes, former Republican chairman and minister-general, now president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, will address the first "popular meeting" of assembly week, and launch a campaign to raise a laymen's fund of \$15,000,000 to add to the endowment of the board of ministerial relief and sustenance.

Mr. Hayes, an elder of the church in his home town of Sullivan, Ind., is a delegate to the assembly.

He is one of the five men, three ministers and two laymen—most prominently mentioned as possible successors to Dr. Calvin C. Hayes as moderator. The other four are William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state and Democratic candidate for president; Charles Wishart, president of Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio; Dr. Wm. H. Folkes, of New York, general secretary of the New York Movement; and Dr. Hugh Keeler Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles.

MRS. GEORGINA DULONG DIES IN HER 85TH YEAR

Windsor Woman Formerly Attended Same School as Laurier.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, May 17.—Mrs. Georgina Dulong, who during her childhood days attended the same school as the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier at St. Len, Quebec, died here Wednesday, in her 85th year. Mrs. Dulong remembered the late premier as a boy quite closely, and always referred to him as "le petit monsieur de Lécole," the name by which he was known among his schoolmates. Mrs. Dulong is survived by six sons, one daughter, 26 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



PRESIDENTS OF ARTS '24. Stanley B. Douglas and Allen G. Talbot, shown above, are class presidents of arts '24, respectively, for this and next year.

WAR ON TIRE PRICES DELIGHTS MOTORISTS

Backward Season Compels the City Dealers To Reduce Costs.

Weather conditions excepted, these are joyful days for the motorist. Two weeks ago a war among dealers brought down the price of gas, and now for the same reason the retail price of tires in this city has been slashed.

Several of the retail merchants have been engaged for almost a week in a price-cutting war, and in many cases the price of tires has been reduced almost 25 per cent. It is not expected that the reductions will be permanent, for according to wholesale dealers the price of tires, if anything, will be higher in the near future.

The trouble among the dealers, according to different merchants who explained the matter to The Advertiser, started innocently enough about a week ago. The backward season left most retail dealers with large stocks of tires on hand. First small reductions of five and ten per cent were noted, and then as others took up their cudgels slashing began right and left.

It is not expected that the war will last very long, and some of the merchants believe that prices will be back to normal within a week or two. In fact, several of the dealers have refused to slash their prices, being content to keep their stock, and wait for better weather, when sales are expected to increase.

Wholesalers are taking no part in the warfare.

CARNARVON LEAVES \$2,000,000 ESTATE

Bequeaths \$2,500 To Associate in Discovery of Tut's Tomb.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 17.—The late Earl of Carnarvon, discoverer of the tomb of Tutankhamen, left an estate of £398,827. It developed when his will was filed for probate today. Lord Carnarvon bequeaths his race horses and all his personal estate to his wife. This includes his collection of Egyptian treasures, regarding which the only stipulation is that if she decides to sell it the British museums be given first option for £20,000, with the Metropolitan Museum of New York the second choice.

Among bequests to friends and relatives is a gift of £500 to Howard Carter, American associate of Lord Carnarvon in the Tutankhamen discoveries.

THINKS CIVIL SERVICE ACT BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, May 17.—With the experience of 21 years as a member of Parliament, six years a director of the crown and the last five years as chairman of the civil service commission, Hon. W. J. Roche told the house committee on the civil service act last night that the present system of administering the public service was far superior to all previous systems.

"If I were a member of Parliament today, I would hold up both hands to have patronage taken away from me," Dr. Roche said.

Assures Special Treat At Varsity Annual Play

University Players Working Hard To Make the Presentation of "Mr. Pim Passes By" the Season's Event.

The coupling of an A. A. Milne play with the distinction of the University Players gives double assurance of a special sort of treat when the annual Western University play is presented in the Grand Theatre next Monday night.

Each year, the Western play has sent home a proudly delighted audience, just as each Milne play, as it was presented here up to the last sensation of "The Dover Road," has given London theatregoers a new vision of the scintillating wit and pure enjoyment which this more than well-known author can weave into his plays. Of all the plays presented here for the past year, it is safe to say that "The Dover Road" was the most generally liked. It would seem, then, that the University Players have nicely judged their audience in coupling "Mr. Pim Passes By," one of the most popular of "plays abroad," with perhaps the most highly favored "talent at home."

In the role of the talkative clergyman of last year's play, Winston Harris won not a meagre share of the honors. This year it is he who plays the interesting title role, Mr. Pim. Expecting an equal success to that of last year, one may rely on good things. Helen Burdon as Dinah, Helen Hughes as Olivia, and Margaret Gibson as George Marden and Marc Auden as Brian Strange, the young artist.

From a member of the cast it has been learned that pressure of studies left the commencement of rehearsals rather later than usual, but for some days the players have been rapidly making up for lost time. The responsibility felt for what is always an event of the season, the presentation of the university play, and the inspiration lent by the brilliance of the play itself have evoked an interest worthy the most hard working of professionals. So, with an unusually promising play to commence with, a basis of talent and a building up of hard work, only the most untoward of events could hope to make other than a success of the university play.

OIL TANKER CATCHES FIRE WHILE IN PANAMA CANAL

Panama, May 17.—The British tanker Mina Brea, carrying 6,000 tons of oil from Talara to Havana, caught fire last night at Cristobal while passing through the canal from Balboa. The flames were brought under control after a two-hour fight. The extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained.

RUSSIANS FLOCK TO JOIN FOR FIGHT AGAINST BRITAIN

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, May 17.—Hundreds of provincial Russians are volunteering their services to the Soviet Government in the event of a conflict. The press here is constantly exploiting the theory that war may develop out of the controversy with Great Britain.



RESPONSIBLE FOR UNIVERSITY GAZETTE. It's a great responsibility to have to properly edit a college publication, but caring care does not seem to have left its impress upon Wallace Ferguson and Robert Shaw-Wood, shown above, who are editors-in-chief of the Western University Gazette for 1923 and '24.

FIREBUG ISON STARTS FOR HIS PRISON HOME

With Wafer, Burkwell and Thompson, He Takes Train For Kingston.

At half past five this morning John Vincent Ison started his long trip into the world of seclusion. With Thomas Wafer, Gerald Burkwell (alias Clare Ross), and William Thompson, and escorted by the sheriff, he left in the early hours of the morning from Canadian National station on his way to Kingston penitentiary.

The blustering wind and the cold, pelting rain closed a chapter of this young man's life. It is the wish of all those who knew Ison that the third chapter which will in due time be offered to him in which to write the rest of the story, will be bright with the sunshine of hope and radiance with a determination to achieve the finer things, the brightness of every man.

APPEAL TO U. S. PRESIDENT TO CANCEL DUTY ON SUGAR

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, May 17.—An appeal to President Harding to remove the duty on sugar has been drawn by Mrs. Lewis Reed Welsmiller, deputy commissioner of markets, and will be submitted to a vote today before the executive board of the New York housewives' sugar committee.

"This appeal is the result of the women's conviction that present sugar prices are not entirely the result of speculation," said the deputy commissioner. The manipulation of fictitious transactions may contribute to the situation, but the women feel the duty on sugar has become a heavy burden on those who least can bear it.

FINED FOR ASSAULT ON CAFE KITCHEN BOY

Louis Haydad Fined \$5 On Complaint of H. D. Smith.

Louis Haydad, who works in the Maple Leaf cafe, was fined \$5 in police court this morning, when the court decided he was guilty of assault on H. D. Smith, another worker in the cafe.

Smith, who washes dishes in the restaurant, stated that Haydad had complained that some of the dishes were not clean, and had followed this up by striking him with his fist, pushing him across a board and hurting his back. This was on Saturday and on Monday he had been discharged.

Haydad said he had merely pushed Smith, who had been given work at the cafe when he had applied some two months ago, unable to find work, and with no money.

Charles Borket, who, with his brother, owns the cafe, substantiated the statement of Haydad as to hiring Smith to work in the kitchen, as he said, "we had pity on him as he was out of work, and we have allowed him to eat in the restaurant for two months or so. He washed the dishes and we gave him some money from time to time, though he was paid no regular wages."

The court was unable to believe that charity alone had been the origin of Smith's engagement, and advised Borket to introduce another system of employment.

Joseph Smith, who had had two previous convictions within three months for drunkenness, was ordered to spend a month in Castle Dawson, and another drunk was fined \$10 and costs.

COUNCIL PLANS "CLEAN UP" NIGHT WEEK AFTER NEXT

Fix Tuesday, May 29, To Dispose of "Planks" in Mayor's Election Platform.

PROBES AND WAGES

Projected Investigations of Fire and Police Departments To Get Attention.

Mayor Wenige proposes to "clean up" with his inaugural address. He has set a week from Tuesday as the date for this outstanding event. This meets with the approval of the members of the finance committee.

Several important recommendations await the consideration of the council, and certain of them have a half-dozen appearing now and again in civic circles.

Among these is the proposal to hire a municipal purchasing agent, who will save the city thousands of dollars annually, according to his worth.

Then the fire department probe has to be cleared from the deck, and the mayor has also promised a survey of the police department, as already demanded by two or three members of the council.

City hall salaries are due for an adjustment also, and a sheaf of recommended salary increases, some on tap since 1922, await the pleasure of the mayor and his associates.

There are a few other items of more or less importance to be introduced for final disposal, and viewing the prospect "by and large," it looks like a busy night a week from Tuesday.

SAVES TORONTO GIRL, OVERCOME BY FUMES

Constable T. O'Neill Exhausted Self in Restoring Etta McKendrick.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 17.—Methods of artificial respiration applied for about 15 minutes by Police Constable Thomas O'Neill proved successful in saving the life of Miss Etta McKendrick, aged 25, who was overcome by fumes of illuminating gas at her home at daybreak today.

Means of the young woman awakened her elder brother, who upon investigation, discovered fumes of gas emanating from her room and broke in the door. He immediately ran to the street and summoned Constable O'Neill, who put in a call for the police ambulance. The constable took the girl from a patrol box and hurried to the girl's home.

O'Neill, who was almost overcome himself while working on the girl, stated that several times he thought she had expired, but was revived by having escaped from a faulty pipe in the girl's room.

STATES C. N. R. DEFICIT WILL SOON BE SURPLUS

Sir Henry Thornton Expresses Confidence in New York Interview.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, May 17.—That he had never been more optimistic regarding the future of the Canadian National Railways than he was at present, that he had not been hampered by political influences in accepting the presidency and that he was confident the huge annual deficit of the lines operated by the Canadian government would ultimately be a surplus was the hopeful outlook expressed to the Associated Press by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R., who arrived in New York last night from Montreal for a series of business conferences.

Sir Henry, who is leaving tonight for the Niagara district, said that the meetings he will attend here concern only minor details of the United States connections of the National Railways. He stated he was not very well acquainted with the southern portion of Ontario, and was visiting chiefly to familiarize himself with the country and its transportation facilities and requirements.

