

AN OPEN LETTER To the Electors of the City of London:



MAYOR GEO. A. WENIGE

London, Ontario, Nov. 28th, 1925.

Dear Fellow Electors:

Once again I ask for your mandate in connection with the mayoralty of London. Let it be your purpose, before voting, to judge me on my record.

When I first went to the city hall as chief executive I found that friction existed, and that the civic employees were not working in harmony. Today there is a social service club in the city hall. The heads of the different departments get together at frequent intervals, and a newer, better efficiency has been born, with the result that the people of London are receiving a civic service economical to the last detail. What has taken place at the city hall has been duplicated in the police department, for there, too, harmony exists. A social service club is now in active operation, and the force is working day and night in the best interests of the people.

It is not necessary for me to tell you that the doors of the city hall are now wide open to every citizen, no matter whether he comes in overalls or a plug hat. A deaf ear is never turned to any message and clean, courteous consideration is accorded every request and inquiry.

First, last and all the time I have been a mayor for all the citizens in general and for no one in particular.

When your mayor made four trips to Toronto to secure Provincial Government money for unemployment relief work there were those who laughed his trip to scorn, but money was secured and unemployment relieved. What I did once I shall do again and, in addition, I have the promise from Federal Government members for still further money for relief work. The question of unemployment is one of the vital, throbbing problems of the moment. Upon it I shall continue to concentrate every human effort.

Building always means employment. We are going to have a new hotel. Behind this project you found me from the time the first effort was put forth, and don't forget this—I was the first man to sign on the dotted line of the subscription list. More employment!

The completion of the river clean-up is the first big step toward the beautification of the Thames. We must not cease from our labors in connection with this impressive project. In 1926, as in 1925, you will find me for it all the time. More employment!

Carling Creek, a menace for years, is being cleaned up, tiled and covered. Your mayor was the prime mover in this plan for civic betterment, and the work will be carried on. More employment.

In the University of Western Ontario we have an educational institution that should be placed upon the most solid financial basis. When the question of annual grants was being discussed every atom of my energy and enthusiasm was for this system of making the University a strong force in the life of London and Western Ontario.

The Western Fair must be improved year by year. Starting with a campaign for five tickets for a dollar and continuing my work for this great enterprise year after year, I find myself still doing things for the broadening of the scope of this marvelous exhibition. More employment!

You know the work that has been done in connection with the storm sewer system in South London. Many tiles have been put in the ground already, and remember this, that tiles that are now on top of the ground will be put in the ground this winter. More employment!

The Centennial celebration in 1926 is an event upon which every last ounce of civic pride, business acumen and powerful publicity should be brought to bear. The reputation of the Forest City will be at stake all over the North American continent. Already a committee is at work carrying out preliminary plans. In a personal way your mayor has secured the names and addresses of over 30,000 men and women who have affectionate associations with London. Interest has been aroused in Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions' Clubs and in Chambers of commerce all over Canada and the United States, with the result that local papers are carrying stories that will echo and re-echo, the news of the Centennial from one end of this continent to the other. You know my record in connection with the last Old Boys' celebration. A twenty-four-hour-a-day service to the visitors within our gates. Figure out what it means to you to have thousands upon thousands of visitors come to London every day for a solid week and then make up your mind as to whether I am the man to take on this job again and put it over in a way that will excite the warmest admiration in and out of London and permit us, as hosts, to shine in the reflected glory of a particularly successful Centennial.

There is much unfinished business requiring attention in 1926 and from day to day I shall have more to say about the work to be done. Now, as heretofore, I give my word that it will be attended to with that careful, precise and generous measure of co-operation with which you are so familiar.

Very truly yours,

G. A. Wenige.

MAYOR.

TWO SKATERS DROWNED AS ICE ON LAKE BREAKS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Nov. 27.—Arthur Paradis, 35 years of age, and Miss Annette Cinqumars, 22 years old, were drowned last evening in Lake St. John, in front of Roberval, and J. A. Beaupre and Yvonne Gagnon had a narrow escape when ice on which they were skating broke.

Late this afternoon though the two bodies of the victims could be seen floating on the lake, they could not be reached on account of the floating ice.

The party of four were attempting to reach a tug which was icebound in the middle of the lake. Miss Gagnon, who had succeeded in getting to the tug, was still a prisoner on board this afternoon, unable to be rescued.

CASE IS CLOSED

Province Denies Investigation In Burns Case at Petrolia.
Special to The Advertiser.
Petrolia, Nov. 27.—The proposed investigation of the Petrolia town council into the reducing of the charge against James Burns from manslaughter to criminal negligence will not be held. This was settled at a meeting of the

town council, when E. Bailey, deputy attorney-general, personally informed the council that the government had only taken such action after a thorough investigation by a provincial detective. After the trial the case was further investigated, and nothing was discovered to support the allegations of a miscarriage of justice. The report to the council was of a confidential nature, the public being excluded, and the news only leaked out today.

Early last spring Burns ran down and killed a boy on the main street of the town, speeding away after the accident. The coroner's jury subsequently brought in a verdict of manslaughter, but this was reduced to criminal negligence for the murder of Policeman James Skelly of New Britain Oct. 12, 1924.

CHAPMAN GETS MORE TIME

Granted Second Reprieve Till March 3, 1926, to Appeal to Supreme Court.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hartford, Conn., Nov. 27.—Governor Trumbull at 4:05 this afternoon issued a second reprieve for Gerald Chapman, to expire March 3, 1926. The purpose of it is to allow time for Chapman's appeal to the supreme court of the United States to uphold his right to refuse a presidential commutation of his 25-year federal sentence which he claims stands in the way of his execution by the state of Connecticut for the murder of Policeman James Skelly of New Britain Oct. 12, 1924.

ITALIAN PRESS SEES FASCISM FOR FRANCE

Choice Between That and Bolshevism—Claim Democracy a Failure.

By HIRAM K. MODERWELL.
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Rome, Nov. 27.—France must adopt Fascism or succumb to Bolshevism. This is the tone of comment in the Italian press on the present French crisis.

It is asserted that France's present political crisis is the logical result of the democratic parliamentary system, the logical road to salvation. Some newspapers even appear to take malicious pleasure in the difficulties of a nation which harbored anti-Fascist

Claims River-Deepening Plan Scheme To Electrify U. S. Rails

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 27.—"The whole scheme of international waterways is nothing short of a definite effort to obtain power for electrifying a group of American railways on the Atlantic seaboard," said A. E. Mathews, president of the Mathews Steamship company, today.

"Steamship owners pick up freight at the most convenient points. Why should they send to the head of the lakes to get grain? Grain carriers were built for traffic on the Great Lakes."

"We want more water, rather than this chimerical scheme of blasting out rock to make artificial harbors and deeper channels."

"Dredging will have to go on in any event, but Mr. Campbell's scheme to create a great reservoir of water north of Lake Nipigon and thus raise the whole level of the Great Lakes is infinitely more practical than this international waterways project."

government will remain within the legal limit and be crushed or exceed these limits and govern dictatorially."

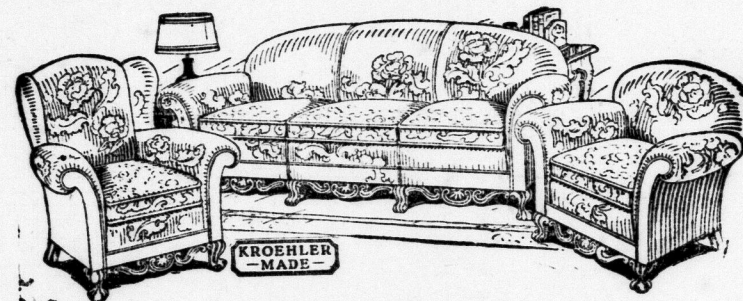
MINISTERS TO MEET.
The ministerial alliance of the city of London will meet in the Y. M. C. A. Monday morning, when Rev. S. J. Reid, D.D., pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Chicago, Ill., will give the address.

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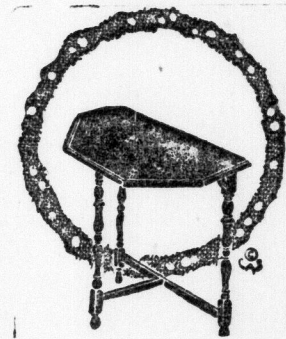
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YOUTH'S LAWYER ACTS

Townsend Gives Attorney Affidavit of Forgery Events.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Kingston, Ont., Nov. 27.—Frank M. Field, K.C., who has been appointed by Attorney-General Nickel to undertake an appeal on behalf of Frederick Townsend, now serving a term of four years penal servitude imposed upon him at Ottawa for forging a cheque for \$450, visited Portsmouth penitentiary this afternoon and obtained a signed affidavit from Townsend in connection with the case. The next step in the proceedings will be for Mr. Field to serve notice of appeal upon Hon. Mr. Nickle, the county crown attorney at Ottawa, and the supreme court of Ontario.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATED

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Stephen, N. B., Nov. 27.—Arthur R. McKenzie was last night nominated as the Conservative candidate to contest the constituency of St. Stephen-Milltown in the by-election on Dec. 10, made necessary by the death of John M. Flewellyn, Conservative M.L.A.