

HAYDEN DECLARES MAYOR CANNOT TIE UP PROGRAM

**Alderman Maintains City Must
Not Suffer Because of 32-
Mill Suggestion.**

Ald. Edmund Hayden agrees with Ald. Greer's declaration yesterday that it was unfortunate that the impression became more or less general in the public mind that a 32-mill tax rate was coming for 1924. It will be impossible to let the town go to "rack and ruin," just because the mayor suggested a 32-mill rate, Ald. Hayden insists, explaining that this limit was prescribed by "the mayor, Ald. Watt and one or two others who are not around there any more."

"We can't tie the works up just because the mayor promised the people a 32-mill rate," Ald. Hayden stated today. "He'll have to reconcile himself to the fact that he is not the whole thing. This is no one-man council, and we can't tie the works up."

"I notice that there are a number of good proposals coming before us which the mayor agrees are good, but which he would pass on until next year. He wanted to leave until 1925 the engineer's recommendation to place street cleaning charges in the general rate. I cornered the mayor in that very connection. He admitted it was all right. If so it should be done at once."

"Ald. Hayden believes that the people will not protest over a mill or so if they are shown that they are going to receive full value for their money, hands of their teacher, eagerly exact-

TINY PATIENTS FIND REAL JOY IN BASKET WEAVING

**New Features Are Inaugurated
at the War Memorial
Hospital.**

MUSIC IS NEEDED

**Occupational Therapy Will Do
Much To Keep Minds of
Little Ones Employed.**

"Occupational therapy" is a high-sounding name for a very interesting feature which has come into the lives of the small patients at the War Memorial Hospital. Wednesday and Thursday are now days of special significance on the weekly calendar. Most of the children are too small to wind their tongues about such long words as "occupational therapy," but none are too small to grow shiny-eyed with interest when their teacher, with her pretty green uniform, makes her appearance on the ward bearing with her a tray laden with intriguing looking canes and half-finished baskets.

The children commenced with their baskets last Wednesday afternoon. Baskets are the earliest and simplest forms of this sort of work. Having learned to do this well, the young patients will be allowed to proceed to more difficult things. At the present time their interest is centered firmly on the initial steps. By Thursday afternoon some of the children proudly displayed baskets in which the cane had wound half way up over the frame, and at 5 o'clock as supper began to appear, they relinquished their regrettably into the hands of their teacher, eagerly exact-

N. Y. Firemen Are Overcome

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 1.—Fire Chief Kenton, Battalion Chiefs Kavanagh and O'Hanlon, two captains and three lieutenants, were included among 41 firemen overcome by acid fumes in a fire which burned stubbornly for four hours among leather stocks in a downtown loft building last night. Nine were taken to hospitals, but none was seriously hurt.

ing the promise that they should finish them the next week.

Something interesting happens almost every day for these youngsters. It may be the arrival of a bundle of "funny" papers, or a scrapbook similar to the one which a small boy displayed with great pride last week. It had just arrived, with "stamps on," as he enthusiastically informed the nurse, and inside there were all sorts of postcards and pictures and valentines, with pictures of them that "stamped out." In addition to visiting day now, however, there are special things to look forward to on Wednesday, on Thursday, and on Friday. Wednesday and Thursday are basket-making days, and on Friday the kindergarten teachers come with their paper-cutting and all sorts of interesting little oddities for the children to work at.

The only thing they need is music.

U. S. INCOME TAXES REDUCED BY BILL

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\$6,000 and \$10,000 and run to 50 per cent at \$200,000.

Gift Tax is Added.

Estate tax rates begin at 1 per cent on estates above \$50,000 and run to 40 per cent on estates of \$10,000,000 or more, instead of 1 per cent above \$50,000 and 25 per cent at \$10,000,000.

A gift tax has been added carrying the same rates as the estate tax schedule. There is no gift tax at present.

A board of tax appeals is created. The tax of three per cent on automobile trucks, chassis and wagons costing not more than \$1,000 is taken off and the tax rate on tires, parts and accessories reduced from 5 to 2 1/2 per cent of the sale price.

The tax on candy is taken off.

The tax is taken off theatre and other admissions costing 50 cents or less.

The tax is taken off telephone and telegraph messages.

The tax is taken off notes and other similar promises to pay.

A rebate of 25 per cent is given on income taxes due and payable during the present year.

\$200 AND COSTS BECAUSE BOTTLE FOUND IN GARAGE

**Dixon Pleads Absolute Inno-
cence of Incriminating
Liquor Container.**

ADMITS TO DRINKING

Henry R. Dixon, charged with having liquor in other than a private dwelling, learned to his sorrow in police court today that when alcohol is found on a man's premises, he is held responsible for it by law whether it is his or not.

A quart bottle of whiskey was found in Dixon's garage last night by constables. The prisoner declared he had never seen it before. He said a stranger had entered his office last night, and asked a question as to the location of a certain building. Dixon saw him walk up a lane and disappear. He thought the man must have entered the garage, deposited the liquor, and gone out. Later Dixon went into the garage himself and kicked over the bottle in the dark.

There constables arrested him. In the police station he appeared to be a bit weak in his limbs, and could answer questions intelligently. The officers concluded that he had been drinking.

Dixon admitted he had taken a few drinks in his home during the afternoon, but denied any knowledge of the bottle. The magistrate refused to believe his story.

"I must fine you \$200 and costs," the court said.

"That doesn't seem hardly fair," returned Dixon.

"I can't help it," Magistrate Graydon said. "You are responsible for any liquor found on your premises. Your explanation does not sound at all reasonable. Why should a man deposit liquor in your garage?"

"Perhaps I was afraid of being caught by the police and that the bottle in a location where he could find it later."

The court reiterated that such a possibility was extremely improbable.

Persians Protest Absence of Shah

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 1.—The people of Persia are severely censuring the Shah for his repeated lengthy absences in Europe and are talking of founding a republic, says the Tehran correspondent of the Daily Mail. The entire Persian press declares, is strongly in favor of the change, which is virtually the sole topic of discussion in Tehran.

The Shah, who has been in Europe since early November, now is at Nice. He was on the continent from January to November in 1922 and also from the fall of 1919 to the spring of 1920.

NO CITY SALARIES TO BE INCREASED

**Mayor Wenige Declares Per-
sonal Policy Will Not Permit
of Any Higher Pay.**

There will be no salary increases at the city hall during 1924, Mayor Wenige announced definitely today. In accordance with his proposed "readjustment of the city wage and salary roster," the Mayor said, "I have no increases, but there may be a few decreases."

Questioned in which direction these "possible decreases" might lie, the mayor stated, "among the city officials, if at all."

"That is the only place for decreases," he stated. "The other wages are low enough as they are now."

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, who is bringing in a proposal to standardize all municipal wages, under the control of the city council, points out that they must be guided by the civil service scheme, as well as by the systems in vogue in other Ontario communities of like comparison.

Like the mayor, the chairman does not extend much hope for any increases during 1924. "There may be a few decreases," he stated, however. "A certain standard will be set, but the sum total of our salary expenditures must not be altered."

JAMIESON BILL PROTESTED BY LONDON LABOR

**Alderman McKay States Que-
stion Will Be Considered at
Special Session.**

UPSET LEGISLATION

London Labor protests vigorously against the Jamieson bill, just passed the second reading of the Ontario Legislature, whereby property qualifications for municipal candidates would be materially increased.

Ald. Frank McKay, ward three, Labor's representative in the city council, gave assurance today that this question would receive consideration at the special session of the London Labor party called for Friday night next.

The Labor alderman points out that the present administration at Queen's Park, or members thereof, are evidently determined to upset such legislation of this nature as was enacted during the stewardship of the late Henry administration. "But that could be only expected from such a reactionary administration as the present one," he stated.

"Labor should certainly oppose this suggested change," Ald. McKay continued. "It should be opposed throughout the province by the respective organizations. Why that is the very thing that the Labor party has been fighting against for years, and final legislation was only obtained during the last government."

Other important business is slated for consideration at Friday's session, including the appointment of delegates to the Ontario Labor party convention in Hamilton this month, and the drafting of resolutions on "Peace," "Immigration and Emigration," for consideration at that gathering.

HOBBY FAIR ENTRANTS FIGHT FOR BIG TROPHY

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honors, and The Advertiser has agreed to this plan being followed.

That makes it plain at the outset that the small school is going to have just as good a chance as the one with the largest attendance in the city. Now as to the way in which the points will be awarded.

The school that has the pupil winning one of the gold medals receives 100 points; that is the largest count for anything. The winning of the gold medal—there are two of them for boy and girl—is the big item, and is given for the best exhibit from the standpoint of a hobby.

Seventy-five points for each silver medal. There are twelve of these in the prize list of the fair, one for each department.

Score of 250.

Thus, if a school had a student winning one of the coveted gold medals, and two others taking silver medals, they would have a score of 250 points right off.

Sixty points for each medal first prize.

Fifty points for each second prize ribbon.

Thirty points for each third prize ribbon.

Twenty points for each fourth prize ribbon.

Ten points for each fifth prize ribbon.

Eight points for each sixth prize ribbon or under.

Six points for every entry to the Hobby Fair made on or before the 5th of May.

Five points for each entry made after that date.

Those who make entries are eligible for ticket sellers, and one point will be given for each ticket sold. So, if there are students who have a special facility for selling tickets they will have a good chance to help their school along by hustling around and disposing of the tickets.

The Advertiser trophy according to the wish of the Rotary Club, is to be won three years before it becomes the property of any school, the years not necessarily running in succession.

CARSHOPS' CHOIR.

The Men's Choir of the Canadian National Railway carshops visited St. David's Church recently and presented an excellent concert. There are 25 voices in the choir, and among its members are several talented soloists and musicians.

Some Father

Freshmen at college discussing incomes of their fathers—One said: "My father writes a song in an evening and sells it for \$25." The next countered: "My father writes a story one night and the next morning it sells for \$50." "That's nothing," says the third: "My father gets up in a pulpit, talks for half an hour, and it takes 12 men to carry the money up to him." You win, especially if you buy Perfect Blue White Diamonds from John A. Nash, My Jeweler, London and Windsor "where you will eventually buy—Advt."

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WOMAN ACCEPTS DARE, SWALLOWS POISON

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Tells Of Troubles.

In these haste to get the dying woman to the hospital, police took no heed of the man and boy. At the hospital the woman told them the man was her husband, that he had bought the poison and handed it to her, daring her to take it. Police went back but the home was empty. Mrs. McCallum, during brief rallying periods, told the hospital authorities how she, with her husband and son had come to Detroit two years ago from "over in Canada." Soon afterwards the couple parted, Mrs. McCallum keeping the home going, and the child in school by doing outside work. McCallum came home occasionally, she said, for a meal.

Last evening he called for dinner. He threatened her, saying he would take the boy away.

"Oh, Jim," said the mother, "you wouldn't do that. I would rather die than be parted from my boy."

Wants to Live Now.

She said he persisted in his threats to take the lad away. "I'll take poison," she warned him. At this point McCallum got up from the table, and without a word went out. Presently he returned.

"What did you say you'd do if I took the boy?" he asked.

"I'd take poison," was the answer.

"Well, then, drink this," he said, according to Mrs. McCallum's statement. She declared that without hesitation she took the bottle from his hand, uncorked it, and swallowed the contents.

"I want to live now, doctor," she pleaded with the hospital attendants, who whispered among themselves their doubts for her recovery. "I want to go back with my boy."

They did not tell her that her boy and the husband who had asked her to kill herself were nowhere to be found.

GIRL GUIDES.

The Girl Guides of St. George's Church, at their regular meeting last night, arranged a series of contests among the different patrols to continue during the next three months. The two losing teams are to banquet the remainder as a forfeit, at the conclusion of the contest. The leaders are the following: Ena Fanhan, "Indigo Bunting"; Grace Perkins, "Wren"; Laura Johnston, "Bluebird"; Elsie Rowe, "Night-Ingale"; Francis Anderson, "Orioles." Points in the contest will be given for attendance, punctuality, conduct and guide progressiveness.

KING STREET CRADLE ROLL.

The Cradle Roll department of King Street Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Baker, Lorne avenue. Sewing for relief work took up the greater part of the session. Tea was served at the conclusion.

MRS. BAKER FOUND, RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

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Mrs. Baker, and her father and mother became alarmed.

It is thought the aged woman left the house in an attempt to find her purse which she lost early in the afternoon. The last she was seen was when a small boy living in the neighborhood recognized her inquiring the way to Childer street. She was then only a few blocks from her home. It is thought that when darkness came on she became confused and wandered miles east of her destination.

When Mrs. Baker failed to make her appearance by nine o'clock Mr. Hill accompanied with lamps, the dog and a search party scoured the neighborhood until midnight in an effort to locate her.

The police were notified of her disappearance at 1 o'clock.

How the aged woman managed to walk three miles east of the city is a mystery to her friends. Mrs. Baker, they say, has been suffering from sore feet for some time, and her health for the past two years has been failing.

At Victoria Hospital this morning she is suffering from severe lacerations about the head. Her arms are slightly buried. When she was brought to the hospital her leg was horribly mangled, and her clothes had to be cut from her body to perform the operation. According to her physician she is suffering greatly from shock and due to her age, and the many hours exposure she underwent before help reached her, practically no hope is held for her recovery.

Mrs. Baker has been a resident of London for the past thirty years. She formerly lived in Carleton Place.

Church News

HYATT AVENUE CHOR.

Members of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church choir recently held an enjoyable sleigh ride party. After journeying round the city round a couple of hours, they returned to the church where a program of music and short speeches were given. Refreshments were later served under the convenship of Miss L. G. Gray.

The choir are arranging for a hike to Springbank at a coming meeting.

CARDINAL CLASS.

The Cardinal Class of Knox Presbyterian Church held a successful box social recently. Group games and contests formed an enjoyable journey round the city round a couple of hours, they returned to the church where a program of music and short speeches were given. Refreshments were later served under the convenship of Miss L. G. Gray.

The choir are arranging for a hike to Springbank at a coming meeting.

The convens of this affair were Miss Edna Jackson, Miss Minnie Bruce and Miss Marjorie Forsythe.