FAIRNESS OF HIGHWAYS TAX PLAN IS QUESTIONED

MEASURE URGED TO CHANGE PLANS OF HIGHWAY TAX

City Treasurer Advances Alternatives — Mayor Believes Action Should Be Taken.

VEHICULAR TAX

Should the pedestrian—the person who does not own an automobile or other vehicle—be compelled to shoulder a part of the expense for the maintenance of provincial or county highways?

Mayor Wenige argues in the negative and insisted today that some measure should be adopted to avoid this development.

"How can it be done?" was the question put to City Treasurer James Bell, who while not advancing an opinion in either direction, stated that there are but two alternatives:

1. Induce the provincial government to abolish its tax upon the city.
2. The city may levy a special vehicular tax upon its own residents.

The latter form of taxation would not be any new venture in London, as the treasurer points out.

The vehicular tax was first imposed here in 1918 when $3,182 was collected; vehicles of all description being taxed at one dollar each.

In 1919 the sum of $2,841 was collected through the same medium but then the practice was abandoned. It could be revived, however, the treasurer stated, the city council still retaining power to make this special assessment.

Apropos of the bill for $164,000 just presented to the city from the provincial department of highways, as the city's share for maintenance of highways extending out of the city for seven miles, the mayor insisted that something should be done to relieve the city pedestrian of this responsibility, to which he does not contribute, he reasoned.

While the mayor appeared to be favorably impressed with the "vehicle tax" as a solution for this problem, he offered no promises as to what course of action he anticipated, if any, in this regard or in connection with the highways bill.

ADANACS HEAR FINE TALK ON LITHOGRAPHY

Fine Illustrated Lecture Given in 'Y" To Boys of the Club.

The Adanac Club met for supper last night in the Y. M. C. A. Following supper, Mr. Campbell of Lawson & Jones gave the boys an interesting talk on "Lithographing." He illustrated his talk with samples of color work in different stages. President Elgin Speiran was in the chair, and the following members present: Warren Smith, Jack Pritchett, Glen Henderson, Charlie King, Arnold Ramer, Jack Barr, Harry Sugden, Bill Finlayson and W. H. Spearman. Special emphasis is being laid on next week's meeting, when the members of the group will be present at the "Y" banquet, at which A. G. Studer, M.D., of Detroit, will be the speaker.

WILL INSPECT BUILDINGS.

On Wednesday afternoon next at 4 p.m. the members of the city council will inspect the new University of Western Ontario buildings, under course of construction. They were invited by the university authorities.

20 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

Canada's army is now 47,000 strong on a peace footing. This includes regulars and militia, officers and men.

The school board this year is not prodigal in recommendations relative to salaries, $1,000 covering all increases.

David Dibbs, letter carrier of the city, invested one dollar in a lottery ticket a month ago. He has just received word that he had won $15,000, $13,400 of which he received in an express package, the remainder being eaten up by expenses.

The fourth anniversary of Paardeburg was celebrated last night with two dances, one at the city hall and the other at the barracks.

25 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

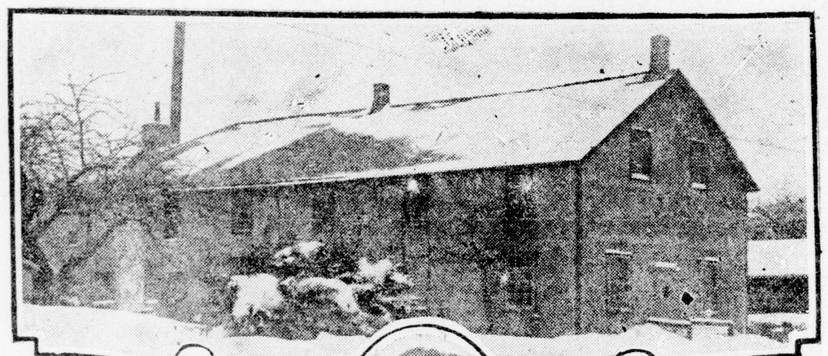
Doctors have ordered Colonial Secretary Chamberlain to stop smoking cigars and have ordered a special diet.

A flock of wild ducks has been seen hovering around the foot of Dundas street for a few days. Sports would like to try a shot, but the cost comes too high.

The River Thames rose rapidly last night, coming within four inches of high water level.

Rudyard Kipling, the famous poet, is seriously ill in New York, and his life is despaired of.

Painters' unions in the United States have gone on strike for an increase from $2.50 to $3 per 8-hour day. It is likely that the local unions will follow suit.



CHATSWORTH WEATHER PROPHET AND HIS HOME.

That he cannot only predict the weather for twelve months in advance, but that he can also strike it right 75 per cent of the time, is the claim made by J. B. Bowes of Chatsworth, Ontario, who is shown above. But forecasting is only a hobby with this venerable student of the heavens and the climates. His living he makes from a mill which forms part of his residence, also shown above.

URGES SEVEN-DAY WEEK ABOLISHED

Brotherhood of Railway Employees Unanimously Supports Resolution For Reporters.

The following is a letter received from A. S. Dean recording secretary of division 96 of the Canadian Brotherhood of railroad employees, protesting the seven-day week for newspaper reporters.

Editor London Advertiser:

Dear Sir,—At our last meeting I was instructed to send you a copy of the following resolution which was adopted unanimously.

"Whereas, as it has been brought to our attention that the reporters on the daily press are required to be on duty (7) days a week and that the Ministerial Alliance, at a recent meeting has indorsed this (7) day work week for reporters.

"Therefore, be it resolved that Division No. 96 of C. B. of R. E. goes on record as opposed to such (7) day work week, and would suggest that the management of the daily press and the ministerial alliance live up to the Lord's day act, or at least indorse the practice of one day off in seven, for reporters, as well as other workers in this country.

"And, further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the daily press for publication and to the secretary of the ministerial alliance.

"Please acknowledge receipt."

Yours truly,
A. S. DEANE,
Recording secretary

HOCKEY BATTLE RAGES AND CROWDS GATHER

Early Morning Entertainment Is Provided at Dundas and Richmond.

There may have been several good hockey matches at the arena last night, but for excitement, speed and science they had nothing on an exhibition of the national pastime staged at Dundas and Richmond streets at 8:30 this morning. Two street railway teams opposed each other in a battle royal. The fact that brooms were used instead of hockey sticks and a stray piece of coke took the place of the puck made no difference to the crowd of cheering fans who lined the streets.

The traffic officer took over the referee's duties from a safe distance, while Inspector Kew of the street railway acted as goal judge for one team and Harold Lenehan the other.

John A. Nash, who happened along, offered a perfect diamond to the man scoring the winning goal for the broom-sweeping switch turners, and William Haddon of Boomer's a box of candy to the player who turned in the cleanest game. Mr. Haddon also acted as coach and general advisor to the winners, while Mr. Nash had to hurry away to catch a train at the end of the second period and was saved the agony of seeing his pets trimmed.

Inspector Harry Humeston of the street railway, who is an ardent hockey fan, didn't arrive at the "rink" until after the game had been stopped by the referees. The players promised to hold a second match tomorrow, weather and the police permitting.

Albert Chapman acted as timekeeper, pinning his faith on the big clock in the C. N. R. ticket office adjoining the scene of battle.

EARLY CLOSING BYLAW PUT CAREFULLY AWAY

Alderman Drake Withdraws Motion To Collect $200 License From Merchants.

The grocers' petition of early closing is still alive at the city hall, but the end was threatened last night when the motion was entered to file it away carefully with the consent of Ald. Drake.

The communication from the C. B. of R. E., protesting the latter's proposal to place a $200 license upon grocers, was duly received.

"I'll withdraw that license now," promised Ald. Drake in his best humorous vein. "They said I'm the one responsible, so I'll just take it off. Remit everyone their $200."

Ald. Drake advised that the agitation for early closing had evidently collapsed.

NEWSBOYS' CLUBS MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

At Gathering in the Y.M.C.A. Program Is Drawn Up For the Season.

Newsboys' Club met last night for their weekly meeting. Following their gym and swimming period they organized into three groups for Bible study and group activities. Election of officers was held in each group, which resulted as follows: "Foxes," under the leadership of Charlie March—Chief ranger, Fred Tapp; sub chief ranger, Willie Harding, tally, George Slatter; cache, Charlie Harding. "Fleetfoots" under the leadership of Bob Richardson—Chief ranger, Bill Young; sub chief ranger, Norman Cameron; tally, Ernie Wilcox; cache, Leonard Hamilton. "Buchaneers" under the leadership of Doug. Walker—Chief ranger, James Hill; sub chief ranger, Charlie White; tally, Ted Linnell; cache, Ken Sandercott. There were 36 boys present last night and it looks as though the newsboys will have another good year's work. This club is carried on under the leadership of the Rotary Club and the Y. M. C. A.

JUST ONE DIRECT TAX WOULD SAVE OVERHEAD

Mayor Says One Straight Tax Would Be Equitable and Save Collection Expenses.

Mayor George Wenige recommends the abolition of all income and special taxes, federal, provincial and municipal, and would introduce in their place one "direct business tax" on all commodities, goods, chattels or anything else offered for sale.

Something must be done and done soon to properly adjust the country's scheme of taxation, the mayor reasons and his solution would be the introduction of one tax only; a direct business tax.

"This tax would reach everyone," the mayor explained, "and further than that, it would eliminate the duplication of overhead and would reduce the cost of collection to an absolute minimum."

"The system will never be right until something of that nature is done. I would abolish all taxes by both governments, all income taxes, and reach all the people through the one business tax. I consider this would be fair to all concerned."

The mayor stresses what he considers the "enormous overhead" in collection, referring to the several departments of taxation collection. There is by far too much duplication of effort, he insists.

"PIONEER" GROUP HOLDS REVIEW MEETING IN "Y"

The Pioneer Noon-Hour group met at the "Y" yesterday, when Dr. Geo. Ingham conducted a review of the work during the last few months. Some of the subjects reviewed were: "The Right to Life;" "The Right to Property"; "The Right to Fair Dealing"; "The Right to Rest"; "The Right to Truth;" "The Rights of Parents"; "The Rights of Dumb Animals" and "Justice in Punishments." The following boys were present: Paul Dawson, Crval Trott, Bob McArthur, Donald Bainard, Norm Routledge, and W. H. Spearman.

DAUGHERTY WILL NOT QUIT OFFICE

Attorney-General of the U. S. Leaves Statement Before Going to Chicago.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Attorney-General Daugherty announced determination to remain in the cabinet for the present, at least, spurred Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, to press forward quick action in the senate today on his resolution calling for an investigation of Mr. Daugherty's administration. The attorney-general left for Chicago yesterday after a last-minute conference with President Coolidge. Strict secrecy was maintained about his plan to leave, and it was not until three hours later that a statement he had prepared previously in which he announced he intended to retain office, was made public.

As soon as he learned of the attorney-general's decision not to resign pending a fair inquiry into the charges against him, Senator Wheeler announced his intention "to push the hearing," and said he would try to get action on his resolution today.

Strictest secrecy was maintained as to the purpose of the attorney-general's sudden trip to Chicago.

STUDENTS PLAN NEW SYSTEM OF OFFICES

University Men and Women Want More Representative Executive.

A committee of the Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario, of which Miss Lillian Hill, subprefect, is convener, is working on a system whereby the various offices of university will be distributed more evenly among the students.

According to the students it has been the practice at the university for three or more students to occupy the majority of official positions, and consequently the students affairs are not handled by representatives of the majority. It is expected a point system will be instituted, so that each office will be worth a certain number of points. Should a student be elected to three offices and exceed the maximum number of points allotted to each executive position, he will be forced to relinquish one or more of the positions and give place to another student.

A system of reward for work done in student executive and literary work similar to that used in athletics, has been occupying the attention of a committee of the students council for some time. It is expected that at Tuesday's meeting of the council the committee will introduce a system which will supply crests, trophies or badges as reward for these branches of students' activities.

FALLING ICICLE JUST MISSES LITTLE CHILD

Building Inspector Asks "Who Is Responsible—Owner or Tenant."

The city solicitor in a few days is expected to give an interpretation of the existing bylaws covering the question of icicles and their disposal. Some time ago the city was brought into close touch with this question when a tenant of a down-town building, who had cleaned the sidewalk, thought that the matter of icicles on the roof was up to the owner. The owner, in turn, stated that the chap who cleaned the sidewalks assumed responsibility for the roof. So the city, in a quandary, applied to the city solicitor for an interpretation of the legal side of the case.

In the meanwhile, the obvious danger from thawing icicles grows greater day by day. This morning, a woman, carrying a small child, came within an ace of a nasty accident. She was walking down Richmond street, not far from the C. N. R. station, when a shower of icicles broke away from a roof and missed her by a hairsbreadth. She was quite frightened for the moment, but the child merely laughed at the scattered pieces of ice. Passersby remarked on the dnager from overhanging icicles, and thought it was time either the city or the owners of the buildings took some action in the matter to safeguard citizens.

DR. GRANT STATES PASTOR UNFAIR TO THE BOARD

Chairman of Collegiate Committee Maintains All Facts Were Not Presented.

PROPOSALS OUTLINED

Characterizing Dr. William Beattie's sermonette of last Sunday, referring to the collegiate problem, as grossly unfair to the board of education, Dr. A. J. Grant, chairman of the collegiate committee, declared this morning that it would have been better had Dr. Beattie first obtained some facts about the situation before dragging the matter into the church and putting members of the board in an unfavorable light before the citizens of London.

"Dr. Beattie's attitude is grossly unfair to the board and to the men who have given time, energy and concentration to the question of collegiate accommodation, looking into it from every angle. If he felt that he wanted to make the problem the subject of a sermon, he should have posted himself on conditions as they are," declared Dr. Grant.

"The board must be given credit for having the courage to face the issue as it found it, as advocating the expenditure of large sums of money is not a popular move at present. It would be far easier and more popular to play ostrich, if one, knowing the facts, could harden his heart against the right of children to a proper education.

"A man in Dr. Beattie's position would be expected to be in sympathy with right-thinking men and women of the board. He should know the difficulteis they must face.

Did Not Visit Schools.

"In a letter he wrote to correct the report of his sermonette, with which he disagrees, he mentions figures. For these he called Principal Millar on Saturday night and asked a few questions. In his sermonette he used only a portion of the figures he received. Provision for education means provision for the immediate future, and Dr. Beattie did not use the figures for September next, which are even more enlightening than those for the immediate future. We think that, in justice to the board, in a matter so important, that Dr. Beattie should at least have had an interview with some of the board or principals who have been working on the problem.

"He talked of schools he was never in. He did not accept the invitation for the tour of inspection of the makeshift secondary schools which was arranged by the board as a sincere effort to show and convince representative citizens that a real need does exist.

"Dr. Beattie did condescend to run over to Princess Avenue School on Monday, after the damaging influence of his sermon had become apparent. He makes reference in his letter to a line of reasoning, 'that because a school is not the last word in schools is no reason why it should be scrapped.' This argument has never been presented by any member of the board or official. We have given other and real reasons, and for these I would refer Dr. Beattie to Monday, Feb. 11, when in the daily papers he will see a full account of conditions as I outlined them at the Rotary Club. The board will stand behind these reasons.

Collegiate Is Crowded.

"As Dr. Beattie knows, after the collegiate fire we had no accommodation. Then a school was built with a capacity of 600 pupils, and the unit system introduced. At the present time the Central Collegiate is crowded to capacity and the residue is housed in two abandoned public schools. This would seem sufficient reason for the argument, as if they were abandoned for public schools hoy can any right-thinking person condone their use for secondary schools.

"The reasons for condemning these schools in the first place were many. The old Princess Avenue School had faulty heating, requiring seven furnaces, bad ventilation, primitive lavatory accommodation out in the yard, and the worst lighting of any school in the city. The old Victorial School was built similar to a patchwork quilt with narrow halls, added to which it is one of the worst firetraps in the city. In both these schools there is no facility for the teaching of science. Individual experiments are impossible, and any man or woman must realize the difficulties of grasping the fundamentals in such subjects under such conditions.

"Dr. Beattie was present at my address to Kiwanis, but at that I merely touched on the reasons, these having been made public through the kindness of the daily papers. I spoke mostly about the ability to provide proper secondary education in London and could not be as explicit in the amount of money involved because definite conclusions in the matter of expenditures have not yet been reached by the board.

"In conclusion I might say that the board is convinced of the need and that certain members have given considerable time and energy in an honest attempt to solve the problem. The interests of the whole present generation in the city are at stake, and Dr. Beattie as a leader of public opinion should be ready to fight for proper educational facilities.

"We stand ready and anxious to show him the needs whenever he wishes," concluded Dr. Grant.

ADELAIDE STREET LADIES' AID

The Ladies' Aid of Adelaide Street Baptist Church were guests of Mrs. Bert Summers, Gerrard street, last Tuesday afternoon, at a tea held in their honor. Early in the afternoon, a short business meeting was held at which arrangements were made for a bazaar to be held in the fall, and Mrs. Summers made general convener. Mrs. D. H. Gillies and Mrs. Yorke poured tea at a table centered with a basket of tulips, and assisting Mrs. Summers were Mrs. Wm. Maynard, Mrs. E. Rogers, Mrs. T. Brown, and Mrs. James Dey.

YOUTHFUL ROWDIES MUST PAY $10 FINE

Fred Grayson and H. McGuire Are Found Guilty of Assault.

ATTACK DAVID ROGERS

Tried To Beat Up Manager of Simcoe Street Roller Rink.

Rowdies and youthful disturbers of the peace must be ridden from the city, Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon said in court this morning after fining two lads, Fred Grayson and H. McGuire $10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

According to the evidence of David Rogers, manager of the Simcoe street roller rink, Jack Stenson and a gang of hoodlums have been making nuisances of themselves in the structure for months. Swearing, jostling and fighting are common occurrences there.

Yesterday when the two boys had been evicted from the rink it is alleged they threatened to "get" Rogers after 10 o'clock. They proceeded to attack him while he was returning to his home with his wife, but the manager entered a store. A friend, observing the rumpus, telephoned the police. The boys were caught several blocks away trying to escape.

Grayson admitted he had not worked for months. He said he loafed about the rink "with the fellows."

Grayson appeared in court with a badly swollen lip which he said had been inflicted by Rogers, the plaintiff, but the court ignored this charge. McGuire denied he had been acting disorderly.

MAN ALLEGED TO BE FORGER IS ARRESTED

F. D. Harrison Is Said To Have Forged and Cashed Checks.

F. D. Harrison, residing on Egerton street, was arrested this morning by Detective Harry Down on charges of forging and passing two checks on the Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation. The prisoner will appear in police court Friday morning before Magistrate Graydon.

According to the detective department, Harrison is a native of the United States and has been living here with his wife. The checks it is alleged were both passed by the prisoner on February 18. He cashed one, it is said at the East London branch of the Huron and Erie and the other at the downtown office. The checks were for $45 and $25 respectively, the name of a local contractor being forged on both of them.

Detective Down made the arrest at Egerton street and the Hamilton road.

TWO PENSION CASES BROUGHT UP TODAY

Cases Appealed For Second Time To Be Heard on Saturday.

Two cases regarding pensions were taken up this morning by Commissioner Dr. B. L. Wickware of the Federal Appeal Board which is in session at the courthouse. Cases being appealed for the second time will be heard Saturday morning by the full board of commissioners.

Captain Fremlin, who acts as advisor for the returned men of the district put the case of G. E. Collins, Woodstock, before the commissioner today. Collins has been forced to give up work and is in straightened circumstances as a result of war service, it is claimed. His war disability has been refuted by the pension commission.

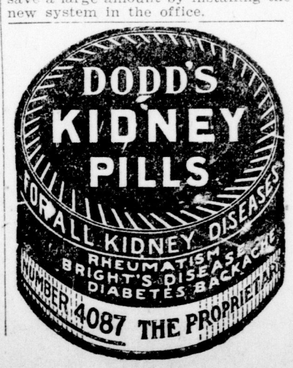
Mrs. Emma O. Taylor, widow of M. C. Taylor also gave evidence as to why she was entitled to a pension.

APPLICATION GRANTED.

The application for adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell Guest, Granton, of little Irene Mason, Toronto, has been granted by Judge Talbot Macbeth. The child was born in Toronto, July 11, 1920, and has been a ward of the Lincoln County C. A. S. Her name has been changed to Muriel Irene Guest.

CHANGES BEING MADE.

The county registry office will soon be heated entirely by steam from the courthouse plant. Laborers were busily engaged this morning in digging a trench in front of the county buildings in which the pipes will be laid. The county expects to save a large amount by installing the new system in the office.



DECLINES LEADERSHIP.

Judge Charles Stuart, of the Alberta Supreme Court, who was recently offered the position of Liberal leader in the Alberta legislature. Judge Stuart is one of Strathroy's sons, who has made good in Western Canada. He is a brother of County Clerk John Stuart, and went west in 1895. He has been on the judge's bench for twenty years, and his home is in Calgary.

Yesterday In Ontario's Legislature

Liberals moved amendment in budget debate, demanding economy to make balanced budget possible yearly. A. Belanger, Hon. Beniah Bowman and Col. J. A. Currie continued the debate.

Premier Ferguson announced that counsel had been instructed to take the matter of Alberta coal rates to the Dominion Railway Board, with the request for reasonable rates.

Second reading given bill to increase the qualifications of candidates for municipal councils.

TITLE CERTIFICATES ASKED FOR MOTORS

London Motor Club Says This Plan Would Combat Car Stealing.

The London Motor Club will appeal to Premier Howard Ferguson and the Provincial Legislature requesting that legislation be enacted which would require the issuance of a certificate of titl, vouching for the ownership of all motor vehicles registered in Ontario. This decision was made at a meeting of the club held last night in the Tecumseh House.

The main object of such legislation is to prevent the sale or transfer of stolen cars or motors not fully paid for. The co-operation of the Ontario Motor League will als be requested by the local club to lend its support to have this legislation enacted.

The loca club strongly indorsed the urgent need of the city council purchasing a motor road tractor to be regularly operated throughout the winter for the removal of snow from the city streets. It was pointed out that the tractor, which has been in use for the past few weeks belonging to the Middlesex Motors, has proved its practibility in making the city streets more passable for all traffic.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the London Motor Club for the election of directors on Friday, March 21.

ASKS FOR PAPERS.

John Vanderheiden, 78 Edward street, a native of Holland, has applied for naturalization papers, wishing to become a bona fide citizen of Canada. His application will be heard before County Judge Talbot Macbeth on June 2.

Mr. Vanderheiden states he came from Holland in June, 1907, and has lived in London for 17 years. He was born at Oosterbeek, Holland, September 17, 1872.

HEADLIGHT AWAITS.

A headlight off a motor car picked up on Carling street last Tuesday is still awaiting an owner at the police station, Desk Sergeant Roy Montieth stated today.

NINE DAYS LEFT TO SERVE NOTICE ON ST. RAILWAY CO.

If City Wants To Buy in 1925, Must Say So Now.

YEAR'S NOTICE REQUIRED

March 8 is but a step away and unless the Street Railway Corporation makes overtures in the meanwhile, it looks as though the franchise is going over to 1930, Ald. John Greer, chairman of the board of works, stated today.

"I would not feel like initiating any move to give them notice of purchase in 1925," the chairman stated. "It would not be safe. A notice would mean that we would be bound to arbitrate."

It is the chairman's opinion that the questio nwas definitely settled last year when the council considered the company's price excessive and decided to send it to the people.

In order to purchase the road by March 8, 1925, the city must serve one year's notice of that intention. March 8 next is therefore the last date for such notice. The members of the present council would no doubt be fearful of such atcion without a vote of the people.

Relative to the report that the city council would have to demand the abolition of the five-cent fare an da return to the seven and nine tickets for 25 cents, Ald. Gordon Drake states that he would be willing to urge accordingly, but not if the company would "fix the rails and give good service." Otherwise he would support a move for cheaper fares.

Ald. Drake insists further that the city should own the road and promises to consider the question closely a sto what action, if any, could be taken between now and March 8. He insists that the company has still time to lower its price to $1,000,000.

EDUCATIONALISTS AGREE WITH DR. CODY

Believe That a Certain Amount of Home Work Is Beneficial.

Local educationalists are in sympathy with Dr. J. A. Cody, former provincial minister of education, who speaking at the Urban Trustees' convention at Kingston, declared that homework should not be abolished.

Principal Millar of the collegiate stated that homework was a necessity, but that there should not be too much of it. He did not think the teachers overburdened the students with work to be done at home. This was one of the reasons for the establishment of study periods in the schools, the student, during the period, doing a certain amount of the work he or she would otherwise have to do at home.

Chief Inspector Greer also stated that homework, if apportioned judiciously, was good for the pupil, but that there must be co-operation by the parents who must see that the work was done rather than allow their children to skimp the work for amusement's sake.

PRISONERS PROVIDED WITH BEST OF FOOD

Three Condemned Murderers Are Reported To Be in Good Health.

Murrell, Williams and Topping, who have been sentenced to be hanged on April 10, are still living on the fat of the land, according to court house officials. The three young men have shown a decided preference for bacon and eggs, and these breakfast delicacies are being supplied to them regularly by the jail chef (whoever he happens to be).

Shortly after their conviction Governor Dawson of the jail was handed a substantial amount of money by a citizen, with the request that it be used in the purchase of "extras" for the prisoners, who were to be all treated alike.

Murrell and Williams smoke innumerable cigarettes, while Topping enjoys fruit and candy. All three men are in splendid physical condition, officials state.

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