

ALL CITY DOINGS

News of the Day in the Commercial Metropolis of Western Ontario.

KIWI 'DADDIES,' IN NEW ROLES, DELIGHT BOYS

Play Santa Claus To Adopted "Sons" At Huge Xmas Tree in Tecumseh House.

PRESENT BANK ACCOUNTS

Gracious Club Members Glad-Hearts of Kiddies With Useful Gifts.

The Christmas tree given Thursday evening by the Kiwanis "daddies" to their adopted boys, was a huge success from beginning to end, and the boys had the time of their lives.

As soon as grace had been said, explosions from Christmas crackers were heard all over the dining-room in the Tecumseh House, and the next instant everybody was decked out in a fancy hat, contained in the crackers, and merriment was the order of the evening.

Wilbur Hodgins, in charge of the program, kept everything going with a swing, and called on several quartets at random from the members of the club, which created lots of fun for the big boys as well as the small.

Father Frank Brennan announced that they had three boys among them who had not missed any meeting of the Kiwi Club throughout the year, and presented them each with a prize in the form of a bank account, containing \$5. The three boys were: Frank Haines, Morton Burns and Stanley Burns.

Six other boys were given envelopes containing a \$1 bill for only missing one meeting.

Hugh Murray, chairman of the objective committee, made a short address, and asked the members, as they looked around the room, if they thought it was worth while putting forth the effort that had been necessary to bring about such a stirring sight, and from then on his speech was drowned in the cheers of the boys and their "daddies."

Sing Yuletide Songs.
The boys sang their portion to the evening enjoyment by giving several Christmas songs and carols, and they were not afraid to sing for all they were worth. Leonard Dilz sang the first verse of a Christmas carol; Morton and Stanley Burns sang the second as a duet, and Bob Morris sang the third verse with all the boys joining in the chorus, and finished up by giving two Kiwi yells which nearly demolished the ceiling.

Dr. Roy, in a short address to the members, said that they had it in their power to spend the money, and invest their lives, and that the members had decided to invest theirs, and that they would find that they had made the best investment possible, pointing out that these same boys were destined to become the citizens of tomorrow, and in all probability the merchant princes of the future. He attributed to Stanley Howard much of the success of the Kiwi Club.

Jim St. Clare of Toronto expressed the desire that the club set as an objective for next year, 500 boys. He said that it was the greatest thing they could do, and that now, after such a splendid start, they should keep going ahead.

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Christmas Tree Delights.
The tree was beautifully decorated with small electric lights, strung all through it, producing a very pretty effect as it shone through the tinsel and other decorations.

After the tree had been stripped and the presents all given out, President Mitchell, who is the outgoing president, said:

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REAL CHAMPION IS THIS TURKEY

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Though there were any number of turkeys, geese and other fowl, prices had a tendency to remain "stiffish." One woman, anxious to get out of the cold, was willing to part with her last turkey, and a desirable-looking one, at that, for 54 cents a pound. A number of farmers and farmers' wives were asking 55, while a group insisted on getting 60 cents.

A man, who had a fine array of turkeys, both with regard to appearance and numbers, held out for 40 and 45 cents a pound at 12:30 o'clock. He was still holding firm at 1:30 o'clock, still with a fine array of birds.

Buyers, apparently, were holding back, anticipating lower prices Saturday.

YAWNING IS INFECTIOUS.

Every time you see a person yawn you seem to have an uncontrollable impulse to do likewise. When a young man gives his best girl a Perfect Blue-White Diamond this uncontrollable impulse tells her to say "Yes," especially if it comes from John A. Nash, Jeweler's Store, 182 Dundas street, "where you will eventually buy." zzz

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CHRISTMAS DAY, MATINEE AND NIGHT. AND WE ARE GOING TO STAY THREE DAYS, MATINEES AND NIGHTS.

"Mutt and Jeff In Chinatown"

Matinees Showing 2:15

This coupon and 15 cents will admit Advertiser readers to matinee performances to see "Mutt and Jeff In Chinatown" at The Grand Tuesday or Wednesday, Dec. 27 or 28.

Name _____
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Present coupon at Grand Theatre with 15c and tax.

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London Building Totals For Year Break All Previous Records

THE building permits issued by Building Inspector Piper for this year to date total the highest in the city's history. The report shows 1,459 permits, valued at \$2,519,410. The nearest this total was ever approached before was in 1919, when the year's figures reached \$2,435,000.

The latest permits include a \$3,000 brick residence at 133 Wilson avenue, to be erected by J. and E. Sullivan.

dent of the club, spoke for a short time, and said that he could not find words to properly express his feelings, but said that most of the success of the boy movement was due to Hugh Murray, who had spent neither time nor money for nothing in his efforts to do everything possible for the boys.

He hoped the boys would grow up to be good citizens, and to be a credit to themselves and the community in which they reside.

He gave the boys some very good advice, and told them to be always cheery and bright, and to abandon dull thoughts as soon as they entered their heads.

There were 70 boys at the banquet, 62 of them being to the London club, and eight were from St. Thomas, and as each boy came out of the dining-room, followed by his "daddy" carrying his parcels, was given other smaller gifts.

Festivity Finds Way to Hospital

Joyous Christmas Program Arranged For Patients and Staff at Victoria.

While a hospital, of necessity, is not the most desirable place in the world in which to spend the Christmas holidays, loving thought has endeavored to bring as much as possible of the gladness of the Christmas season within the walls of Victoria Hospital during the next few days.

Festivities began with a student-nurse dance on Friday evening, from 8 to 12 o'clock, at the residence. On Saturday at 8 o'clock there will be carols in the children's ward, and at 8:45 o'clock a Santa Claus distribution in the chorus, and finished up by giving two Kiwi yells which nearly demolished the ceiling.

The patients' Christmas dinner is to be served on Sunday, December 25, and the nurses' on Monday, December 26. Patients' trays will be very specially decorated, a small gift to be included for each free patient.

Sunday morning the holy communion service for the student-nurses will be conducted in the classroom by Rev. G. Q. Warner. The hospital has been lavishly decorated with colored shades on all lights, a small table tree in the center of each public ward, and a real Christmas tree for the children's ward.

The community Christmas tree in the grounds, decorated and lighted by the public utilities commission electrical department, is a joy to the neighborhood and all passersby, as well as to the patients who are able to look out of the windows.

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CLIENTS GIVE 'SILVER COW' TO JOHN PRINGLE

Bank Patrons Honor Manager Retiring After 25 Years' Service.

DINED AT HUNT CLUB

Address of Appreciation Read by Mayor E. S. Little.

John Pringle, formerly manager of the main local office of the Bank of Toronto and who has recently retired after 25 continuous years of service with that institution, was the recipient on Friday night of a handsome silver cow, containing a substantial sum of gold, a gift from the customers of the bank.

The actual presentation took place at a dinner at the Hunt Club, and was preceded by an address of appreciation by Mayor E. S. Little.

The address read as follows: "Dear Mr. Pringle—Your retirement from the active service of the Bank of Toronto in this city, after a connection of twenty-five years, should not, we believe, pass unnoticed by those who have brought into intimate relations with you through common business interests, as well as by the stronger ties of personal friendship.

Filled Unique Place.
"We realize that the place which you filled in the business life of London was, in certain respects, almost unique. Your long tenure of office as manager of one of the important banking institutions of the city, brought you eventually into contact with almost every business man in London. You saw a generation of London businessmen pass away. You saw their sons taking up the responsibilities of large enterprises, and we recognized that you felt what was almost a fatherly interest in the younger men who were, to a degree, under your tutelage.

"There is not one of us but has profited by the relations that we have enjoyed with you. Your long acquaintance, your knowledge of men and events have been always at our service. To some of us there comes a recollection of deep personal interest, manifested by you in the times when difficulties piled up and were not easily overcome.

Interested in City.
"We recognize that you have, as a citizen, been deeply interested in the steady progress during this last quarter of a century. We know that to the work of the Western Fair you have given generous aid, and that in your own hobby you have made a valuable contribution to the agricultural life of the country. Your successes with five stars in the London and in competition with the leading breeders of the United States, have brought honor to this city and province.

"We are glad that your retirement from the active service of the bank has been yours for so many years past, does not mean that you will leave this city. We believe that your abilities will be turned more than ever to the service of your fellow citizens, and that new fields you may be able to play a part quite as important as that which has been yours in the past.

"We tender you our esteem for all that you have been in the life of London. We hope that there will be a break in the intimate relations that we have enjoyed with you. There will be times when you will need our help, and we believe that you will be always ready to give it. As a remembrance of all the years of the past, and in pledge of our friendship for the future, we ask you to accept this accompanying gift, joined with a very good wish for your future from your friends in the business life of London."

Large Number Attend.
Among those who were invited were: J. C. Beomer, G. H. Belton, V. J. Blackwell, H. E. Boomer, G. E. Brickenden, J. Kent Campbell, Wm. G. Coles, J. A. Croden, E. R. Dennis, Collin M. Duffield, W. L. Duffield, John Eggett, Robert Ferguson, H. E. Gates, A. G. H. H. Graves, Edith Greaves, H. H. Haskett, T. S. Hobbs, J. E. Hodgins, A. R. C. Hourd, C. S. Hyman, W. F. D. Jarvis, Thos. Jones, A. H. Keene, A. T. Little, E. S. Little, W. N. Manning, John S. Moore, J. McWilliam, F. E. Farnell, A. G. Phillips, J. H. Pollock, T. H. Purdon, G. M. Reid, S. Sansone, L. H. Scandrett, J. P. Sherlock, W. M. Spencer, A. Stevely, W. D. Stevenson, Wm. Turnbull, J. M. Watt, Arthur W. White.

HOLD FUNERAL RITES OF LATE HUBERT ASHPANT

The funeral of Hubert Ashplant, well-known London shoe merchant, who died in Victoria Hospital Tuesday evening, was held from his residence, 466 King street, Thursday afternoon.

The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Manning and Rev. S. J. Allib of Toronto and Rev. John Garbutt of Dundas Centre Methodist Church. Interment was made at the mausoleum, Woodland Cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers were: C. J. Beal, William Heaman, James H. Bowman, C. E. German, A. Talbot and Frank White.

The active pallbearers were: William J. Ashplant and Frank S. Ashplant of this city and Dr. T. R. Ashplant of Newburgh, New York, Harry Thompson of Montreal, Frank E. Blackford of Toronto and John D. Grant of this city.

GORMAN-ECKERT STAY GIVES ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Gorman-Eckert Company executive staff was held in the Tecumseh House Thursday night with a full attendance of the staff, and a large number of out-of-town representatives of the company present.

The guests and the staff concluded an enjoyable evening by a theatre party. In attendance were: Wm. Gorman, president; C. W. Nichols, vice-president; R. G. Bowie, managing director; T. P. Allan, J. A. Jones, directors; A. Treloven, J. C. P. Burch, G. A. W. Brantford; R. M. Moncur, Hamilton; H. A. Lawson, Stratford; A. C. Buchner, J. A. Dean, Toronto; A. M. Piper, Toronto. From London were: Ray Gorman, A. W. Greenleaf, H. H. Renzie, W. J. Smith, Fred Parsons, W. O. Clark, A. Borthwick, W. D. Morris, H. Jeffrey, J. Morrison, W. H. Henderson, A. Harrison.

County Prisoners To Feast On Bread and Soup Christmas Day

There may possibly be visions of sugar plums dancing before the eyes of the sixteen prisoners at the county jail on Saturday night, but they will have to be content with "visions."

While "dads" carves that big brown turkey on Sunday noon, and the inmate family are given their choice of white or dark meat, and there is much peace on earth and goodwill toward men, the prisoners who are unfortunate enough to be incarcerated in the county jail, where the floors are heavy and the windows decorated with big black iron bars, will each receive a large bowl of vegetable soup and a goodly portion of bread.

"There will be no change in the menu at the jail," said Governor Byron Dawson Friday morning when asked if the prisoners would be served "chicken a la king."

"The meal will be the usual one for that particular day, and it will be bread and soup, containing meat, carrots, onions and potatoes," stated the governor.

Of course, if the friends of the prisoners want to send in any food for them on Christmas we will see that they get it, after it has been carefully examined. However, there will be no extras provided by us."

LODGES' OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

Hon. W. D. MacPherson, K.C., Will Be Principal Speaker at Function.

Hon. W. D. MacPherson, K.C., past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, will be the principal speaker at the joint installation of officers of the nine Masonic lodges of London to be held on the 28th of December.

The officers have been elected during the past two months, and it was decided by the brethren that instead of each lodge installing its own officers, a joint installation should be held.

The master of the installation ceremonies will be Wm. B. D. Smith, master of the lodge. The following are the incoming masters of the lodges: Darrell McArthur, St. John's, 20; Charles M. Linnell, St. George's, 42; Thomas Copp, Kilwinning, 43; Margaret Macdonald, 105; W. A. O'Dell, St. John's, 203; W. D. Kirkpatrick, Corinthian, 330; William Kennedy, King Solomon, 378; William Rider, Union, 380; E. W. Frenlin, Acadia, 569.

Officers taking part in the installation ceremonies are as follows: Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard Booth director of ceremonies; Wor. Bro. A. E. Nobbs, senior warden; Wor. Bro. Samuel Sampson, junior warden; Wor. Bro. D. Smith, senior deacon; junior deacon, B. N. Campbell; Wor. Bro. John Moran, senior steward; Wor. Bro. James Egrie, junior steward; Wor. Bro. J. T. May, inner guard; Rt. Wor. Bro. L. A. Boss, clerk.

These officers will be assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Moore, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. H. Ziegler, Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Rowe, Rt. Wor. Bro. William Line, Wor. Bro. W. J. G. Stewart.

Town Talk.

Calendar of Events.

INSPECTOR W. E. KELLY of the Children's Aid Society has been called to Pictou, owing to the illness of his father.

THE MEETING OF THE VICTORIA Hospital Trust, which was to have been held Thursday afternoon, has been postponed until Tuesday afternoon.

THE PARNELL BAKING COMPANY came through this Christmas with its usual Christmas present to its 100 odd employees, each getting a turkey. Figuring birds at around \$6 and \$7 each, this calls for a fairly good-sized outlay.

THE CHARGE of furious driving against John Scott of London Township was withdrawn in police court Friday morning. Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett was of the opinion that it might prejudice a civil action that is pending on the same case.

SOME COMMENT is heard over the fact that the new aldermen-elect did not attend the final meeting of the 1921 council, as is the rule in other cities where the new council is elected early. However, it transpires that the new aldermen-elect, and certainly not wanting to "butt in," did not attend of their own accord.

THE APPROACH of Christmas has evidently awakened a desire in many citizens to get back to their native towns for the festival. About a dozen of these were callers on the city relief office on Thursday seeking aid in the way of a railway ticket. There were three from Toronto, three from Windsor and one from Detroit among them. The majority got assistance for part of the distance.

AN INTERESTING RECITAL was given Thursday evening at the Institute of Musical Art by pupils of Miss Jennie Steele, assisted by Rhea Harris, pupil of Miss Nora Little, and Minnie Doherty, pupil of Jean Walker. The young pianists taking part were: Marian Beattie, Lenore Mitchell, Audrey Farncombe, Miriam Blackburn, Margaret McConnell, Rhea Harris, Edwin Jarvis, Edith Brown, Betty Farncombe, Dorothy Smith, Teddy James, Grace Bayley, Edwin Jarvis, Annabelle Smith, Eleanor Ferguson.

SOME TIME AGO a committee from the First Baptist Church of Brockton, Mass., approached Rev. T. S. Roy of the Talbot Street Baptist Church of this city with a view to securing him as their pastor. Mr. Roy declined at that time. Since then the Brockton committee has approached him again, and has asked him to reconsider, impressing upon him the greatness of the opportunity. Mr. Roy has taken the matter under consideration, and will reply in the course of a few days. Mr. Roy came to London two years ago from West Newton, Mass., about twenty miles from Boston.

Byng of Vimy Sends Greetings To Boys

Byng's boys are evidently not forgotten by Byng of Vimy, especially those who are still in hospital as a result of the war, at the Christmas season. Each of Byng's boys in the London D. S. C. R. hospitals and in the Byron Infirmary has been remembered with a Christmas card by his excellency the governor-general. The men at Byron have already received theirs, and the Westminster Hospital cards will be distributed in connection with the Christmas tree and entertainment on Saturday night.

The cards read: "I send you my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and I hope the coming year may bring you recovery and happiness. (Signed) BYNG OF VIMY."

STUDENTS HOLD HOLIDAY PARTY AT INSTITUTE

Oakhurst School Pupils Present Attractive Program for Christmas Concert.

GIVE PLAYLET IN FRENCH

Court Dances of Elizabethan Period Prove Entertaining Feature.

The most fascinating kind of a Christmas party imaginable for both children and grown-ups was the Christmas closing concert of Oakhurst School and afternoon tea held Thursday afternoon in the Institute of Musical Art. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and brightened further by an open fire.

The first part of the program was given in French, the juniors and primary pupils between 5 and 10 speaking out as fearlessly as if French was their native tongue. "O Canada" and the "Marseilles" were sung in French. Betty Farncombe, Isabel McCormick and Lois Purdon presented a French playlet and Marian Beattie, Gladys Sharpe and Ronald Orme also appearing in French dialogue.

Present Old Court Dance.
The Elizabethan era was featured in the second part of the entertainment, an old English court dance in costume, a 16th century mystery play, and a playlet for the little folks, in which appeared favorite characters of story land, proving especially popular. Lois Purdon, Margaret Lyne-Evans, Isabel McCormick and Betty Farncombe were charming 16th century ladies in their court dance. Lois Purdon, Isabel McCormick, Audrey Farncombe, Irene Morrison, Margaret Lyne-Evans, Betty Farncombe and Margaret Harley-Brown took the roles in the mystery play in a clever manner.

For Christmas eve, a delightful company assembled on the stage, Elizabeth Fisher as the Little Girl; Betty Fraser as Wendy; Velma Levitt, Alice in Wonderland, of course; Mary Detweiler, Robinson Crusoe; Florence Wilson, Boy from North Wind; Vermona Wilson, traveler from Baghdad; Ronald Orme, Hansel; Jean Roberts, Gretel; Mary Bowker, Hush-a-bye-Lady; Mary Boucher, Santa Claus; Mother of the Little Girl, Frances White.

Reads Essay on England.
An essay, "The England of Elizabeth," written by Lorraine Abbott, had place of honor, Miss Abbott having taken the highest standing in the Christmas examinations. In her absence, owing to the death of her uncle, the essay was read by Gladys Sharp.

Several Christmas carols added delightful variety, after which afternoon tea was served. A generous collection was taken on behalf of the French orphan adopted by the school.

CENTENNIAL CHOIR TO GIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

The following program will be presented by the Centennial choir of 55 voices and soloists on Christmas Sunday.

Morning—Anthem, "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn" (Maudslayi), soloist, Mr. A. E. Tudor. Mixed quartet, "In Bethlehem Town," soloists, Mrs. A. Hayward, Mr. Tudor, Mrs. A. O. Sing to God" (Gounod), soprano obligato, Mrs. A. Hayward.

Evening—Chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord" (Handel). Solo, "Night of Nights" (Van de Water), Wm. A. Taylor. Male quartet, "Hallowed Night" (Adams), Mills quartet. Solo, Mrs. A. E. Hayward. Anthem, "The Holy Mother Songs" (McKinney), soloists, mixed quartet.

AUTO RUNS ONTO WALK BUT INJURES NO ONE

A slight accident, which almost resulted seriously, occurred Thursday night in front of the Dundas street office of The Advertiser, when, to avoid a car driven by W. R. Wendall, turning from the north side of the street, another car ran onto the sidewalk. No one was injured.

Toys, dolls, etc., on sale for about one-half price at Keene Bros., 125-127 King street, London—Advt.

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FIRST BY MERIT

London's Evening Newspaper—"All The News That's Fit to Print."

London Postoffice Will Be Open For Three Hours Monday

POSTMASTER DUNCAN has given out the following notice regarding postal service on Christmas Day:

"The public are hereby notified that on Christmas Day, which will be observed on the 26th of December, the general postoffice will be closed, except between the hours, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., during which periods postage stamps will be in sale. Mailed delivery and registration wickets will be open.

There will be one delivery by letter-carrier, which will be in the morning, and all special delivery letters received will be specially delivered.

The mails will be closed and dispatched the same as on other days.

Two clearances will be made from the street letter boxes, commencing at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD TO ORDER EQUIPMENT

Stools and Gymnasium Apparatus Needed for Collegiate.

At a special meeting of No. 3 committee of the board of education on Thursday afternoon power to purchase additional necessary equipment for the new Collegiate Institute was entrusted to Trustees A. A. Langford, Thomas Colville, W. H. T. Mooney (principal), L. E. Carrothers (architect) and W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board.

It has been found necessary to secure stools, and price lists from different firms are now in the hands of the secretary. Gymnasium apparatus must also be purchased before the end of the year.

On Thursday the committee authorized the purchase of McClary's stove, combination gas and electric, for the household science room, at a price of \$22 each. The Kingston Construction Company, builders of the collegiate, will also construct an ash hoist at a price of \$2,150.

Misses K. Holland and K. Jackson have been appointed as permanent teachers at the new collegiate at a salary of \$2,000. This followed after strong recommendation by Principal Mooney.

Misses M. Skelton and A. Buchanan and Mrs. Carr-Harris and Mrs. Hoffer, all temporary teachers, were voted increases in salary.

When the new school opens Arthur Bentley will assume his duties as janitor.

For Colds, Grip or Influenza
and as a Preventive, take Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets. The genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove. (Be sure you get BROMO.) 50c. Made in Canada.

JUDGE AWARDS PLAINTIFFS \$450 FOR INJURIES

Accident On Kilworth Road Reviewed At Court House Thursday.

MUST OBSERVE RULES

J. W. P. Jones, stock broker of this city, was awarded \$450 damages by Judge Talbot Macbeth late Thursday afternoon, in his action for \$500 against Thomas Clark, as a result of an auto crash on June 19 last, at the intersection of the Byron and Kilworth roads.

"I find that the plaintiff had the right of way, and the defendant improperly failed to give the plaintiff the right of way, and improperly turned to the left," said Judge Macbeth in giving his decision. "If the defendant had kept to the right side, the plaintiff would have crossed to his right side, and the accident would have been averted. I find that the accident was caused by the negligence of the defendant, and I think that the damages claimed by the plaintiff are reasonable. I award \$450 damages, \$250 for the male plaintiff, and \$100 for the female plaintiff (Mrs. Jones)."

"It is most important that the rule of the right of way on highways should be observed just as strictly as those of maritime law."

Judge Macbeth further stated that drivers should descend, and take it for granted, that other drivers would keep strictly to the right of way, just as they themselves would, although he agreed with W. C. La Marsh, counsel for the defence, that all laws must possibly be broken