

Adventurous Youths End 650-Mile Flivver Trip From Quaker City Here

"Spark Plug" Is Racer Car Which Conveys Pair of Visitors Through Mine Strike Area From Home In Philadelphia

"Whoa, Spark Plug!" With this remark, voiced by one of its two occupants, an automobile, built along the lines of the racer type, was brought to a leisurely stop in front of a Richmond street restaurant early last night and two youths, each clad in khaki shirts, riding breeches and leggings, alighted. They were William Cave and Emil Alving, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who had just completed a 650-mile trip to London to spend a month's vacation with the former's aunt, Mrs. William Atkinson, Catholic street, and other relatives in this city.

Hot and dusty after their long journey in faithful "Sparkie," the boys entered the restaurant and, after a short rest, they tried out the culinary ability of local chefs as a preliminary to their visit here. While engaged in this refreshing occupation they told the story of their speedy trip to a Free Press reporter in accents distinctly American and with a typical "Tankie twang."

They had shaken off Quaker City dust at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, they said, and the first lap of the journey took them as far as Harrisburg, Pa., a distance of about 110 miles, and the second of the present mining trouble. Prospects of coal shortage during the winter months had no terrors for them, nor did they detract from the pleasure of the trip and the comforts of a Harrisburg hotel was sought for the night.

Bright and early on Thursday morning "Spark Plug" was again set in motion and headed toward Batavia, N. Y., where they arrived that evening, after covering some 300 miles. There the Thursday night stop was made and yesterday the travellers covered the remainder of the journey to London, crossing the border at Niagara Falls.

"Spark Plug" gave little trouble during the long and speedy trip. One puncture was recorded, but it was quickly repaired and the journey resumed with little delay. Both boys had a good story to tell about the road, the latter, the contrary concerning the highways of New York State, and praise for the thoroughness of their native owners, Pennsylvania.

Of London they had pleasant recollections of former visits and keen anticipations for the present one.

Following the abandoning of the Egeron street well, officials of the local waterworks department of the Public Utilities Commission are turning their attention to the ground surrounding the well at the Ontario Hospital. This well was recently acquired by the city and it is providing such an abundant supply of water daily that drilling operations will be undertaken at once in the hope that the city's supply may be further augmented from this district.

It is the desire of the waterworks department to continue the present search for water until a supply sufficiently large for a city of 200,000 is available. The Ontario Hospital well has an output of between 700,000 and 800,000 gallons per day, and it is believed that other equally capable wells can be drilled in this part of the city.

Several test holes will be drilled during the next week or so, but as the preliminary drilling will be confined largely to exploration, little in the way of definite information will be available up to the possible output for several weeks.

NOTED MEDICOS WILL SPEAK HERE Drs. McVicar and Masson, of Mayo Clinic, Coming TO ADDRESS ACADEMY Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday of Next Week

Two distinguished physicians will address members of the Western Ontario Academy of Medicine here on Tuesday of next week, on subjects of wide interest to the medical fraternity. The session will be held in the auditorium of the medical school.

Dr. C. M. McVicar, of the Mayo clinic, who began his medical career in Western University, will lecture on sick headaches in relation to gastro-intestinal diagnosis; and the internist's responsibility and factors involved in the selection and preparation of surgical risks.

Dr. James C. Masson, also of the Mayo clinic, will lecture on uterine prolapse and its treatment. There will be a luncheon of the academy at 12.30 at the Tecumseh House.

GARDEN PARTY A very charming garden party was held on the lawn of the Maitland Street Baptist Church last evening, which was largely patronized. Many colored lanterns, swinging in a soft breeze, gave the fête that necessary exotic touch without which the full pleasure of such gatherings is not realized. There were many pretty booths, which did a rushing business all evening. A most excellent concert was given by the Centennial Church orchestra, under the leadership of Theodore Gray.

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Ether Waves From a Rare Atmosphere

A jackdaw has found a new home in a corner of a building which has been converted to a pigeon loft. It is reported to be very tame and to be seen on the roof of the building.

Even if you don't hear of funny birds you can often see them hanging around street corners. Talking about popular songs, it looks as though "Yes, We Have No Cows!" will be sung the most.

Coolidge gets up about 5.30 every morning. Now, what little American boy wants to be president? All optimists are not dead, but one is. A doctor down in Texas ordered that he be buried in furs.

PET PASTIMES. Figuring what will happen to local restaurants and fruit stores if reservists are called on. The insect and pest act is in force to-day. Give this warning to your enemies.

In Dan Cupid's war last month London reports a total of 134 casualties. Looks as though the Australian Kangaroos got the hop on United States in the first Davis cup matches.

After school starts on Tuesday the fruit not stolen will be considered fairly safe. Speaking of Christmas gifts, 1923 motor licenses can now be bought for half the usual price.

Miners have quit to-day. This relieves you of the bother of stoking your furnace this winter. It's a peaceful world, apart from a little war in Europe, a coal strike, a street car rumpus and school starting.

This Greco-Italian affair will help you brush up on your geography. We had forgotten Corfu existed. Latest war news is that Italian opera singers threaten reprisals on the Greeks.

Most of these epoch-making pictures make us crave to see an ordinary film. OUR GAZETTEER. Southern Europe is a section of the globe where people prefer fighting to eating.

Bathing beauties who have been tanning their hide will now commence to hide their tan. A DUMBELL is a nonentity who reckons that an essay is a literary composition.

From some correspondents one would gather that Britain's chief worry is whom the Prince of Wales will marry. PROVIDE EXTRA TRAINS MONDAY Both Lines Will Put On More Coaches For Holiday TO AND FROM TORONTO Look For Large Increase Traffic Over Week-End

In order to care for the expected heavy passenger traffic over the holiday extra trains will be placed at the disposal of the public on the Toronto and Canadian Pacific railways. Commencing to-day and continuing until Tuesday a special train will be run on the C. P. R. to Toronto leaving the city at 4.50 a. m., while train No. 16 on the Canadian National will be run in two sections, the first leaving the city at 7.00 a. m. and followed in a 15-minute interval by the second.

No. 15 on the C. N. R., returning from Toronto to London and points west, will also be run in two sections, the first being the regular train, arriving in the city about 9 p. m., followed shortly after by the special. On Labor Day two specials will leave Toronto on the C. P. R. The first train will leave union station at 6.50 p. m. and the second at 10.15 p. m.

In addition to these special trains, extra coaches will be placed on all regular trains over the week-end and on Tuesday of next week. Local officials on both roads are looking for a large increase in traffic figures for the holiday. ARRANGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF BOARD Preparing For Regular Session of Trustees on Thursday

Efforts are being made by Secretary W. A. Tanner, of the Board of Education, to arrange for a few committee meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The regular monthly board meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday afternoon, and with three committees to meet before the board, difficulty is being experienced in selecting a suitable time for the meetings.

Many of the trustees are also absent from the city and although they were allowed a vacation in August there is a strong possibility that quite a few of the board members may not put in an appearance at any of next week's meetings. At all events there will be committee meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and the board's regular session will take place on Thursday.

OPEN NEW SHELTER. Preparations are being made by the Children's Aid Society to hold a housewarming in the new Waveridge road shelter. The public generally will be invited to inspect the building and see for themselves what provision is made for the care and comfort of the unfortunate little ones kept in that institution. THUMB INJURED Thomas Houghner, of 710 York street, suffered a severe injury to his left thumb in the lumber yard of George H. Belton & Co. late yesterday afternoon. The flexor ligament was completely severed. He was rushed to Victoria Hospital, where it is hoped that the thumb will be saved.

SOBERING ABOUT JEWELER BOYS \$50,000 STORE SALARY REPORT

Aldermen Inclined To Doubt the Mayor's Statement ON RESEARCH COMMITTEE Greer Says Recommendations Are Not Likely

Not many aldermen accept without reservation the statement "made by the mayor 15 times lately" as one alderman says, to the effect that the report to be presented some time before the municipal elections by the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada on the survey of several city departments will contain recommendations referring to salaries. Incidentally, this report was to have been presented to the Council not later than September 15, but, according to his worship, it will not be in until some time early in October. And the aldermen question why the mayor is the one who should be the informant about the delay of the report.

"I have heard the mayor make that statement 15 times lately," Ald. Greer said in reference to the mayor's assertion that he is satisfied in his own mind the report will contain a direct reference to salaries. "His worship says he has it on good authority that salary recommendations will be made in the report. But I have it on just as good authority that no direct reference to salaries will be made in this report. Further, the mayor has made a statement that he is satisfied in his own mind the report will contain a direct reference to salaries. This is a statement that is absolutely no information as to what the report would contain would be given out until the completed report is in the hands of the Council. Under those circumstances, what can one expect without reservation the statement that salary recommendation will be made?"

IN THIS connection attention is called to the fact that the institute does not touch salaries directly unless specifically requested to do so. And there would be a higher charge made for a report on salaries. This was stated in a letter that came before the London Railway Commission recently, in which it was pointed out that an extra charge would be made in connection with the proposed salaries of the L. & E. S. R. if a report on salaries is asked.

"It looks as if the report is going to be laid over until just previous to the election campaign," Ald. Greer says. "What we know that no direct reference to salaries will be made in that report. The Council has decided not to touch the salary question until the institute has made in the results of its survey. Possibly the mayor is planning to mix the salary question up in his election campaign. He may intend to direct the institute and the man in charge of the report who want to see justice done to the civic employees as ones who are spending the public's money too freely. But that will not get him anything, for the public will prevent any white emeralds receive a fair wage."

"Personally, I think it is an outrage that we should ask the assessment commission and the man in charge of the income assessment branch department to continue at work at the salaries they receive as clerks," Ald. Greer continued. "Personally, I think it is a disgrace that we should sanction such a move if it gives it serious consideration."

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MEETING POSTPONED—As a result of the public holidays Monday, the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce will not hold their regular directors' meeting until Friday of next week.

LOCAL G. W. V. A. DELEGATE.—At a meeting of the executive of the local G. W. V. A., held last evening, George Turner, secretary, was appointed as the local delegate to the conference of the provincial executive command, which opens in St. Catharines on Monday.

FINAL DETAILS—Inspector V. K. Greer was busy to-day giving final details to school principals and arranging final details for the opening of school on Tuesday morning next. Principals of all city public schools visited the inspector during the day and every detail has now been definitely arranged. A slight increase is expected in the attendance as a whole, but accommodation has been provided for all and it is not likely that any difficulty will occur at the opening.

DR. TAMLIN RETURNS.—Veterinary Dr. C. S. Tamlin, who is expected to return to his duties, has returned to his duties. He reports that the annual convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association at Montreal, has just returned to his duties. He reports that the annual convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association at Montreal, has just returned to his duties.

ASKS ASSISTANCE FOR ADOLESCENTS Mayor Wenige Would Have Government Provide Fund COMPENSATE FOR LOSS All Children Must Go To School Until 16 Under Act

In view of the fact that the Department of Education for Ontario is in favor of enforcing the Adolescent Act, Mayor Wenige points out that a sum of money should be set aside by the Provincial Government to pay towards the upkeep of the home where the mother is unable to work, or if he were allowed to work, would go.

With the enforcement of the act, all children under the age of 16 are forced to go to school regardless of what circumstances the family may be living under. In that case the act states that all children must go to school until a certain age has been attained.

PORTUGUESE CRUISER ASHORE OFF ST. JOHNS HALIFAX, August 31.—The Portuguese cruiser "Carvalho" Hoarajo ran ashore about 30 miles south of St. Johns, Nfld., early this afternoon, according to a wireless message received from Cape Race by the marine and fisheries agent here. The message adds that the position of the cruiser was not dangerous at present and that she was attempting to establish wireless communication with the shore.

BEANS.—Beans, immediate and prompt shipment, 35c, 20c, shipping points.

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Among the largest realty transfers recorded during August is the purchase of the store at 182 Dundas street by John A. Nash from John Thurston at a consideration of \$50,000. This is the store at present occupied by Mr. Nash. The property has a frontage of 17 feet 8 1/2 inches. This is nearly \$2,000 a foot for the lot including buildings.

In all there were 175 transfers during August, as compared with 117 during the corresponding month of 1922. This is a record for the city and the city is steadily making progress and that the public in general is quite optimistic regarding the information about the year there have been many transfers recorded, while for the same period last year there were only 110.

Dr. Nelson George has purchased property on Dufferin avenue, near the Central Collegiate, from Thos. Wilkey for \$15,000. The St. Thomas Packing Company has purchased the property now occupied by it on King street, near Richmond, from W. J. Jeffery. The consideration was \$8,000.

SHALE BURNING NEAR IPPERWASH Smouldering Blaze Threatens To Start Bush Fires WANT GOVERNMENT TO ACT Fire In Indian Reserve Awaits Federal Action

Along more than a quarter mile front of the shale at Upperwash Beach between Kettle and Stoney Points is burning and unless steps are taken to put it out it is feared that the fire will reach the bush and eventually the summer homes located in this region. Due to the fact that the fire which will never die of its own accord, lies inside the Indian reserve, a technically arises since the Indian reserve, and from there would be transmitted to the various cities of the Dominion through vice or acting consular.

NOT MANY LIABLE. "There are not many Italians who would be liable for service in London, anyhow," declared Mr. Cusolito, of the Free Press. "They have scattered all over the country and quite a lot of old fellows are left here now." He stated that the majority of Italians living in London had obtained their naturalization papers and were now British subjects.

This, he said, would not have any effect in case of a military emergency, for the Italian Government refuses to recognize adopted citizenship in the case of military service. It had, however, a tendency to decrease the interest in Italian affairs, he said, and so far as the Italians of London were concerned they were not worrying.

There is a war it will be another matter to live before its effects," declared Mr. Cusolito. "Personally, though, I don't think there will be any war. They'll settle their troubles without the use of arms."

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FARMERS OF TWO COUNTIES CLASH Middlesex and Elgin Youths In Annual Contest STOCK JUDGING COMPETITION Great Interest Manifested In Sports Events

For the third time this year junior farmers of Middlesex and Elgin counties will clash on the sports field at the Ridgeway experimental farm. On two former occasions the rival representatives each won one contest. Elgin won the first by a margin of 11 points. Middlesex won the second contest by an overwhelming majority. And the Middlesex county farmers confidently expect to annex the third and deciding contest in the same emphatic manner in which they captured the second one.

Following the stock judging contest a dinner and picnic will be held at Government Park. In the afternoon the two rival counties will go to the mat on the sports field.

W. R. Reek, manager of the Ridgeway experimental farm; R. E. White, chairman of the agricultural representative of Kent county, and R. A. Finn, Middlesex county agricultural representative, have been appointed judges for the occasion.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the contest. The girls of the Elgin county institute have promised to turn out and another, the Elgin sisters and sweethearts of the Middlesex county standard-bearers are now organizing and will not let the Elgin girls outdo them from the standpoint of support tendered to the contestants.

Kent junior farmers are coming up in a body to watch the contest. To the winners of the affair will go the cup donated by the Elgin County Breeders' Association. If successful, the Middlesex county junior farmers will complete in the big stock judging contest to be held at the Western Fair.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR WRITING The Women's Institute, of Thorndale, has donated a special prize of \$5 to be given to the school which has the best collection of writing on exhibition at the Thorndale school fair. One page from each contestant school book must be on exhibition.

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MAY BE CANDIDATE USE PLAYGROUNDS DURING WINTER

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LOCAL LOAN COMPANIES ON PARTICULARLY SOUND BASIS, SAYS ONTARIO REGISTRAR

PLAYGROUNDS NOW OFFICIALLY CLOSED Swimming Will Be Permitted, But There Will Be No Supervision.

London's supervised playgrounds have been closed until 1924. That was the announcement made to-day by Dr. George Smith, chief supervisor of the civic recreational centers for the present summer. The doctor states that the Thames Park swimming pool will be operated for at least two weeks owing to its popularity as a bathing center among groups as well as children. The usual number of kiddies will also take a plunge now and then in the other bathing ponds of the city, but so far as supervised swimming is concerned, the entire system has been discontinued, with the exception of Thames Park, until June of next year.

The present summer has been a most successful one and but for a couple of sad drowning fatalities in the North End of the city there have been no accidents to mar the success of the city's system. In the case of the two fatalities, the playgrounds committee of the department disclaim any responsibility. An official report containing details of the work for 1923 and certain recommendations for next summer is now being prepared by Chief Supervisor Dr. Smith and will be presented for consideration of the playgrounds committee of the Utilities Commission in another week or two.

RADIO CONCERT GREATLY ENJOYED C. J. G. C. The Free Press radio broadcasting station, gave a delightful concert last evening featuring Jack Pudney's Versatile Orchestra. So many demands for encores came in that the concert which was scheduled to run for only 35 minutes lasted well over an hour.

The program lasted from 7.30 to 8.40 p. m. and was as follows: "March of the Marines," "When Will I Know?" "Roses of Picardy," violin solo by Jack Pudney; "Journey's End," "Mighty Like a Rose," a saxophone solo by L. Kibbler; "Farewell Blues," "Greenwich Witch," piano solo by Russell Patten; "Seven or Eleven," a xylophone solo by Stewart McKenna; "Love-light in the Rain," and a final waltz, "Cut Yourself a Piece of Cake," was one of the popular encores.

It would be had for me to refer to any particular institution by name, but Londoners surely appreciate the fact that the names of some of its financial institutions of this class are synonym for financial conservatism and security for investment during nearly 50 years."

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