

IS SENTENCED TO ONE MONTH IN JAIL

Case of William Acker Disposed Of by Judge Macbeth Today.

William Acker, convicted in county court last week of the theft of a watch from a farm house where he called to deliver mail, was today sentenced by Judge Macbeth to one month in jail. His employer, Mr. Matthews, was called by W. R. Meredith this morning to give evidence as to Acker's record while in his employ, and his testimony was a glowing tribute to Acker's sense of honesty and reliability. The young man delivered the mail satisfactorily, Mr. Matthews who holds a contract for rural mail delivery, and he has paid faithfully every small account for which his employer had given him money. Since his arrest, Mr. Matthews had found out that Acker had paid out of his own money for the breaking of a shaft of the mail wagon in an accident, as he had volunteered to do. Acker's father was called, and stated that to the best of his recollection his son was sentenced to the reformatory at eight years of age. The prisoner corroborated this evidence, and said he was eight or nine when he was sentenced by Judge Coulter of St. Thomas for the theft of some money at a Port Stanley fresh air camp. He was home sick, and with some other boys who had been ill-used at the camp, he ran away and came home. He stole an envelope with some money in it to pay his fare, but did not realize how much was in the envelope, and some of it was lost. He had expected his father would pay back the money but he had not been able to do so, and as a consequence he was sent to the reformatory. Crown Attorney McKillop expressed doubt that Judge Coulter would have sentenced a boy eight years old to the reformatory. Acker enlisted for service overseas when he was sixteen years old, but was quarantined at Halifax and subsequently rejected for service. Mr. Meredith asked for a suspension of sentence, and pointed out how many weeks Acker has already been held in jail. Judge Macbeth decided that the most lenient sentence he could impose was another month in jail.

FINE CHRISTMAS CONCERT HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S HALL

Primary and Junior Departments of Sunday School in Pleading Program.

One of the finest concerts ever given in St. Andrew's Hall was held there last night by the children of the primary and junior departments of the Sunday school assisted by some of the intermediate pupils and teachers. The hall itself presented a brilliant scene decked with evergreens and crimson garlands. Two dazzling Christmas trees laden with stockings for every child present, flanked the platform, blinking merrily at the children throughout the whole program, which was presented under the direction of Mrs. Nelson George, superintendent of the primary department. The final children's chorus, "Santa Claus is Coming," sung to an accompaniment of sleighbells in the background, announced the jolly patron saint of Christmas, who sprang into view at the conclusion of the song, and straightway began to distribute the gifts. He chatted gaily as he did so, announcing, gratefully to the amazement of the little ones, that he was over 100 years old, and would live as long as love lived in the world. G. W. Hafford, superintendent of the Sunday school, acted as chairman for the occasion, introducing the little artists as they came their turn to contribute to the program. One of the quaintest numbers was a short dialogue, "The Sick Baby," presented by an admirable little cast of players, Miss Dorothy Tague, Miss Jane Fuller and Master Jack Smith. It was all about a sick "dolly," little Jack Smith, in long trousers, silk hat and bag, acting the part of the venerable doctor. Another interesting number was "Mrs. Pollywax Works," put on by Miss Marjorie Ross' class. Miss Mary Buchner, in old-fashioned costume, was an adorable Mrs. Pollywax. A humorous touch in connection with this number was given when the machinery was supposed to run down and all the little was people stopped midway in their doings and remained that way, until they could be wound up again. "The Baby Show" was a delightful little skit. Every child had her dolly, some had toy monkeys and teddy bears, and one even had a real live puppy competing for the prize. However, the blue ribbon was finally awarded by the small judge, to see Miss Virginia Clark, a pretty live baby, which appeared on the stage at the last minute. Other numbers which deserve special mention were the "Doll's Drill" by the very little tots; a "Dutch Folk Dance" by Miss McGill's class; "Santa's Work Shop" by Miss Fraser's class; "Little Jack Frost" by Miss Welsh's class; "Christmas Stanzas" by Miss Morrison's class; and a delightful chorus, "The Kind of Christmas That Christmas Ought To Be," a pageant song given by 5-year-old Kenneth Eberhard; a duet by Eric Mitchell and Kathleen Esterbrook; recitations by Donald McKay, Rudolph Eberhard, Beth Acheson and Wallace Hay; and selections from No. 3 Class Jazz Orchestra.

WANT NAMES OF NORMALITES WHO FOUGHT IN WAR

Tablet To Be Erected in the Normal School To Their Memory.

The staff, and doubtless many of the ex-students of the London Normal School, would like to see erected a permanent memorial to the graduates of that institution who offered themselves to the service of their country and civilization during the great war. Principal Dearness states that he knows the names of more than 50 men and women that might be engraved on such a memorial, and there may be others he has not heard of yet.

A circular letter was drafted, setting forth the cause, and proposing that a suitably-inscribed bronze tablet be placed over the landing of the main stairway in the front hall of the school. A contribution of \$1 each, or even less, from the majority of those who kindly retain remembrance of the London Normal and of their associates there would, in the opinion of the committee, erect the tablet, and publish an illustrated memorial booklet. Teachers change around so much that the committee's chief difficulty is to get into communication with those who would gladly contribute if they knew of the proposal.

Probably every session of the twenty years that the school has been in operation would have its representatives. Lieut.-Col. Pepper, cited for conspicuous devotion to duty in the Argonne, was an officer, was an honor student in the opening session of the school; Capt. George Ramsay, M.D., was a graduate of the second year, and so on. The names of London Normalites are found in all departments of the service, nursing in the hospitals, and fighting in the air and on land and sea. If the reader happens to know the name of anyone else that should be in the following list, the committee will be much obliged by its communication. Of several of the following they have only the name, and are seeking the present address and complete military record.

The list is as follows: E. C. Anderson, William Andrew, R. Ardell, Earl Arlingham, Arthur Alexander, D. Y. Auld, Albert Baker, F. J. Barth, J. T. Battin, Cameron Bayne, Lieut. A. B. Bettles, Wilfred Blaher, Russell Braden, Riley Bradford, Frank Brown, Wilfred Campbell, Melbourne Campbell, Kess Carson, W. A. Clark, J. E. Clement, Roy Cunas, O. M. Calhoun, Lieut. W. J. Courtney (killed), Capt. Cyrus Day, Lieut. Roswell Dougall, C. A. Downie, Rosa Doyle, E. T. Everingham, J. R. Featherstone, Fred Garrett (killed), Clarence Gillies, Capt. Mack Graham, A. C. Grant, W. C. Gray, Lorne Guest, James Haggart, Charles Herr, Allan Hogg, Sergt. Lewis Honey (killed), C. R. Hubbell, E. Hughes, Roy Huitson, Harold James, W. James, Bruce Johnson, Archie McCallum, R. McIntosh, George McKay, H. E. McKellar, Lieut. Osborne McKenzie (killed), J. A. McLaren, D. J. McLeod, C. Marshall, J. F. Martin, Lieut. G. A. Metcalfe (killed), Lieut. Thomas Milliken (killed), Lieut. Harold Mitchell, M. H. Mollard, Clifford Mossy, W. H. Murray, W. G. Myrick, W. G. Noble, Clarence Norton, John Patterson, Lieut.-Col. S. D. Pepper, J. R. Reid, Capt. George Ramsay, M.D., Flight Lieut. Ralph Robinson (killed), Capt. R. Robson, George E. Sanda, Lieut. Harry Second, Donald Emerson Shrier, Stanley Siddall, Capt. W. R. Smilie, J. A. Smith, W. Spring, W. W. Stephenson, Frank Stillman, M. L. Stokes, Vance Stratton, Sergt. Harold Taylor, John Taylor, Clinton Thomson (killed), K. Totten, Capt. B. Trout, Lieut. P. Ward, M. Watson, Major Robert Weir, Capt. T. A. Willis, Richard Wright, Lieut. D. R. Young, W. F. Young, Miss Nellie Johnson, Miss Mary Crosbie, Miss Ruby Pinfold, Mrs. Roscoe Vanden Dunsen, more.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

More Than Likely That Mayor Little Will Declare Himself as Candidate for Another Term.

In all probability Mayor E. S. Little will declare himself a candidate for re-election, at a general meeting of the citizens' committee, to be held in the R. C. Struthers Building, Richmond street, tonight, according to C. M. R. Graham, the secretary. He announced to The Advertiser this morning that the committee headquarters for the next ten days will be in the above building and provided that Mayor Little announces his acceptance of the mayoralty nomination tonight, plans for a campaign will be immediately mapped out by those present.

The meeting will not be open to the public, but will be attended by members of the citizens' committee only, which was organized on Tuesday.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BRONZE TABLET FOR NURSING SISTERS WHO DIED OVERSEAS

To Be Unveiled in Victoria Hospital December 28.

In memory of the nursing sisters, graduates of the Victoria Hospital Training School, who died for their country during the war years, a bronze tablet, donated by Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore will be unveiled in one of the large wards of the hospital on December 28. The tablet which bears the names of Nursing Sisters Agnes McDougall, M. Baldwin, Nursing Sisters Mellett and McDonald, will be hung in the main lobby of the hospital. All overseas officers and nursing sisters have been invited to attend the ceremony, which is to be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The unveiling will be done by Miss Margaret Stanley, the superintendent of the training school. Addresses will be delivered by Major A. Graham, Lieut.-Col. Clifford Reason and Lieut.-Col. E. Seaborn. A musical program will be given by Rev. G. Q. Warner and A. D. Jordan. All nursing sisters, whether they received invitations or not, will be welcomed at the ceremony.

ORGANIZE STRONG PROTEST AGAINST RAILROAD RATES

Western Ontario Boards of Trade Want Speedy Action.

The Western Ontario United Boards of Trade are organizing a strong protest against the failure of the railway companies to find the solution for the prepayment of freight problem. The refusal of the Canadian railways to accept prepayment of freight consigned to U. S. A. points, thus forcing the Canadian shipper to pay the whole haul in United States funds, is causing increasing indignation throughout Western Ontario. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the board of railway commissioners of Canada, has intimated that the railways must get together and find a solution or they will be forced to do so. This, however, he intimated further, might mean the "amalgamating of the point through rates," which, of course, would not be tolerated by the shippers, as it would mean paying two rates, one to the border and

another beyond the border, by the Canadian shippers. The fact that the railways have recently received substantial increases in rates adds materially to the indignation of the shippers regarding the non-settlement of the difficulty.

12-YEAR-OLD HERO SAVES THREE TOTS FROM DEATH BY FIRE

Breaks Into Burning House and Carried Children to Safety.

The courage of a 12-year-old boy delivering milk to the residence of F. Cornwall, 16 Egerton street, this morning about 9 o'clock saved the lives of three small children locked in the house, which was in flames when discovered by the youthful hero. He broke into the house and removed the children, two of whom were playing in the kitchen, where the fire originated. The youngest of the trio, a 3-month-old babe, was lying on a bed, beneath which

the flames were smoldering when removed by the boy. With the arrival of the fire department the flames were confined to the kitchen and attic, with \$1,000 damage.

STREET RAILWAY SURPLUS \$395.39

Monthly Report Surprise in Civic Circles.

Showing a net surplus of \$395.39, the report of the Ontario railway and municipal board on the London street railway for November was somewhat of a surprise in civic circles today when it was made public. On October the surplus was only a few cents. Gross earnings for the month were only \$44,382.30, while operating expenses were \$37,953.63, leaving net earnings of \$6,428.67. Interest on bonds amounted to \$2,157. Interest on loan \$119, taxes to \$750, and bond redemption to \$3,000, a total of \$6,027.25, which leaves a net surplus of \$395.39. Net earnings from June 16 to November 20 were \$4,487. The increase in wages during that time amounted to \$4,074.58.

DROP IN SUGAR

Montreal Reduction Has No Effect on Local Prices, Says Grocer.

A drop of one cent per pound in sugar at Montreal Tuesday, bringing the wholesale price to 10 cents per pound, will not affect local prices, according to a prominent local grocer who deals extensively in the sweet goods. He states that sugar retails in London today at 10.75 per hundred, and in order to deliver at this price, the dealer must purchase at 10 cents or less per pound wholesale in order to clear a profit on the transaction. Hence the drop by a Montreal warehouse does not reduce the price of sugar there to a lower amount than that which has existed for some time during the last few days.

TWO-YEAR SENTENCE IN ONT. REFORMATORY

Harry Whalen Has a Long Police Record.

ESCAPED FROM BURWASH

Stole Bicycle, Property of Telegraph Messenger Boy.

Harry Whalen, a youth claiming Hamilton as his home, who stole a bicycle one week ago from Harry Armstrong, a messenger boy employed by the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, was today sentenced to two years in the Ontario Reformatory by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon. When Whalen appeared in court last week, considerable sympathy was felt for him because, with tears in his eyes, he told a pathetic story of how times were young, and did not look like a criminal. During the past week, the police investigated his record and it was discovered that he had been in trouble before. On September 8, 1919, he was arrested in Windsor for having driven in his possession. He was later deported to the United States because he claimed that country as his native land. He returned to Canada and on June 28, 1920, was convicted in Hamilton and sent to Burwash. On September 25 last, he escaped from prison. The authorities at Burwash requested that he be sent back to that institution.

MOTORISTS, ATTENTION!

The London Motor Club has been requested by the Salvation Army to provide 40 motor cars to distribute the army's Christmas cheer to poor families in London on Friday afternoon. Secretary C. E. Bernard had secured some fifteen volunteers this morning, but still required about 25 more cars. Other motorists who can spare a few

hours Friday afternoon or can send their cars for the purpose are asked to communicate with Mr. Bernard.

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Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 26.....Columbia

New York-Liverpool

Dec. 28, Jan. 22, Feb. 19.....Carmania

Jan. 4, Jan. 29, Feb. 17.....Valban

Jan. 15, Feb. 16.....K. Aug. Victoria

New York-Plymouth-Cherbourg

Mar. 15, April 19, May 28.....Caronia

New York-Cherbourg-Southampton

Dec. 25, Jan. 20, Feb. 17.....Imperator

Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22.....Audania

New York-Plymouth-Cherbourg-Hamburg

Jan. 22, Mar. 1, Apr. 12.....Saxonia

New York, Gibraltar, Naples, Patras, Dubrovnik and Trieste

Dec. 28.....Calabria

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Jan. 22.....Isonia

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Jan. 20.....Italia

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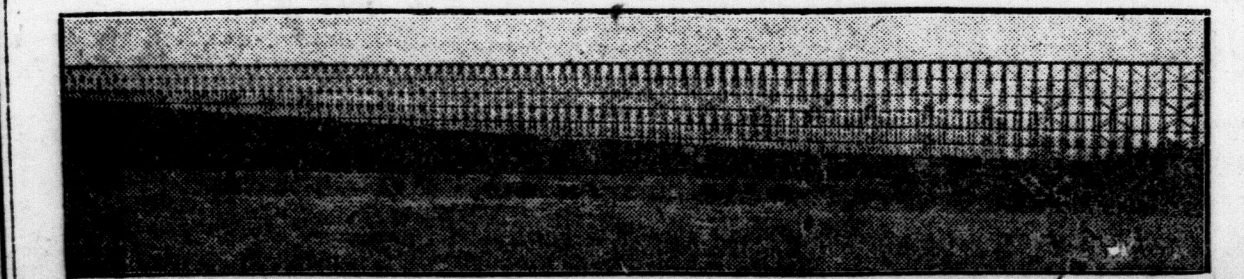
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CONTINENT'S LARGEST TRESTLE CONDEMNED



Duhamel Bridge, spanning the Battle River Valley, eight miles south west of Camrose, is 3,287 feet long, 118 feet high, and contains 3,800,000 feet of lumber. It has recently been condemned as unfit for railway traffic.