

CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FAVORS KINDERGARTEN

ST. THOMAS PLAN IS NOT FAVORED BY CITY TRUSTEES

Believe Kindergarten Essential in Development of Child's Education.

CUT NOT ECONOMY

Members of the London Board of Education are not in sympathy with the move to do away with kindergarten training in the public schools, as has just been done by the St. Thomas board by a vote of four to three at last night's meeting. Though there is a general desire to reduce expenses in education, the general feeling is that the kindergarten is not the place to make the first cut. Mrs. J. A. Hunt and Mrs. J. A. Rose, the two women trustees, are particularly opposed to such a suggestion.

"It is a great calamity," said Mrs. Rose, "that the work of the kindergarten classes should be stopped. I regard the kindergarten as the most essential part of all education, and certainly as a department that should not be abolished. It is the keystone of education, at a time when the mind of the child is plastic and ready to absorb any impression, and to leave the child without proper guidance at this time is not fair to the child or, for that matter, to the community in which it lives and grows up."

Mrs. Hunt likewise regarded the kindergarten as the foundation of a sound education, and regretted that it has been abolished in St. Thomas or anywhere. She said: "The time when the child is most impressionable is the most important in its life. It is then that it acquires many of the habits of after life and learns the grounding of much of its behavior. It is all very well to say that the parents are the best teachers at this age, but they are not trained as are the kindergarten teachers for this special work. It is a very great loss, in my opinion, for any child to have to forego the kindergarten work, and I am exceedingly sorry to see that its importance is not generally recognized. Economy is necessary in education, as in all other things, but I think there are other phases and stages of education that might better and more safely be abolished than this."

OLD BOYS IN DETROIT ENTHUSED OVER PLANS

"Nick" Wilson Jr. Heads Border Branch—Centennial Eagerly Awaited.

"Nick" Wilson, jun., son of the late "Nick" Wilson, has been recently elected as the president of the Detroit branch of the London Old Boys' Association, an organization boasting of several hundred members. At a special session a few days ago, according to word reaching The Advertiser today, officers were elected and tentative plans drafted for the next big home-coming in 1926, London's centennial celebration.

Sam Probyn was elected as vice-president. "Sam" will be remembered as one of London's "finest" at the police headquarters, being a member of that department for several years before he moved to Detroit. Chapman was elected as secretary-treasurer of the reorganized Detroit branch. Members there are selling at \$2 a head. Hundreds have joined already, and a substantial prize pool has already been set aside for the 1926 trip to the Forest City.

The next gathering in Detroit is set for May 3, the occasion being a dance and general convention, to which Mayor George Wenig, Mrs. Wenig and other Londoners have been invited.

CARRIE STUDIO PUPILS WIN HONORS IN TORONTO

Two London-trained girls, pupils of the George Carrie Studios on Queen's avenue, have won first prizes yesterday in the Ontario Musical Festival, now in progress in Toronto. They are Gladys Richards of Stratford and Margaret Forbes of London. Miss Richards won the first prize in the "B" contralto class, and Miss Forbes won the first prize in the "B" soprano class. Both girls are among the promising young vocal talent that is being developed in the city, and Mr. Carrie foretold their success some time ago.

REV. FLOYD T. HOLLAND WILL ADDRESS MEETING

Rev. Floyd T. Holland of Adelaide Street Baptist Church will be the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the London Boys' Work Board, Y. M. C. A., at the Blue Dragon Tea Rooms on Friday night.

The business of the evening will include the election of officers and the year's reports covering work with about 900 boys will be gone into. The board is made up of representatives of different churches throughout the city, who go over the work of the year. Fred McAllister is the chairman.

IMMIGRANT PARTY ARRIVES

An immigrant party of 25 arrived in the city today and were found work with district farmers by John Farrell, of the immigration department. The men were from England and Ireland, and one Irishman boasted a family of seven.

New Canadian Govt. Tariff Great Boom to Australian Trade, Representative Says

Will Allingham, McClary's Agent, Visits Canada in Interests of Business.

GROWTH IS RAPID

American Products Far From Popular on Island, Official Declares.

The average Canadian knows so little of Australia beyond the fact that it is an island and part of the British Empire that a talk with a visitor from "down under" is always interesting and instructive.

Will Allingham, of Melbourne, Victoria, who was in the city last week, who is the Australian agent for the McClary Manufacturing Company of London, talking to The Advertiser, spoke of the extraordinary industrial progress that has been made and the expansion that has taken place in the size of the larger Australian cities.

"Sydney," he said, "is now over a million, and Melbourne is over the three-quarter million mark. New suburbs have sprung up around both these cities since 1918, and it is the same in the smaller state towns in Victoria and New South Wales. At the present time, Melbourne is the largest manufacturing city south of the equator, and we are also in the process of building a national capital at Canberra, which, however, is merely to be a governmental headquarters. It is the outcome of the jealousy that has always existed between Victoria and New South Wales in having the headquarters of the federal government, and when it is finished will probably be the finest laid out town in the world."

"Brown Coal" Deposits. A new development that is of interest to Canadians is the discovery of vast deposits of "brown coal" in the state of Victoria, which is owned by the state, and the railways in all the states and which is being used to generate electric power. So cheap has this power become that the hydro which was in use before has been abandoned and the "brown coal" power substituted. These deposits are large enough to last for a couple of centuries, says Mr. Allingham, and business starts early in the morning, so that everyone can get a game of tennis, or a swim, or a game of cricket before supper.

The large influx of Britishers since the close of the war has been a boon to Australia," said Mr. Allingham, "and the government by its wise and very generous treatment of ex-soldiers and their families, and schemes has enabled them not only to start on the land but to stay there."

Business Is Good. Business in general in Australia is good, as the farmer has had a good season and wool prices have been high. Of the possibilities of the export of Canadian goods to Australia, Mr. Allingham says: "At the present time there is the greatest antipathy in my country towards the United States, probably a relic of the early war years, when we can buy anything from some other country we do so. This desire on the part of Australians, however, is very largely made possible by the large American plants by mass production, and the consequence many things which we would buy from you or from Great Britain, if we could, we cannot afford to."

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American Capitalists. Mr. Allingham points to a phase of Canadian industrial development which is coming to be given much thought in this country, the increasing control by American capitalists of Canadian industries.

"In this respect," he said, "we feel sometimes that when we buy from Canada we are buying products made with the aid of American capital. However, we are getting to know more of Canada in the last few years since the war, and I think this prejudice will grow less in time."

A tariff has just been granted by the Canadian government to Australia to apply on dried fruits, and this in turn will be met with a similar tariff preference on the part of Australia, all of which helps to make the interchange of goods easier and more profitable.

"The fact that Australia has a labor government in power does not seem to have hindered industry except in this way, that foreign capital has been loath to come into the country."

"There is a radio now in every back block, and in every back country station," said Mr. Allingham, "It is the salvation of the man in the far-away lands up north, in what we call the 'Never-Never' lands. In the old days the chaps out there came to town once a year, and did all their shopping on the only chance they had. They used to get a newspaper when the mails came in once a week, and they were about as far away from civilization as a white man can be. Now things are better, and the radio keeps them in touch with the cities and with world news."

Mr. Allingham is taking back with

A Train Speeds Through Bullets

Associated Press Despatch.

Vera Cruz, April 29.—The action of the engineer in putting on full steam in the face of a fusillade of shots saved a passenger train on the Mexico Railway, attacked by rebels about 30 miles from Vera Cruz Saturday. It was learned today.

The passengers, numbering about 50, were panic-stricken, but none was injured. Many of the rebels are reported to have been wounded by the return fire of the military guard.

RUN FOR OTTAWA OR RUN AT HOME?

Either One Seems Possible For Mayor at Conclusion of His Term.

On to Ottawa or the mayor's chair again in 1925?

Here's a subject for informal debate on a quiet night. Mayor Wenig is out bright and early these mornings, sometimes out in the annexed districts of East London; sometimes in another section of the city.

He was last seen over in West London, discussing with pedestrians and others the possibilities of a pavement on the Wharncliffe road.

Some think that the mayor is bidding for support as a prospective candidate at the next federal election, and that his frequent jaunts into distant subdivisions is part of his preliminary ground work.

Others think, however, that he has been induced to stretch his two-year record into a seven-year "hitch" at a Tommy Church of Toronto.

From the mayor's offhand comment this morning, either or both conclusions could be safely gathered. The mayor was talking about the recent charge about "Wenig one-man government" at the city hall.

"I can't see it," he stated. "The mayor is supposed to be the head of the city. He is given certain powers by the provincial statutes. It should be his duty to exercise those powers whenever occasion demands. I am not to distant subdivisions is part of his preliminary ground work."

And here is the significant conclusion: "The people will still retain the right to say at the December election: 'Stay home, George,' and there won't be any hard feelings on my part if they say that. I know this, that I can lose less money attending to my own business than in my present capacity. But I am in public life because I feel it is every person's duty to assume his share of that responsibility."

PROVINCIAL INSPECTOR VISITS LONDON TODAY

"Buster," a Wise Police Dog, Accompanies Inspector Putnam on Trip.

Inspector Putnam of the Ontario Provincial police, with headquarters at Windsor, was a visitor at Middlesex headquarters today. The inspector explained he was merely on a tour of inspection through Western Ontario, and his visit to London carried no special significance.

Accompanying him on his trip is "Buster," a police dog, and the personal property of the inspector. "Buster" views every person with suspicion until his master speaks to him, and he is taking notes of two reporters until his master put his "O.K." on the newspapermen.

Customs Clock Likes Variety

One Face Says Half Past Two, Another Quarter to Three.

Half-past two says one of the faces of the customs house clock, and the other three asserts the second, and the third is just five minutes to the hour. "How long before they wind up the tired old clock?" asks a citizen standing in front of the postoffice.

"Dunno," answers another. "Been that-a-way long time now, but I heard it said the other day that one of the members of the council a-head of it being stopped so they might do something about it soon."

HAROLD F. FRANK.

The death occurred yesterday at his parents' residence, Brick street, of Harold Frederick Frank in his fifth year.

He is survived by his parents, four brothers and four sisters. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 to St. Peter's Cemetery.



Above, from left to right: Mrs. S. V. Cooke, who takes the role of Lady Leicester; Gordon Knapp, who represents Bolton, the American detective; and Major Logan Powers, who takes the part of Briggs of Scotland Yard, in the "Three Live Ghosts."



American girl; Mrs. Gordon Hutchison as Peggy Woofers, and Mrs. Nelson George, who took the lead as Old Sweetheart.



President, Miss Leah Rice; first vice-president, Wilfred Boyce; second vice-president, Mrs. Anna Brokenshire; third vice-president, Ben Folkes; fourth vice-president, Mrs. C. Lampkin; recreational vice-president, Arthur Wright; fifth vice-president, W. Hulbert; recording secretary, George Winder; corresponding secretary, Mary Spay; treasurer, Mrs. W. Hulbert; pianist, Mrs. G. Belbeck; assistant pianist, Leslie Davis; press reporter, Miss Ida Wambold; Rev. G. T. Watts, the pastor, presided over the election. Installation of officers take place at the meeting next Monday.

News From City Churches

NEW ST. JAMES' CONCERT.

The congregation of New St. James' Presbyterian Church, following the Sunday anniversary service, celebrated their eightieth birthday very successfully last night with a concert and social. Members were present in large numbers, and the program which followed was a most successful one.

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KNOX W. M. S.

Mrs. Herbert Childs, organizer of Mission Circles for the London Methodist Conference, addressed the W. M. S. of Knox Presbyterian Church at their Easter thank-offering meeting yesterday. The Easter message, beautifully presented, was deeply impressive, as Mrs. Childs stressed the duty and privilege of giving not merely money, but time and energy and talent for the work in hand. The address was followed with a lovely Easter solo by Mrs. A. Headship, "Hasten Away." A feature of particular interest was the report of the W. M. S. convention at Hamilton, given by Mrs. T. S. Symington, the society's delegate.

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WELLINGTON STREET LEAGUE.

Members of the Young People's League of Wellington Street Methodist Church at their regular meeting last night heard a splendid report of the past year's work, given by the officers of last year. The annual election took place, and the following members were elected to office:

PILGRIM MISSION BAND.

New officers took their places at the regular meeting of the Pilgrims' Mission Band of Chalmers Presbyterian Church yesterday. David Duncan presided, and Margaret Stanfield gave the roll call. The Scripture lesson, a long passage, was given from memory by Bessie Black. The band have at present a very important enterprise under way. On the first Sunday in June they are to assume full charge of the morning church service, when prizes and diplomas, won by the members, will be presented. They commenced preparations for this yesterday afternoon. It was the monthly devotional meeting, and the lesson story from "The Travels of Dick and Mary Louise" was very well told by Douglas Hunter.

KING ST. BROTHERHOOD.

A record attendance was established at a recent meeting of the Brotherhood of King Street Presbyterian Church, when Rev. T. J. Charlton, rector of St. Matthew's Church, addressed them on "Unconscious Influence." The subject was treated in an interesting and constructive manner. Members of the Brotherhood of Beth-Emanuel Church were also visitors, and the numbers rendered by their double quartet were warmly received. The Brotherhood are arranging a rally for next Sunday morning when their speaker will be James Simpson of Toronto. The meeting is to commence at 9:45, for the accommodation of visitors from other churches.

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RIDOUT STREET LEAGUE.

The annual election of officers took place at the regular meeting of the Ridout Street Methodist Church last night. With M. Muma re-elected as president, the following are the new executive: First vice-president, Miss E. Fleming; second vice, Miss Jean Phalen; third vice, Miss Bernice Martin; fourth vice, J. Wilkins; secretary, Miss Norine Floyd; treasurer, Carl Munn; pianist, Miss Jean Blackmore; assistant pianist, Archie Raymer; press reporter, Miss Donna Johnston.

COLBORNE ST. LEAGUE.

Harry Dickinson was made president of the Epworth League of the Colborne Street Methodist Church at the regular meeting last night. Other officers elected were the following: Vice-president, Russell Hicks; missionary vice-president, Miss Patricia Fletcher; literary vice-president, Miss Margaret Uren; citizenship committee, Miss Helen Barbour; treasurer, Chester Murphy; convener of the lookout committee, Miss Ida Elliott; pianist, Miss Phyllis Cooper; Miss Ida Elliott and Roy Allen; press reporter, Herbert Uren.

Frank Westbury, convener of the

CHINAMAN GIVEN WEEK'S REMAND FOR SENTENCE

Hector Zwick Committed For Trial on Charge of Procuring.

GIRL DISCHARGED

Hector Zwick of St. Williams, Ont., was committed for trial by Magistrate Graydon this morning on a charge of procuring and being a frequenter of a house of prostitution, and William Quan, a Chinaman, was found guilty and remanded a week for sentence on a charge of being the keeper of a house of prostitution. The girl in the case was discharged.

Zwick, Quan and a young girl were arrested in a raid on the Chinaman's rooms over a Dundas street salge, last Tuesday night, led by Sergeant James Oakley.

The girl, in evidence given at Zwick's preliminary hearing, stated she had known Zwick for four months, having met him in a restaurant. She stated he wanted to go to the United States, and she had given him a total of \$140 on an instruction to take her to the States. She stated she was for a short time unable to proceed with her evidence.

Quan, who has been in police court on two previous occasions, on a similar charge, was given a grueling cross-examination by Crown Attorney Albert Judd, who insisted on getting straight answers from the witness.

"A most disgusting case," commented the court in remanding Quan to jail.

Zwick will be brought before the court judge in the course of a few days.

Affirmative was led by J. Chapman, and supported by D. Swazie and H. Stevens. The judges were Mr. H. J. Childs, Principal Newhouse, of the Riversdale, and Mr. E. Dagg. The preliminary features of the program included the Scripture lesson by A. Collamore, the devotional exercises led by Miss Doherty, an instrumental solo by Miss Florence West and Messrs. E. Switzer and J. Chapman. The chairman was Mr. Fred Mitchell.

REV. PROVOST SEAGER.

Rev. Provost Seager, of Trinity College, Toronto, has been secured as the special speaker for a meeting of the men of the Church of St. John the Evangelist next Friday night. All the men of the congregation are to be the guests of the rector's advisory committee, who are planning a very excellent program for the affair. Provost Seager's subject has not yet been announced, but he is recognized as a speaker of outstanding ability. The Ladies' Guild are providing a banquet with which the meeting will commence.

EGG SHOWER.

The Day Nursery ladies will be enriched by a great egg shower as the result of a shower held yesterday afternoon by the combined Mission Bands of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL LEAGUE.

A contest which caused keen interest during the past few months among members of the Epworth League of Robinson Memorial Methodist Church came to an end at the regular meeting last night, with Mrs. Ball, the first vice-president, and Miss Watson, the second vice-president, declared the winners. The decision was made by points awarded for attendance, the quality of the program, and missionary work. The losers were Mr. E. O. Hall, and Mr. M. Andrews and their forfeit will be a banquet for the membership at the meeting next Monday night. The literary committee were in charge of the program last night, with Mr. E. O. Hall as convener. Miss Collidge read the lesson and the topic was taken by Mr. Hawkins, who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "The Origin of the Methodist Church."

EMPRESS AVENUE M. C.

The Mission Circle of Empress Avenue Methodist Church held its annual meeting last night, electing the following officers: Superintendent, Mrs. George Foster; president, Miss Nina North; first vice-president, Rena Waide; recording secretary, Irene Brodwick; corresponding secretary, Helen Rosseter; treasurer, Helen Smith; superintendent of Christian stewardship, Hazel Perrin; superintendent of membership, Elsie Bowie; press reporter, Mrs. McLean; pianist, May Lidge; delegate to the branch convention, Vera Woodland. The satisfactory announcement was made that over \$100 had been raised during the past year.

ASKIN STREET LEAGUE.

The Goodfellows' Class assumed charge of the regular Epworth League meeting of Askin Street Methodist Church last night, presenting an excellent program. The principal feature was a debate on the subject, "Resolved, That the Advancement of a Country Depends More Upon Its National Resources Than Upon Its People." The judges awarded their decision to the negative, although both sides handled their speeches capably. The negative arguments were led by M. Claus, supported by J. Pearson and C. Bayliffe. The af-

LIBRARY BOOKS ARE GREAT AID TO GARDEN 'BUGS'

New Volumes Tell Entertainingly How To "Putter Around the Yard."

ONE CANADIAN BOOK

Have you a little garden in your home? Have you felt the call of spring that sends you forth to "putter around in the back yard?"

If you have felt the impulse to make two flowers grow where only one weed grew before, the new books at the public library will assist you to plan your garden effectively.

Among those on the library shelves are "Flower Growing," by Barron, a leading authority on horticulture, who writes entertainingly on the subject of flowers, and is the editor of several horticultural magazines in the States.

Among the English books are "Rose Gardening," and "Town Gardening," by Hampden, and "Hardy Perennials," by Maclellan. There is one Canadian book, "The Canadian Garden."

The amateur gardeners series, Doubleday, offers new books on "Roses and How To Grow Them," by McFarland; "Lawn Making," by Barron; "How To Plant Home Grounds," by Parsons; and "Garden Planning," by The Dahlia, by Barron; "Rose Growing for Amateurs," Thomas; "B.C. of Gardening," "The Rose Book," Thomas; "Making Grounds Attractive with Shrubbery," and "Making a Bulb Garden," by Tabor, are works which are entertaining as well as useful.

Others are: "The Well-Considered Garden," by King; "Color in a Flower Garden," Lutness; "Annals and Biennials," Jekyll; "How To Make a Garden Pay," by Morrison and Brues; "Gardening for Pleasure," by Peter Henderson; "Practical Gardening," Findlay. "Bulb Gardening," by Marjorie Hamilton, shows some splendid color plates.

L. P. S. WAGE TALK IS SEEN IN MOVE

Manager Richards To Submit Comparative Scale at the Request of Mayor.

General Manager J. E. Richards of the London and Port Stanley Railway will, at the next session of the commission, submit a comparative statement as to the wages paid on that road and other of the better known electrical lines throughout the province.

Mayor George Wenig took up this phase of the situation today with the general manager, explaining that certain developments have necessitated his use of such data when available.

While the commissioners and the mayor decline to commit themselves accordingly, it is suspected that the long-delayed but scheduled consideration and adjustment of the L. and P. S. wage roster will claim attention ere many weeks have elapsed. Early in 1923 Commissioner Donald Wright, Labor member of the board, moved for a full comparative statement from other roads.

Obituary

MRS. MARY T. LEWIS. The funeral of Mrs. Mary T. Lewis, wife of the late Lewis, who died at her residence, 125 Mill street, on Sunday, was held today from the above residence at 2 o'clock.

Services were conducted by Rev. Bruce Hunter of First Methodist Church. Interment was made in Woodland Cemetery.

BIBLE STUDY.

Bible study will occupy tonight's session of the City boys' group of the Y. M. C. A. For the past season the boys have been studying the course, "The Comrades of Jesus," and tonight, twenty-five of the boys will write off a paper of thirteen questions on the work gone over.

Tomorrow evening the newsboys' groups and Trail Rangers will write on the same test.

Who is the Most Popular London Business Girl?

Loew's Theatre and The Advertiser want to choose by public ballot the most popular business girl in London.

Any girl, of any age, employed in an office, factory or store in London is eligible. She may be nominated by friends or by herself. All names must be given in writing to Manager Fred Jackson of Loew's Theatre.

GIRLS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. The Advertiser is offering \$100 in cash prizes. The most popular girl will receive fifty dollars; the second and third on the list, twenty-five dollars each.

HOW TO VOTE. Ballot forms will be given away at every performance in Loew's Theatre until Saturday, April 26. During the week of April 23 all ballots are to be deposited in the ballot boxes at the theatre, and a special film will be shown every day giving glimpses of London girls in offices, stores and factories.

Results of the voting will be announced on Wednesday, May 7.