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Barnes, Lloyd to join Wells Campaign Group

Two local men are leaving for Chicago, Ill. later this week where they will be joining the Wells organization, an international church fund-raising group which has had outstanding success all over the world.

Ernie Barnes, Ballinfad and Trevor Lloyd, 40 Queen Street, were two of three successful applicants from a large group interviewed in Toronto recently who were chosen to be representatives of Wells. They will take a training course in Chicago, then will be assigned to work in the field which will take them to various parts of Canada and the States.

Both are members of St. George's Anglican Church, where they have been active workers in the Sunday School and in other phases of church affairs. Mr. Barnes bought a farm at Ballinfad a few years ago, and is leaving his position as sales representative for the Gladstone Watch Co. for his new work. Mr. Lloyd, a Welsh emigrant, is a former Avro employee who has recently been sales representative in the district for the Brethour and Morris real estate firm.

The Wells organization has had phenomenal success in raising funds for all denominations of churches. It operates short campaigns with specially trained directors like Mr. Barnes and Mr. Lloyd organizing a church to accomplish a specified financial objective.



LORD BADEN-POWELL of Gilwell, with Rover Michael Morrison and Cub John Petch, surveys the globe and the site of the 8th World Scout Jamboree. The life size model of the Founder of Scouting, created in butter by the well-known sculptor Don Stewart, is on display in the Coliseum of the Canadian National Exhibition. The butter model is sponsored jointly by the Ontario Cream Producers' Marketing Board, the Ontario Whole Milk Producers' League, the Ontario Concentrated Milk Producers' Marketing Board and the Ontario Cheese Producers' Marketing Board.

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GEORGETOWN — WINTER 1868-9

A reprint from the 1923 Herald files.

In the summer of 1868 the Rev. H. Webb came to St. George's Anglican Church here. He was newly out from London, England, and at that time entertainments called penny readings were very popular in London, and he being a particularly genial and active person, organized amongst the young folk a series of weekly entertainments for the winter months. The selection of material and practice of same was done at his home in a frame house where the large Barber house now stands.

Where he got the design for the decorations and furnishing of the room in which we practiced we never could imagine. The room was large and in it was a large square bed, square every way; only rocking chairs used, all painted white; the side walls painted black; the ceiling white, and suspended from the ceiling by very fine thread were a number of figures representing "Angels" about 8 or 10 inches in length. These white figures as flying showed against the black walls, but away from the wall, gave a person at first rather a feeling that he was not of the earth, but you got used to it. He was a wonderful preacher, an orator and dramatist. He told us he had experience of London life from stretching his legs under the table with Royalty, to joining in a procession by a "mob" in the east end (Whitechapel); a likeable character. Among those who took part that winter I recall Mr. Geddis the post-master, Dr. Starr, Mr. McLaren the school teacher, David Young, David Smith, J. B. Barber, G. C. McKenzie, John Rue, L. L. Bennett, L. Grant.

The entertainments were given in the old town hall (it was across the street from the present one) and every week during that winter the place was crowded. The charge was 5c for ordinary, but on special nights, about once a month, the charge was 10c. The result was that we entertained the people and in the spring we had enough money to have most of the maple trees planted that made the town and have given shade to the people for so many years, and we have often in after years looked with pleasure on the result of that undertaking. Now you may ask what we gave to attract the public so long. Well, such as several acts from the "Merchant of Venice, King Richard the Third, MacBeth, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet," and other selections.

The trial scene from Dickens, "Bardel vs. Pickwick," dialogue between Brutus and Cassius by Dr. Starr and Mr. McLaren was a performance long to be remembered; readings by Geo. C. McKenzie, "The Old Arm Chair," readings by L. Grant, humorous; Mrs. Candler's curtain lecture song, sung by David Young (cousin of Mr. C. W. Young of the Cornwall Freeholders, who had just returned from the U.S.), having served in the Army of the North, and was one of the expedition who followed and captured Jeff Davis. The following I remember is part of a parody he gave me on "Just Before the Battle Mother"

Farewell mother, you will never
See my name among the slain,
For if I can skeddadle,
You will see me home again.

Also others as follows.—Old Canadian Home, Bell Mahone, Nora O'Neill, Five O'Clock in the Morning, Sweet Adeline, Faded Coat of Blue, Merriest Girl that's Out.

Another character comes to my mind. It was David Smith dressed up as a market gardener, long smock, straw hat with a willow for a hat band a basket on his arm. Part of the song was:

All around my hat I wear a green willow
For a twelvemonth and a day,
If anyone should ask you why I wear it,
Tell them that my true love is gone far away.

The readings were interesting and instructive. The ladies did not take any part as there was no musical instrument in the place but one, in the home of the late James Young. No doubt some homes had harmoniums or organs. I think old boss Statham had his brass band there one night but was too much for the place.

In reviewing with Mr. C. Young the other day, when he was here at his brother's funeral, something brought the foregoing to my mind and I thought perhaps some even at this late date may say if they did not build for the future they planted, and we can on a hot day enjoy the work of 55 years ago. They have all passed beyond, but for a time at least their works remain. The Dr. Starr referred to is the father of the two eminent Dr. Starrs of Toronto. Both were born in Georgetown. The Rev. Webb went to Philadelphia, Penn., and the last I heard of him was from Nicholas Armour, an active member of his church, an erratic but goodhearted Irishman went to see him about a loan and he told me he let him have as much more. Enough said.—L. Grant.

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