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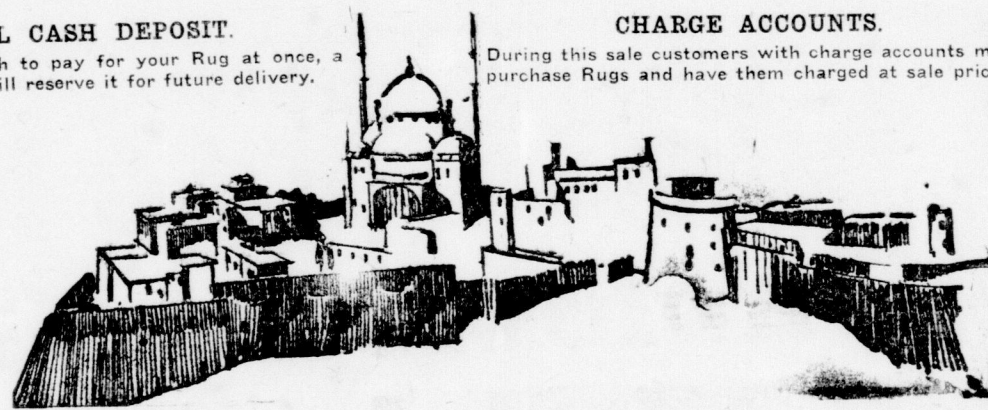
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During this sale customers with charge accounts may purchase Rugs and have them charged at sale prices.



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CARS WILL USE COUNTY ROADS AT OWNERS' RISK

Highways Will Not Be Cleared For Auto Traffic During Winter.

County roads will not be kept open this winter for automobile traffic, County Engineer Charles Talbot declared today.

"When the snowdrifts pile up on Middlesex roads, county motorists would be well advised to keep their cars in their barns and garages," stated Mr. Talbot. "No attempt will be made to keep the roads clear for motor cars, but efforts will be cleared away to allow horse traffic."

"These are standing orders of the county council, and they were not rescinded at the December session," continued Mr. Talbot. "It would cost an enormous sum to keep the roads open in the vicinity of London, and what right would the people of outlying townships have to pay for service adjacent to London? We would have to give every section the same treatment, and the whole thing would be out of the question."

MISS TANNER TO PRESENT TWO PLAYS IN INGERSOLL

An event of much interest in the New Year will be the two plays that are being put on by one of London's talented young women, Miss Ruth Tanner. Miss Tanner is presenting these plays in the town hall, in Ingersoll, on Jan. 6, with her pupils in that town and a number of other Ingersoll people taking part. The first play is "Gen-I-Us," written by Margaret Clarke Russell, of this city. It has a Muskoka setting, and the story is woven around a Muskoka settler and his family. It is a modern story, and the portrayal of characters is exceptionally clever. The other play, "Suppressed Desires," was written by Susan Glasspell and George Cram Cooke, and is also a modern story. The scene is laid in New York city and is the story of a wife who has very modern ideas about life, that is, as long as they are not applied to her own home life. When they are, she finds that she does not fit. The husband is the usual man, who is led a merry dance by his wife and cannot do his work properly, but in the end everything turns out all right. Miss Tanner will be assisted by Miss Edith James, violinist, and Harold Phillips, who will sing.

"BETTER 'OLE' BEING APPRECIATED.

"The Better 'Ole' is much appreciated by London war veterans. The recent addition to their dugout at the city hall, provided by the city council, is coming in for frequent use. It is adequately equipped, and the space is not missed by city hall officials.

News From City Churches

CHELSEA BAZAAR.

A very successful bazaar was recently held by the ladies' aid of the Chelsea Greys Presbyterian church, amid gay decorations arranged under the direction of Mrs. J. Noble. The colors used were pink, white and blue, and were very effective. The booth conveners included Mrs. Parker, Mrs. J. Noble, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. C. Jackson and Mrs. J. Noble, Jun.

ST. JAMES' A. Y. P. A.

Prof. H. R. Kingston of the University of Western Ontario was the speaker at the regular meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of St. James' Anglican church on Monday night. His subject was "The Eclipse," and the address was greatly enjoyed. The lecture series followed the theme of music for next Sunday. In the morning Christmas carols and anthems will be given, and following the short sermon in the evening the choir will render the cantata, "The Christ Child," composed by C. W. Hawley. Mr. Whitney Scherer will preside at the organ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

Mr. George Carlie, choir leader of First Methodist church, announces a very fine program of Christmas music for next Sunday. In the morning Christmas carols and anthems will be given, and following the short sermon in the evening the choir will render the cantata, "The Christ Child," composed by C. W. Hawley. Mr. Whitney Scherer will preside at the organ.

ASKIN STREET M. C.

The Askin street Methodist church met at the home of Miss Miriam Pearson, Evergreen avenue, for their regular meeting last night. Silenced reports were heard from the secretary and treasurer, and the two heralds, Miss Mary Collier gave a reading on China and Miss Myrtle Foster gave a reading on Japan. The Christmas Bible lesson was read by Miss Marion Reynolds and Mrs. H. B. Childs read the Christmas story. A much appreciated Christmas tree was given by Miss Nettie Boyd. During the meeting plans were made for a supper to be given for the 'teen age of the church early in the new year. At the conclusion of the evening's devotional refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Pearson, and her sister, Mrs. George Sinclair, presided. The opening devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. Walton, and during the afternoon, Mrs. J. Page sang a pleasing vocal solo, while Miss Alice Dunlop delighted the ladies with several readings. (Rev.) Thomson gave a continuation of the reading of the book on "Systematic Giving," and the heralds were responded to by Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Wright, on China and Japan. The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. Doan, and Mrs. Crookford brought

CENTENNIAL W. M. S.

The members of the W. M. S. of the Centennial Methodist church held their Christmas meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pruss, on Ontario street. There was a splendid attendance, and the president, Mrs. George Sinclair, presided. The opening devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. Walton, and during the afternoon, Mrs. J. Page sang a pleasing vocal solo, while Miss Alice Dunlop delighted the ladies with several readings. (Rev.) Thomson gave a continuation of the reading of the book on "Systematic Giving," and the heralds were responded to by Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Wright, on China and Japan. The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. Doan, and Mrs. Crookford brought

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

speaking from Philippians, iv. 19, after which the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Wickett and Mrs. Turf.

RIDOUT STREET CONCERT.

A delightful concert was held at the Ridout street Methodist church, when the primary department had their Christmas tree and entertainment. Supper was served to the children at 6:30 o'clock, and at 7:30 the program was given. Mrs. C. M. Trace, as to be commended on their work and the success of the evening.

Those taking part included Donna Agnew, Juanita Spettigue, Alma and Margaret Tapp, Jack Lipkowitz, Evelyn Campbell, Norman Stevenson, Gordon Kidd, Ryerson Rankin, Jack McWilliams, Gordon Edwards, Lois Hone, Lorraine Russell, Russell Cushman, Margaret Lee, Ruth Hanson, Betty Spettigue, Jack Morgan, Hilda Stock, Marjorie Goodman, Helen Trace and Margaret Wilson. Other small members took part in the program as well, and a reading, "The Night Before Christmas," was effectively given by Miss Peggy Taylor. A feature of the evening was the presentation of white gifts for the king, when a shower was given for the little people of the Ronald Gray home.

PATIENTS AT WESTMINSTER PLAN CHRISTMAS TREE

The patients at Westminster hospital are having their annual Christmas tree and entertainment at the hospital on Friday afternoon next, and it promises to be the best on record.

Dr. George Fraser has promised the boys that the Kiwanis club will supply all the spools necessary for the occasion, and is asking the members of the club to drop a total of 300 cigars and 500 cigarettes into his box at 238 Queen's avenue before that date.

EALING MOTHERS' CLUB.

The Ealing mothers' club held a most successful shower of groceries, fruit and vegetables at the school this week. The generous donations were brought to the school by the children, having been sent by their parents for distribution among needy families at Christmas time. Mrs. Tandy, the secretary, is still receiving gifts for the shower.

WILL HEAR CASE.

The appeal of Wm. Brown, London township farmer, who was fined \$200 some weeks ago by county magistrate Hawkshaw on a charge of having a license contrary to the inland revenue act, will be heard before Judge Judd this afternoon at the court house.

CONCERT FOR ORPHANS WILL BE FINE EVENT

Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges Plan Big Christmas Treat.

A large committee is now at work completing the concert arrangements for the Protestant orphans of the city, including children of the children's shelter, the Ronald Gray Memorial Home, the Protestant Orphans' Home, and all needy children of the city.

The entertainment is being given by the Oddfellow and Rebekah lodges of London, in the central collegiate institute, on Friday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m.

Santa Claus will be present with a bag filled with overflows with presents for the children. He will be escorted in the parade, which leaves the Oddfellow's Hall, Alma block, at 7:45 p.m., by Canton London, No. 1, Patriarchs Militant.

The parade will be led by the Oriental brass band from Richmond street to Dundas street, and then to Waterloo street and the collegiate. A large Christmas tree will be erected at the collegiate, and a good program of songs by the children will be given. Musical comedians, baritone selections, solos and an address by Mayor Wenig will be included in the program.

Donations have been received from all the city lodges, as well as from former Londoners now in Florida and Los Angeles.

The officers of the committee are: Chairman, Dan A. Black; secretary, A. Kress; treasurer, H. A. Clements.

LONDONER IS CHAMPION IN CINCINNATI CAR SALE

J. H. or better "Jack" Irvine, an old school boy of this city, and for some years with A. B. Greer & Sons, and later with the Ford company in the west, has just earned a fine silver cup as a reward for proving himself the banner salesman for Chevrolet in the service of the General Motors Limited, and in a recent sales quota drive his home district, Cincinnati, topped the list of salesmen.

The cup is at present in the city in the care of his father, who is staying with Wesley Harrison, 871 Dundas street, and is a beautiful silver cup about a foot high, with two handles as in a loving cup. Mr. Irvine, 515 is very proud of this prize won by his boy, and there are a host of Londoners who knew Jack very well while he was in the city, who will join with his father in this appreciation.

GIRLS' CANADIAN CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Girls' Canadian club will be held tonight at the Y. W. C. A., King street, when Prof. Fred C. Anderson of the University of Western Ontario, will talk on "French-Canadian Literature." Miss Katharine Sells, the blind pianist, will also take part in the program.

Why, Oh, Why Do They Do It

Canada Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 16.—Lighting a match to see how much gasoline was in the tank of his automobile, Steve Mikovitch, Chippawa, received severe burns on the face and hands in the explosion which occurred. He was removed to the hospital here and will recover.

BRITAIN FIRE DEPT. PLANS NOW IN EFFECT

Special Committee Indorses Recommendations in Survey.

Recommendations of the Britain survey report in connection with regulations of the fire department are now in effect, having been passed on by a special meeting of the fire regulations committee yesterday. Mayor Wenig, Fire Chief Aitken and City Clerk Baker were the members present for the session.

It is now a year and a half since the Britain report was brought in. Recommendations in connection with the fire department were chiefly routine adjustments of minor importance. Greater authority, however, is vested in Fire Chief Aitken, who has little interference with his execution of duty is permitted. The committee had power to make revisions and put them into effect, and general satisfaction was expressed at the result.

CHEER FOR ANIMALS.

The humane society inspector is taking out a permit to manufacture beer. It is intimated by his friends that he will probably mean that sick dogs and cats in need of a little stimulant will be allowed to lap up the success of the concoctions prepared by the genial and popular Inspector Tustin.

COUNTY CONSTABLE HERE.

Provincially constable Lloyd Menie, formerly of Chatham, took over his duties as provincial constable for Middlesex county today. Constable Menie is a native of Chatham, and is occupying the same office as the former constable, who is now in the Royal bank building.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

R. A. Finn of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture announced today that he had collected enough money to assure the financial success of the short course in agriculture to be held at Komoka from Jan. 5 to 30. Mr. Finn stated that the community hall at Komoka was being donated free of charge, and that the \$70 necessary for light and heat had been subscribed.

CHESLEY CLUB HOLDS MOTHERS' OWN MEETING

Mrs. A. E. Tutt, Mrs. James McLean and Mrs. Ed. Pel-low Are the Speakers.

This week's meeting of the Chesley Avenue Mothers' club was "Mothers' Own Meeting," at which the program was given entirely by the club members themselves. The mothers' own meeting is usually looked upon as the most enjoyable meeting of the year.

Mrs. A. E. Tutt, Mrs. James McLean and Mrs. Ed. Pel-low were the speakers. "What Shall This Child Be" was the subject of Mrs. Tutt's very interesting talk, which she based on the basis of her remarks the story of the birth of John the Baptist. It was not possible to plan a child's future, she declared, and enough thought was usually given to what profession a child should follow.

Mrs. James McLean gave a very inspiring talk on "Life," in which she left many an interesting thought with her listeners.

"Life and the Works of Bobby Burns" was the attractive subject chosen by Mrs. Ed. Pel-low. She dealt sympathetically with the life of the popular poet, dealing extensively with the beautiful love story of Bobby Burns and Highland Mary. Before concluding she read some of his choicest poems.

BUSINESS UNAFFECTED BY CONSULATES CLOSING

Associated Press Despatch. Mexico City, Dec. 17.—The recent closure of all the Mexican consulates in Great Britain has made no difference in the movement of exports and imports, according to the British chamber of commerce in Mexico City, which says transactions between the two countries are being carried out as usual.

WRIT FOR \$500.

James Christopher Fairley of this city has issued a county court writ against Gordon Wright for \$500 damages for alleged wrongful ejection from premises on Ridout street, known as the Edmond residences.

COM-TEC CLUB MEETS.

Members of the Com-TeC club, composed of students of the Technical school, met at the Y. M. C. A. for dinner today. E. J. Jenkins, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the boys in the absence of W. H. Spearman, who was called to Hamilton to attend a conference this morning. Twenty-six members were present.

CLUB OFFICIALS CHEAT MEMBERS

Collectors For "Shellout" at Christmas Being Put in Prison.

SYSTEM EXPLAINED

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 17.—Many a humble working class family in all parts of industrial England have realized within the last few days they are doomed to have a much less elaborate Christmas dinner than they anticipated. So sure as the festive Christmas season comes around, so certain it is that a considerable number of "slate club" secretaries will be discovered in default. In not a few instances, the secretary has disappeared entirely. In some cases he commits suicide.

Slate clubs, which are extremely popular, especially in the north of England, and which are to be found in many numbers in the working class areas of London, are intended to provide members with a rough-and-ready system of putting away a trifle weekly for a blowout at Christmas. "Pay what you like, when you like, and have what you please" is a favorite slogan. In many cases the secretary himself founded the club and is practically a self-appointed official. For three months or more prior to Christmas he collects the shilling a week or so from the trustful members.

It is rarely that a treasurer is appointed and there is seldom a committee which is empowered to call for the bank book, and to see that members' payments are deposited. The money comes in so easily, the secretary is unused to handling other folks' pence.

The collection very often is made over a pint of beer in some common meeting place; the member's payment card is initiated and the secretary lightly drops the money into his pocket. A week or so before Christmas there is a call for the shellout. The members gather on the evening arranged with joyful anticipation against the officials of which there has never been the slightest complaint. At Edmonton one club distributed over \$200, and at Tottenham over 11,000 members rejoiced at the shareout. With these clubs the drawing of the money from the bank is the opportunity for a regular street show—money in great bags, police escort, songs to a cornet accompaniment. It all adds to the general excitement, and makes a good advertisement for the club's operations in the new year.

Make Greater Show.

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CHRISTMAS TREE PLACED IN HYDRO SHOP TODAY

The public utilities commission is having a Christmas tree in the hydro shop as well as in the central collegiate auditorium tomorrow evening by Lt.-Com. C. P. Edwards, O.B.E., M.E.I. C., head of the radio-telegraph department of the federal department of marine and fisheries, will be of a popular nature. The address will be illustrated by moving pictures and lantern slides.

Radio fans will be enabled to secure a first-rate idea of radio and its workings from a recognized authority through the medium of a particular subject on which he is to speak. Lt.-Com. Edwards will show graphically what happens to the sound wave as it travels through the ether, and will be accompanied by Radio Inspector J. Ellis, Toronto.

E. V. Buchanan, M.E.I.C., president of the local branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, under whose auspices the meeting is being held, will act as chairman for the program, which will begin at 8 o'clock.

BAKER OFFICIALLY NAMED NOTARY PUBLIC HERE

It is now City Clerk Samuel Baker, N. P. Baker this morning received a beautiful official appointment to be a notary public and authorizing him to execute such duties as a notary public. The address will be illustrated by moving pictures and lantern slides.

Already Mr. Baker has found his position as a notary public a very arduous one, and he has increased his duties to some extent.

CITY FIRMS SENDING OUT THOUSANDS OF CALENDARS

Caleendars in thousands are being sent through the mails today. Many firms who send out their calendars in that form have posted large quantities in the last few days, and added to this there is a never-ending stream of parcels flowing through the postoffice.

As yet no extra workers have been taken on. It is expected that a few will be used a day or two before Christmas. Two cases of illness in the ranks have not helped any. John Sargent, a clerk, has been ill and just returned to duty on account of illness.

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNT FOR ROADS RECEIVED

London has received an additional account of \$1,277.83 for the road fund paid during the past year. This is in addition to the \$155,990 account which has been accumulating in the past three years.

Nothing has been done toward settlement of these accounts until the 1925 council meets, as the 1924 legislators have refused to handle the bills.

MASTER MECHANIC HERE.

F. Ronaldson, district master mechanic of the C. P. R., arrived in the city last night. Today he made an inspection of the local roundhouse and car department. It is expected that he will return to his headquarters at Toronto tonight.

SUPERINTENDENT HERE.

W. R. Davidson, general superintendent of the Chicago-Plymouth division of the Canadian National railways, spent the day in town, leaving this afternoon for Montreal.

DOMINION GROWS BY HALF MILLION

Interesting Figures Presented in Report of Bell Telephone Company.

TRADES ARE GOOD

Nearly half a million people have been added to the population of the dominion since 1921, according to the figures presented in this month's national report issued by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada. This report states:

"The total awards for Canadian member, as compiled by the National Building Reports, Limited, were \$24,614,200, as compared with \$21,066,800 in October. Residential building amounted to 55.5 per cent; business building, 19.6 per cent; industrial building, 14 per cent, and public works and utilities, 20.4 per cent.

"After a quiet spring and summer, this revival of building activity shows better business conditions. The industry reflects a renewed confidence in wholesale and manufacturing lines in this, as in foreign countries. With confidence restored, an appreciation on the part of the public that nothing is to be gained by further delays, except increased costs, has resulted in a more active building industry looks bright."

An item in the report of topical interest, in view of the efforts being made by the various boards of trade throughout Ontario to safeguard the pulpwood industry in the dominion, is the announcement that 75 per cent of the lumber exported from pulpwood States. This industry, which represents an investment in Canada of \$28,000,000, has now an annual production value of \$155,000,000. The industry as a whole has increased by 40 per cent in the last four years.

A general resume of business conditions as given in this report is: "On the whole, the business conditions during November continued to show evidences of improvement, and with favorable weather the retail trade is looking forward to a brisk Christmas season."

"The industries showed a slight improvement throughout the month, the employment conditions, which are reported as being satisfactory throughout the territory, with the exception of one or two centers. It seems to be generally realized that the better policy is to build up a firm foundation for each step toward better business conditions, rather than a policy of inflation or over-expansion, which would almost certainly be followed by a severe reaction."

RADIO EXPERT WILL TELL CITY OF SCIENCE

Address by Chief of Federal Department Is Eagerly Awaited.

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FARMERS AND MERCHANTS ARE CARRYING OUT LAW

A. A. Luton, inspector of weights and measures for London and district, reports that no further infractions of the law in regard to the using of wrong measure have been heard of since the market since he applied the square last.

"Since the farmers and hucksters were warned off with orders, and are now using the right measure without exceptions," said the inspector.

Merchants too were using wrong measures for the handling of pickles, etc., are also obeying the law, Mr. Luton concluded.

ACTION SOUGHT AGAINST ITALIAN DEPUTY GIUNTA

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Dec. 17.—The minister of justice today received and handed to the president of the chamber of deputies a request for authority to institute proceedings against Signor Giunta, vice-president of the chamber, on a charge of having instituted an Milan attack against Deputy Farni, a dissident member of the Fascist party.

Signor Giunta tendered his resignation to the president of the chamber with a view to giving the members full freedom of judgment.

MARSH IS RELEASED.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Richard O. Marsh, who claims to have discovered several Indians in Panama, pleaded not guilty in police court yesterday to a charge of having violated the check law and was released under \$500 bond, pending a jury trial.

KNIGHTS MEET.

The Knights of Pythias of Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, held their regular weekly meeting last night in the lodge room on Dundas street. An enjoyable evening was spent in games and entertainment of various kinds. A large attendance was present. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday evening in the lodge room.

Donny Mac's defeat at the hands of Jackie Johnson, his latest amateur boxing rival, was a far cry from a