

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The publicity committee of the Patriotic Fund meets in the library at five o'clock this afternoon.

## COOKING COURSE

Six men from the C. O. R. stationed at the armories, left this morning to take up a cooking course in Toronto.

## ATTENDS CONVENTION

F. W. Weldon, superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company in the Brantford district, leaves today to attend a convention of superintendents in New York.

## TEMPERATURE

Record for the last 24 hours: Highest, 20 above zero; lowest, 10 above.

## ONE THOUSAND

Under the terms of the will of the late Mr. Maus, of Brantford Township, the Brantford Hospital receives the generous donation of \$1000.

## WILL ATTEND

Several prominent Brantford Masons will attend the annual dinner of the Scottish Rights Masons in Hamilton to-morrow night.

## NEW STORE FRONT

The Bank of Hamilton has been granted a permit for the erection of a new store front and the interior decoration of the building on 167 Colborne street. It is estimated that the cost will be \$2,800. J. J. Comar is the builder.

## FOR NOTHING

Mr. D. Gibson, of the Gibson Coal Company, went into the open market and bought a car of coal which turned out to be of such poor quality that he says purchasers can have their money back. He also informed the Courier that any one wanting the balance can have it for nothing.

## THIS IS THE LIFE

There's a man who was drafted in the first call of the Military Service Act and was ordered to report to the armories here. This he did and for several weeks trained as a soldier, and then—He was struck off the force on account of an appeal for his exemption, which was sent in. He returned to "civilian" but—He was so enthralled with army life that he came back and volunteered for service!

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## SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.

The annual meeting of the Sabbath School Board of Wesley Methodist Church was held on Tuesday evening in the Wesley Church parlors. Reports from all departments showed that the Sabbath School was in a very flourishing condition. The staff of officers and teachers were re-elected. For this year the officers are: Mr. Geo. Wedlake, superintendent; assistant superintendents, Messrs. J. A. Wedlake, E. C. Passmore and A. E. Day; secretary, John Bowden; treasurer, Robt. Brown; assistant secretary, Murray Luck; paper steward, Harry Fennel; librarians, Lloyd Miller, Frank Splatt, Gordon Cook; orchestra leader, S. E. Mason; pianist, Miss Garton; assistant, Miss Littleh.

## CONTROL EXPENDITURES

The city clerk has received a communication from the city clerk of Stratford enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the council of that city and asking that the Brantford city council consider the question promptly. The resolution deals with a motion that ratepayers have some measure of control over the expenditures of the Board of Police Commissioners, and that the city council be able to revise the estimates made by the board. The Stratford council is sending copies to the Attorney General for Ontario, and to the members of the Ontario Legislature for North and to all municipal councils of Ontario cities, with the request that they take similar action with the view of having section 263 of the Municipal Act amended.

## BRITISH LABOR BACKS WILSON AND L. GEORGE

Will Fight on Unless Germany Accepts Minimum Terms

By Courier Leased Wire

Nottingham, Eng., Jan. 23.—

At the opening to-day of the annual Labor conference, Frank Purdy, the president, said that if Germany would not accept the terms President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and the Labor party had laid down as the minimum, "we must fight on."

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## ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Warden Was Elected and Committees Were Struck Yesterday Afternoon

Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon, County Clerk Watts called the members of the County Council to order in the Court House. All the Councillors were on hand. The following form the council for 1918:

A. J. McCann, reeve, Brantford.  
Edward Pitts, reeve, Paris.  
A. Crichton, reeve, South Dumfries.  
A. W. Eddy, reeve, Burford.  
Jas. Scott, reeve, Oakland.  
W. D. Deane, reeve, Onondaga.  
Isaac Stewart, deputy reeve, Paris.  
R. Greenwood, 1st deputy reeve, Brantford.  
A. W. Smith, deputy reeve, Burford.  
J. A. Seace, 2nd deputy reeve, Brantford.

The councillors, having taken their declaration of office, the appointment of the Warden was made, and Edward Pitts, reeve of Paris, was elected. The nominations were: Ed. Pitts, nominated by J. Stewart, seconded by A. Crichton.

A. J. McCann, nominated by J. A. Seace, seconded by W. A. Douglas. An appeal was then taken with the following results:

For Pitts—Eddy, Scott, Pitts, Smith, Crichton and Stewart.  
For McCann—Greenwood, Douglas, Seace, McCann.

Warden Pitts was then escorted to the chair by councillors Stewart and short speech of thanks, asking for the hearty co-operation of his associates.

It was then moved and seconded, and carried, that the standing committees be struck and that the council would adjourn for 20 minutes to form the committees for 1918.

At the end of the adjournment in private, the councillors returned to the council chambers and the report of the striking committee was read by the chairman. The following committees were duly formed:

Finance—Jas. Scott, chairman. Messrs. Seace, Smith, Crichton and Eddy, members.  
Education—A. W. Eddy, chairman. Messrs. Scott, Greenwood and Douglas, members.

Public Buildings—Arthur Crichton, chairman. Messrs. Stewart, McCann, Seace and Scott, members.

Gas Supplies—W. A. Douglas, chairman. Messrs. Smith, Stewart and Crichton, members.

Roads and Bridges—A. J. McCann, chairman. Messrs. Eddy, Crichton, Douglas, Scott and Greenwood, members.

Printing—J. A. Seace, chairman. Messrs. Smith, McCann, Greenwood and Stewart, members.

In order that the members be able to take the afternoon trains home, the council was adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

There is a general feeling of correspondence to be gone through concerning every branch of the council.

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## LEPER MISSION ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. W. H. Whitaker is President of Society for the Coming Year

The annual meeting of the Mission to Lepers was held in the Y.M.C.A. clubroom Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Whitaker occupied the chair, and after the singing of a hymn, led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted as was also the Treasurer's report.

The Supt. of Soap wrappers not being present Mrs. Ritchie reported the receipt to-day, of 400, Surprise Soap Wrappers from the Ottawa Baptist Mission circle. During the past year the Leper Mission has received over \$15.00 from soap wrappers.

The secretary then gave her yearly report which was bright and optimistic, showing progress all along the line. This was followed by the Treasurer's report which showed that the Society had raised during the year the handsome sum of \$300.00 by voluntary offering enough to support 12 lepers for a year. "Truly the Lord has done great things for us where of we are glad."

Miss Knowles gave a very helpful Bible reading and Mrs. G. Whitaker led in prayer.

Miss Elsie Senn favored us with a beautifully rendered solo.

Mrs. Warne reported over 300 subscribers to "Without the Camp," the Leper Mission paper.

Mrs. Llewellyn Brown was then called to the chair, and gave the report of the nominating committee, which resulted in the election of the following officers:

President: Mrs. W. H. Whitaker. Vice-President: Mrs. Jas. Adams. Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Gamble.

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Mrs. Jas. Adams was relieved of the Secretaryship at her request after having served nine years.

Mrs. Mrs. Carpenter led in prayer. There were 32 ladies present, offering was \$5.87. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Ritchie.

"We had the usual serene early this morning," stated H. D. McIntyre of the fuel depot to-day. The crowd gathered about the office long before the hour for its opening, and the usual thronging and contention were rife. The supply of coal on hand, however, while not sufficient to meet the wants of all, at least lasted enough to guarantee against any cases of genuine hardship.

Under the new system, which goes into effect to-day, the authorities are confident that all hoarding of coal or duplication of civic orders will be eliminated. In future, it will not be necessary to apply in person at the municipal depot to obtain an order. The applicant's being possessed of a sufficient quantity of fuel, the order will not be handed over, but will be returned to the depot.

Under instructions from the depot this morning.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Peet, 14 Elizabeth St., took place Saturday afternoon to Mt. Hope cemetery. Rev. Mr. Bowyer officiated and the pallbearers were Messrs. Thos. Cooper, Jelly, A. Cavin, M. Letler, Wylie and J. Ferris.

There were a large number of floral tributes, including sprays from the late Mrs. A. Cavin, Mr. and Mrs. Letler, Mr. and Mrs. Brad, Mr. and Mrs. Walters and family, Mr. and Mrs. Linton and Lily, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Laing, Mrs. Kerr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cooper, workmen Slingsby Mill.

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I. O. D. E. MET

The January meeting of Brant Chapter, I. O. D. E., held Monday afternoon in the club room of Y. W. C. A., was exceedingly well attended.

After the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and adopted, the nominations of officers and councillors for 1918 were asked for, this being done by ballot. The nominating committee were Mesdames Laing, Mabon, Marquis, Collins and Miss Brooke.

Routine business was then resumed.

Mrs. Aird, one of the convenors of the autograph quilt committee, gave a report of the work done so far on the quilt, and explained the reason for the long deferred completion of the same, the members not having supported the workers as before the last year. Many more names are required, 400 at least. Several names are immediately offered to come to the convenor's assistance, promising five or more names each. Mrs. Hurley also offered to bring the matter before the ladies and kin societies. As the chapter year is nearing its close, the committee are more anxious to complete all the work undertaken by them.

The Sanitarium visitors for the month, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Gordon Smith, reported having made four visits, taking the usual cheer for the patients, 19 in all.

The Christmas dinner, donated by individual members of the chapter, was much appreciated. The note of thanks received from the matron, Miss Bowen, was read. The visitors for the present month will be Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. T. J. Fair.

The proposed "Sanitarium. Sunday" suggested by the chapter, as a means of raising money for the institution, has been adopted. Mrs. Duncanson reporting that the secretary of the ministerial alliance had promised the help of that body in every way possible, the Sunday decided upon to be the third Sunday in February. Announcement will be made later.

A letter from the National President, Mrs. A. E. Gooderham, was read, expressing their deep gratitude for our generous response for aid to the Halifax sufferers. The money donated has been devoted to the upkeep of a home for Halifax unclaimed children, which has been established by the Daughters of the Empire in Halifax.

The regent, as a member of the committee appointed, also gave an account of the visit to the city and county councils last month, to solicit grants for the British and Foreign Navy Relief fund, and spoke of the cordial reception accorded the deputation, and the hearty response to the appeal.

The box for voluntary contributions to this fund, was on the table for those who wished to contribute in this way.

The Gardiner concert committee announced that arrangements were all completed and work going on nicely, thanks being due to Mr. R. H. Riville for his invaluable help and advice, he having offered to look after the business men's subscription list, also the advertising. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Riville for his kindness, also to Mrs. John Ker, for having undertaken, unasked, the advertising program, which she has made a great success. Votes of appreciation to be sent by the secretary, to both Mrs. Ker and Mr. Riville. It now rests with the members to put forth every effort to push the sale of the tickets in order to fill the house, and incidentally the coffers of the chapter, which, at present, are sadly depleted.

As the convenor of the wool committee, Mrs. Harry Leonard, is ill, a fact which was deeply regretted, no report was given, excepting that Mrs. Leonard's stock of wool was completely exhausted. The secretary was empowered to order 100 lbs. at once.

Several new names were proposed for membership, and a number of others enrolled.

A letter from Mrs. Armstrong, vice-regent of a chapter in the Yukon, who is on an illustrated lecture tour, was read, but as the chapter is busy with the coming concert, it was decided to take no action in the matter.

As the elections will take place at the February meeting, being the annual meeting, it is hoped that every member will make a point of being present.

After the singing of the National Anthem, an adjournment was made.

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