

LIBERAL CLUB OFFICERS  
GIVEN ACCLAMATIONElection of Executive Members  
Being Held Today and  
Tomorrow.

All officers of the executive of the Liberal club have been returned by acclamation for 1925. They are: President, J. M. Weber; vice-presidents, Peter Cameron and John W. Griffiths; secretary, Allan Munro; and treasurer, C. C. Ferguson.

Election of the twelve members of the executive who will act in 1925 is in progress today and tomorrow. Ballots may be cast in Hyman hall between 7 and 9 o'clock tonight, between 2 and 5 tomorrow and between 7 and 9 tomorrow night.

Members who have been nominated for election are: Sydney Beard, George Burdick, Jun., Arthur Chapman, William Charlton, Henry Dalton, George Hair, John McMaster, A. W. McFie, James Murray, Fred Pace, Duke Palmer, Hughie Little, W. C. Manson, Alex. Beattie, Arthur Throver and Alec Tytler.

**DIVISION COURT.**  
The first division court session, held in the court house this morning, was presided over by his honor County Judge J. C. Judd. A lengthy docket was disposed of by the court at the noon hour.

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## CROSS WORD PUZZLE NO. 51

Here is the puzzle that Mrs. Rath von Phil did in four minutes and twenty seconds, thereby winning the ladies' championship at the tournament held in Wansmaker's auditorium in New York recently. See if you can clip a second off that record.

Each number in the puzzle indicates the position of the first letter of a word.

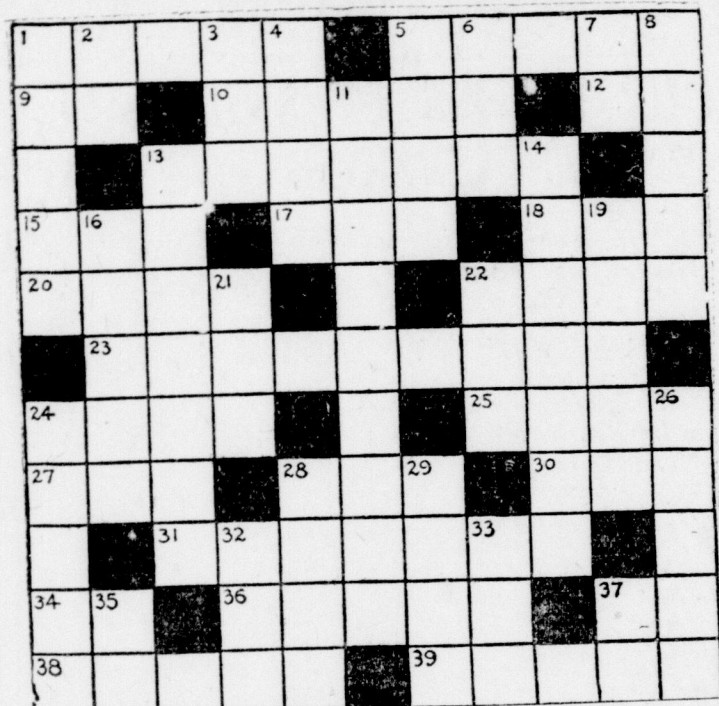
Each word reads from left to right (horizontal) or downward (vertical) according to position. Lettered in correctly, words that cross will interlock.

Each number in the white squares also refers to a definition in the accompanying table.

Each definition suggests a word possessing the exact number of letters to fit the white spaces allotted to it.

Each white space is to receive one letter only. Words starts only in numbered squares.

## THE ADVERTISER'S DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.



HORIZONTAL.

VERTICAL.

1 Boat holding  
2 Contrivance  
3 Prosecuting  
4 Judicially  
5 A pronoun  
6 Pertaining to the  
7 A conjunction  
8 A thin oval board  
9 Used by an  
10 artist  
11 A pasture  
12 The first flapper  
13 A color  
14 A brownish-red  
stone

22 Mentally sound  
23 Savant  
24 Notice  
25 Judicially  
26 Completely  
27 Social elegance  
(sine)  
28 A cereal grass  
29 A shelter  
30 An expression of  
inquiry  
31 A parent's sister  
32 Bone  
33 Kingdom  
34 To give

1 Face of a time-  
piece (pl.)  
2 Near  
3 A feminine sur-  
fix  
4 Narrative  
5 Glut  
6 A (labor)  
7 A negation  
8 Presidential  
9 To class or sort  
10 Goddess of  
might (myth.)  
11 Packages  
12 Obliterators  
13 A wooden floor  
14 A vestible

POETRY THEORY  
A LEO TERRA  
S O P A T E A S E O N  
T A P E X I S T Y A K  
O R A L I N K B A K E  
R W I L T S E E M E  
L O A S  
E A T O M P R O P S  
S A P S T O W E M I L E  
T I E T R E E D P E T  
E R T O N L A W A T  
E A N P A N R A N E  
M E A G E R E N R G E

MRS. SARAH PHELTON  
IS BURIED AT ST. PETER'S

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Phelton, who died on Tuesday, was held this morning at 9:30 o'clock from her residence, 1111 St. Peter's street, to St. Peter's church.

Requiem mass was sung at 9 o'clock. The officiating priest, with Father Powell as deacon and Father Brennan as sub-deacon.

The funeral sermon was preached by Father Brennan. Interment took place in St. Peter's cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: J. P. Murray, William Hurley, Edward Carty, J. Louchlin, J. Gleeson and J. P. Flannigan.

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TAX DODGER HIT  
IN SUGGESTIONInspector of Municipal Tax-  
ation Is Urged by Com-  
missioner Bennett.

Appointment of an inspector of municipal taxation for the province is the suggestion of City Assessment Commissioner H. J. Bennett. Mr. Bennett is particularly interested in changes and administration which will provide equitable assessment of municipal income tax throughout the province to eliminate the "dodger" and to give every municipality a fair show.

Today a report comes from Windsor that the chamber of commerce there is seeking the abolition of municipal income tax. Windsor citizens claim that dodgers of the tax may live in one municipality and work in another and thereby escape taxation. Therefore, it is declared, the tax is a nuisance and cannot be levied fairly.

London's total assessment this year is \$71,093,686. If the income tax assessment were abolished, London would have to find another source for seven per cent of its assessment.

If business tax were cut off, too, the total assessment dropped would be over \$11,000,000, including the income assessment.

The argument locally is that taxes must be secured from some source. If they are not forthcoming from income, additional revenue must come from property assessment.

According to Mr. Bennett, efficient tax collectors will not make income tax a nuisance but a genuine revenue producer, as it should be. London's collections have been exceptionally high. He suggests that government supervision would eliminate the dodging of taxpayers who earn money in one center and spend it in another.

RAILWAYS WILL HELP  
FARMERS WITH DRIVECo-operate in Work of Stamp-  
ing Out Corn-Borer in  
District.

Canadian railways are co-operating with the government in a war on the corn-borer. W. R. Reek, superintendent of the experimental farm of the Ontario department of agriculture at Ridgeway, has been in touch with officials of the Canadian Pacific railway, the Canadian National, the Great Western and the Erie.

Outlining the plan of campaign to destroy the parasite which destroys the corn crops in southwestern Ontario, Superintendent Reek has pointed out to the railways that the only method of stamping out the corn borer is to play under all corn stalks. This is difficult and costly work. It is suggested that the railways, in effect, be asked to provide the means to cover the stalks, which has been decided to drag railway rails over the ground in affected areas.

The C. P. R. will provide thirty rails which will be taken where needed. It is expected that the other roads will co-operate in this campaign. Corn borer in each district will look after the rails, and see that they are placed where they will do the most good.

The department has been studying the problem for four years, and has found that there is no other way to combat the evil except by burning the stalks, and the rail method will be given a trial.

ADVERTISING BRINGS  
MORE EARLY MAILINGYear's Campaigns Yield  
Splendid Results, Officials  
Declare.

The proof of the value of advertising has been seen in postoffice circles this year. Campaigns to bring out earlier Christmas mailings have met with decided success. The big rush used to be confined to a mad dash a week before Christmas. This year it has been different. Postal workers have noted that the advertising of a better service to those who mailed early has not gone unnoticed. This year the parcels began to move nearly three weeks before the usual time.

The old haphazard method of mailing seems to have almost disappeared. There is an increasing desire expressed by the public for a knowledge of the final dates for mailing to Europe and the United States. With the advertising of such information the Christmas mail started to move and has gone steadily on ever since.

While mail has been moving freely to the old country and to the States for some days, a large volume of mail started to move for the first time in Canada yesterday. Much of this was for Vancouver and vicinity.

JAIL OFFICIALS BACKED  
BY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONDeny Building Is Infested With  
Vermin—Point to Jury's  
Report.

The article appearing in the Free Press last night stating that a prison in the jail had complained that the place was infested with vermin has been officially brought to the notice of the county council, and will be the subject of a resolution this afternoon which condemns the Free Press for "taking information from irresponsible persons, some of them ex-convicts, and also from disgruntled office seekers."

The resolution also expresses confidence in the ability of the jail and court house officials, and a copy will be forwarded to the provincial secretary and the inspector of prisons.

Sheriff Graham pointed out in an interview today that the grand jury of the Middlesex court two weeks ago, had carefully inspected the entire jail, and that the jurors had specially commented on the cleanliness of the jail.

The jail committee of the county council had inspected the jail this week, the sheriff stated, and they found conditions quite satisfactory.

Governor Byron Dawson declared the Middlesex jail was as clean as any institution of the province, and characterized the statement in the paper as a "slandereous lie."

## CITY CHURCHES

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

In honor of Mrs. Joseph C. Baker, the members of the Centennial Old Time Fairs committee, held on Saturday morning, when H. A. Secord of the Simcoe street school and M. Lawlor, of the Chesley avenue school, will be in attendance to give their support to the scheme. J. D. McManus, principal of the school, believes that in thus training the public school boys of today, good hockey players of the future will be insured.

## WHEAT INSPECTIONS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Wheat inspections yesterday totaled 743 cars, including 402 of contract grade. Last year 1471 cars were inspected. Yowse grains numbered 263 cars against 279 a year ago.

## LECTURES TONIGHT.

Prof. A. D. Robertson, department of zoology, University of Western Ontario, lectures tonight before the members of the Young Men's Club at the Y.M.C.A. Prof. Robertson will take up the life of microbes and simple animal life. The lecture will be illustrated with slides.

## BRIGADIER RETURNS.

Brigadier MacAmmond, chief of staff of the London division of the Salvation Army returned to the city today, following an inspection of his division, which occupied nearly a week. The officer visited Seaforth, where he held an inspection and services for the soldiers at that point. This was followed by a trip to Goderich and Ingersoll.

## ISSUE WRIT.

Charles and Jean Morrison of the township of Morison have issued a county court writ against Samuel Morrison of the same township for a home on the farm formerly owned by the late Althea Morrison of Morison township, and for maintenance in accordance with the will of Althea Morrison. The writ was filed by Ivey, Elliott & Gillanders.

FEWER TREES OFFERED.  
Christmas trees were again offered on the local market this morning, though not in such large numbers as dealers have found that the people do not want them until later.

Although the tree or four loads were noticed yesterday only two appeared this morning. They were much smaller than yesterday's offerings.

WILL TAKE CHARGE.  
Brigadier MacAmmond of the Salvation Army headquarters here goes to Exeter tomorrow to take charge of the Sunday services of the Army corps there.

CHOIR PRESENTS  
MUSICAL TREAT"The Holy Nativity" Sung by  
Members of King Street  
Presbyterian Church.

A beautiful Christmas cantata, "The Holy Nativity," which was penned by Edith Sanford, with music by Henry Wildermere was presented to a London audience for the first time last night by the choir of the King street Presbyterian church. Joy was the prevailing note of the theme, and from the first to the last the choristers caught and held the spirit of the piece.

Miss June Warren, soprano, who won fame in Toronto recently, brought to her parts a charming silvery voice of delicate timbre and remarkable versatility and sang her solo, "With a Lowly Manger Lying," with sympathetic pathos, carrying out the exacting, thrilling passage with splendid ease and spontaneity.

The other solo parts were taken by Messrs. Christie and Bull, tenors; Walter Skinner, baritone; and Miss Bradley, contralto, who gave an able and expressive interpretation, the song of the shepherds being particularly worthy of note. The ensemble parts were given with a fine blending of voices and careful control, and the hymns of praise were sung with power.

A short program was given previous to the cantata, which lent variety to the evening, giving it a charming balance. Mrs. Harry Carson delighted her audience with a violin rendition of the "Monastery Garden," and drew them back to the long ago with the rendition of some of the old songs including "Loch Lomond," "Annie Laurie," and "The Last Rose of Summer." Her playing was a demonstration of careful technique and depth of feeling, her offerings being received with keen appreciation.

During the early part of the evening, "Consider the Lilies" was sung by Miss Kathleen England, in a sweet voice of flexible clarity, and Miss Ruth Kingsmill sang Handel's "He Shall Feed His Flock." In a splendid colorful cantata, Miss Somerville and Miss Bradley sang duets of excellent quality, their hymn "Peace That Floweth Like a River," being particularly acceptable, for in it the blending of the fine soprano and the alto was heard to advantage. Miss Kathryn Moore, the choir leader and organist, is to be given the credit of the success of the evening for the way in which she trained the singers and played the accompaniments in fine form.

THREE VALUED EMPLOYEES  
TO BE RETIRED BY C. P. R.

As a reward for his 37 years of faithful and efficient service as a bridge man and foreman in the Lidge and building department of the Canadian Pacific on the London division, Harry Chevalier, who resides in Woodstock, will on Jan. 1, 1925, be retired from active service and placed on the pension pay roll of the company.

Similarly, George C. Walker, of this city, is also being retired, effective Jan. 1, 1925, on pension. Mr. Walker started with the Canadian Pacific in the E. and B. department of the local division in April, 1892, and since 1902 has supervised all the water services on the London division. Another employee also to be retired on pension on Jan. 1 next is Archibald Loughrey, who has been employed in the C. P. R. freight sheds since 1890.

TRAFALGAR SCHOOL  
HOCKEY TEAM PRACTICES

A hockey team has been organized at the Trafalgar public school, and has already had one practice in the arena. A second practice will be held on Saturday morning, when H. A. Secord of the Simcoe street school and M. Lawlor, of the Chesley avenue school, will be in attendance to give their support to the scheme. J. D. McManus, principal of the school, believes that in thus training the public school boys of today, good hockey players of the future will be insured.

The Trafalgar school rifle team is also getting ready for the D.C.R.A. shooting series, which will be held during the first four months of 1925. The school has a junior team of eight boys which is very promising.

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WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON  
IS RE-ELECTED MASTER

William R. Johnston was re-elected master of Hackett, L. C. B. L. No. 805, last night at the annual election of officers of the lodge. This makes the second term as master for Mr. Johnston. The installation of the new officers was conducted by W. J. Hodgins, the county master. The officers elected are:

Wm. R. Johnston, W. M.; Ed. Monteith, D. M.; Nelson Langford, chaplain; A. Nevin, recording secretary; Joseph Murray, treasurer; Ivan A. Thatcher, financial secretary; Percy Johnston, first lecturer; L. A. Park, second lecturer; G. B. Say, marshal; John Morrison, first com.; Jas. Thompson, second com.; George Sheehy, third com.; Fred Kohl, fourth com.; Wm. R. McPadden, fifth com.; J. W. Carson and Nelson Langford, auditors; A. Nevin and Jas. Murray, trustees.

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