

HEAVY LOADS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

County Constables Will Report Any Violations of 2,500-Pound Limit.

With the coming of the first day of March, the highway traffic will take prominence again in the way of restrictions as to weight and size of tires. High Constable Wharton will be out in the county from March 1 for a couple of months keeping an eye open for breaches of this act, and the 97 road foremen of the county engineer's department will report all cases coming under their notice to their chief, Charles Talbot.

The act states that in March and April the load must be less than 2,500 pounds on all vehicles with wheel tire of 2 1/2 inches in width. In the other months of the year the weight may be increased to 5,000 pounds.

County Engineer Talbot says that the breaches of this act are usually found in the vicinity of cheese factories, condensed milk and milk powder factories. He says his men will be particularly interested in watching traffic on the roads in these places in the county, and issues a warning to all persons who have hauling to do to see that they are within the law in this respect.

SANTA CLAUS BROUGHT BEER, BUT FINE LEVIED

Arthur Lukeing Pays \$200 in County Court This Morning.

Arthur Lukeing of Westminster township paid \$200 and costs this morning when he appeared before Magistrate Hawke, charged with a breach of the O. T. A. As the case proceeded the story of a case of beer left by some unknown friend on Christmas morning was also unfolded.

In explaining how he came into the possession of the liquor, which in this case was beer, Mr. Lukeing stated that he had been on the London market, who offered to supply him with beer at what he considered such a reasonable price that he immediately ordered two cases. The beer had arrived, but he was unable to remember the man's name.

"No one who gets liquor seems to be able to remember the name of the man he gets it from," said Mr. Lukeing.

In answer to how much beer he had used in his house, he admitted that on Christmas morning he had found a case of "good" beer on his doorstep. Where it came from and how it got there was beyond his imagination.

"Well you've got some good friends anyway," remarked the crown attorney.

Mr. Lukeing, who produced medical certificates to show that he must take a certain amount of beer, asked the court to restore the beer which was found on his place without success, and was told that he must get a prescription in future for all "medicine" of this kind.

CITY VICTORIAN ORDER CONTINUES FINE WORK

Greater Number of Non-Pay Cases Found During Past Month's Visits.

During the past month alone the Victoria Order nurses have made 557 visits. And of these 213 were free calls. This was the report made at the recent meeting of the executive, Miss Duffield, the supervising nurse.

This work, which is being carried on by the Victorian Order in the city, is growing with each month. During the past month the pay cases were fewer than ever, with a consequent larger number of free cases. This draws upon the finances of the order and makes it more difficult to carry on. The members of the board conclude that the greater number of non-pay cases is due to lack of employment in the city. Fred London, president of the board, presided over the recent meeting.

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GOOD TEMPLARS HERE CONDEMN BEER PLAN

Resolutions of Protest Sent to Premier and Sir Adam Beck.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the last meeting of the Hope of the West lodge of the International Order of Good Templars, and has been forwarded to the premier and Sir Adam Beck.

"Resolved, that this meeting of the Good Templars of London, Ont., having heard that the government of our province has the intention of amending the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act by allowing the sale of beer with a 4 per cent alcohol content, hereby solemnly and earnestly protests this intention and begs that the government will withdraw this clause in view of its being directly contrary to the views of the members of this province as expressed in the plebiscite vote cast in October last and also in view of the repeatedly expressed intention of the premier, the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, to enforce the act in accordance with the views of the majority; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the premier, the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, and also to Sir Adam Beck."

(Signed) George Jarvis, Chief Templar; Ethel Dix, Secretary.

AUXILIARY OF C.A.S.E. ARE BANQUET HOSTS

Meet Friday Evening in I.O.F. Hall For Successful Event.

A very delightful banquet was held in the I. O. F. hall on Friday evening under the auspices of the ladies' auxiliary of the C. A. S. E. No. 30. The tables were prettily decorated with spring flowers. The colors, red and white, were carried out effectively in the hall.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a bracelet to the past president of the ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. Freedy. The address was read by Leola Vignette. Col. Miller, president of the board, presided over the recent meeting.

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GEORGE ALEXANDER PARKS, who has just been appointed as the new governor of Alaska.

ONE DISTRICT REMAINS TO DECLARE WINNER

"Wossa" Oratorical Contests Reaching Finals—Two Londoners Chosen.

Winners have been declared in 11 of the 12 local and district oratorical competitions under the auspices of the W. O. S. S. A.

The finals for the girls' contests will be held in the auditorium of the central collegiate institute on Friday night next.

The finals in the boys' contests has been set for Strathroy on Friday night, March 6.

South London collegiate representatives, in the persons of Miss Ruth Lawton and Arthur Hill, will uphold the honors of the city in the respective competitions.

The only two districts in which a winner has not as yet been declared are for the girls' contest from the Sarnia collegiate institute and the boys' contest from St. Thomas collegiate institute.

The winners in both competitions are as follows: Girls, district 1, Miss Ruth Lawton, South London collegiate; district 2, Miss A. Elliott, Ingersoll collegiate; district 3, Miss Ina Hewitt, Mitchell high school; district 4, Miss L. Bull, Walkerville collegiate; district 5, Miss Gladys Nelson, Rodney high school, Boys, district 1, Arthur Hill, South London collegiate; district 2, Earl Lautenschlager, Kitchener collegiate; district 3, Frank Turville, Windsor collegiate; district 4, Cameron Corrigan, Strathroy collegiate; district 5, F. McRae, Glencoe high school.

WESTERN GRADUATE HEADS TROY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Ray P. Baker, graduate of the university of Western Ontario has been chosen to head the department of science, arts and business administration of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y.

Under the direction of Dr. Baker courses will be provided in economics, social science and history.

Dr. Baker has distinguished himself in the world of letters. He has been head of the English department of Rensselaer where he is looked upon as one of the foremost scholars in English and talents in executive lines have been recognized by the institute and the administration of the new departments will come under his direction.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH. Sergt. W. Douglas, H.S.M., R.C.E., has been taken on the strength of the forces of military district No. 1. He came from Toronto.

ANNUAL INSPECTION. The annual inspection of the D company, Lambton regiment, will be held at Watford on Thursday, March 12 at 8 p.m., was announced by Lieut.-Col. F. B. Ware, military headquarters here today.

FEDERAL AID SOUGHT BY IRATE RADIO FANS

Claim Amateur Senders Spoil the Air With Use of "Buzzers."

An appeal to Ottawa will soon be made by local radio fans to eliminate the private "buzzer" and to clear the air for radio reception in the Forest City district. For some time back local fans have contended with sound and interference in the air, which some of them likened to "three noisy pigs trying to squeeze through a wire fence," and have determined that it results from private and amateur senders using their "buzzers" to converse with each other at all hours of the night.

A survey carried out by a number of fans shows that some of these amateurs are using wave lengths outside the pale of permission, which makes it impossible for receivers to tune them out.

Speaking about any interference from hydro sources, E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, stated that the P. U. C. officials were willing at any time to assist in the elimination of interference and in eliminating the problem. He declared that if responsibility should be taken for a week's time to make up his mind whether or not he would accept the position if the board should come to a decision to offer it to him.

The board disallows that a successor be appointed as soon as possible, in order that if an outside man is named he may be able to get on the job at once in advance of Mr. Greer's departure, which is set for April 21.

Should Inspector Geoffrey A. Wheable, B.A., M.C., be given the position by the board, as is generally considered likely, there would necessarily be an appointment to the position his promotion would leave vacant, that of assistant inspector.

MOTOR CLUB PLANNED BY CITY MACABEES

London Tent No. 4 Talks Plan To Facilitate Fraternal Visits.

London Tent No. 4, the Macabees, met last night in their new lodge room at the A. O. F. hall, 321 Dundas street, and the arrangements for the balance of the year were made. The necessary committees were appointed and it is expected that in the near future a motor club will be formed, in order to make fraternal visits to other tents in the vicinity of London.

District Deputy Mark W. Cullington performed the dedicatory ceremony, which is customary whenever a tent meets in a new hall. Announcement was made of the appointment of George G. Summers as a local deputy.

Old School's Corner Stone Sought For Presentation

The cornerstone of the old Empress public school, if there is one, is to be preserved when, in the near future, the building is torn down.

Such was the order given by the executive committee at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

Instructions were given also to Capt. W. E. Robinson supervisor of caretaking and repairs, to salvage all possible material and equipment from the old building before it is turned over to the wrecking firm securing the site.

Included in the salvage will be blackboards, plumbing fixtures, electric lighting equipment, etc. The point concerning the cornerstone was raised by Principal E. A. Miller, who complained that when the old collegiate institute was torn down, following the fire three years ago, all trace was lost of the cornerstone, containing valuable documents, etc.

"There is a sentimental reason," observed Mr. Miller, "for keeping the cornerstone of our school buildings, and I think the board should be sure of securing the one at Empress public school."

Chairman S. F. Lawton and the other members of the committee agreed in this and accordingly it will be placed in the wrecking tender, that the board is to have full possession of the cornerstone.

Asked this morning as to whether there actually was a cornerstone laid in connection with the old school, Inspector Geoffrey A. Wheable, B.A., a former principal of the school, stated that to the best of his knowledge there was none.

No cornerstone was laid by the board in connection with the new \$180,000 Empress school, which was officially opened this week.

NOTED ARTIST IS COMING TO CITY

Leonard Richmond Will Lecture in Central Collegiate on Thursday Next.

Leonard Richmond, R.B.A. (1914), R.O.I. (1918), of London, England, has agreed to give his lecture entitled "What is a Picture?" (illustrated), in the collegiate institute auditorium at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26. This lecture has been arranged under the auspices of the extension department, University of Western Ontario.

The following clubs and societies are co-operating with the university in covering the expense of the lecture: Round Table club (Chamber of Commerce), University Woman's club, the Canadian club, the Woman's Canadian club, the London Drama League, Daughters of the Empire, Teachers' guild, Woman's music club, Froebel society, the Three Arts club, Woman's Press club.

The faculty and students of the university and the special students in art of the Technical high school are invited. All the members of the co-operating clubs are being sent invitation cards, but may present their respective membership cards to the lecturers.

Mr. Leonard Richmond is now in Ottawa giving a series of lectures on art at the Canadian national gallery. He was educated at Tarrant school of art at the Chelsea Polytechnic school of London, England. He is the author of a book on "The Art of Painted Building." He has exhibited at the Chelsea, the Royal Academy, the Panama exhibition, U. S. A., International society, New English art club, the Postal art club, the Royal Institute, Venice International and at art exhibits in New York and Japan. He was engaged by the Canadian government in March, 1918, to make battle-drawings for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

One of the leading art critics in England says that "Leonard Richmond is amongst the most forward looking and original of all living artists, and in breadth of treatment and force of coloring occupies almost a unique place."

As there was no admission charged for this lecture, it is hoped that art lovers and students will take advantage of this opportunity to hear and see one of the outstanding artists of the British empire.

HOAG IS APPROACHED AS GREER'S SUCCESSOR

Answer of Provincial Official Awaited Before Board Acts.

Though reporting progress, the executive committee of the board of education took no action at its meeting yesterday afternoon with regard to the appointment of a successor to V. K. Greer, M.A., as inspector-administrator.

Chairman S. F. Lawton informed the board that there would not likely be anything come before the board at its special meeting on Monday afternoon.

The hold-up in the situation is believed to rest with J. P. H. chief inspector of continuation schools for the province, who, when interviewed by the committee here a day or so ago with regard to the position, is said to have asked for a week's time to make up his mind whether or not he would accept the position if the board should come to a decision to offer it to him.

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SANATORIUM OFFER EASES SCHOOL SLATE SHORTAGE

Slate for school blackboards is both expensive and scarce these days. The board of education was therefore only too pleased to ratify the purchase of one square feet of slate, according to the contract for approximately \$5. It seems that the sanatorium had some vocational classes a short time ago for which white boards were used.

The board was unable to completely equip the new Empress public school with new blackboards when the school was opened on Jan. 1 next. The securing of the slate from the sanatorium will relieve the situation to a certain extent.

KOMOKA W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. of Komoka will hold a parlor social at the home of Mrs. S. Swales on Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, commencing at 8 o'clock. A good program is being prepared, and supper will be served at the close of the program.

FORMER LONDON WOMAN DIES IN MINNEAPOLIS

Mrs. Caroline Bryan, wife of the late John Bryan, a former contractor here, passed away on Thursday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Allen, Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Bryan had been closely associated with the Wellington street Methodist church before going to Minneapolis.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Allen of Minneapolis, and Mrs. T. Beatty of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon in this city. Interment will be made in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

ROADS ARE SLIPPERY. Farmers attending the local market today report country roads to be as slippery as glass this morning. One farmer declared that he saw four cars in the ditch on his way to market, while others who were driving cars reported slow driving was absolutely necessary to avoid skidding.

BULLETS BRING DOWN MAN WHO DEFIES FALLS' POLICE

John Smith Barricaded Self in Home Until Ammunition Is Exhausted.

DEATH IS LIKELY

Associated Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 21.—John Smith was shot and probably fatally wounded early this morning after defying the police for more than three hours and keeping them at bay from a barricaded house in 27th street.

Smith ran amuck with a revolver about 9 o'clock last night, firing more than a score of shots into two houses one occupied by relatives and then took refuge in the home of Stanley Zervaski, at No. 440 Twenty-seventh street.

Police and deputy sheriffs surrounded the place. They did not shoot nor use their supply upon the occupants of the house.

Smith took a position at a cellar window, from which he fired more than 100 shots at the officers who were trying to capture him. It became apparent early this morning that his ammunition was running low, if it was not entirely exhausted, and the terrified family was finally induced to make a dash from the front door.

With the house clear, the police opened fire. Smith ran upstairs and climbed out a rear window upon the roof of a shed. He still carried his revolver, and the police guard in the rear yard opened fire.

Smith tumbled from the roof with three bullets in his body. He was rushed to St. Mary's hospital, where it was said his condition is critical. He was wounded in the hip, back and leg.

BABES MUST SUFFER AS PRESENT LAW FAILS

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which he sold at a discount in order to get away quickly.

Faces World Alone. This left the mother and wife to face the problem of existence alone, and she turned to do the one thing she could, rent her rooms and keep boarders. "I managed to get along fairly well, as long as I had my health," she told The Advertiser, "but it was hard work. Many of the men were working on the highway construction, and they had to leave very early in the morning, so I would be up and getting their lunches ready for them, having to get up shortly after four in the morning, and so many lodgers in the house as I could, and there were weeks when I slept on the floor beside the baby's crib, so that I could put another lodger in the room I had used for myself. I managed to pay my bills and keep out of debt until I broke down, and the doctor told me if I didn't go to hospital again, and have an operation, I would drop in my tracks some day."

So the trip was made to the hospital, and after the woman had gained enough strength to return home she did so. In the meantime, the baby boy had been taken to the shelter, and a woman, who had been living in one of the rooms at her home, took care of the little girl.

"When I got back home I found that the boarders were all gone, and I couldn't blame them, for they knew I was going to the hospital, and there would be no one to look after them or get their lunches. Since then things have been going from bad to worse, as they say in this country, and there was a time only a few days ago when for three days there wasn't a crust in the house to eat."

"Then when I couldn't pay for the water in the house, a man came along one day and told me that he had instructions to turn the water off, and I told me I had better draw as much as I could, so I filled the bath tub and got what I could in a couple of kettles, but, of course, that was soon done, and I had to go out and wash the children I have gone out and taken the snow and melted it on the kitchen stove."

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