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FATAL GAS PERHAPS DUE TO TANNERY CHEMICALS
KITCHENER, July 31.—C. R. Hazen, chemical expert, of Montreal, has returned to this city after investigating the source of sewer gas, which caused the death of Andrew Lisewski on July 18. It is believed that the report, which will be given to the finance committee next week, will show that certain chemicals in combination in the septic tank at the Brethaupt tannery gave off poisonous gas.

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MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE IS NEEDED

Rotary Club Comes Out Strong In Support of Proposition.

WHAT WEST IS DOING

Municipal Golf Courses Found There Which Pay Their Way.

The need of a municipal golf course was brought to the attention of the Rotary Club at the noon luncheon held at the Tecumseh House yesterday. W. R. Wendall, acting president, just returned from a trip to the West, introduced the subject. He was supported by Paul Poocek. Mr. Wendall pointed out that in the West he found quite a number of municipal golf courses and they were being made to pay their own way. "As wide as it is here at present, only a few who can afford to pay club fees can enjoy golf," he said. "This should not obtain. If we had a municipal golf course then everybody would have an opportunity to enjoy the game."

Something ought to be done and would be done, said the speaker. Mr. Poocek, in supporting the suggestion, said that mere words would not accomplish anything. Money had to be raised. "We would need something like \$100,000 to accomplish this. What we should do is put some men in the municipal election this year who will support this work. We as Rotarians should do this if we are going to get behind the project. The need of a municipal golf course is apparent. Tennis also came in for consideration. The whole situation will be reviewed this autumn."

Mel Brock, superintendent of playgrounds, attended the luncheon and spoke of the accomplishments of the local grounds. The co-operation he had asked for last year was talking tangible form. Rotarians were visiting the grounds. He urged them to take even more interest. "Get into the work, take an interest in the children. The youth of the city will be better trained."

The general report on playgrounds showed that for population the work in London last year was second to none. Last year in 11 weeks there was an average attendance per week of 11,000. There were 4,000 names on the playground list. This year in three weeks there were 6,000 names on the lists and there was a weekly attendance of 14,000 children. The playgrounds were looking after 20,000 children each week.

SPENDING \$10,000 ON SOUTH SCHOOL

Preparation For South London Collegiate Well Under Way.

MUCH NEW EQUIPMENT

Temporary Quarters For South London In Old Victoria Building.

The work of spending some \$10,000 in temporary alterations and equipment on the South London Collegiate Institute, for which quarters have been found in the old Victoria Public School, is now well under way. According to reports the building will be ready for occupation as a high school at the opening of the fall term, but trustees and others interested point out that a large amount of the equipment being purchased will be of use in a new Collegiate should one be erected in this district.

STEELE FAMILY PORTS REUNION AT PORT DOVER

PORT DOVER, July 31.—A hundred descendants of the Steele family gathered yesterday at the annual picnic of the Steele Association, held in Howe Park. Dinner and supper were served, and President Charles Kayser, of Hagersville, conducted the session, which was held for the purpose of electing officers and committees. President Kayser said that as near as could be ascertained, William Steele and his brother, Joseph, settled near Selkirk, Ontario in 1846. A daughter of Joseph Steele, Mrs. McBurney, who was present at yesterday's gathering, still occupied the old homestead. It was decided that the first Sunday in August will be the date of the future annual gatherings, and the next one will be again held at Port Dover. Guests were present from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, London, Stratford, Selkirk, Hagersville, Tillsonburg, Simcoe, Trenton, Brantford, Cayuga and Port Dover.

EXPECTED ON SATURDAY—Manager E. V. Buchanan, of the Public Trustee Commission, who, with Mrs. Buchanan and baby daughter, has been spending a holiday in Scotland and England, is expected home on Saturday. He sailed last Friday on the Montrose.

PHONE SERVICE CUT

CAYUGA, July 31.—The severe electrical and rainstorm to-day severed several telephone connections around Hagersville.

LESS RAINFALL IN JULY THAN SAME MONTH 1921

Weather for Past Month Not Nearly So Warm as Corresponding Month

Yesterday's rainfall brought the total for July up to 5.35 inches, only slightly less than that of the corresponding month last year, which was 5.65. Aside from this feature, the weather records show an entirely different brand from that of a year ago.

In July, 1921, the mercury hit 90 degrees on the 1st, the maximum on 15 days, the maximum being 100.5 on the 4th. The highest temperature this July has been 83 on Orangeville's day, and the lowest recorded was 44 on the 15th, compared with a minimum last July of 54 on the 21st.

HASTEN PAYMENT OF TAX ARREARS

St. Thomas Aldermen Name Special Committee

INDUSTRIES DILATORY

Arrangements Made for Highway Opening To-Morrow

ST. THOMAS, July 31.—(By Staff Reporter).—The finance committee of the City Council has decided to take action in the matter of tax arrears of local industries. At the monthly meeting this evening the treasurer's report showed that the unpaid taxes for a period previous to 1918 amounted to \$6,186.70, and since that time \$28,856.70, making a total of \$35,043.40, nearly all of which is against lands. Although it was suggested that the city was not losing money in the deal because 10 per cent. of the taxes in arrears is added to the debt every May, the committee thought that to drag along old debts was a slovenly and inefficient method of doing business, and that the arrears should be wiped off the city's books.

A committee, consisting of Aldermen McIntyre, chairman of No. 1 committee, Alderman Meehan and Alderman Boehmer, was appointed to interview those local industries in arrears of taxes and to have them pay up to date, or where this is not possible, make some amicable arrangement by which the back debts will be cleared up as soon as possible. An instance was given of a company paying about \$3,000 in taxes yearly who did not pay till just before a tax sale of the property just to be carried out.

GAS STATION APPLICATION

An application from R. Coffey for the lease of the property on the southwest corner of Talbot and Stanley streets, in front of Hatch's mill, for the erection of a gasoline service station was considered, and a committee appointed to look over the property and report back to the committee. There was some objection to the request on the grounds that the spot was an ideal site for an industry, and that the building of a service station might be the means of preventing the location of such a firm.

MINISTER COMING

Mayor Haven, Ald. McIntyre, Meehan and Boehmer were selected as a committee to make arrangements for the entertainment of Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, who is to be in the city on Wednesday to open the new pavement highway from the top of Sandymount hill to Talbotville, Hon. Mr. Biggs will arrive in the city between 10 and 11 in the morning. A luncheon in his honor is to be given at the Grand Central Hotel by the City Council and in the afternoon the party will open the road north of the city.

MOV. C. OF C. OFFICES

The Chamber of Commerce offices are being removed from the city hall to the Grand Central Hotel. The Elgin and St. Thomas Motor Club will also have their offices here, the public offices of the two organizations will be at Talbot street, to the left of the main entrance.

FALKINS-WATCHER

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the First Methodist parsonage on Monday last, when Miss Cora A. Watcher, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watcher, Springfield, was united in marriage to Fred C. Falkins, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Falkins, also of Springfield. Rev. Wilfred Galt performed the ceremony. The young couple were attended by the bridegroom's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Harey, Aylmer. After a short trip to points west the happy couple will reside in Springfield.

POOLE-COTTON

The marriage took place at London on Saturday of Miss Alice Violet Cotton, of Brantford, niece of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Cotton, Horton street, St. Thomas, and Frederick Ellis Poole, of St. Thomas. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bowley Green, Mr. and Mrs. Poole will reside in Detroit.

STRUCK BY MOTOR CAR

Struck by the front fender of an automobile in front of J. H. Gould's store Saturday night, Leslie, young son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Clibborn, sustained a severe gash on the forehead and was quite badly bruised and shaken up. The lad was hurrying with his mother across the street and had passed one car, but did not notice the approach of the one immediately following it. He was rushed to a near-by physician's office, where it was found that five stitches were necessary.

The two Belmont men charged with indecent assault upon a 15-year-old girl that village were today remanded by County Police Magistrate Hunt until Wednesday, August 16. Crown Attorney McCrimmon asked for an adjournment of the case because of the inability of the girl to appear on the witness stand before that date. Barrister A. Grant, acting for the accused, made application for bail, but Magistrate Hunt, claiming it was beyond his jurisdiction on account of the seriousness of the alleged offences, referred the matter to Judge Ross. The judge accepted securities of \$5,000 for each of the accused, \$2,500 in personal bonds and two securities amounting to \$2,500 in each case.

DECLARE ROAD MISGRACE TO CITY

Visiting Motorists Complain of Dundas Street East

MAYOR WILSON HOPEFUL

Believe Agreement on Paving Will Be Reached This Week

Mayor Wilson is confident that arrangements will be completed this week for the paving of Dundas street east from the McCormick plant to the city limits, but in the meantime the city is getting a bad name as a result of the condition of the road. The road is in a terrible condition and really unfit for motor traffic. This section is avoided by local motorists, but visitors who are not advised tackle it to their disgust.

A WOODSTOCK VIEW

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review of Friday last said:

"Dundas street east, in London, is a concrete evidence of the need of creating something else, that will make a road out of it. Local motorists who have howled down 'Bell street' in its major traffic, are now making a pilgrimage to London, if they want to ride over a real piece of corduroy. In fact, a few who passed over it on Monday, a 1910 model Ford, chain drive, with three flat tires, would ride like a Roller-Royce over Bell street at its worst."

Mayor Wilson, in discussing the condition of the road last evening, agreed with all that could be said about the road, but he was hopeful. The paving has been held up by the refusal of the street railway company, which under its charter, must pay for part of the paving, to agree with City Engineer Brozier's specifications. His worship said President Currie, of the company, would be here this week and he was confident that an agreement would be completed and work started at once. Dr. Wilson believed an agreement would also be reached in regard to the Hamilton road, but he was doubtful as to the West London proposal.

Actress Appears in Silk Worm Display

Miss Anita Stewart, the movie actress, created a new record in the window of the store of H. R. Mallinson, New York City, when she appeared in a window of silkworms more appealing than jungle lions to her, so she says. This caused almost as much sensation as a window full of perfect diamonds would, especially those sold by John A. Nash, My Jeweler, 182 Dundas street, where you will eventually buy."

NORFOLK SUFFERS DAMAGE IN STORM

Charlotteville Farmer Loses Barn and Contents

ELGIN CROPS BEATEN DOWN

Miniature Cyclone Visits Part of Stratford

SIMCOE, July 31.—The barn and contents of Charles Woolley, resident about four miles from town, was burned by lightning in a violent electrical storm and morning, which broke at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, and centering over Simcoe, deluged the district. The passengers were taken on to London on the next car.

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OBITUARY

MISS LAURA MASON.

ST. THOMAS, July 31.—Miss Laura Cecilia Mason, daughter of the late Samuel and Alice Mason, a highly-respected and prominent resident of Southwold Township, passed away in Amasa Wood Hospital on Sunday evening after a long illness. The deceased had resided practically all her life on the Scotch place, Southwold. Members of the bereaved family are four sisters: Mrs. James Waterhouse, Ingersoll; Mrs. (Dr.) Hyndman, Southwold; Miss Louisa M. Mason, Fort Stanley, and Miss Evangeline Mason.

MRS. CROWLEY, DUTTON.

Mrs. Mary Crowley, a resident of Dunwich for 47 years, passed away at her home, Dutton, on Sunday, aged 86 years. She leaves to mourn her loss, one daughter, Mrs. John Armstrong, of Dutton, and two brothers, John McNeill, of St. Thomas, and Michael, of Ingersoll. The funeral will take place from St. Helen's Church, Wallacecourt, to St. Thomas Cemetery, on Tuesday, at 9 a. m.

CHARLES HUBBARD.

The death occurred on Saturday at 6 Meda street of an old and respected resident of Stratfordville and St. Thomas for many years, in the person of Charles Hubbard, after a long illness, aged 79 years. Recently Mr. Hubbard had been conducting a hotel at Highgate.

Deceased leaves his widow and two sons, H. L. Wansley, Wansley, Wisconsin, and G. D. Hubbard, of Barrie. His remains were taken from the parlors of P. R. Williams & Son and sent to the funeral home of J. M. McEvoy, on Monday, and the funeral will take place from the parlors of J. Taylor at Tillsonburg on Tuesday afternoon to Eden.

CLOUDS OPENED UPON ST. THOMAS

Street Awash as Flood Fills Storm Sewers

L. & P. S. CAR STRUCK

Youth on Bicycle Coasts Into Ross Street "Lake"

ST. THOMAS, July 31.—(By Staff Reporter).—What is reported to be the worst rainstorm here in years struck the city at about 2.30 this afternoon. The rain was heralded by heavy, black clouds, which so darkened the town that cars were seen with their headlights lit to discern their courses. The rain fell so heavily that only a strong man could hold an umbrella up against the pressure. A driving wind whipped the water around corners and off roofs broke it until it resembled nothing so much as a beating snowstorm. There have been no drowning fatalities reported, probably because folks rushed for shelter at the near approach of the downpour. Motor cars along the street and the roads generally were in very bad condition after the deluge. Cellars lacked no stock of wet goods this afternoon, many on Talbot and other streets being flooded to a great depth.

CAR IS STRUCK

A northbound L. & P. S. car, leaving St. Thomas at about 2.30 p. m., was struck by lightning near Yarmouth and was rendered inoperable. The bolt struck the pantograph, the apparatus to bring the current from the overhead cable, blew out all the fuses and caused a general confusion. The passengers were taken on to London on the next car.

"Dam the flood," or some similar expression is to be heard from the lips of a local youth this afternoon when the brake of his bicycle failed to function as he coasted madly down the Ross street subway incline towards the dam. The rider was thrown to a depth of about four feet. The blessings of Allah on his brake, but all to no avail as he careened in a loop gracefully as a ship being launched. The rider was wet nearly to his shoulders and the wheel was recovered by an intrepid young street sweeper some time later. Civic holiday is to be held on August 7.

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WOODSTOCK BUS CASE ADJOURNED

Decision Later on Six Distinct Charges

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WOODSTOCK, July 31.—The first stage in the program which is to be followed through to determine the validity of a by-law passed by the local police commission governing the operation of motor buses between Woodstock and Ingersoll in opposition to the street railway, was completed this morning when all of the charges preferred of late against the manager of the bus line and his drivers were adjourned subject to the call of the magistrate on two days' notice to counsel.

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