

## SKATE CHAMPION HERE FOR SEASON

Gustave Lucien, Swiss Ice Artist,  
To Give Training.

HOPES TO FIND CHAMP

Believes London Will Be In First  
Rank In Two Years.

Gustave Lucien, of Engleberg, Switzerland, at 17 years of age, skating champion of his own country, and for the past two seasons, instructor at the great indoor rink in Philadelphia, has been secured by the London Skating Club for the present season as instructor. He has taken over his duties and is at present busy with a large crowd of enthusiastic young skaters.

Mr. Lucien, whose father is the proprietor of the Hotel Krone, in Engleberg, is a student of the famous Swedish skater, Saldow, 11 times international champion in the continental figure style of skating.

In 1921 and 1922 he was in charge of Lake Placid, New York, and at that time was the instructor of Princess Ghika, a member of the Rumanian royal family. In 1923 and 1924 he taught in Philadelphia and when in the single figure style he became an indoor boxing arena, he went to take charge of the open air rink at Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, for the winter of 1924. This year he is in London, because he wants to teach an indoor rink and not on the open ice.

**REAL SKATERS.**

"I find that teaching in the open is too difficult in the way of keeping appointments," he says, "whereas if you teach in an indoor rink you can always keep appointments and your pupils make more progress. That is the reason that I came to London. I want to develop real skaters wherever I may be."

Mr. Lucien does not expect to have any champions from London this winter, but says if he is here in 1926 he will have some young skaters good enough to "bring home the bacon."

"Some of the younger pupils are most promising," he says, "but you cannot produce a champion in a single season with the most careful teaching and the most enthusiastic of pupils. If I am here again in 1926, I am confident I can produce a national champion."

**SERVED AS AN AVIATOR.**

The new instructor served for more than two years in the Swiss aviation corps, before coming to America. When he won the Swiss championship at the age of 17, he suffered a serious scalp wound as the result of the last jump in the competition. It was not until the passing of the skull and resulted in his retirement from active participation in professional competition. He is a most graceful skater, and his style is the finest of the finest of the finest. He hopes to hold several ice carnivals in the London area this winter, and to give a real enthusiasm for skating in the city, and eventually to give London a Canadian ice champion.

## SCHOOL COST NOW TOTALS \$437,268

Accounting To November Shows  
Board Finances O. K.

FAIR SURPLUS PROBABLE

Board Still Has Over \$200,000  
Yet To Operate On.

Out of \$661,055 set aside as the appropriation for public school purposes for the current year, a total of \$437,268 has been expended up to November 7, according to a financial report prepared by City Treasurer James Bell, in view of this and the fact that several adjustments that will be deducted from the next couple of months, Inspector-Administrator Wheeler is confident that a surplus will be available when he closes his first year as administrator of the city's educational system.

This is the first financial report compiled during the year and Mr. Wheeler is exceedingly well pleased with the showing and is hoping that it may be possible to greatly reduce the cost for next year's operation. Automatic salary increases in the public schools have about reached the maximum and as a consequence future salary adjustments will be only necessary in the case of new teachers replacing older ones whose initial salary was much lower.

**\$273,000 SALARIES.**

A total of \$273,000 was set aside in the estimates this year for salaries of teachers and \$27,900 for janitors. According to the present time a total of \$292,969 has been expended for teachers' salaries and \$23,574 for janitors. Very little change unless it should be a slight reduction will be necessary in 1926 estimates.

As against this amount a total of \$98,120 in the estimated salary figure at the Technical High School, of which \$75,517 has already been used. This amount does not include janitors, watchmen, cleaners, and cleaners, wages, amounting to \$5,169.

Salaries at the Central Collegiate Institute total \$68,879 up to the present time, while in South London a total of \$22,125 has been expended and in the east unit \$21,663.

## LONDON HOSPITAL IS SHOWN IN MAGAZINE

War Memorial Number of Municipal  
Review Contains Photo of Hospi-  
tal Here.

The children's hospital of this city is among the illustrations of war memorials published in a special war memorial souvenir number of The Municipal Review by The Municipal Publishing Company, Montreal. This hospital, known as Victoria Memorial Children's Hospital, was erected through the efforts of the various local chapters of the I. O. O. F., and men, women and children of Western Ontario. Grants were received from the Province of Ontario, City of London and counties of Middlesex and Huron, according to a little explanatory note carried in the magazine. Watt & Blackwell were the architects.

**FUNERAL OF HELEN HAIGH.**

The funeral of Helen Catherine Haigh, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haigh, 485 Nelson street, took place from the family home yesterday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery. Beautiful floral tributes were sent to the home by friends. The pallbearers were four little girl friends of deceased, Norma Ryckman, Patricia Haigh, Mildred Housego, Helen Finlayson. Services were conducted by Rev. Canon Gunne. In addition to the parents, two brothers, Norman and Billy, survived.

## BETTER SERVICE L. S. R. SOLUTION

Dr. H. A. Stevenson Says City  
Could Make Road Pay.

TWO COURSES POSSIBLE

Make Company Observe Agree-  
ment Or Sell Reasonably.

That the City Council should either force the London Street Railway Company to carry on under the franchise agreement or take steps to have the road placed under municipal operation, was a suggestion put forward by Dr. H. A. Stevenson during a discussion of the transportation problem recently.

The doctor declared that the road could easily be operated at a fare less than seven and nine tickets for a quarter if the proper steps were taken. In fact, he was certain the road could be made to pay at a fare of two and one-half cents for every person. The city could easily make it pay at this rate, Dr. Stevenson asserted.

"The road is not popular with the people now and this is the whole trouble," Dr. Stevenson explained. "But it could easily be made so popular that everybody in the city would patronize it. The secret of successful operation of any public utility such as the street railway is to make it popular with the public. If I had anything officially to do with the present situation, I would either force the London Street Railway Company to carry out the provisions of the franchise or else sell the road to the city at a fair price. The city could operate the road at a much lower rate than five cents and make it pay."

**DOUBLE SERVICE.**

"The first thing I would do after the road was taken over by the city would be to double the number of cars on the various lines," Dr. Stevenson continued. "At the same time I would cut the fare to two tickets for five cents. Every person would ride the cars at such a fare and it would take twice the number now running to carry the crowds. But to keep the overhead down, I would place a great many of the old man cars on the various lines. We would need all the men now employed and quite a number additional to provide a service for the city at a popular rate. The cars would be so numerous each line that it would be impossible for any citizen to walk, even two blocks to his office, without being overtaken by a car. Every person would think of walking down any street and the cars would be so numerous that he would get down if he waited for a street car and the result is that the street railway company loses many fares. But if the cars were operated every two minutes or so on Dundas street and the fares were cut to two and one-half cents each, no person would think of walking even two or three blocks."

"Low street car fares, together with a first-class service, would be the best advertisement London could have as an attraction for new manufacturers." Dr. Stevenson stated in conclusion. "Where the workmen can get to and from their work with speed and without too much expense, you will find flourishing factories. Make the street railway popular and you will solve the transportation problem and help to build up the city as a manufacturing center."

## DISTRICT DEPUTY VISITS CHAPTER

Mrs. Fred Tullett, Guest of Forest  
City Branch, O. E. S.

BANQUET AT SMALLMAN'S

Deputy Matron Made Recipient  
of Purse During Evening.

Mrs. Fred Tullett, the district deputy grand matron, was the guest of honor at a delightful banquet given at Smallman's last night by the members of the Forest City Chapter of the Eastern Star. After dinner speeches were given by Mrs. Ben Noble, the grand Ruth of the grand chapter, J. C. Dodge, the past worthy grand, E. T. Easery, another past worthy grand, and by Past Worthy Grand Mrs. A. Borland and Mrs. A. Linnell.

After the banquet the members adjourned to the lodge rooms where the work of the lodge was inspected by the district deputy. The teams received the highest commendation from their superiors and the lodge was declared to be in splendid condition.

Features of the evening were the presentation of a beautiful purse from the chapter to Mrs. Tullett. The presentation was made on behalf of the members by Mrs. Bond. A second presentation was made to this interesting guest from the Harmony Star Club. Their gift took the form of a wrist watch and the presentation was made by Mrs. W. Newman and Mrs. F. McGladney.

Perhaps the most pleasing ceremony of the event came at the conclusion of the program when a list of honor was once more called to the platform. This time her daughter, Miss Gladys Tullett, greeted her with a charming little verified speech made her a third presentation. The gift was a lovely harp with the star emblem set with a solitaire diamond, and her husband, F. Tullett, who is absent in Cincinnati, was the donor. The happy program came to a conclusion with the striking of this little intimate note.

Delicious refreshments were served, under the conversational of Mrs. P. Dawkins, assisted by Mrs. H. Crummer, Mrs. W. Crisp, Mrs. Clifford Read, Mrs. J. Dunkley, Mrs. B. Dawson and Miss Ada Minelly. An hour of dancing followed.

## BAIL OF \$2,000 EACH IS AGAIN RENEWED

Bail in the sum of \$2,000 each was again renewed in city court today in the cases of Ernest Blackwell and Louis Calk, charged in connection with an accident on Dundas street several weeks ago. Crown Attorney Judd was unable to proceed with the charges against the two men, owing to the continued enforced absence of Fred Kingham, a street railway employee, who was seriously hurt in the mishap, and the prosecution's chief witness, Kingham is a patient in Victoria Hospital.

The accident occurred during the early hours of the morning three weeks ago. The injured man, together with other street railway employees, was engaged in repairing the Dundas street roadbed. He was knocked down and was injured about the hips and back.

## Oh, Red Hot Papa!



Old? That's no handicap to Peter Skiff, of Meriden, Conn. On his hundredth birthday Peter stepped out and danced the Charleston with one of the fair nippers in his home town. And he sure shakes a wicked hoot!

## CHURCHES AND CLUBS

**ST. ANDREW'S W. M. S.**

The regular meeting of the W. M. S. of St. Andrew's United Church, was held yesterday with a large attendance. Miss Cannell presided. The devotional period was led by Mrs. D. J. Ferguson and Mrs. A. A. Morrison. An illuminating address was given by Mrs. W. J. Mortimer, missionary of the London Missionary Society, which was greatly enjoyed, after which Mrs. D. C. MacGregor reminded the members of the special meeting to be held at St. Andrew's (Ralph Connor) is to be the speaker. Mrs. A. Calder appealed to the members on behalf of the by-law for a new nurses' home. Pleasing vocal solos were contributed by Mrs. F. F. Webster.

**KING STREET W. M. S.**

The members of the girls' mission club of King Street United Church, held a very interesting thanksgiving meeting last night when members of the W. M. S. and J. J. Club of the London Presbyterian W. M. S. were the speakers of the evening and outlined the work of the different departments. Mrs. J. J. McWilliams, president of the King Street W. M. S., also spoke briefly. Pleasing vocal solos were contributed by Miss Kathleen England. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served.

**CONRAD'S IN SERVICE.**

The members of the Conrad's in Service, C. G. I. T. Group, of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, met last night with the president, Miss Mary McEvoy, president of the London Presbyterian W. M. S. was the speaker of the evening and outlined the work of the different departments. Mrs. J. J. McWilliams, president of the King Street W. M. S., also spoke briefly. Pleasing vocal solos were contributed by Miss Kathleen England. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served.

**KNOLLWOOD MOTHERS.**

The members of the Knollwood Mothers' Club met at the school last night and heard a pleasing address on "Social Efficiency," by Mr. Stothers, the assistant school inspector. Duet numbers by Mrs. H. Hopwood and Mrs. C. Boyce, the second vice-president, followed the address and excellent selections were given by Norman Green, slide's orchestra. During a short business meeting plans were made to hold a benefit tea on November 26 at the home of Miss Tolhurst, Thornton avenue. The president, Mrs. Wm. Gow, presided.

**BOYLE CLUB.**

A sewing meeting of the Mothers' Club, of Boyle Memorial School, was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. Darling, Ontario street, when an enjoyable hour was spent in making garments for the child welfare. After the meeting 25 garments were donated for the nurse. At the conclusion of the meeting afternoon tea was served by the hostess. Plans were made to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Doan, Charlotte street. All the members were invited to attend.

**WORTLEY ROAD MOTHERS.**

The mothers of the Wortley Road School held a fancywork shower recently at the home of Mrs. R. W. Wray, Briscoe street. A fine collection of dainty work was received. Joint hostesses for the day were Mrs. P. Presner, Mrs. H. Spencer and Mrs. F. Betta. At the conclusion of the evening refreshments were served. Plans were made during the event for a shower to be held at the home of Mrs. A. Jenner, 130 Langarth street, on Tuesday.

**LOCH LOMOND ENTERTAINS.**

Under the auspices of the Loch Lomond Chapter, I. O. E. E., an excellent concert was given for the patients at Byron Sanatorium last night. Joseph Brown was the chairman and the program included selections by Sgt. MacDonald's band, a series of national and patriotic dances by his dancers, delightful solos by Mrs. Gaddes, who sang appealing home songs, and Carman Learn, who leaves shortly to be associated with Edward Johnston in New York and much-loved readings by Miss Nicholson. The dances were given by the Misses Lenore Gilmour, Helen Wilkey, Ella Johnston and Violet Watson. Mrs. James Wilkey and Mrs. T. McDonald were the conversers. After the program an enjoyable social hour was spent and refreshments were served.

## NATIONAL VETS' DAY IS FAVORED

President of G. W. V. A. Believes  
It Would Be Beneficial To  
Returned Men.

AGREES WITH COL. COLES

Harry Wray Lauds Work of Hon-  
orary President of the  
Association.

That the institution of a national veterans' day in Canada would be a beneficial thing for all returned men, and that November 11 should be set aside as a public holiday, is the opinion of Harry Wray, president of the London branch of the G. W. V. A.

In this, Mr. Wray agrees with Col. W. G. Coles, honorary president of the G. W. V. A., who said yesterday that a day set apart as veterans' day would be beneficial to all ex-service men in the Dominion. Mr. Wray does not wish his remarks quoted yesterday as favoring a national holiday, but as favoring a day set aside as a public holiday, he said.

"I do agree absolutely with Col. Coles that there should be a veterans' day in Canada," he says. "For years I have been advocating that. The difficulty lay in the fact that the ex-service man could not take a day off from work or even the time for a parade and service. If there was a day set aside as a national holiday, say November 11, it could be done. But, on the other hand, I would not object to any veterans taking part in a national parade under present conditions."

**HAS DONE MUCH FOR VETERANS**

Mr. Wray wishes also to correct an impression that might have been given that there was a misunderstanding between himself and Col. Coles on anything more than this matter of the national holiday. "There is no man in the country," he says, "who, to my personal knowledge, has done as much for the returned man in Canada as Col. Coles. There is no one in London who has given as much time and thought to solving the problems of the ex-service man as the honorary president of our association, and no one whom I respect more. Beyond this small difference of opinion, there is no misunderstanding between myself and Col. Coles on anything more than this matter of the national holiday. We are both working and have always worked in the closest harmony for the cause of the returned man."

## U. S.-CANADA ATTITUDE IS URGED FOR EUROPE

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 12.—If European countries preserved the same attitude towards each other as the United States and Canada do on this continent world peace would be assured, Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, secretary of the commission of international peace and good-will of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, told delegates to the convention of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs here last night.

**ST. MARK'S SHOWER.**

A successful shower for the fish pond was held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Jennings, King street, in aid of the St. Mark's bazaar, to be held next week. At the same time contributions were received for the orange tree, in charge of Mrs. A. Pierson. A generous shower of gifts was collected. During the event refreshments were made for the bazaar. The president, Mrs. E. Willis, presided. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served, when the hostess was assisted by Mrs. E. B. Jennings. Rev. A. L. Beverly closed the meeting with the benediction.

**ROBINSON CLASS.**

The Senior Bible Class of Robinson Memorial Sunday school enjoyed a pleasant hour last night at the home of the teacher, W. J. Wray. Time passed pleasantly, with games, music and singing, and the guests, Mrs. Wray's collection of views of the Holy Land, were most interesting. Dainty refreshments were served, after which a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wray and Miss Wray was moved by the secretary and carried by a standing vote. A vote of thanks was also moved by the president, F. Leslie, and seconded by the secretary, Mr. G. H. Wray, for his faithfulness to the class in the past and for the impromptu speech given during the evening. Prayer, followed by the singing of old family hymns, brought the enjoyable evening to a close. Mr. Wray, in his usual kindly fashion, insisted on taking all the guests to their homes.

**TECUMSEH CLUB.**

Mrs. E. Plewes, McClary avenue, opened her home yesterday afternoon for a tea in aid of the Tecumseh Mothers' Club. The rooms were gay with yellow and mauve 'mums. Mrs. J. F. Calvert, the president, received at the door, with Mrs. Plewes, and Mrs. J. T. Parkinson and Mrs. F. Colpitt assisted in looking after the guests in the drawing room. Mrs. F. Holland invited to the room. The attractive tea table was prettily arranged with a Battenberg cloth and centered with lavender 'mums and candles, in silver holders. Mrs. Bright, the honorary president, and Mrs. C. Boyce, the second vice-president, presided over the tea. They were assisted by the members of the executive, of which Mrs. Wilson was convener. An excellent program was contributed, including: Vocal solos by Mrs. F. Galpin, accompanied by Mrs. J. T. Parkinson; duets by Mrs. E. Tremor and Mrs. E. Jenkins; violin selection by Jack Baird, and piano numbers by Miss Elsie Currie, Miss Gladys Lowes, Miss Laura Kirkwood and Mrs. F. Holland.

**ALL SAINTS' GUILD.**

The members of All Saints' Chancel Guild held a very successful social in the schoolrooms of the church. There was a large attendance and an interesting program was given. The assisting artists included Miss Nancy Tandy, reader; Miss Hosking, Miss Lillian Ivory, Miss Ross Tingey, Bobbie Ballard, Thomas Hobbs and Ernie Carpenter, soloists, and Martin Wakefield and Wm. Boldard, pianists. After the program delicious refreshments were served.

**W. C. T. U. MOTHERS.**

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. Mothers' Club was held yesterday with the president, Mrs. A. P. Wray, presiding. Rev. B. H. Robinson was the speaker for the evening and gave an interesting talk on "Mothers and Men." He declared that men were largely what their mothers made them and drew illustrations from Biblical characters to prove the point.

**PRIMROSE EUCHE CLUB.**

The members of the Primrose Euche Club held a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. William Pugh, Hamilton road. During the evening The Free Press radio concert was much enjoyed. Mrs. William Pugh held the lucky number for the pretty luncheon set donated by Mrs. Owen. The proceeds will be given over to relief work. After the supper, served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. Johnston, the evening was concluded with dancing. Eucche prizes were won by Mrs. George Easterbrook, Mrs. Owen and the consolation went to Mrs. James Hodgson.

## CITY NEWS

**RETURNS FROM HUNTING DEER.**

Ald. Bottrill has just returned from Northern Ontario with a deer. He spent a week in the district around Whitney, Ontario, with Thomas Mason, O. Gunnison and Harry Green. The alderman reported a splendid trip.

**ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY.**—The first of a series of monthly meetings which continue during the winter will be held by the Astronomical Society of London to-night at the public library. Dr. H. H. Kingston, head of the department of mathematics at the university and president of the society, will occupy the chair. Plans for the coming meetings will be made.

**DEBATE EDUCATION.**—Whether practical experience is better for the individual and community than academic education, will be a subject of debate at the next meeting of the young men's section of the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday next. W. Keenleyside and C. Canfield will say it is; C. White and George Kiddle will give opposite views. Judges will be drawn from the young men's section.

**BACK FROM AMHERSTBURG.**—High Constable Wharton and Mrs. Wharton returned home last night after spending an amiable day at Amherstburg on Wednesday. It is the first holiday the chief of the Middlesex police has enjoyed since he assumed his duties over a year ago. He was for a number of years stationed at Amherstburg. The trip was made by motor.

**CHIEF INVESTIGATOR HERE.**—H. J. Page, chief of the investigation department of the C. N. R., is in the city this morning on his way to Windsor. Mr. Page said he was not here on any special business, but merely conducting a routine tour of the division, as is customary each year. He spent some time with C. G. Forrest, superintendent of the London division, before leaving at 11 o'clock for the border city.

**SALVATION ARMY NOTES.**—The headquarters staff of Clarence Street Citadel, of the Salvation Army, will be in action Sunday. Staff Capt. C. Sparks goes to Goderich; Lieut. Col. D. F. MacAmmond will hold services at Clinton on Sunday, and on Monday will preside over an officers' meeting at the Salvation Army headquarters. Capt. A. Whitehead and Capt. Rita Dickson relieve Ensign Thompson at meetings at the Tecumseh Citadel.

**LECTURE ON NEAR EAST.**—Sir Hugh E. Poynter, for 10 years his in the British diplomatic service in Constantinople and now head of the Baldwin Steel Corporation, England, will speak in the public library on the subject "Constantinople and the Near East" next Thursday night. The lecture, which is free, is under the auspices of the Eastern Department of the University of Western Ontario. Rev. Dr. C. C. Waller will preside.

**DEMAND FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.**—There is a big demand for housekeepers in the city, according to immigration officer, reports. At the present time some 20 applications are on file at his office for women who can qualify as good bakers and in general keep a home as it ought to be. Mr. Farrell states that it is extremely difficult to secure women to take up positions on farms, as they dislike the idea of being too far away from the cities. Good wages are offered, but it is no inducement, he stated.

## NO DECISION YET IN ESTATE CASE

Written Argument To Be Sub-  
mitted In Woolcock Action.

CONCLUDES ASSIZE COURT

Accounting Asked In Estate of  
Late William Woolcock.

With the hearing of the balance of evidence in the case of George Woolcock against Clara French, before Justice Lennox at the courthouse, the present assize court concluded at noon today. In all 14 nonjury and six jury actions were disposed of by his lordship since court opened on Monday, November 2.

Written arguments will be submitted in the Woolcock-French case, in which the plaintiff was asking for an accounting of the estate of William Woolcock.

his father. Justice Lennox stated, although he preferred verbal arguments, he thought in this case it would be better to have them written.

Mrs. James Travers, a daughter of William Woolcock, gave evidence at today's hearing. She explained the loans given her husband by her father.

Mrs. French, the defendant, is half-sister to the plaintiff. A joint bank account, in which she and William Woolcock had power to sign checks, had been made at the request of the former. Woolcock charged that as a result, she distributed to disadvantage the estate of the old gentleman.

J. M. McEvoy acted for the plaintiff and the Cameron, of St. Thomas, for the defendant.

**KNEW HE WAS DRUNK**

Anticipating the nature of the charge against him and was guilty of it, one of three drunks appearing in today's city court did not wait to be arraigned. "Guilty," he announced as soon as his name was called.

"You don't know what you are charged with yet," observed Magistrate Graydon. "It might be murder," added, jocularly.

The episode aroused the interest of court spectators and brought a smile to the faces of all.

Fines of \$10 and costs were imposed upon all three O. T. A. violators.

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