

HOLD LAST RECITAL BEFORE CHRISTMAS

At the regular weekly recital—the last until after the Christmas recess—by the students of the Institute of Musical Art, held on Saturday afternoon, the following were heard: Phyllis Prescott, Margaret Trout, Marjorie Lister, Philip Gleason, Leonard Crawford, Marguerite Gibson, Marjorie Watson, Marion Tomlin, Anna Day, Doris Boylan, Bernard Cottle, Ruth McConnell, Helen Kerwin, Gordon Melvin and Muriel Lancaster. The undermentioned teachers were represented, viz., Misses Laura Kirkwood, Ullah B. Kennedy, Dorothy Davis, Irene Foster, Hazel Taylor, Irene Burns, Jennie Steele, Gurli E. Hausch, Mrs. Fred Schofield, and Leo Herbert and Charles E. Percy.

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E. N. HANNAH HEADS KNIGHTS OF GRIP

Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association Install Officers For 1923.

Election of officers, consideration of plans for the coming year and other important matters were the features of the 46th annual meeting of the members of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association held at the head office in the Dominion Savings Building in the city on Friday last.

About 150 travelers were present, and the following officers were installed for 1923: President, E. N. Hannah; 1st vice-president, F. E. Harley; 2nd vice-president, A. E. Cowley; 3rd vice-president, C. I. Secord; treasurer, A. E. Barbour; trustee, J. M. Dillon; secretary, G. T. Hair.

The directors for London are: G. C. English; A. J. Smith; J. H. Laughton; J. H. Grierson; A. W. Howe; I. W. Kingswood; A. Morrison. Outside directors: George Watt, Brantford; M. E. Sherwood, Woodstock; G. W. Sulman, Chatham; F. Lashbrook, Galt; H. E. Callender, Guelph; R. B. Griffith, Hamilton; H. Tolton, Kitchener; W. D. Martin, Stratford; L. W. Hamblin, St. Thomas; W. T. Goodison, Sarnia; H. V. Kennedy, Toronto; J. H. MacGuire, Windsor.

The financial statement for 1922 was presented and adopted, showing a capital account of over \$540,000 invested in government and municipal bonds and first mortgages. Benefits amounting to \$18,840 were paid out during the past year to relatives of deceased members.

The insurance actuary's report as received evidenced the society as progressing favorably. The association has already donated \$1,000 to the Silk Children's Hospital to endow a room in memory of the members of the association who fell in the Great War. At this meeting an additional grant of \$1,500 was voted to the hospital.

Christmas donations were also made to Salvation Army Rescue Home, Victorian Order of Nurses, Women's Sanatorium Aid Society, Children's Aid Society, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

President, E. N. Hannah and First Vice-President, F. E. Harley were chosen as Western Fair committee.

The travelers' rooms were filled with members from both London and outside points. Messrs. J. H. Laughton, F. E. Harley and George Hair were appointed as a delegation from the Ontario Commercial Travelers to submit a report to the hotel investigating committee. They visited Toronto last Friday and held an all-day conference with the above named committee.

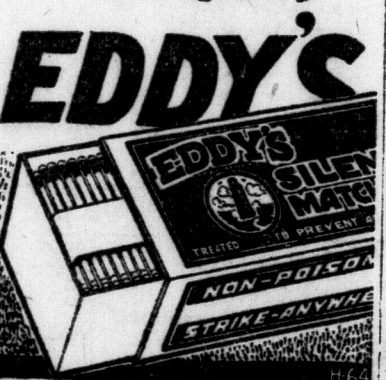
FOUND GUILTY OF THEFT, GETS 3 MONTHS IN JAIL

Chatham, Dec. 18.—Convicted on a charge of stealing sugar from the plant of the Dominion Sugar Company, Earl Harewood was Saturday morning sentenced to a term of three months in jail by His Honor Judge Stanworth at the close of the general sessions of the peace.

Following the disappearance of six bags of sugar from a freight car, the city police conducted an investigation which resulted in the arrest of the prisoner. A subsequent search of his house disclosed two bags of sugar.



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MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF WATFORD RESIDENT

Citizens Pay Last Respects to John Humphries, Pioneer Carriage Maker of District.

Special to The Advertiser. Watford, Dec. 18.—The funeral of John Venard Humphries was held Friday afternoon and was largely attended. His pastor, Rev. W. K. Hager, officiated both at the house and the grave. He was assisted in the service at the house by the Revs. T. De Courcy Rayner and J. H. Hosford.

The pallbearers were Dr. George Hicks, and Messrs. W. E. Fitzgerald, D. Maxwell, A. D. Hone, I. Hastings, and J. J. Conkling.

Among the out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral was R. L. Le Sueur, M.P., for West Lambton, a nephew of the deceased.

The late Mr. Humphries was an old resident, having spent most of his life in this district. He was in business as a carriage-maker in Watford for many years, and had lived in Watford since his retirement about 15 years ago.

Besides his widow, he leaves to mourn his loss two sons, Kenneth in Calgary, Alta., and Verden in Saskatchewan; and four daughters, Miss Loren at home; Mrs. J. MacKay and Mrs. Clarence Hone of Watford; and Mrs. Cecil Perkins of Calgary.

The D. O. E. Club of Watford held its monthly meeting at the home of Miss Jean McCorkick, Kingscourt, on Wednesday afternoon. The young ladies were kept busy sewing most of the afternoon, while music added to their enjoyment. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, and a pleasant half hour was spent.

GRAND TO PRESENT REAL LIVE PROGRAM

Charlie Chaplin Impersonator and Special Christmas Santa Claus Novelty On Attraction List.

A real live Chaplin impersonator, a feature picture, presenting Constance Binney in one of her best roles, an excellent vaudeville bill, and a special Christmas Santa Claus novelty will provide the entertainment at the Grand Opera House for the week commencing today, and from a standpoint of merit will be big value at that popular theatre.

Jack Gerard is the Chaplin impersonator, and he is rated as one of the best in the business. He will bring graphically to the audience all the peculiarities of the famous screen comedian, a feature which will be particularly interesting in connection with the showing of the Chaplin comedy, "Pay Day," which is also on the bill this week.

The feature picture, "Room and Board," is one of the best in which Constance Binney has yet appeared. It tells a real story and gives this star a splendid opportunity for her talents.

The vaudeville bill includes The Veggos, who will present a high-class singing and bag punching act, and Conroy and the Noel Sisters in a song and dance revue.

The visit of Santa Claus is expected to be a particularly strong feature and elaborate arrangements have been made for it. A special stage set has been built, showing a house with arrives in his sleigh drawn by his favorite blooded steed, and enters the house by the chimney route. Then bedroom shows the children's slumber dreaming of Christmas joys. Santa fills the stockings and Christmas method—just a wave of the hand and the work is done, which partly explains why he is able to cover so much territory on Christmas Eve.

He will also entertain the theatre patrons with stories and musical selections. Hay Nash will assist Santa in a clever cartoon act, entitled "Faces You All Know." There will also be a distribution of surprise gifts to the total value of \$1,000, for which all patrons will have a chance.

The policy of three shows daily at 2, 7 and 9, will be continued for the week with a complete vaudeville program at every performance. A percentage of the proceeds will be given to the Free Press Santa Claus fund.

Obituaries

DAVID BERRY. The funeral of David Berry was held on Friday from the family home at Oxford street west, being conducted by Rev. Geo. W. Dewey of Emmanuel Avenue Methodist Church, to the Hyde Park Cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Young of Kensal Park Baptist Church and Rev. Mr. Lucas, a retired minister, assisted at the service.

A large number of friends gathered at the home of the deceased to express sympathy with the family and to show the deep respect in which Mr. Berry was held.

With the death of Mr. Berry the community has lost a good citizen, the church has won another representative in eternity, while the family feel there is a vacant place that can never be filled.

OLD CHURCH FALLS PREY TO FLAMES

Disused Colborne Street Presbyterian Mission and Contents Damaged To Extent of \$6,000.

One of London's old landmarks, the disused Presbyterian mission on the corner of Oxford and Colborne, was almost destroyed by fire at midnight Saturday, the damage to the frame building and contents being estimated at \$6,000.

The alarm was turned in at 11:20 o'clock Saturday, and the last fire company returned to its hall at 1:50 o'clock Sunday morning.

For a time it appeared as though the entire building was doomed, such headway did the flames make, and of such little avail were the first two lines of hose playing on the fire. However, extra lines of hose were laid, and the fire was confined to the rear section of the building and the roof. Fire in the studding gave the firemen the hardest battle. The heaviest damage was done to furniture stored in the frame structure by S. J. Henderson, the mover.

Although it is suspected the fire was of incendiary origin, no official opinion of the cause was given.

Hot cinders burned holes through a flat car on the St. Marys siding of the G. T. R. Sunday morning. The department was called at 7:44 o'clock.

REFUSES APPEAL FOR DR. SERVICE

Judge Finds Divorce Secured in Wisconsin Was Not Valid.

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, Dec. 18.—The application made by Peter White, R.C., of Toronto, on behalf of Dr. H. E. Service, formerly of Tilsonburg, asking for a stated case and leave to appeal against the verdict of Judge Wallace, who sentenced the doctor to serve five years in Kingston Penitentiary on a charge of bigamy, has been denied by the judge. Service secured a divorce in Wisconsin from his first wife, who lives in Dereham, and then married a Toronto girl in Detroit. The judge found that the divorce secured in Wisconsin was not valid and that the marriage to the Toronto girl was bigamous.

It was clearly demonstrated on Saturday that buttermilk can be put to various uses. Dick Winters discovered a car on fire on one of the leading thoroughfares of the city, and when he looked into the car he found a can of buttermilk. He pulled the top off the can and poured the contents over the burning part of the fluvier, extinguishing the blaze. The car was damaged to the extent of \$50 or \$60 before the buttermilk got in its work.

ARREST BRANT FARMER SUSPECTED OF ARSON

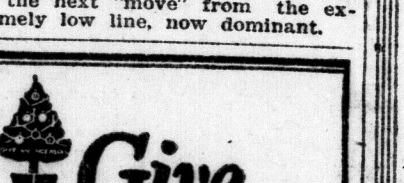
Special to The Advertiser. Cargill, Dec. 17.—A Brant farmer, near Eden Grove, was arrested Thursday, suspected of arson in connection with the recent barn fires in that section, which are believed to have been of incendiary origin. He was lodged in the county jail.

The accused is a married man and has a family.

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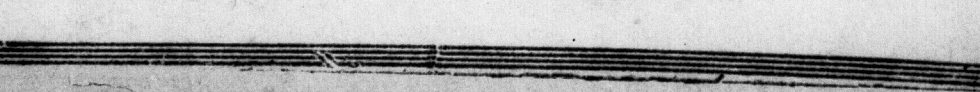
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Specials for Xmas Week

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Women's and Misses' Coatees, \$1.49
Women's and Misses' All Wool Coatees and Tie Backs, with girdle, in plain colors and two-tone combinations, with long and short sleeves. \$2.50 value. Christmas special \$1.49

Women's Cashmere Hose, 69c
All-Wool Cashmere Hose, in plain shades as gray, silver, bamboo, tan, brown, black, some sub-standards. \$1.00 values. Christmas special 69c

Linen Tablecloths, \$4.69
Pure Linen Tablecloths, in large size, 70x88, good weight, excellent designs. \$6 value. Christmas special \$4.69

Pretty Boxed Handkerchiefs, 59c
20 dozen Women's Handkerchiefs, with pretty designs, embroidered on corners in three colors. Three in box. Christmas special 59c

Women's Vests and Drawers, 49c
Women's Winter Weight Vests and Drawers, in ribbed cotton, in white. Vests with round neck and long sleeves. Christmas special, per garment 49c

All-Wool Serge, 98c
This Pure Wool Cloth is excellent for skirts and dresses. It is 42 inches wide and of good weight and comes in these shades—navy, brown, copen, black. Christmas special 98c

Suede Gloves, 98c
Women's and Children's
Unlined Suede Gloves, in gray, beaver and tan shades; all sizes. \$1.50 value. Christmas special 98c



Linen Guest Towels, \$1.25
Here is an exceptional value in Pure Linen Guest Towels, with hemstitched and scalloped ends; good size and weight. Christmas special, per pair \$1.25

Beautiful Madeira Linens
Here are three big specials in round Madeira Cloths, in 36-inch, 45-inch and 64-inch size. You must see these to appreciate the wonderful value at \$5.50, \$7.25 and \$10.25

Wool Blankets, \$4.95
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Satinette Bloomers, \$1.98
Satinette Bloomers, with double elastic knee and extra gusset, in shades of rose, mauve, purple, brown, navy and black. \$2.75 value. Christmas special \$1.98

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