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A Full Page of Interesting News Items of this District News From the North, East, South and West.

PETROLEA Mrs. Ward, who has been ill in the C.E.E. hospital for the past six months left Friday for Watford where she will stay for a few days prior to leaving for Saskatchewan with her sister. Mrs. C. Mackenzie has returned home after an absence of several months at Waterloo. Petrolea Council for 1924 is composed of a dentist, two oil operators, one oil dealer, one oil refiner, a lawyer, a gentleman, a tobaccoist and a confectioner. With four members of the Board engaged in the oil trade the municipal machinery should run smoothly. The annual meeting of the C.W.A. of Christ church was held at the rectory on Thursday afternoon when the following officers were elected for 1924: Hon. Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) R. C. Pitts, Mrs. Harrison Corey; pres., Mrs. J. B. Dale; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. M. Fowler; secretary, Mrs. R. G. R. Mackenzie; asst. sec.-treas., Mrs. Bert Prior; treasurer, Mrs. Pearson.

FOREST Oscar Hastyn, a Belgian flax cutter, employed at Mr. Howard Fletcher's flax mill, met with an accident on Friday morning that caused a compound fracture of his ankle. How the accident happened is unknown, as the unfortunate man was found lying on the floor by Mr. Hugh Freese, foreman of the mill. Tom Maylor and William Flatter arrived home on Saturday from Arkansas, where they have spent several months looking after their oil interests. They will return to Arkansas after the New Year. Mrs. John Fraser met with a very painful accident when she fell and broke her hip. Arthur Donald is home from the O.A.C. Guelph to spend the holidays. E. P. Goring, his room-mate, a young man from Africa, who is taking the college course, is spending the holidays with them at the Donald home. Chris. Dunn has left for his home in Blythe, England, and may make his home again in England. The mission band of the Baptist church sent two barrels of good things to eat, and to wear, as well as toys, to Toronto, last week, to be distributed among children of foreigners as a Christmas treat.

CLARENCE TOPPING COMMITTED Clarence Topping former Strathroy youth, who fatally shot Geraldine Durston, his sweetheart, in York St. boarding house because she broke their engagement, was committed for trial at the February Assizes on a charge of murder when he was arraigned before Police Magistrate Graydon at London on Friday. D. A. J. Swanson, of Oshawa, appeared for Topping. Dr. H. H. Black, who was called to the scene of the shooting, and who subsequently performed the autopsy, stated that death was due to two bullet wounds in the abdomen. Policeman Walter Harpur, who was in the house when the shooting occurred, and who arrested Topping testified that when arrested Topping appeared cool and normal, in fact that he fell asleep in his cell within a few minutes after his arrest. Mr. Swanson indicated that the defence will be insanity, by pressing for the officer's opinion as to whether the sleep seemed to be the act of a man of sound mind after a double shooting. A mental examination of the prisoner will be made by crown authorities to determine his sanity. Skilled alienists will likely be secured for the purpose and the examination will be made in the county jail, where Topping is now imprisoned. In the interview with his counsel Topping stated that he had been troubled with frequent headaches since his attempt at suicide in Strathroy three years ago. He positively asserted that a small lump a little larger than a pea on his left temple was caused by the bullet being left in his skull. He claimed that the presence of the missile was the cause of his numerous and severe headaches. The suicidal attempt took place when his affections were rejected by a girl with whom he had kept company for a number of years it is said. When his proposal of marriage was turned down emphatically Topping is said to have whipped out a revolver turning the weapon upon himself with the apparent intention of ending his life. The bullet is said to have grazed his temple, but he was a patient in the Strathroy General Hospital for a number of weeks following the incident.

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GEORGE HARVEY George Harvey of Port Huron, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Fisher, 257 Davis street, at the age of 63 years. Mr. Harvey suffered a stroke on April 24 and had been in poor health ever since. He was employed by the Grand Trunk railroad for 22 years, latterly running as conductor between Port Huron and Detroit. Prior to this he was in business for himself in Flint for 12 years. He became a Mason at Watford at the age of 21 and was a member of Genesee lodge, Flint. He is survived by his wife and one daughter by a former marriage, a brother, W. R. Harvey of Dayton Beach, Florida, and one sister, Mrs. J. J. Fisher, Sarnia. The funeral was held from 257 Davis street at two o'clock Thursday afternoon in charge of Tuscon lodge 427 A. F. & A. M. Interment took place at Lakeside cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. FINLAY WILKINSON The death of Barbara Greenlees, relict of the late Finlay Wilkinson, occurred on Monday, Dec. 17th, at her home 10th line Plympton, after an illness of two weeks duration. Deceased who was in her 68th year suffered a slight stroke from which she never rallied. The late Mrs. Wilkinson has been a resident of Plympton for many years. About 50 years ago she was married to Finlay Wilkinson who pre-deceased her 18 years ago. She is survived by seven sons as follows: Rev. John of Gainsboro, Sask.; Robert, an engineer who is at present at home; Duncan, 8th con., Finlay and Alexander, 10th con. and Neil and Archie at home. One brother, John Greenlees of Forest and a sister, Mrs. John Simpson of Enniskillen also survive. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at Uthoxeter cemetery for interment the Rev. Gazley of Camlachie, conducting the services. The bearers were the six sons of the deceased.

DEATH OF PERCY McLURG (London Free Press) Word has been received in the city of the death of Percy McLurg, a former resident of Middlesex County, who was accidentally drowned while skating in Phillips, Wis., where he had been a successful lumber dealer for a number of years. The late Mr. McLurg, who was in his 43rd year, is the son of Dr. Jas. McLurg, of Sault Ste Marie, Ont. The deceased was born in Middlesex and resided for some years with his grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John McLurg, of Ailsa Craig. The sudden death of Mr. McLurg came as a distinct shock to friends and relatives of London and vicinity and is made exceptionally sad in view of the fact that the deceased had just returned from an extended business trip abroad. The deceased is survived by his widow and an adopted son, John, in addition to the father. Mrs. Mary Siddell and Mrs. William Parker of this city are aunts of the deceased, and Arthur McLurg, city, is an uncle. The funeral was held from the late residence, Phillips. Mr. McLurg was a cousin of the Siddall brothers and Mrs. Lowry of Watford.

L. O. L. 516 OFFICERS Past County Master Robert Cope of Forest, installed the following officers for 1924 of L. O. L. No. 516, Warwick on Tuesday evening: W. M.—Robert Hawkins. D. M.—Chas. Stewart. Chaplain—D. Falloon. Fin. Sec.—Charles Barnes. Sec.—John Maines. Treas.—G. H. Holbrook. Marshall—Oscar Lester. Lecturers—Geo. Smith, John Learn. Auditors—G. W. Lester, C. E. Lester. Committee—Bros. Runidle, K. Cope, A. Brush, Robt. Karr, Russel Smith, Tyler—Thos. Waller. Sentinel—Chas. Smith.

Cause of Asthma. No one can say with certainty exactly what causes the establishing of asthmatic conditions. Dust from the street, from flowers, from grain and various other irritants may set up a trouble impossible to irradicate except through a sure preparation such as Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. Uncertainty may exist as to cause, but there can be no uncertainty regarding a remedy which has freed a generation of asthmatic victims from this scourge of the bronchial tubes. It is sold everywhere.

SORE AFFLICTION The many friends of Rev. H. A. Thomas, Port Lambton, will learn with deep regret, and deep sympathy that he has become totally blind. Fourteen years ago Sept. 1st, he was stricken with glaucoma, and the conditions precluding an operation, a disease which was followed by cataracts destroying the sight of the right eye. After three and a half years from the first attack, the sight of the left eye was partially restored, and Mr. Thomas again took up his ministerial duties, and for the past ten years has almost been continually busy in various parishes in the diocese of Huron. During the recent summer he officiated in St. Barnabas church, Danforth ave, Toronto, during the absence of the rector in England, where as in all other places he left the remembrance of a cheerful personality and scholarly sermons. Returning to his own diocese he took charge of Trinity church, Merlin, where he was to have been for several months. But during the third week he met with a serious accident which greatly depreciated his vision. On the fourth Sunday on going into the church he found he could not see to read. However he recited the service including the Psalms and Lessons and preached ex-tempore. He was motored to Ouray, where he repeated the work in the afternoon and again at Merlin in the evening. On Monday he reached home with great difficulty, and on arising the next morning he found he was totally blind, and has continued so since the 20th of August. It is a severe cross to one who has been so active, to be thus shut out from his beloved life work.—Wallaceburg News.

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SAMSON'S LONG TAILED FOXES Once upon a time, as all fairy tales begin, there was a worthy Scotch divine who had a wonderful power of exaggeration. He could make mole hills out of mountains, but he preferred to make mountains out of molehills. His congregation bore with him in his ordinary conversation, but when he got in the pulpit and there happened to be some strange visitors they felt somewhat shamefaced. Finally they determined to try and remedy his peculiarity. So they called a special meeting of the church deacons and invited the minister also. The meeting came to order and the chairman made known the purpose for which it was called. The minister was quite willing to cooperate with them in the good cause. "Indeed he said I'm well aware of my failings and I have shed barrels of tears over it already." After a time it was decided with his consent to put a check on the minister and Deacon Sandy McDonald was voted in as checker. He was to sit directly in front of the pulpit and give a low distinct whistle when the minister was guilty of any extravagant expression. Sunday and church time came with members all in their seats. The minister read the lesson and took for his text the passage in the 15th chapter of Judges where it tells how Samson caught three hundred foxes tied their tails two and two with a fire brand between and sent them through the grain fields of the Philistines. In beginning his sermon, the minister said "Dear friends if we did not read in the good book about these wonderful doings we would be loth to believe they were true, but you must know in those days and in that country the foxes grew very long tails some of them were as much as twenty-five feet long (a prolonged whistle from the front "Well those foxes tails were fifteen feet at least." Another whistle from Sandy), "Now I'm positive sure they were ten feet if not more" (still another whistle). The minister, who had reached the limit of his endurance straightened up and pointed a finger at the offending deacon, said "Sandy McDonald, I'll have you know I'll naw tak anither inch off the foxes tails gin ye whussel till ye're black in the face. Now!"

INWOOD The Women's Institute met on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) McLean. After the usual opening exercises there was a demonstration of knitting and crocheting. Mrs. McLean gave a very instructive paper on how to make the most of life. The roll call was answered by "Sunday Dinners." The meeting was brought to a close to meet at the home of Mrs. W. Munroe on Jan. 29, 1924, after which lunch was served. The entertainment given under the auspices of the Inwood Presbyterian Sunday school was a decided success. Mr. Geo. Dudley arrived home on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Henry Groff of Petrolea was in town last week. We are pleased to report that Mrs. John Elliott who has been ill for some time is improving. Mr. and Mrs. John White and sons Roy and Ray accompanied by Mrs. H. Cox spent Christmas at Mrs. Mary White's. Mr. Leslie Graham spent Christmas on the fourth line. Mr. Geo. Chapman is holidaying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chapman. Miss Lillie Vamatter is spending Christmas at the home of her mother. Mr. A. White and Mr. C. Woods arrived home Saturday after spending the past month in Grand Valley. Mrs. C. Armstrong of Petrolea visited with Mrs. Geo. Doan Saturday. Mr. Jack and Neil MacVicar of Big Rapids, Mich., are spending their holidays at the home of their father, J. P. MacVicar. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Black and daughter holidaying at the home of Mrs. Black's mother, Mrs. White. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Flannery were in Sarnia Monday. Frank Myers is spending Christmas at his parents home, Aberfeldy. Dr. and Mrs. Singleton and daughter, of St. Clair, Mich., spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnston of Detroit accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Pittsburg, were Christmas visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson's. Dr. and Mrs. Urie and little son are in Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Warner, accompanied by Miss Bessie McVicar were in Sarnia Wednesday. Alden Munroe of Detroit is home for a few holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and son are spending Christmas with the former's parents at Oshawa. Mrs. W. D. Milner of Detroit and Miss Marie Richardson of Windsor were Christmas visitors at R. J. Richardson's. Mr. and Mrs. W. Neil and children were at Mr. and Mrs. John Mater's for Christmas. Mr. Wm. McLurg spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McLurg. Mr. Will Leitch spent Christmas at his home at Oakdale.

Mr. Russell Kimball of the Royal Bank spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kimball, Sunnyside. Mrs. Alice Penfound and Miss L. Armstrong of Toronto, Miss Annie and Miss Margaret Armstrong of Detroit are holidaying with their parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Liddon of London spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Liddon. Miss Hazel Thompson and sister are holidaying with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of the Glasgow House. Mr. and Mrs. Foster Gibson and children of Edys Mills spent Christmas with their parents. Mr. Kimmerly of the M. C. R. has gone to West Lorne for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCabe spent Christmas at Geo. Johnston's, Alvinston. Dr. and Mrs. Bannister and children are Christmas visitors in Forest. Ray Brown and friend of Toronto are spending a few holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, and son George of London, are spending Christmas at Ernest Chapman's at Ousley.

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Mother Had to Be Parted From Baby Boy Little Jack is in a distant city. His mother is many miles away, and true to the old saying about distance making the heart grow fonder, Jackie's mother longs and longs for a sight of her little man. Now if it were only a case of miles and dollars she might somehow or other come home occasionally, but it's more than that. She has consumption. When she thinks of the once happy triangle—mother, father and child—its mighty hard to keep from tears. She won't let Daddy bring Jack down to see her, despite the tug at the heart strings. "No," she says, "Jackie must not come, he might get consumption, too." So Jack lives with his grandmother, Daddy works in a machine shop, and mother is faithfully obeying doctors and nurse's orders at the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives. She hopes to be home for Christmas—healthy and happy. Contributions to aid Muskoka Hospital in its work may be sent to Hon. W. A. Charlton, 223 College Street, Toronto.

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