FARMERS SEEK CLEARED ROADS

Delegation to Ask Council For Provisions to Allow Auto Traffic.

A number of farmers residing in the vicinity of London who are anxious to use automobiles and trucks during the winter months, will wait on the county council at the January session which opens on the 27th, asking that the main highways into London be kept free of snow.

At the present time there is no fund for this sort of work, County Engineer Charles Talbot states.

"The council's standing order is that all roads be kept in good condition for sleight traffic, declared Mr. Talbot. "I doubt very much if the council would consider any proposition to keep the roads free from snow."

Maintenance of county highways through the winter months is favored by Ald. Harry Bottrill, chairman of the board of works, and other members of the council. Several county legislators are seeking to secure the use of the city snow plows in keeping open the main arteries leading to the city, and a demonstration was given yesterday.

The city has offered the county officials the use of the snowplows at the rate of $4 an hour, not so much to secure a source of revenue but rather to co-operate for the benefit of city trade.

"It's a good thing to keep these road open all winter," Ald. Botrill said to day. "The farmers and the merchants will be benefitted by maintaining the roads."

BURNS THE IMMORTAL WILL AGAIN BE FETED

St. Andrew's Society Will Honor Illustrious Poet on January 25.

As the 25th of January, the birth day of Robert Burns, draws nigh the enlightened of every country, clan and creed remember afresh their indebtedness to a departed genius, and pour forth their gratitude to the plowman poet, whose songs are destined to occupy a favored place in the minds and hearts of lovers of music.

It is a fact, established beyond fear of contradiction, that there has never lived, since the days of David, a poet whose lyric verse has found a more joyous welcome into the hearts of humankind than that of the rustic bard of bonnie Scotland, who, from the depths of his poverty, sang those songs:

"Which have power to quiet the restless spirit of care,
And come like a benediction that follows after prayer?
When the night shall be filled with music and the griefs which infest the day
Shall fold their tents like Arabs and quietly steal away."

The gratitude of countless thousands to Scotland's immortal bard is evidenced not only by the erection of more monuments to his memory than have been unveiled in honor of any other great and noble man who has blessed the earth by the warmth of his heart, but civilization's appreciation of his worth has been expressed in imperishable plaudits from platform and from press, from pulpit and from pew until the name of Robert Burns has become a household word to earth's remotest bounds, alike in the cottage of the poor and in the palace of the king.

The members of St. Andrew's society of London invite all to join with them in their annual concert to do honor to Scotia's most illustrious son.

EDUCATION DIRECTORY IS MOVE FOR EFFICIENCY

A board of education office directory board made its appearance this morning in the lower hallway of the public utilities commission building.

The board, on which is listed the names of the officials at the central offices, will indicate whether or not the several officers are in or out. It is finished in mahogany with the lettering in gold.

The advantage of the board, in view of the fact that the education offices are on the third floor and no elevator, is obviously a convenience for the benefit of persons calling at the offices.

The board lists the names of Inspector Administrator V. K. Greer, M.A.; Inspector G. A. Wheable, B.A.; W. A. Tanner, assistant sec. and purchasing agent; L. E. Carrothers, superintendent of buildings and caretaking; Capt. Wm. Robinson, supervisor of caretaking and repairs; M. M. Sims, chief attendance officer; and Miss Dallas Radcliffe, assistant attendance officer.

NOTED PREACHER TO BID CITY FAREWELL SUNDAY

On Sunday next, Jan. 18, Rev. Arthur T. Fowler, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., will preach for the last time at Adelaide street Baptist church. Dr. Fowler is an able speaker, and has been preaching to large congregations during the three weeks he has been in London. At the morning service he will speak on "The Merchantman of the Kingdom," and at the evening service his subject will be "The Balance of Character."

"TUT" TOMB EXCAVATIONS WILL BE TOLD BY NEVILLE

A timely lecture on the recent excavations of the tomb of Tutankhamen will be given by Dr. K. P. R. Neville, registrar of the university of Western Ontario. The lecture which will be given as a part of the extension course of Western will be one of a series of four talks.

Other subjects to be taken up are: "Some Influences of Geography on History"; "The Life and Theology of St. Paul"; "Some Old Testament Prophets."

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

Members of the Great War Veterans' Association play the Royal Canadian Regiment in a billiard tournament tomorrow night. The game will be staged in the G. W. V. A. "dugout" in the city hall.

News From City Churches

LATTER DAY SAINTS.

The young people's religious society of the Latter Day Saints' church met last night in the church for their regular meeting. The president, J. Vasvinder, was in the chair, and after the usual opening exercises and lesson study a very interesting lantern slide contest was held. Master G. Talbot was the winner. A splendid report was given by the critic, Miss Lenore Henry, after which the time critic, Miss L. Bernard, gave her report. Reports of the meeting were also read, and the evening closed in the usual way.

COLBORNE STREET W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of Colborne street Methodist church held a very interesting meeting yesterday afternoon in the schoolroom, when they had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. R. H. Knight of Sault Ste. Marie give a fascinating account of the building of the All People's mission there. In her address she told of the work done among the foreigners, and of the difficulties the workers have with the Finn settlers. Mrs. Knight also gave a brief sketch of the history of the mission. Mrs. H. Foster, the president, was in the chair, and after the business session Mrs. W. H. Rath took charge of the program. After a missionary hymn the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison, followed by the scripture lesson read by Mrs. D. D. Yorke. Mrs. James Page sang a delightful solo, which was greatly appreciated.

ST. MARK'S BOWLING CLUB.

The members of the ladies' bowling club of St. Mark's community entertained the men's bowling club last night at the home of Mrs. Armes, Hale street. Games of euchre were enjoyed during the evening, and the winners were Mrs. M. Morrison and Alf. Henderson, while Mrs. M. Stevenson won the lone hand and Mrs. Crestwich and J. Reynolds were awarded the consolations. At the conclusion of the games supper was served by the ladies, with the refreshment committee in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. J. Duncan is the president of the club. On Jan. 27 another of these delightful events is to take place at the home of Mrs. T. Lashbrook, 30 Doulton avenue.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

A most enjoyable joint meeting of the W. M. S. and the mission circle of the Robinson Memorial Methodist church was held yesterday in the schoolroom of the church. Mrs. W. J. Wray, the W. M. S. president, presided for the first part of the meeting, after which Mrs. Stanley Moore, the mission circle president, took charge of the program. Miss Ruth Hooper gave the scripture lesson, after which Rev. W. L. Hiles led in prayer.

The speaker of the occasion was Mrs. Herbert Childs, the superintendent of the London conference branch circle, and her sincere talk on a missionary subject was most interesting and was greatly appreciated by the fifty members present. Mrs. W. Gloyn contributed a pleasing vocal number to the program, and Mrs. Harold Guest played a delightful instrumental selection. There was also an interesting discussion on "The Blue Book," and splendid reports were presented on the work of the societies. At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served by the social committee, which includes Mrs. Cattermole, Mrs. Southen and Mrs. R. Trowhill, assisted by several of the officers and ladies.

CHALMERS L. A.

The ladies' aid of Chalmers Presbyterian church met this week, when they elected the majority of officers for this year. The election resulted in the following being appointed to office: President, Mrs. Nelson Foster; first vice-president, Mrs. Albert Webb; secretary, Mrs. Tilly, and flower convener, Mrs. Macpherson. The treasurer has not yet been appointed.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

In connection with the opening services of the Church of Christ Disciples, a most delightful social evening was held last night, when the members of the Christian endeavor society of the Southern Congregational church and a number of the members of the Church of Christ Disciples in St. Thomas were special guests. Under the direction of the social committee of which Alf. Garwood is convener, a successful "stump social" made the event both informal and amusing. When the guests arrived they were given colors, and each color represented a college whose color he wore. Then each college had to have a yell, and they sent representatives into all the sports of the evening. Some of the games were of a very athletic nature, and were thoroughly enjoyed. At the conclusion of the evening a social time was spent, in which the young people had an opportunity to get acquainted, and light refreshments were served.

ST. DAVID'S G. F. S.

The members of the G. F. S. of St. David's Anglican church held their regular meeting recently and installed their 1925 officers, including the following: president, Miss Connie Pearson; vice-president, Miss Alice Ayres; secretary, Miss May Baker; treasurer, Mrs. De Ruyter; and assistant treasurer, Miss Bernice Blackwell. A very favorable report was read on last year's work. There was a large attendance. The prizes that were given for regular attendance were won by the Misses Gladys Davies, Bernice Blackwell, and Kathleen Adams.

BRICK STREET W. M. S.

The regular meeting of the Brick street W. M. S. was held this week at the home of Mrs. A. D. Skinner, Brick street, with the president, Mrs. S. B. Dawson, presiding. After the devotional and roll call, Mrs. John Norton read an interesting story on an Indian girl's conversion. At the conclusion of the afternoon, tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. R. Topping.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.

The regular monthly meeting of the ladies' guild of St. David's Anglican church was held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The treasurer's report for the year was read by the secretary and showed that the guild, during the past year, had raised $50 for missionary work and $491 for church expenses and other purposes. Rev. R. D. Mess spoke to the ladies, giving them an interesting talk on missions and explained the church's system of supporting them through the diocesan budget. At the conclusion of the meeting tea was served by Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. A. Palmer and Mrs. W. Boyce. There was a large attendance.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

Miss Irene Isaac, who is returning to Japan to resume her work in the Japanese mission field next week, was last night honored by her home church. She was the guest of honor at a farewell congregational tea at St. Matthew's church.

Rev. T. J. Charlton and Mrs. Charlton received the many guests, and were assisted by the officers of the men's and women's organizations of the church. A delightful program was given, which included solos by Mrs. Sydney Smith, Leslie Short, Mrs. H. English, Mrs. B. Davis and Fred Scott. Mrs. L. Short presided at the piano.

With Rev. Mr. Charlton presiding, Miss Isaac was called forward and Mrs. Charlton read an address, and on behalf of the congregation presented the guest of honor with an Anglican combined hymnal and prayer book. The evening concluded in a social way, when a farewell was taken of this enterprising daughter of the church. Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies.

WELLINGTON STREET CHOIR.

The choir of Wellington street Methodist church held its first annual banquet last night, entertaining the pastor and his family and also the members of the music board and their wives. The banquet hall was attractively decorated in yellow and white, and after the supper a splendid program was given. It included the following numbers: Piano duet, "Alumni Reunion," Mrs. Austie and Miss D. Werner; a tenor solo, "Someone Calling," E. Mapletoft; alto solo, "Cut of the Deep," Miss G. Ware; soprano solo, "Sometime Dear Heart, Someday," Miss Clark, and a bass solo, "Bells of the Sea," by F. Dowling. All the numbers were heartily encored, and the evening was greatly enjoyed.

APPEAL MADE AGAINST LAKE WATER DIVERSION

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length of time, of a modern system of sewage disposal and one whereby the abstraction of lake water may eventually be deemed unnecessary.

"That we protest against any legislation at the hands of the congress of the United States that may sanction diversions affecting the water levels of the great lakes and thus impair the commerce thereon, which not only serves single states but the nation as a whole."

CANADIANS SPEAK.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 16.—Delegates from practically every port on the Great Lakes today closed a two-day protest meeting against Chicago's diversion of water from the lakes, with the adoption of a preamble and protest resolution submitted by the committee on resolutions, outlining the conditions under which the water is taken, and calling for action by the federal government to improve the situation and avoid the danger to lake navigation.

The resolution of protest, adoption of which was the outstanding business of the conference, will be telegraphed to the secretary of war, secretary of state, Congressman S. Wallace Dempsey, chairman of the house rivers and harbors committee, Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, chairman of the special senate committee hearing the water question in Washington, and other senators and congressmen.

Francis King, counsel for the Dominion Marine Association of Canada, addressed the delegates this morning, his subject being "Great Lakes Ship Masters' Viewpoint." Another speaker was Herman Lekern, attorney-general of Wisconsin, who spoke on the legal aspects of the Chicago diversions.

W. W. Hiltz, former mayor of Toronto, prevented from addressing the delegates yesterday on account of illness, was scheduled to speak today, his subject being "A Digest of the Canadian-United States Treaty."

COMMUNIST HURLS GLASS AT ACCUSER

Disorders Mark First Working Day of French Chamber of Deputies.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The first working day of the chamber of deputies in the 13th parliament of the third republic proved to be a long one. After the suspension of the sitting during an attempt by the deputies of the right and centre to rush the Communist benches, work was resumed in a somewhat calmer atmosphere, and the debate which followed lasted until nearly 2 o'clock this morning.

The debate was taken up entirely with interpolations regarding the strike at Douarnez and the attendant Communist disorders, and was marked by many lively passages, notably between the Communist and Socialist deputies. Towards the end the Socialist, Emile Goude, who occupied the speaker's stand, stung by a reflection made by the opposition deputy Balanant, on his war record, hurled a glass of water at him. Balanant was not hit, but the president's desk was drenched.

SERIES OF LECTURES.

Prof. A. D. Robertson of the university of Western Ontario has prepared a series of lectures dealing with evolution and heredity. The lectures will take the form of an inquiry into present day thought on character, the effects of environment and heredity upon thought and action. There will be a talk on "The Beginnings of Life," another on "Mendalism." The dates have not been fixed as yet.

UNIONISTS GETTING "GATE" IS CHARGED

G. A. Wheable Denies He Quit St. James Clerkship, Though Successor Named.

To all intents and purposes the session of New St. James' Presbyterian church has at the present time two clerks.

Such a situation arises from the fact that at the regular meeting of the session last week T. A. Bryan was appointed as "the new clerk," which position, held by G. A. Wheable, had not been resigned by him.

"I have not resigned or asked for my certificate," declared Mr. Wheable this morning, "and as far as I know I am still a member in good standing of New St. James' church. I am hesitant, however, of attending any meetings of session on account of the reception I might receive.

"I fail to understand the actions of the minister of New St. James', Rev. James MacKay, in urging the congregation to exercise charity and to shake hands and forget," continued Mr. Wheable, "and yet, at the first opportunity those who supported union are removed from office.

"The same thing that happened to me has happened to the pianist and some teachers in the Sunday school. Since the taking of the vote they have gone to New St. James, prepared to do their duty, but have found anti-unionist members of the congregation installed in their places."

Asked whether Mr. Wheable had been "dismissed" as clerk of the session, Mr. MacKay told The Advertiser that the session had not "discharged" him.

"Since Mr. Wheable had not attended three meetings of session, nor the congregational meeting, and sent his book to one meeting, we (the members of session) took it that he had resigned," said Mr. MacKay.

"What action would the session take if Mr. Wheable claimed that he had not resigned?" Mr. MacKay was asked.

"I don't know," was the reply.

Mr. Wheable states that the meeting last Friday night was the first regular meeting of session that he has missed for some months, and that, as had been his custom, he had sent the minute book when he found that it was impossible for him to attend. He pointed out that he had been appointed secretary at the congregational meeting, apart from his office as clerk, and that he had discharged the duties of such position in handing a copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the arrangements were completed for the taking of the vote to the returning officer, John Campbell, to be read at the congregational meeting, which was called on Tuesday, Jan. 6, to receive the result of the vote.

Mr. Wheable maintained that his actions to date could not be interpreted as a resignation, and added that when he did resign it would be in a formal manner.

Mr. MacKay admitted, in answer to a question, that all of the twelve unionist elders of New St. James' session had asked for their certificates from the church with the exception of Donald McCrimmon and Mr. Wheable.

Under date of Jan. 12, Mr. Wheables received the following letter from Mr. Bryan:

"At the regular meeting of session of New St. James' Presbyterian church on Friday evening I was appointed clerk in your stead and was instructed to obtain from you all books, papers, etc., in your possession in connection with this congregation, including the minutes of the congregational meeting of Dec. 22.

"Will you, therefore, arrange to turn these over to me at your earnest convenience?"

Obituary

FUNERAL OF MRS. CARTWRIGHT.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ivey Nellie Cartwright, who died suddenly at Victoria hospital on Wednesday were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home of Fred Dodman, 451 Briscoe street. Mrs. Cartwright, who lived at 153 Wharncliffe road, was in her thirtieth year. Her husband, Oliver Cartwright, survives.

Rev. Leslie Armitage of St. James' Anglican church, South London, conducted the services both at the home and at Woodland Cemetery, where interment was made. The funeral was largely attended, Mrs. Cartwright being well known in the city and a prominent church worker.

MRS. MARGARET MILNE.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Milne who died Wednesday, was held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from her home, lot 24, concession 6, Westminster township, to St. Martin's church. Requiem high mass was sung at 10 o'clock by Monsignor McKeon. Interment was made at St. Peter's cemetery.

The pallbearers were George Watson, James Watson, Lafayette Watson, Robert Milne, Orville Hunt and Norman Thomas.

MIDDAUGH PRESIDENT.

At the annual meeting of the policemen's association, Sergt. William Middaugh was elected president for the year. Sergt. Roy Monteith was elected vice-president with P. C. Walter Harpur and P. C. Chester Langford, secretary and treasurer respectively.

PRINCIPAL BETTER.

Principal T. S. H. Graham of the South Collegiate institute is expected to return to duty on Monday, after an absence of two weeks, owing to a serious attack of neuritis. Chas. J. Burns, B.A., has been acting principal in Mr. Graham's absence.

SUGAR FAMINE IN AUSTRALIA.

Associated Press Despatch.

Perth, Australia, Jan. 16.—A sugar famine exists here as a result of the shipping trouble, and other foodstuffs are scarce.

BRIG.-GEN. W. B. KING,

officer commanding military district, No. 1, who has been granted three months' sick leave. Gen. King and Mrs. King will leave for California within the next few days.

HODGINS IN FIELD FOR WARDEN'S RACE

London Township's Popular Reeve Announces His Decision Today.

A. C. Hodgins, popular reeve of London township, definitely announced this morning that he would be in the race for the warden's chair of Middlesex county when the council convenes on Jan. 27.

"I am going to allow my name to stand," declared Mr. Hodgins, interviewed at the county buildings.

Allan McDougall, reeve of Caradoc, Richard Reycraft, reeve of Biddulph, and J. N. Sullivan are also definitely in the race.

Allan MacPherson, reeve of Glencie, and Dave Calvert of Dorchester, are also looked upon as being two strong candidates.

The battle for the wardenship with six good men to choose from, promises to be one of the closest in years, county councillors are unanimous in stating.

CENTRAL HIGH DEBATERS CLASH WITH ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas collegiate institute boys' debating team will compete this evening with the representatives of the central collegiate institute in the Wossa series in the auditorium of the central collegiate.

The subject of the debate will be: "Resolved That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished". The central collegiate boys, Alex Knox and Jack White, are taking the negative side of the debate.

The program will include a solo by Miss Margaret Forbes and selections by the school orchestra and glee club.

Miss Louise Wyatt, president of the literary society, will preside.

TRUSTEES AND RATEPAYERS MEET IN THE UNIVERITY

Fifty delegates to the Middlesex trustees' and ratepayers' convention which opened this afternoon, met at the county buildings at 1:30 and journeyed by special car to Western University where the afternoon session takes place. Many of the delegates who were late in arriving at the county buildings were directed to the university by county officials.

The trustees were met by Dean Fox and escorted through the buildings. Addresses were made by Dr. Kingston and Miss A. J. Dunstan. The evening session will take place in the normal school.

SOUTH GIRLS WILL MEET ST. T. C. I. TEAM TONIGHT

The Wossa debating series will progress this evening when the girls' team of the London South collegiate institute will entertain the representatives of the St. Thomas collegiate institute.

The subject will be: "Resolved that the Canadian Federal Government Should Not Abandon the Building of the Hudson Bay Railway."

The south collegiate girls, Florence Robson and Grace Kains, will take the negative side of the subject.

The L. S. C. I. glee club, under E. W. C. Quantz, will give several numbers during the program.

The debate will be held in the auditorium of the Victoria public school.

ENROLL PROBATIONERS.

A new class of four probationers have been enrolled, on the nursing staff of the Bethesda hospital, under the direction of Adjutant Holland, superintendent. The following will take the 18-months' course: Miss Julia Gillette, London; Miss Esther Weston, Thamesford; Miss Irene McEwen, Dunfield; Miss Gertrude Palmer, Ottawa.

INSPECT SIRES.

R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture, and Col. Robert McEwen of Byron, are touring the county inspecting pure-bred bulls that have been offered for sale in connection with the department of agriculture's campaign to eliminate scrub sires.

Mr. Finn and Col. McEwen inspected seventeen sires yesterday and passed everyone of them as being O.K.

DR. F. E. BENNETT AGAIN PRESIDENT

Begins 16th Term As Chief of Flower City Horticultural Society.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Jan. 15.—At the annual meeting of the St. Thomas Horticultural society this evening the entire executive and auditors were returned unanimously with the exception of one substitution in the executive, that of E. W. Sutherland in the place of ex-Mayor C. E. Raven. President Dr. F. E. Bennett, who is entering his 16th term of office, was in the chair.

The financial statement showed the association to have a small balance at the end of the fiscal year. Disbursements for the year were over $21,000. Over $5,000 worth of trees, shrubs, peonies, perennials, tulips and gladioli were disposed of, while the surplus over liabilities is $7,227. The outstanding debts amounted to $1,785; memberships, donations and grants totalled $4,800.

Assets Specified.

The assets of the society include $1,700 worth of stock on hand made up in bulbs, irises and peonies. The auditor questioned the validity of this asset and whether it actually represented that much money on the market. Dr. Bennett claimed that it was a low valuation of the stock, which really amounted to over $10,000 worth. The meeting decided to try to raise enough money to cover this asset, which would leave stock on hand as a surplus.

Quite a lengthy report of the year's activities was read by the president. Improvements to boulevards, parks, planting of flowerbeds and general work in the city played an important part. The climatic conditions had been exceedingly favorable for the plants to grow and the maximum of garden development had been secured. Many beds have been permanently planted with Darwin and May flowering tulips, roses and perennials. The trial grounds on Wellington street had been properly labelled and are now of rare educational value.

Prizes Won.

Thousands of blooms had been cut and sent to the various churches, to the Memorial hospital, Byron Sanatorium and the Sick Children's hospital, Toronto, as well as to the many flower shows. At the Canadian gladioli show in Guelph, twenty-six entries were made, taking 21 firsts, three seconds and one third in open competition in a large field. The silver cup donated by the Guelph Horticultural society was captured. The one big entry at the American gladioli show also carried off the silver cup. Similar success was met at the Western Fair, where a large percentage of awards was secured.

FORTY ATTEND MEETING OF THE "FIGHTING THIRD"

A large meeting was held last night in the headquarters by the scouts of the "Fighting Third" troop, over 40 attending the gathering.

On account of the fact that the eclipse of the sun will take place this month in London, a lecture on astronomy was given by Rover Scout Arthur Jones in which he outlined the necessity of using smoked glass only to look at the eclipse.

First aid, signalling and boxing comprised the remainder of the evening's program, the Wolf patrol winning the most marks for the night by a wide margin.

The first Port Stanley troop of boy scouts plans its re-organization meeting next week when the scout master, Rev. J. R. Bythell, will appoint the scout patrol leaders for the ensuing year. Romeo Brown will likely be one of the leaders.

CABINET ANNOUNCEMENT BY LUTHER POSTPONED

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The presentation to the Reichstag of the new cabinet, headed by Dr. Hans Luther, as chancellor, and the government's declaration of policy, set for today, has been postponed until Monday afternoon, as Dr. Luther is experiencing difficulty in finding ministers to take the portfolioc of finance and justice.

TWO DOLLARS IS HAUL AFTER NIGHT OF TOIL

Canadian Press Despatch.

Guelph, Jan. 16.—Burglars last night broke into the office of the Gowdy Coal Company and with hammers and crowbars smashed open the large office safe. Their hard night's toil netted them only two dollars.

WILL GIVE ADDRESS.

Prof. R. K. Sandwell, at one time editor of the Canadian Bookman, is expected to speak in the city within the next few weeks. Some of the local social clubs are trying to arrange for a visit by this eminent Canadian man of letters. It is likely that he will speak before a meeting of educationalists when he comes.

O'LEARY TO SPEAK.

Gratton O'Leary, journalist, and the witty author of the parliamentary comments in McLean's Magazine, will come to London to address the London Kiwanis club on Friday, Jan. 30. His visit is being greatly looked forward to by the club, and there is certain to be a record attendance when he speaks.

ADDRESS STUDENTS.

Prof. H. R. Kingston, of the University of Western Ontario, will address the students of the central collegiate institute at the regular auditorium exercises on Tuesday morning. Prof. Kingston's subject will be "The Eclipse of the Sun."

WINNERS IN DRIVE.

Winners at the G. W. V. A. euchre drive last night were F. Taylor, F. S. Enright, Mrs. Font and Mrs. W. Morgan. Those receiving consolation favors were W. R. Stark and Mrs. C. Morgan. There were 11 tables of players.

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR.

Captain Annie Wheeler of Hamilton, who has been associated with the hospital work of the Salvation Army at Sydney, Nova Scotia, has been appointed to the position of supervisor at Bethesda hospital here under Adjutant Holland the superintendent.

GEORGE McCORMICK,

veteran Western Fair director, who has been re-elected president of the London district agricultural society. Mr. McCormick, a horseman of note, is chairman of the fair finance committee.

FOUR RELEASED UNTIL ASSIZES

Justice Mowat Allows Hamilton Quartet To Report Once a Week.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Jan. 16.—Justice Mowat at the assizes today released Mrs. Boitovicz, Panko and Yakim Shabaha and Mike Rodych, who were charged with the murder of Joe Boitovicz. They are to report to the police once a week until the spring assizes, when they will be put on trial of being accessories after the fact of murder.

The murder charge has not been disposed of and is matter for argument. Crown counsel contends it should not be dropped and defence counsel that the indorsation of the true bill with nolle prosequi disposes of the charges and that it should be dismissed.

The defendants were warned that they were to be punctual in reporting. Failure to do so will be subject to a levy of $5,000 on their goods; but none of them has any property.

COMPANY WILL ERECT PLANT AT STRATHROY

Hy-Lo Jacks, Limited, To Open Factory, Employing Thirty People.

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Jan. 15.—Strathroy is assured of securing the new manufacturing industry, negotiations for which have been carried on with the council the past two weeks. John Carruthers of Hy-Lo Jacks, Limited, announced today that his company had decided to locate here and that arrangements to establish and open their plant would be rushed.

The company's intention is to take up a leasehold building for the present and to build a suitable plant during the coming summer. The new industry will employ about 30 hands at the outset.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS APPOINTED AT FOREST

Special to The Advertiser.

Forest, Jan. 15.—The standing committees of the new council are: Finance, D. Whyte chairman, W. A. Dunlop and J. McPherson; public works, E. Burney, chairman, M. Rumford and J. McPherson; fire and water, J. Duncan, chairman, M. Rumford and W. A. Dunlop.

Municipal officers appointed are: Fence viewers, John Baldry, John Shipley, Sen.; Theodore Wilson, George Nye, George Wilson and J. M. Shaw; cemetery caretaker, R. Jennings; poundkeeper, F. Jenken; solicitor, H. Cowan; member high school board, one year, D. Rymer; three years, A. F. Steele; member public library board for three years, H. J. Pettypiece; fire warden, chief George Karr; caretaker cattle-yard scales, H. A. Spearman; assessor, M. Jamieson; collector, M. Jamieson; assistant fire engineer, C. Burr; auditors, Alex Jamieson and R. G. Bailey.

THREE AUTOISTS ARE KILLED IN N. Y. C. CROSSING CRASH

Associated Press Despatch.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Two men and a woman were killed and another woman, riding with them in a small sedan, escaped without injury, when their automobile was struck by a fast New York Central freight train at the Penfield road crossing about four miles outside this city shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. The party was returning to this city from a dance at Williamson.

TO STAY PRESBYTERIAN.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 16.—Dissenting members of John street Presbyterian church here, which voted by a small majority to enter the union church, met last night in large numbers and individually and collectively signed a pledge to remain Presbyterian and form a separate body when the United church commences to function.

SEEK MURDER CLUE.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hull, Que., Jan. 16.—The Quebec government is determined to solve the mystery surrounding the brutal murder of Joseph Bouchard, aged hermit farmer, who was slain by an unknown person or persons in his lonely cabin near Glenlivet, Que. Provincial detectives go to Portland township today on the case.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 16.—Adrian Bond, 12, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home of his father, Alex Bond, at Cranberry, near Sydney mines, shortly after midnight last night.

The family escaped at the first alarm, but Adrian was overcome by smoke while assisting to save the furniture.

VISITORS FETED BY KIWANIANS

Full Force Welcomes District Governor and Vice-Presidents.

HALLADAY SPEAKS

Clan Kiwanis gathered in full force at lunch today to welcome district officers and a large enumber of visiting members of the clan in the Tecumseh house. Included among the guests of the club were: Blake Halladay, of Toronto, district governor, and John Truman of Hamilton, Geo. May and G. H. A. Reamy of Kitchener, lieutenant governors. In the afternoon the annual district meeting was held under the chairmanship of the district governor.

Blake Halladay prophecied a successful year for Kiwanis throughout the district, and especially urged inter-city visits on the part of all clubs as the best means of increasing interest in the club, and of keeping alive the club spirit.

"London is the center of the Western Ontario area, and it occupies a strategic position," he said. "Therefore it behooves the London club to do as much visiting as a club as it is possible for it to do. I would like the London club, if it can, to make a special effort in 1925 to pay a visit in a body to each of the Kiwanis clubs in the district. That would be a worthy new year resolution to adopt, and I hope that it may be one which you will find possible of accomplishment."

John Truman made an appeal for interest in the International Harding memorial, which is to be erected in Stanley park, Vancouver, within fifty feet of the spot where the late president of the United States made his last public address. The cost of this memorial is estimated at around $35,000, and the individual assessment on Kiwanians will be 50 cents. He asked local Kiwanians to take a financial interest in this work.

Winners of booster prizes today were Rev. John Agnew, Archie Limon and Ed. Shuttleworth. The first and second prizes were umbrellas, and the third a silk muffler. W. G. Murray was the booster.

TENTH NON-JURY CASE SET DOWN FOR TRIAL

The tenth non-jury case to be tried at the winter assizes was set down for trial at the court house today.

Vera Andrews of Westminster township is asking for specific performance of contract in connection with some real estate on the Base Line road, and asks for right-of-way over property owned by the estate of Alfred John Taylor.

The Fidelity Trust Co. and Ethel Louise Taylor, executore of the estate, are named as defendants.

Winnett, Morehouse & Neeley are acting for the plaintiff, and Gladman & Stanbury for the defendants.

COMMANDANT HALPENNY RESIGNS LOCAL POST

Commandant Halpenny, for some years active in Salvation Army social work, has resigned her appointment here and will return to her home in Smith's Falls.

Last night at the Ronald-Roy Gray home, officials of the Army representing the four city groups, as well as the hospital, social and industrial departments, gathered to spend a social evening with their comrade of many years.

Mrs. McAmmond spoke of the many years of faithful service that the commandant had given to the Army. Adjutant Holland led in the prayers.

RAZOR BLADES GIVEN REAL TEST AT THE JAIL

Despite the fact that the majority of prisoners at the county jail received haircuts and shaves by an honest-to-goodness barber yesterday, another requisition has been handed in by jail authorities for more razor blades.

"Why are so many razor blades needed, when the jail has so few prisoners?" a county official was asked today.

"Well, I suppose tough lads grow tough beards," was the smiling reply. "The prisoners have to shave every day, and it doesn't take long for the blades to become dull. That's about all I can tell you about it."

FREIGHT CAR DERAILED WHEN TRUCK GIVES WAY

When an extra westbound Canadian National freight from Sarnia was pulling into Longwood this morning at 7 o'clock a broken car truck caused the derailment of one car. The London auxiliary cleared the line in three hours. The members of the crew escaped injury.

The accident did not tie up the service. One train, the passenger out of here at 6:30 a.m., was moved via Kingscourt.

The fact that the truck broke while the train was running at low speed averted a more serious accident.

CROMBIE IN CITY.

David Crombie, chief of transportation of the Canadian National railways, was in town today for a few minutes on his way from Montreal to Detroit.

FOOT INJURED.

Arthur Chamberlain, of the Canadian National carshops, suffered a bruised foot yesterday afternoon, when a scaffold collapsed and a plank was thrown across his leg. The injured man was given first aid. Dr. F. R. Clegg was called and removed him to his home, at 721 Queen's avenue.

FIRST AID COURSE.

A course in first aid arranged to apepal to those employed in industrial work and occupations where accidents are liable to happen is to be given by the Y. M. C. A. The course will start Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Practical demonstrations and timely information will be given. W. B. Clark, who had a varied experience in army and civil life will be the instructor.

Westervelt Night

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 17, 1925.
Western Gym, Oxford and Waterloo Sts.

7:15—Westervelt's vs. St. Thomas T.O.B.
3:15—Juveniles vs. St. Thomas Juveniles
9:00—Dancing. Night Hawk Orchestra.

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY. b

Gossip Around The City Hall

The January meeting of the board of health has been set for next Tuesday evening. Appointment of a new chairman is causing some discussion, as Ald. Douglass and C. H. Mitchell have had a term each in that capacity and Ald. W. J. Ashton, a new member, has had considerable experience in council circles.

Repairs to the Orth building on Dundas street, recently swept by fire, will cost $7,000. The building will be renovated fully. Hyatt Bros. have the contract.

The mayor has installed a buzzer

system at his city hall office so that he can call in department heads more quickly than by telephone. The system has not been in use since Mayor Somerville's regime.

The mayor plans a tour of Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit and Chicago during the coming year in order that he can inaugurate definite plans for the centennial celebration of next year.

One case to come before the city relief department showed that a man asking charity had a brother well off and owning some 14 houses in the city. City relief came more quickly than brotherly love responded.