

43 TEAMS ENTER FOR RIFLE MEET

List of Cadet Organizations Are Announced

FOUR FROM WINGHAM H. S. Procedure For Application For Medals Explained

Col. G. H. Gillespie, military district No. 1 cadet officer, in a bulletin says: "A good deal of uncertainty appears to exist among the cadet instructors of high school and collegiate rifle cadet corps regarding the correct procedure to be followed in order to make application for the gold medals which are awarded to the best rifle shot in each high school and collegiate rifle club where cadet corps are in operation. Prior to the closing of the school year in June, each instructor will send to the district cadet officer an application for the medal for his best rifle shot, giving full particulars, accompanied by the target of the performance signed by the cadet and the range official, in order that the same may be returned to Ontario, from where the medals are ordered and distributed direct to the schools. Cadet instructors are requested to make the presentation of the medals a public ceremony, either at the commencement exercises or some other function in connection with the school."

The complete list of entries for the C. R. rifle series competitions are announced by Col. Gillespie as follows: Stratford Collegiate Institute, Mount Forest High School, Essex High School, Guelph Central public school (two teams), Trafalgar street public school, London; St. Marys public school, Windsor Collegiate Institute (two teams), Goderich Collegiate Institute (three teams), Stratford Collegiate Institute (three teams), Seaford Collegiate Institute (two teams), Northburg High School (two teams), Norwich High School, King Edward public school, Walkerville; St. George's public school, London; Queen Mary public school, Chatham; Walkerville Collegiate Institute (two teams), McKean public school, Chatham; Central public school, Chatham; Wingham High School (four teams), Walkerville High School (two teams), Amherstburg High School (three teams), Watford High School, Chatham Collegiate Institute (two teams), Walkerton High School, Sarnia Collegiate Institute (two teams). A total of 43 teams.

"THE ROUGHNECK" THRILLING FILM

George O'Brien and Great Cast In Patricia Feature

Prototype lovers of London have seldom been given such thrills as are their portion in an unusual undersea battle between a man and a huge marauding shark in the Fox production, "The Roughneck," the attraction for the last half of the current week at the Patricia. The program is also featured by a Century comedy and the first chapter of the new and interesting serial "Leather Stocking."

George O'Brien is the star in "The Roughneck." The plot of which is that of the famous Robert W. Service story, and he is supported ably by Billie Dove, Cleo Madison, Anne Cornwall and Harry T. Morey. The plot calls for the rescue of the hero from an attack made upon him by a shark while he was attempting to evade arrest by swimming to shore after a leap from an ocean liner. Zelle, a native girl, as played by Anne Cornwall, happens to be cruising around the bay in a canoe when she discovers the man's danger and she rushes to his aid by leaping into the water and from this point on real professional shark fight takes place.

But there is more than thrills in "The Roughneck." In it love and adventure abound to a degree that sets it in a class by itself. Moreover, it is featured by clever acting and it is certain that O'Brien's screen followers will be greater in number in London hereafter as a result of his portrayal of the hero. The others also come in for a fair share of the credit bestowed by the audience who yesterday seemed to enjoy the action of the story to the fullest extent.

Like all other Century comedies, laughter predominates in "Harem Pollies," and all of them are the wholesome variety that evokes spontaneous mirth. It can also be said that "The Leather Stocking," the new Patricia serial, judging by the initial instalment, is destined to gain wide patronage in this city.

DUKE OF YORK HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN CHARGED BY INFURIATED RHINOCEROS

Well-Timed Shot By King's Son Halts the Beast In His Tracks At 30 Yards

The duke was reported to have been delighted by his adventure with the rhinoceros. He accounted for a large bag of small game, the duchess received praise for a remarkable shot, having brought down a quail on the wing with a .22 caliber rifle.

The royal party has traversed 100 miles of difficult tropical country, and passed one night in a camp several inches under water.

LARGE AUDIENCES AT THE MAJESTIC

Company Wins Many Friends By Fine Presentations

No play of recent years has attracted capacity crowds for such a length of time as has "The Pool," Channing Pollock's great play, which the Majestic Players have presented all this week and half of last. Both the play and the actors have been the subject of widespread comment among the play-loving public, and the able presentation of "The Pool" by the Majestic Stock Company has won for them many new friends.

"The Pool" will continue to be the attraction until the end of the current week. It is one that should be seen by everybody for the manner in which it treats of the big problems of the present day and age. It presents the situation as it is in real life and offers what seems to be the most logical solution. It is unnecessary at this time to enter again in a lengthy account of the plot of the piece. It is too well known now to require any further explanation. Many thousands of people who have seen it will readily testify as to its merits and its power as a stage attraction. If any testimonial is at all necessary, a company that present it demonstrates in "The Pool" the stage talents and abilities of each and every character and of the plot, reflecting great credit upon all. From the most prominent role in the drama, the character of the fool himself, which is depicted by Edward Cliven, down to the most insignificant part, the company does itself proud in the clever portrayal.

But apart from the acting of the various members of the cast there is also visible to the beholder the work of the unseen hand that is responsible for the stage scenes and settings. For the fidelity to detail shown in these Director Cummings and Walter Sherwood, the art director, are responsible.

NEARLY \$46,000,000 PAID IN COMPENSATION

Total of First 10 Years Operation of the Ontario Workmen's Act

TORONTO, Jan. 1.—During the first 10 years' operation of the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Act, ending yesterday, 42,902 accidents to workmen in their employment were reported to the administering board, of which 2,982 were fatal and \$45,837,221 was awarded to the injured men and their widows and children and in providing medical, hospital and skilled nursing services and artificial limbs and appliances. More than 100,000 people, including workmen's families, receive from the board every year some part of their maintenance.

DEATH OF MRS. HIGGS. The death occurred in this city on Wednesday Mrs. Selma Higgs, aged 57 years. Funeral services will be conducted from Oatman's Funeral Home this afternoon. Interment to be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

SPECIAL YEAR IN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bishop Fallon Refers To Holy Year Celebration

PREACHES AT ST. PETER'S Urges Private Prayers Every Day of Year

Exhorting Roman Catholics to follow strictly the practice of their religion during the year 1925, Bishop Fallon, of the Diocese of London, speaking at St. Peter's cathedral at the 10.30 a.m. mass on New Year's Day, declared that 1925 was a year of special interest to all Roman Catholics the world over.

"I refer to the holy year, which our mother, the church, is celebrating in 1925," said the bishop. "It should be a year when Roman Catholics, through their loyalty and devotion to the supreme pontiff, should surprise the world at the position which the pope occupies in the church of God. The Roman Catholics will manifest their pride at being such."

"To-day is a feast day in the church and it is obligatory for all Roman Catholics to hear mass. The happiness that is mine to-day in wishing you success, happiness and peace for the new year is the same that I have had the occasion to express on New Year's Day for the past 15 years. I exhort you on the first day of the year to let no day go by that you shall not speak private prayers for the holy father."

"There is one single wish, however, that I have and that is, whatever may come or go, whether it be happiness or sorrow, during the year 1925, you will be faithful to the practice of your religion and loyal to the holy father. In obedience to the Word of God as preached to you by His ministers. But, above them all, is a wish that the grace of God will make this year but a step in the eternal years to be enjoyed in the heavenly kingdom of God."

Messes in all parishes of the city were held yesterday, with special music by the various church choirs.

FUN GALORE IN CAPITOL FEATURE

"Doug" MacLean Scores Big In "Never Say Die"

Douglas MacLean comes back to London to aid in the holiday merrymaking in his own irresistible comic manner in "Never Say Die," the story of a lover with a weak heart, which is running at the Capitol for the first three days of 1925.

Sued for divorce by his wife of one day, sought by a sure-shot gat-handler with a grudge, condemned to absolute jail by heart specialists and all mixed up with a Parisian danseuse, "Doug" finds himself in something of a dilemma. Around the corner his wife's next husband waits his decease and a mile away a playfully wicked girl takes him away from his troubles, but Fate in the form of a small pace horse club ties up the whole works. The whole mix-up works out in a series of deliriously funny incidents, which only need MacLean's inimitable comic gifts to be one long line-up of laughs. Laughter is the dominating feature of the respondent, arrives on the scene just in time to get the well-meaning youth into the water, and the accident occurs. Moderate weather had weakened the frozen surface and as young Breda slid downstream he went through his body being immediately submerged and carried creekward under the ice.

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RETURNED AS REEVE

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NOTABLE CAST IN GRAND'S FEATURE

"Yolanda," Starring Marion Davies, Delights Audiences

Marion Davies' latest Cosmopolitan production, "Yolanda," coupled with a Mack Sennet comedy entitled "Riders of Purple Clouds," had its first showing in London yesterday at the Grand Opera House, and it stands out as one of the finest and most artistic productions of the entire year. It is beautiful in its settings, skillful in its direction and excellent in acting.

The entire photograph is full of the glimmer of 15th century France. The sets devised are marvels of beauty and are historically accurate. The story is an adaptation of Charles Malor's novel of the same name, and the production, as well as the clever and beautiful screen acting, Marion Davies, rivals in splendor the other productions taken from novels by the same author including "When Knighthood Was In Flower."

"Yolanda" gives Miss Davies a latitude of characterization even greater than that afforded her in "Little Old New York." In "Yolanda" she is called a Burgundy, while in "Little Old New York" she is called a French. The cast supporting Miss Davies is a notable one. Lyn Harding, the English star, is vigorous and sure in the presentation of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, while Hobbes, Blinn, presents a fascinating portrait of Louis XI of France. Other important roles are in the hands of Ralph Graves, Leon Errol, Maclay Arbuckle, Maxwell Conover and others.

"Riders of Purple Clouds," shown in conjunction with the feature picture, is a comedy full of laughs, and with Mack Sennet as the producer of them all. The entire program is one that cannot help but please grand patrons and furnish ample entertainment. The bill will continue to-day and to-morrow, with matinees each day.

CHILD GOES THROUGH ICE AND IS DROWNED

DETROIT, Jan. 1.—While playing on ice covering a storm sewer a few yards above its outlet into a creek, George Breda, a nine-year-old Springwells boy, plunged through and was drowned this afternoon. Two of the boy's playmates narrowly escaped the same fate in a futile effort to save him. Breda, who was sliding on the ice of the storm sewer, which is nine feet in diameter, when the accident occurred. Moderate weather had weakened the frozen surface and as young Breda slid downstream he went through his body being immediately submerged and carried creekward under the ice.

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Despite local interference the program was reported to played later, received with exceptional selectivity in this city and district. Through the courtesy of H. P. Laragh, representative of the radio department of McPhillips Limited, the program was received in the editorial room of The Free Press. Mr. Laragh installed a Radiola superheterodyne six-tube set in the editorial room for the occasion. The program came in exceptionally strong despite the fact that no ground wire or aerial was used.

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Alaskan fur traders have made an attempt to train polar bears to pull sledges.

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