

## CONSERVATORY OPENS BRANCH ON WORTLEY RD.

Dundas Street Building Purchased by Mrs. A. Butler  
of 213 Queen's Avenue.

## BRINGING OPERATIC STAR

The selling of the building occupied by the Conservatory of Music on Dundas street, is the last move in the process of bringing the music of the people in all parts of the city instead of making the people all go to one central place in the downtown district.

That it has proved a success is evident by the number of new students enrolled at the new branch of the conservatory situated at 203 Wortley road, in an average, two new students have been enrolled each day since its opening.

The annex was first moved to the top floor of the Woodmen of the World building on Richmond street, which provided ample space. The last place acquired was 203 Piccadilly street, thus providing a conservatory for the north end, and the advisability of building a special hall in connection with the building is being seriously considered by the directors. All the work in these new premises will be under the direct supervision of Harry T. Dickenson of the conservatory, while F. L. Williams will be chairman of the examining board.

The policy of the conservatory will be to bring expert teachers from out of town who will reside in London, and not be just here for a short series of lessons and then go away again. The teachers thus obtained will be interested in everything that concerns London, and apart from rendering valuable assistance to the musical public will be an asset to the city as a whole. It is the intention of the directors to branch out to the surrounding towns and cities such as Stratford, St. Thomas, etc.

Arrangements have been made to bring world famous artists to London to delight the musical public of the city, such artists as Godowsky, the celebrated pianist, the Chicago Operatic Society, Willem Mink, the celebrated cellist, and finally Clara Butt and her famous concert party who are now on their way home from Australia.

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## REPORT SALARIES OF DOMESTIC HELP

Employers of Butlers, Maids and Footmen To File Returns.

Steps are under way to secure income tax returns from all persons who employ chambermaids, butlers, footmen, gardeners, tutors, governesses, nurses, aids and household assistants, at the time the tax office in this city.

While those who maintain retinues of servants only one have been required to file declarations each year on the form known as T-4, as is required of all other employers, there has been a general impression prevailing among employers that no returns were required for personal or private servants.

If a private servant receives in money, board and perquisites a sum amounting to \$1,000, or \$500 for a portion of the year, the returns must be filed.

## City Clerk Suggests Way To End Discussion On School Contracts

"No need for any commissions to sit in judgment," City Clerk Baker, suggested to The Advertiser on Tuesday, "in lieu of any further discussion and counter-charging about school contracts, let whoever feels that he has a case enter proceedings to which every member of the board of education that he believes to be dealing unfairly."

The city clerk points out that this must needs clear the air as the evidence would have to be submitted before a judge of the court.

## This Year Give Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

\$2.50  
to  
\$6.50

## Cairncross' Chemists

FOUR GRADUATE DRUGGISTS,  
216 Dundas St. Phone 880.  
"Experts in Kodak Photography."

## Members of Advertiser Staff Hold Party in Their New Home

"Hanging of Crane" in Richmond Street Building Is Celebrated by Dance, Music and Other Festivities At Week-End Gathering of Employees.

BY ISABEL ARMSTRONG.

The Post Bill, who came to life for the event, declared "this was some party that there grand house-warming at the new Advertiser building, on the corner of Richmond and York streets, Saturday night." In any case, the chronicler of such events of the staff has only recently recovered to sort out the kaleidoscope impressions and write something like a coherent record.

Outside, the rain poured down in torrents.

Inside, in the first floor of the building, all was warmth and brightness, the festive scene being shut in by great festoons which crisscrossed the windows and sounded the patriotic note in decoration.

To the right of the main entrance, an open fire blazed. The great platform, which is the hall of the editorial staff, was the scene of the evening's entertainment. Ordinary nights and days, had blossomed out as a palm garden, where card tables were arranged for those who preferred a more sedate form of entertainment than dancing.

Plenty of space was left for the orchestra, which played with equal skill the modern jazz and the old-time dances, waltzes, two steps, the Paul Jones, barn dances and sets, with real "calling off." If you please. Occasionally even the orchestra was obliged to sit back and keep quiet for the clever "stunts" put on by the various departments, business, mailing-room, circulation, composing room and "mere editorial."

As "Mr. Santa Claus," minus the hair and the whiskers, Ye Editor in Chief, in private life, had his revenge on the staff and all sundry who have committed against him sins of omission and commission.

Lacking the stereotyped Christmas tree, he pressed into service his most delectable weapon for budding ambition, a capacious waste-paper basket, filled to the brim with gifts, if not welcome, at least apt and suitable.

Big Chief Muir, alias Lord High Everything Else But Work, was remembered with a bottle of a famous limonette, specially prepared for the owners of Ford cars, equally effective, the eloquent editor stated, for "Ford corns, Ford cracks and Ford cars."

The Terrible Tempered News Editor was made the recipient of a whip to speed up production.

The ardent Romanist, who guides the destiny of the composing room through the "stilly" (2) night, got his in the form of a copy de luxe of the Orange Sentinel.

A kindly thought was the presentation of a handsome pair of military hair brushes to the distinguished-looking day chief of the composing room, whose cranial offers no obstacle to the student of stenography.

"I have always admired your hair," said Ye Editor-in-Chief, whereupon the distinguished-looking day chief of the composing room leaned over and playfully tapped a snip that was twin to his own, the shining, intellectual dome of the speaker.

The garrulous desk editor, J. P. Millar, had as his favor an unbroken package of excellent chewing gum, with the advice if he would persist in chewing something, to try that.

The youth who strikes an attitude and says, "With me on the want ad, it will be six grover men to do the work on any other paper in London," was made the proud possessor of a stout, brass horn, the versatile editor in chief giving a practical demonstration of the way to blow it.

The women's department editor who

groans over the inconvenience of moving conditions, and the world in general, which necessitates a tramp to the platform or "Italian balcony," every time a telephone call is sent in, was solemnly presented with a toy telephone all her very own.

Santa Claus coyly quoting her oft-repeated statement, "Oh, if I only had a telephone of my own, what a lot of news there would be in the paper!" Little "Sob Sister," Helen McMillan, was decorated for valiant service with a noisy string of beads.

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## MUSICAL ART PUPILS SCORE REAL TRIUMPH

Admirable Program Presented in Patricia Theatre Under A. D. Jordan's Direction.

## SECOND ANNUAL CONCERT

Orchestra Augmented by Talented Artists From Toronto and Detroit.

BY A MINOR.

The one criticism that could be made of the second annual concert of the students of the London Institute of Musical Art, assisted by the Musical Art Symphony Orchestra, on Monday evening, in the Patricia Theatre, was that it was like a rich and varied course holiday feast, rather too much at one sitting for the intellectual, emotional and artistic digestion.

The evening was a most strenuous one for the orchestra and the conductor, A. D. Jordan, almost constantly on duty from eight o'clock until eleven. To the credit of the musical organization, he is said that it was as fresh, alert, and played with much nicety of detail and verve at the close of the program as in the orchestra part of the Beethoven concerto in C minor, Op. 37, with which Miss Cora B. Ahrens, L. T. C. M., opened the concert. Mr. Jordan was, as always, the untiring, perfectly poised conductor, his baton like a magic wand, directing the different elements that constituted his musical organization, inspiring the most amateur of his own players to keep in step and in harmony of mood with the experienced professionals.

Skilled artists from Detroit augmented the wood winds and horns, a genuine treat was afforded in the orchestral work, perhaps the finest that has yet been presented by the Musical Art Society orchestra.

Schubert Number Pleases.

Adequate at all times, the excellence of the different sections stood out in the Schubert, the first movement of the "Sakuntala," Op. 13, the orchestra finding the accompaniments for the piano concertos quite as much a test of manliness as these numbers.

An exceptionally fine experience for the young pianists, Miss Ahrens, a pupil of Vierge Kili; Miss Mildred Baker and Miss Ivy Smith, pupils of Mr. McHardy Smith, and Miss Lenore Coughlin, pupil of Mr. Jordan, was that of playing with the orchestra and playing their long numbers entirely from memory.

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BABY SCHRAM.

YET another London baby offers a challenge to the claim of physical perfection advanced by the little tot from Kalamazoo.

This time it is Mrs. Allan Schram, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schram, of 183 Gardfield avenue, who was but six months old on Dec. 18, and weighs 20 pounds.

Baby Schram measures 26 inches from finger tip to finger tip, 15 1/2 inches from hip to toe, 10 1/2 inches from shoulder to tip of finger, 17 1/2 inches about the head, 17 1/2 inches around the chest, and 17 1/2 inches about the abdomen. This baby stands 26 inches tall.

Baby Raynold Clark Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Norton, of 7 Elgin street, Galt, also doubts the eligibility of the Kalamazoo baby to first place.

Baby Norton is 8 1/2 months old, and weighs 25 pounds. He stands 31 inches tall, measures 19 inches about the head, 18 inches about the chest, and 17 inches about the abdomen. From hip to toe he measures 18 inches and 21 inches from finger tip to finger tip. His small arm is 12 inches long.

down to the 70-foot level silver values running as high as 1,000 ounces have been encountered. The mine is controlled in Woodstock and London, in which centers practically all the stockholders reside.

Score of Londoners May Spend Christmas Week in Quarantine

Dr. W. S. DOWNHAM, medical officer of health, figures that between 15 and 20 persons in the city will have a questionable happy Christmas this year. These are persons who, on account of illness, must spend the Yuletide period under quarantine.

Compared with a year ago, this number shows a material reduction. Twenty-two new cases of disease were reported last week diphtheria leading with eleven victims. The others were all minor diseases.

## PARTRIDGE GIVEN TERM IN BURWASH

Former L. and P. S. Conductor Found Guilty of Stealing Tickets.

Ernest C. Partridge, former conductor on the L. and P. S. R., who was found guilty of taking tickets and giving them to another party, by a county court jury last week, was sentenced to Burwash prison farm for a period of not less than three months and not more than two years, less one day, by Judge Macbeth on Monday afternoon.

George T. Dodd, who claimed \$204.34 for alterations to the premises of C. E. Knowles, 418 Richmond street, was awarded \$100, less credits of \$15, by Judge Macbeth, in the non-jury sitting. There was no order as to costs.

Judge Macbeth stating that "both parties by unbusinesslike methods have brought about this litigation."

G. N. Weekes appeared for the plaintiff, and J. A. E. Braden for the defence.

The action of the Car Owners' Garage against S. C. Moore, for \$2,700, was postponed until Jan. 3, to give Moore time to see if there were any errors in the statement put in by the plaintiff from the books of the defendant.

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## OFFERS TO TAKE OVER SCHOOL PENNY BANKS

Huron and Erie Corporation Would Simplify Present Methods.

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