

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A meeting of the Brant Historical Society was held in the public library building this afternoon.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the 215th battalion was held yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A., routine business only being disposed of.

## MUSICAL EXAMINATION.

Mr. A. T. Cringan, of Toronto is examining for the vocal examination of the Toronto University at the Academy of Music today.

## INDEPENDENT PARTY.

A meeting of the Grades and Labor Council was held last night, the hall being given over to the Independent Labor Party.

## MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting that was to have been held in Cainsville last night for the purpose of presenting buttons to the boys of the "teen age" who are working on farms, was postponed on account of the heavy rainstorm, until Thursday of next week. The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of Messrs. A. B. Rose, warden; A. J. McLean, reeve; J. L. Barnes and R. J. McMillan.

## WIDOWS' HOME.

The Managers of the Widows' Home gratefully acknowledge the following donations: Messrs. Geo. Foster & Sons, one hundred pounds of sugar; Mrs. (Rev.) Woodside, Boy's Club, basket of candy for each child; Whitaker Baking Co., rolls and buns; Grace Church, Deanery, roast of beef; L.O.B.E., 2 boxes of bread and butter; Miss Forde, sugar and coffee; Graham Bros., tomato plants; Ryerson Bros., bag of potatoes; Mrs. Meggitt, journals; A. friend, papers; Mrs. Schell, canned fruit and vacuum sweeper; meat, weekly, from Messrs Brohman, Minster, Burns, Heyd, Bloxham, Livingston and Wilkinson, Hartley and Smith.

## CLASS ENTERTAINED.

Last evening of the Golden Circle Philathea Class of the First Baptist Sunday School were hospitably entertained at the home of Mrs. Geo. Elliott, Edgerton St. Games and music were indulged in and dainty refreshments served. During the evening, Miss Best, the efficient teacher, was presented with a pearl ring as a slight token of the appreciation of the class to which she has been so faithful.

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## BUILDING PERMITS.

Two permits were issued at the office of the city engineer this morning, one to Mr. R. J. Silverthorne, 171 Albion street for the erection of a frame garage to cost \$50 and the other to Mr. W. H. Wisson, 19 Edward street, for a frame addition to a frame kitchen, the estimated cost being \$30.

## CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

A meeting of the Independent Labor Party was held in the Labor Temple last evening, when the constitution of this recently organized body as drafted by the provisional committee was thoroughly considered and amended. The unfavorable weather undoubtedly kept down the attendance, and it was thought best to hold another general meeting when the officers could be elected from the floor of the house.

## IS WOUNDED.

Mr. W. H. Whitaker, 144 Chatham St., was yesterday notified by a telegram from Ottawa of the wounding of his nephew, Gunner George Edward Whitaker, who is reported as severely wounded in the legs, and who is now in the general hospital at Etaples, France. Gunner Whitaker enlisted with the 55th Battery at 2nd draft, and went overseas with a draft from that unit. He has been on the battlefield for nine months. A brother is now on the firing line in France, and another brother is in a hospital in England, recovering from the effects of being gassed.

## POLICE COURT.

An interesting session of the police court was held this morning, when the Jamieson family, who assaulted County Constable William Taylor last December when he visited the Reserve to make an arrest, received warnings and fines. Clarence Jamieson was arrested in Toronto last week and was brought before Magistrate Livingston in the local police court and remanded for one week. This morning he was fined \$25 as was his father, Peter Jamieson, who was also concerned in the assault. Mrs. Margaret Jamieson, the wife of Peter, and her daughter, Levlina, were discharged, as they had apparently not been so directly concerned as the masculine members of the family. Ashton McNaughton was ordered to pay Clarence Jamieson \$26, and costs of \$12.12, resulting out of the court case instituted by the latter to obtain his wages. Velma Curran, who recently attempted to shoot her mother with a rifle, and doubts of whose sanity existed, has been adjudged insane, and this afternoon was taken to the Hamilton asylum by her father for treatment. Leslie Hall will appear again tomorrow on a charge of speeding his automobile. William B. Burrill was given two weeks in which to connect his house with the city sewer system. Constable J. G. Pickell was fined for neglecting to secure the necessary license for its maintenance. It was discovered, however, that William Nock, the defendant, sold the canine last December, and the case was therefore laid over for another week in order to locate the present owner.

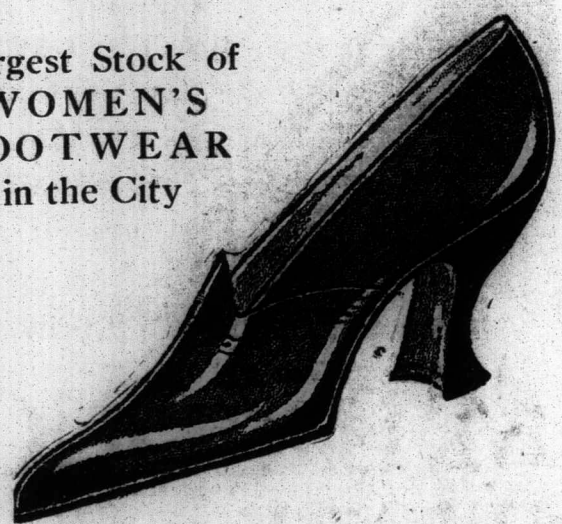
## Laid At Rest

G. S. WINTERS.  
The remains of the late George S. Winters were yesterday afternoon tenderly laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery, the funeral taking place from the family residence, 85 William street. A large number of friends and relatives of the deceased were present and attended impressive services conducted at the house and grave by the Rev. Llewellyn Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a firm and active member during his lifetime.

A wealth of floral tributes testified to the intense popularity which Mr. Winters had enjoyed during his long and useful life. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Cook, C. Moyle, W. Pierce, J. F. Schultz, Fred Chaffart and C. B. Hitchcock.

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## W.P.L. IS AIDING WAR VETERANS

Miss Church of Toronto and Others Addressed Women's Patriotic League

## FORMING CLUB HOUSE

For Returned Soldiers of Brantford and This Vicinity

An enthusiastic meeting of the Women's Patriotic League and others interested in the Returned Soldiers' Club was held in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Livingston presiding.

After the National Anthem had been sung, Mrs. Livingston introduced the chief speaker of the afternoon, Miss Church of Toronto, who presented the idea of a Tribute Night in Toronto, which was so successful that a most beautiful club house has been equipped there.

Miss Church then expressed her pleasure in being allowed the privilege of coming to Brantford to address the patriotic women of a loyal city. She called upon her hearers to remember the men who have given up all to fight for liberty, and thus have written Canada's name in the world's history, and to think of the women who with more than Spartan courage have sent forth their sons to war.

"Everyone is doing his duty by the men overseas," she continued, "but while life lasts we must not forget the men who have fought the ruthless foe and have come back, some blind, some deaf, some maimed. We must strive to be worthy of them—to reach the heights of those who have given so much."

"Last September the men returned from St. Julien, Giverny and Langemarck formed a club. Public sentiment was then apathetic, but they determined to surmount all difficulties, and came to me as sister of the mayor, for help."

Miss Church then told how she called a meeting at which the returned men were the audience that by a standing vote everyone present pledged his support.

A Tribute Night was decided on as the means for raising money. Letters, explaining the object, were sent to the daily press and a copy forwarded to every woman's organization. Street cars were placed and bulletins placed in front of Masses of small, which read: "Hear camp-fire songs sung and trench tales told by those who have been over."

On the night itself, there was a triumphal procession to the Hall, founded men who could not walk, were motored, and their stronger comrades marched through lanes of cheering citizens. Inside an even more thrilling scene was enacted. The hall was packed. The stage, backed by a huge Union Jack was "decorated" with a realistic sand-bag parapet, barb wire entanglements and all. As the five hundred wounded heroes made their way down the aisle to the platform women rose, waved and cheered and held up their children, and men wept with emotion.

Rousing speeches were given by returned men, and then in the middle of the program, representatives of each women's organization filed down the aisle with their pledges. The amounts presented were loudly announced, and by the end of the evening \$4,843 had been received with pledges which brought the total up to \$5,000. Various and amusing "stunts" by returned men completed the program.

It was decided to rent the mansion at the corner of Church and Carlton streets. When the Great War Veterans Association took possession they found fourteen bedrooms equipped with really good beds, a magnificent billiard room with three tables, offices, storerooms, reception room, card room and library. Artists loaned pictures and gifts were received of books, a piano, a Victrola and even a grand father's clock. After accomplishing this magnificent object however, the women of Toronto did not rest on their laurels. On March 10th they presented the G. W. V. A. with a cheque for \$5,000 as the nucleus of a fund for permanent headquarters, and they hope in the end to give the home as a lasting memorial.

Mrs. Livingston then called on Capt. Boddy, president of the Brantford branch of the G. W. V. A. to address the meeting.

Capt. Boddy, on behalf of the returned soldiers, thanked the women for what they have done. He explained that his society has really only been organized for about a month, but already seventy-five members have been enrolled, with their credentials properly examined. The Association wants a suitable furnished house with a permanent secretary in charge, not so much, the captain explained, for the men who have already returned, but for the three or four thousand whom Brantford will some day welcome back.

Capt. Rev. C. E. Jenkins was the next speaker. His object was to show the high ideals contained in the constitution of the G. W. V. A. These returned soldiers pledged themselves to give unstintingly to the Dominion and the Empire by their citizenship. On receiving their discharge papers the ydo not lose the right to give as they gave on the fields of France and Flanders.

Sgt. Broomfield also thanked the ladies for their kindness. He pointed out the high ideals contained in a club house where returned men whose friends might have left the city, could be made thoroughly at home. Quarters in some other building

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would be like a boarding house," he remarked, "but a club-house of our own would be home."

By a unanimous standing vote, the audience pledged themselves to support the movement to give the Great War Veterans a club-house.

Mr. J. M. Young then promised the backing of the merchants and business men of the city.

On a motion made by Mrs. Harry Jones, and seconded by Mrs. Gordon Duncan, Miss Church was tendered a sincere vote of thanks.

Mrs. Livingston said that a meeting of the heads of all societies affiliated with the Dominion Patriotic League would be called shortly to discuss ways and means.

The National Anthem was sung, and the meeting adjourned.

## LONDON TOWNSHIP SCENE OF MURDER

Soldier Released From Hospital Found Killed in Woods Nearby

## THE MOTIVE ROBBERY

Rubber Heel Found Near Scene of Struggle May be Valuable Clue

London, Ont., June 7.—Gunner Harold Payne, 63rd Battery, a member of 40 years, and a native of Lincolnshire, England, who lived for a time before enlistment at St. Mary's, was found murdered this morning in the woods on the farm of Wesley Sheehy, five miles north of London, London Township, High Constable B. F. Waterworth is to-day seeking the owner of a rubber heel found beside the body. Payne had been under treatment for rheumatism at the military hospital at Wolseley Barracks for some time. Saturday he obtained a pass, and left wearing his blue convalescent uniform, in which he was found.

Thirty cents in silver was found in his pockets, and pieces of either one or two \$2 bills had been trampled into the earth and almost buried in the base of a stump at the scene of the murder. It appears he had been torn during a struggle, for possession seemed evident. Payne, his comrades claimed, had about \$40 when he left the hospital. His breast was covered with blood from a three-inch gash in his throat, which, however, was not sufficient to have caused death.

In the belief of Coroner McNeil of Arva, Payne was still on his feet after he was shot. Then it appears he fled around the stump to escape his assailant and was brought down by a huge stone hurled at the right side of his head. The stone, blood-stained and matted with hair, was found beside a pool of blood, and there it is believed Payne's death occurred. His murderer's first impulse was to strip the body to prevent identification and to from and he removed the shoes. The leather inner heel fell from one of them before he replaced the shoes and carried the body to a sugar house some seventy feet away.

The body had not bled after its removal. The heels of both the soldier's shoes were intact, but beside the stump where the struggle had evidently taken place, a rubber heel was found. The owner of this, the police believe, is the murderer. Identification of the body was established by Major Cameron, commander of the 63rd Battery.

## TRANSPORT CROSSES

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Paris June 7.—At 11:35 a.m.—A large American transport containing wheat for American troops, which are to come later, has crossed the Atlantic under the protection of an American warship, the "Matin" announces. The transport is now being unloaded at a French port, the newspaper says.

Preparations are being made for the reception of American troops the newspaper says further. A number of houses similar to those of the British army have been organized.

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## Nuptial Notes

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The bride was a sunburst of pearls. The marriage guests, who included Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson, of Newport, and several relatives and friends sat down to a dainty lunch provided by Russell's. Rev. D. Alexander proposed the toast, which was responded to by Mr. Cecil Rich. The happy couple left on the 6 o'clock express for Toronto and the Highlands of Muskoka. On their return they will reside for a time at 99 Erie Ave.

## BROOKS-ARMSTRONG

On Wednesday afternoon, June 6th, Miss Agnes Isabelle Armstrong and Mr. Dean Brooks were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Zion church manse, 113 Darling street, by the Rev. G. A. Woodside. Immediately following the ceremony the happy couple left on their wedding trip for points east.

## STRAUGHAN-MITCHELL

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Dufferin Avenue, was the scene of a very pretty and charming wedding at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, when their third daughter, Grace Winifred became, the bride of Mr. Benson Straughan, of Minneapolis, the Rev. Llewellyn Brown officiating. The ceremony was a very quiet one, only immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present, including members of the groom's family from Goderich and Toronto. The room was resplendent with a wealth of beautiful floral decorations, and the ceremony performed in front of a bank of marigolds and ferns. The bride was charmingly attired in white silk organdy, wearing the wedding veil, and carrying a bridal bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Mitchell, also in white organdy and carrying Richmond roses, while the groom was supported by Mr. Reg. Beattie. The newlywed couple, amidst the felicitations of their many friends, departed on the six o'clock train for Montreal.

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## BRAZILIAN ARTILLERY

By Courier Leased Wire.  
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