

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB.

Because of the school week of holidays, there was no High School club meeting last night. Next Tuesday, however, the regular meeting will be held as usual.

TOBOGGANING.

A number of the Boys Club of the Y.M.C.A. went out tobogganing last night to Strawberry Hill. About 15 took the jaunt and report that the sliding was perfect. Mr. Frank Wood, boys' secretary, was in charge.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The superintendent and matron of the House of Refuge wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted by contributing towards the Christmas tree and giving the old folks a merry Christmas, also for contributions towards furnishing the chapel.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Secretary George Hately received the following contributions this morning and yesterday for the Belgian and Serbian relief funds: They are (Belgian) J. A. Sanderson, \$15; J. W. Widdup \$5; E. L. Gould, \$5.00; (Serbian) E. L. Gould, \$20.00.

FIRST HOCKEY GAME.

The Intermediate hockey team goes to Dunnville to-night for an exhibition game. The team leaves at 6 o'clock by C. T. R. and will return tomorrow morning. This game is expected to put the men in shape for the opening game with Paris here next Tuesday night. Manager Ed. Gould will take down the following players: Goal, Summerville; defence, Cliff Slemm, Cort, Dennis, "Punch" Woolams; forward, Lloyd, O'Connor, Johnson, Beckett, Clercy.

FAREWELL DINNER.

Mr. F. S. Schell, who is leaving to-day for St. John, N.B., from which city he sails on Saturday for England to join the Royal Flying Corps. He was the guest at dinner last evening at the Brantford Club. Eulogistic speeches were made by a number of those present and Mr. Schell was, during the evening presented with an address, read by Mr. Iden Champlow, and a pocket camera. Mr. Schell will be greatly missed in golfing and other circles. Some three thousand golfers throughout the Dominion are fighting for king and country, but Mr. Schell is the only one who has enlisted in the flying corps.

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including his address, King advanced to Premier Rad- ad shook hands with him ally amid loud applause. ED BY NECESSITY

Dec. 29.—A despatch to from Bucharest says: invocation of the Bulgari- was only decided upon after for postponements allowed institution were exhausted. is no longer any prospect action on the part of the parties constituting the the chamber, and the other war measures will

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LAST SESSION

The last meeting of the year of the Brantford Board of Education will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 30th in the council chambers.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

The legal offices at the Court House will be closed from twelve o'clock to-day until Friday, Jan. 7th, because of the legal holidays.

GETTING READY

Ballot boxes were being cleaned out and prepared for the coming election this morning in both the city hall and township offices. They will most probably be distributed in the city on Saturday.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Lieut.-Colonel Cutcliffe, Capt. Emmons, Adj. Capt. Hanna, Medical Officer, Capt. Sager, Quartermaster, and Capt. Van Someren, Paymaster, are all in Toronto to-day attending a conference. The staffs of all overseas units in this division were present.

SNAPPY GAMES TO-NIGHT

Two basketball teams will arrive this afternoon from London. From advance information both teams, intermediate and junior, are fast and snappy. But judging from the work-out of the Brantford teams for the last week or so, they will be able to put up a hard battle. These are exhibition games and are not scheduled.

TWO EVENTS FOR SOLDIERS

The married men of the 84th Battalion were tendered a most successful Christmas tree at Victoria Hall yesterday afternoon. The affair started at 3 o'clock and lasted until five o'clock and Mrs. Stewart were present and the other officers with their wives, also many citizens. The Colonel opened the ceremony with a short appropriate address and then left the rest to Santa Claus. Three hundred children were royally treated and left with smiles on their faces. After this a banquet was spread for the guests, officers and men, and the tables were fairly groaning under the load. The band rendered many selections. At night, there was a big all been cleared from the floor at the drill hall, and the light fantastic was merrily tripped by the soldier boys and their partners. The galleries were crowded with guests, and the refreshments were first class. Both events passed off with great success.

CHRISTMAS TREAT.

Last Monday evening, the old folks at the House of Refuge were pleasantly entertained by a number of young people from St. Jude's church, and others. The programme was well arranged by Miss Cornelius and Mr. C. Meers acted as chairman. The musical selections and some clever recitations were greatly appreciated by the audience. Miss Edie Burr was accompanist. The Rev. T. B. Jenkins, who gave a short address, suggested, with a view to making the coming year as happy as possible, a recipe for happiness of four ingredients—"Be content, be cheerful, be helpful, be hopeful." Piano solos were rendered with excellent taste by Miss Evelyn Briggs. Songs were contributed by Miss Cornelius, Miss Rose, Miss Dorothy Broadbent and Mr. Briggs. Duets on the violin were finely executed by Messrs. Gamble brothers, and two recitations by Miss Smith imparted merit to the company. A vote of thanks to the entertainers was proposed by Mr. Storey and seconded by Mr. E. W. J. Hunt.

See the advertisement of the Australian Cadets on Page 10. It will give you all the information you may desire with regard to the performances, prices of the tickets, etc.

COMING EVENTS

THIRD SON FOR SERVICE. Eric Cockshutt, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt, has enlisted with the 32nd Battery.

THIRD TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL in Zion Church, New Year afternoon, at 4, by Mr. David Wright, assisted by Miss Marjorie Jones, violinist. Silver collection.

MR. HAROLD JARVIS will sing at the Local Option Mass Meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, in Victoria Hall. Speakers—Galt Business men.

SLAYBAUGH—EASTMAN — On Dec. 25th, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. G. N. Johnson, 310 Dalhousie St., by Rev. Mr. McClintock, Irene E. Eastman to Fred Slaybaugh of Flint, Mich.

MAYOR KENT OF MEAFORD, will answer the statement made by the liquor trade that "Meaford is Tired of Local Option," at the Local Option Mass Meeting at Victoria Hall on Thursday, Dec. 30th.

FOR URGENT NEED of Secours National, the Women's Patriotic League, will serve tea at Jubilee Terrace in the new cars of the L. E. and N. Thursday and Friday, from 3 to 6.

ONE THOUSAND BLANKETS, old or new, urgently needed at once for Secours National. Kindly send to headquarters Women's Patriotic League.

ELECTION DAY—Morning, 11-2, evening 5:30-9. Women's Auxiliary serve oysters, crackers, cheese, coffee, rolls—see, Third floor, Y. M. C. A. Ladies and Gentlemen, Coms. Returns announced.

DR. JAMES L. GORDON, who crowded Zion Church every night for three weeks last year, at Grand Opera House, Sunday, January 2, 1916, 3:45 p.m. "Booze and Boozology," 8:15 p.m. "Ten nights in a Bar-room." Come all.

THE PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The depression which was over the Gulf of Mexico yesterday is now approaching the Great Lakes with increasing energy, while a marked cold wave is spreading over the western provinces from the northward. Snow has fallen from Alberta to Lake Superior. The outlook is stormy from Ontario eastward.

FORECASTS: Strong winds and gales, northeast to north with snow. Thursday, strong north to northwest winds, light local snow falls, but partly fair and cold.

BILLETS FOR VISITING CADETS

Outline of Arrangements Made to Entertain Oversea Guests.

The following parties named will entertain while here, the number of Australian Cadets, noted in brackets after each name: Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt (2); Mrs. Jos. Ham (2); Mrs. Gordon Smith (2); Mrs. Digby (2); Mrs. Yates (2); Mrs. Geo. Watt (2); Mrs. N. D. Neill (2); Mrs. D. T. Wilkenson (1); Mrs. T. E. Ryerson (2); Mrs. J. H. Spence (2); Mrs. R. H. Reville (1); Mrs. W. G. Raymond (2); Mrs. F. J. Calbeck (1); Mrs. Edmund Sweet (1); Mrs. Harry Cockshutt (2); Mrs. R. E. Ryerson (2); Mrs. Geo. D. Watt (1); Mrs. A. M. Jackson (1); Mrs. A. K. Bunnell (1); Mrs. J. J. Rowe (1); Mrs. T. H. Preston (2).

Australian Cadets.

An International Events—Visit of the Australian Cadets to Brantford, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 4th and 5th. Two splendid performances at the Opera House on Wednesday, Jan. 5th. Afternoon especially for school children. Prices, adults 35c, children 25c. Rush seats 10c. Evening—\$1.00, 75c, and 50c. Tickets at Boles' Drug Store.

With the City Police

In the police court this morning, which was held before Magistrate Livingston, William Clouse again appeared and faced two charges this time. He is a billed man, and having obtained some whiskey, was arrested in a very intoxicated condition. For this he was fined \$20 and costs or one month. He assaulted a young girl before his arrest, however, and struck her twice in the face. This offence was fined \$5 and costs or one month. Richard Cromwell supplied Clouse with the liquor which caused all the trouble, and he in turn was fined \$25 and costs or one month.

A citizen appeared for conversion, but when he returned the \$5 he was allowed to go.

Samuel Powless was committed for trial by jury because of his theft of a horse on the Indian Reserve on Christmas morning.

John Denchy, for drunkenness, was fined \$5 in all, and was dismissed on the indecent exposure charge.

As It Is Now.

In Brantford at the present time if a man drinks or if a man does not drink, such a measure is self-imposed and self-enforced. Nothing more. Local Option is imposed by others against your will. Which shall it be?—Adv.

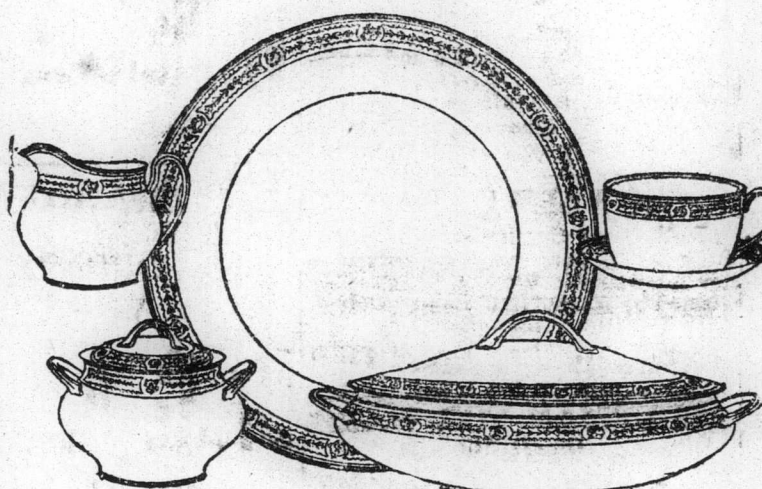
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Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Mr. Lloyd Frankland has returned to Milwaukee after spending the holiday in the city.

Pte. C. R. Montgomery of the 125th Brant Battalion left last Monday to take up a Sergeant's course.

Mr. Russell Moyer of the 46th Battalion, which is now stationed at Toronto, spent a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Slattery of London have returned home after spending Christmas in the city.

Mrs. F. J. McArthur, of Cobourg, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pierce.

Dr. K. W. Snider of Fort Scott, Kansas, and J. E. Snider of Moose Jaw, are home attending the funeral of their mother, the late Mrs. R. H. Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jarvis and family (agent for the Massey-Harris Co.) left the first of the week for Windsor, Detroit and Michigan for two months' holidays.

Mrs. Lane and Master Tanby, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Bullock for the past two months, left this morning for Brooklyn, N.Y. They will visit Mrs. Lane's son and daughter there for a few weeks before returning to their home in Winnipeg.

Laid at Rest

MRS. SNIDER.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Snider took place Monday afternoon from her late residence 157 Market St. to Greenwood cemetery. There was a very large attendance of sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. Mr. Woodside officiated assisted by Rev. E. L. nephew of the deceased and the pallbearers were Alex Edmondson, Norman Edmondson, Chris Edmondson, Otto Sage, W. E. Lochead, W. D. Coghill. The mourners, from out of town were Dr. Snider, J. E. Snider, sons: Rev. and Mrs. Lee, Miss Kirkland, Mrs. Tait, Miss Snider.

A very large number of floral tributes testified to the universal love and esteem in which the deceased was held.

LENA KIRCHNER.

The funeral of the late Lena Kirchner took place on Monday from the G.T.R. station to Greenwood Cemetery. The deceased lady was the wife of Mr. George W. Kirchner, and the family resided in the city some years ago. Mr. Kirchner owned a cigar factory here then, and since then has resided in Detroit. The remains were shipped from there. Mrs. Kirchner was 49 years of age and death was caused by an attack of pneumonia. Rev. G. A. Woodside conducted impressive services.

Maryland faces a big prohibition fight. The legislature is expected to curtail the sale of liquor.

Admiral George Dewey, who for life is the ranking officer of the American Navy, celebrated his 78th birthday at his Washington home.

W. B. Davis of Springfield, Mo., 94 years old, and the sprightly father of forty-one children, yesterday took his fourth bride, Mrs. Mary Bacon, 39 years old.

NEW CARS

Tea Will be Served in Them by Women's Patriotic League.

Two of the fine new passenger cars of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway and a baggage car, will arrive at the foot of Brant Avenue to-night.

Mr. Martin Todd, the manager of the road, has kindly placed them at the disposal of the Women's Patriotic League and tea will be served in them for a couple of days, commencing tomorrow (Thursday) between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Citizens are thus not only afforded the purchase of blankets for the Secours National, the official French organization in charge of relief work.

Citizens are thus not only afforded a chance to inspect the new cars, but can help a good cause into the bargain.

Obituary

JAMES HORNBY

The death of Mr. James Hornby occurred Monday night after an illness of two months. The deceased was 40 years of age and leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss. The children are Lillian, Edith and John, all at home. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the late residence, 7 Bowes Avenue, to Mt. Hope cemetery.

TALK ON SINCERITY.

A well attended meeting of the Alexandria Young People's society was held on Monday evening last. President Alex Houston had charge of the meeting and after the usual opening exercises, Mr. Frank Wood, boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the society. Mr. Wood gave a very interesting and exceedingly helpful talk on "Sincerity." Basing his remarks on the sincerity of Jesus Christ, the speaker pointed out the need of a sincere life. At the close of the meeting the result of the recent membership campaign was made known and Miss Daisy Houston's team proclaimed winners with 200 points. The losing team will entertain the members of the society at a social evening next Monday night.

BOWLING.

An enthusiastic meeting of the managers of the Y.M.C.A. Bowling League was held last evening and much business of importance was discussed. Murray McGaw was elected to the position of secretary-treasurer to fill the vacancy made by Cam Thornburn, who left this week for Toronto to take out a commission. In the absence of the president the vice-president officiated and conducted the business in a thorough manner. The Dorothy Kolts won the first series by a narrow margin and will roll off in the finals with the winners of the second series. It was decided to give the league winners \$5.00 and the runners-up \$6.00, also \$3.00 to high average and the same amount to the bowlers rolling the high single. The Grand Trunk and the Pratt & Leitchworth bowling teams applied for permission to take part in the second series, the secretary being instructed to write them. Some minor changes were made in the rules. Geo. Matthews, Harry Fleming and Bob Hope were elected as a committee to draw up the schedule for the second series, which will start Monday night, Jan. 3rd.

Montgomery, Ala., Chinese have been ordered deported to Hong Kong.

Avery Quits!

Daily Bargain Bulletin IT WILL PAY YOU TO WATCH THIS SPACE

Kant Krack Collars	19c
For	
Cashmere Hose.	
Regular 50c..... 5 pair for	\$1.00
Sweater Coats.....	\$1.99
Only 6 left, \$3.00 to \$5.00, for.....	\$3.49
5 only Pure Silk Neck Scarfs.	
Regular \$5.00	
Balance of Night Shirts	89c
for each	
White Stiff Front Shirts, all sizes.	79c
Each	
Hats, Hard and Soft Felt.	\$1.57
For	
All Caps, regardless of former price.	57c
going at	
Balbriggan Underwear.	78c
Per suit	
Coats.	\$4.95
Regular \$12.50	

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WITH THE SOLDIERS

The following have been appointed to the 125th Battalion: Lieut. J. P. Orr, D. M. Andrews, D. M. C. Smith, and L. H. Stratford.

Roy Brown who left Monday to take an officer's training course was one of the best known hockey players in Canada in his day. He played first in Paris, then in the Old International League in the Soo, Fort William District and finally with Brantford in the first year of professional hockey here some years ago. He also was a member of the pro lacrosse team in Brantford during the last two years of its existence and was a very steady player.

J. R. Gundy of Scotland, who has come all the way from Calgary to join up with the 125th Brant Battalion this morning as fit men: Charles Davis English, 36, laborer, married, 4 years 38th, 5 Brighton Row, William Edgar Simpson, Canadian, 18, bank clerk, single, city, 4 years B.C.I. Cadets.

Fred Coleman Canadian, 39, sheet metal worker, single, 18 Dundas St. W., Walter Henry Betch, English, 18, screen maker, single, 18, Grey St.

Harold Churchward, English, 23, machinist, single, 6 Wallace Street.

Thomas McAllister, Irish, 27, laborer, single, 4 years 25th Dragoons, Norwich, Ont.

The absolute increase in the tonnage of ships under the American flag during the first year of the war in Europe was 400,741 tons and has never been equalled in American history.

physician. The O.C. will deal severely with cases of absence without leave under any conditions.

Leave—Major V. V. Harvey is granted leave from Dec. 30, 1915 to January 4th, 1916.

The following officers have been granted leave from 5 p.m. 30, 12, 15, to 10 p.m., 3, 1, 16: Capt. H. G. Starr, Capt. G. D. Lee, Lieut. B. N. Barret, Lieut. W. Wallace, Lieut. W. E. Chelew, Lieut. A. F. Pringle, Lieut. C. Howcroft, Lieut. R. E. Watts.

SIX SIGNED UP.

The following six men were signed up with the 125th Brant Battalion this morning as fit men:

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Too Late for Classification

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