

WOMAN FATALLY INJURED BY TRUCK; DRIVER IS HELD ON CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

Mrs. Silas Lucas, Aged 87, Dies After Motor, Driven By Anthony Sansone, Hits Her and Her Daughter.

Lucas received when she was struck by a motor truck on King street, near the central fire station, about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, proved fatal to Mrs. Silas Lucas, aged 87, of 380 Dundas street, who died at her home about an hour and a half after the accident occurred. Immediately after the death of Anthony ("Bob") Sansone, driver of the truck, was arrested by Detective Inspector Thomas Nickle and is being held without privilege of bail.

Mrs. George Tume, daughter of the deceased, was also struck by the motor, which is owned by the firm of Catalano & Sansone, and is confined to her home at the same address, suffering from injuries to her left leg, a painfully lacerated face, injuries to her right eye and fractured thumb on her left hand. Dr. Ernest Williams, who was summoned to the scene of the accident and who is attending Mrs. Tume, has advised Mrs. Tume's removal to the hospital to-day for an X-ray examination to determine the exact extent of her injuries.

STORY OF WITNESSES.

Mrs. Lucas, who attained the age of 87 on her birthday on December 20, had, according to witnesses of the fatality, crossed over King street with her daughter and was about to step up on the sidewalk when the truck struck her. Both the ladies were thrown to the ground and one of the wheels of the vehicle passed directly over the aged woman's body. Mrs. Tume was thrown to one side and thus escaped the wheels of the motor and more serious injury. The motor was in a semi-conscious condition when picked up by pedestrians and both of the women, on the advice of Dr. Williams, were removed to their home in the police ambulance by Constables Langford and Lay.

Sansone reported to the police immediately after the victims had been removed to their home and was not detained at the police headquarters at the time.

Coroner Dr. J. C. Wilson last night ordered an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Lucas, but made no announcement as to when the jury would be convened. He stated that a post-mortem would be conducted to-day to find the exact nature of the injuries of the deceased and the direct cause of death.

Mrs. Tume told the Free Press at her home last night that she had received no warning of the approaching truck. She stated she was about to step on to the sidewalk with her mother when the motor struck her and that her mother received the full force of the crash. She also said that, according to eye-witnesses of the fatality, the truck was traveling at a rate of approximately 30 miles per hour as it approached the place where the two were struck. She asserted that S. H. Galagher, manager of the Durant Motors, and an employee of the same firm by the name of Mathews, who were at the crash and corroborated the statement of others in respect to the speed of the vehicle.

In contradiction to these statements as to the speed of the truck is the fact that the vehicle was stopped within its length. It is thought that a motor truck of almost any size could not stop in this length if it were going at a rate of speed nearly 30 miles per hour.

Sansone, who was visibly affected when told of the death of Mrs. Lucas, stated that the women stepped from behind a milk wagon directly in the path of the truck which was driving. He declared he had no opportunity to prevent the crash, which he said the truck was almost on top of the two victims.

BAPTIST CHORH HOLDS BANQUET

Second Annual Event At Wortley Road Church.

CHORH LEADER LEAVING

E. A. Werner and Daughter Honored On Leaving.

The Wortley Road Baptist Church choir held their second annual banquet last evening in the schoolroom of the church. About 60 persons, guests and choir, sat down to beautifully decorated tables, the color scheme being red and green. After a delightful and well-prepared supper, program of songs and speeches was commenced, while all sat around the tables. The president of the choir, W. A. Chalcraft, presided over the affair.

A solo by Miss Jennie Hicks was much appreciated. The chairman called on the pastor, Rev. R. J. Murphy, for an address. Mr. Murphy, in his opening remarks, asked the president for the privilege of giving his speech in two instalments, which was readily granted. Mr. Murphy kept his audience in a high state of meriment throughout his entire address.

Ross Werner and Harold Monk were both at their best in the solos they rendered, while Miss Doris Werner's skill as an accompanist was very much in evidence. Miss Werner's high accomplishment in this direction was referred to in a special way by the choir president.

REGRET DEPARTURE.

After several speeches from the different members of the music committee, the chairman called on the pastor for the remainder of the address. Mr. Murphy made some strong comments on the work of the choir during the past year and spoke in glowing terms of the leader, E. A. Werner, and also of Miss Doris Werner, and expressed his extreme regret that they are leaving to take up work in a larger way in another church.

During his talk, Mr. Murphy invited Mr. Werner to the platform and presented him with a check as token of the appreciation and high esteem in which he is held as a choir leader. The audience broke into singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" while Mr. Werner was recovering from his surprise, and then, in a few feeling remarks, Mr. Werner expressed his thanks for the many expressions of appreciation and told of his regret at the coming departure of himself and family from the church life they have so much enjoyed in the past five years.

Ether Waves From a Rare Atmosphere

People desert libraries to hear radio. Apparently the book-worm has become the radio bug.

Why waste money buying a radio set to listen in on when party phone lines are so cheap?

The question of a collegiate in the East End is now being held up on a Technicality.

Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. If you live to be that old you may see the day when a press agent refuses to be interviewed.

The Canadian hockey team went all to pieces to-day. The Britishers scored two goals on them.

Minister burned a barn trying to catch a thief. He ought to preach a rattling good sermon on hell fire next Sunday.

IT IS THE TRUTH.

When it's too cold to swear, it's time to go to Florida.

Newspapers announce radio device for curling hair. All right, girls, tune in on a marcel wave.

A DUMBELL is a nonentity who guesses that a community drive is the highway to Springbank.

Visitors who tell us all their troubles are welcome every February 29.

HAPPY HINTS.

Don't let your husband or your furnace go out on a cold night.

Temperamental folks should remember that artists and poets are used to going without food and living in garrets.

Perhaps there is a sausage shortage in St. Thomas. Folks there have been fined for letting dogs run at large.

Collegiate students must be vaccinated. That will be one mark that won't count on their examination.

Western is to graduate a woman doctor this June, so perhaps we can do for our illness until then, perhaps.

Boxers in France are barred from kissing each other at end of pugil. Rules are gradually taking all danger out of pugilism.

NEWS BULLETIN.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. Another dozen heat prostrations were recorded here to-day and a number of natives are succumbing to the lure of Canada and other winter resorts. The heat wave has caused an ice famine and unless colder weather comes immediately a heavy toll of life may be exacted.

Grand opera star has died in poverty. She might have cashed in on a few of her high notes.

Fire loss was lower in January, although a lot of tobacco went up in smoke.

Saskatchewan is honest. They admit that it is dry and that they feel it. Consequently they will hold a liquor referendum.

8,000 ROTARIANS TO GATHER AT TORONTO

Twenty-Nine Nations Will Be Represented at Great International Convention.

Eight thousand delegates of the Rotary Clubs, representing 29 different countries, will gather in Toronto next June to attend the international Rotarian convention.

To house this vast number of delegates is not an easy matter, and the local committees in charge are making every effort to have each one billeted in comfort. Towards this end, a letter is being sent to householders in the district south of Bloor street west, and west of Rosedale avenue, asking that the district provide accommodation for about 2,500 to 3,000 guests. It being found impossible to find hotel room for everyone. A regular rate of payment has been fixed, and no one is being asked to give rooms in their houses for nothing.

The convention is being held in the grounds, and consequently private homes in close vicinity are being asked to render assistance in providing accommodation.

Seriously Ill



WOODROW WILSON, former United States president, whose condition took a decided turn for the worse to-day.

1923 BENEFACTORS ARE BANQUETED

Grooms of Past Year Honored By "Y" Class Members.

ALSO GIVEN A SHOWER

Rolling Pins and Frying Pans Included In Gifts.

Resigned old benefactors and apprehensive young bachelors were hosts to a unique Leap Year banquet, held in the Y. M. C. A. last night, in honor of 12 of their brothers who had succumbed to Cupid's wiles during the past year. All precedents were smashed when an after-marriage shower, consisting of rolling pins and other dual-service instruments, were presented to the guests, who blithely accepted them as a tribute to their manly beauty.

Marital influence was blamed for the non-appearance of four of the bridegrooms. Their absence was compensated, however, by the words of wisdom given by the remaining eight, who graced the head of the festive table and roundly rebuked the women.

Most original on the evening's program were the greeting song, rendered by the hosts, and the musical reply, given by the bridegrooms. The greeting song was as follows:

We are the escaped members of celebrated fame; We're here to see the benefactors, so we are not to blame; Just watch them sweetly smiling, As they give us a happy bunch? It cannot be so terrible; I guess we'll take the hunch.

A TOUCHING BALAD.

Putting their vocal chords into high gear the benefactors gave vent to the following music:

We are the poor unfortunates, we thank you just the same; We could not help our beauty, so why blame us to blame? We feel sorry for you fellows, but it must be a treat To have no home to go to and live out in the street.

As a fitting climax to these verses the benefactors joined in the refrain, "Love Will Find a Way."

The shower and banquet was arranged under the auspices of the Junior Business Men's Gym Class, following the afternoon class workout. Leonard acted most capably as a chairman, while a piano solo, given by Leo Herbert, was roundly enjoyed. A vote of thanks to the ladies' auxiliary for the supper was given on motion of R. Olmstead.

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COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COSTS ON INCREASE

Boost Attributed To Larger Attendance of Pupils.

Considerable increase in the 1923 expenditures in the administration of the high schools of the County of Middlesex faces the auditing committee, which began its annual duties in the county court building this morning. While officials engaged in the task were reluctant to state anything in the way of comparison, owing to the fact that the work had just begun, the reason for the expected increase, according to John Stuart, county clerk and member of the committee, is due to a large increase in attendance.

TALK COUNTY SHARE OF TRIBUNAL UPKEEP

Proportion of Costs Will Be Discussed By Juvenile Court Committee.

Just what proportion of the costs of the juvenile court administration the county should pay is expected to provide the main item of business before the juvenile court committee of the County of Middlesex, which goes into session at the county buildings this afternoon.

The topic, which has been under discussion for some time, but which was never settled owing to the comparatively recent institution of the juvenile court here, is expected to find a satisfactory solution. No data concerning the proportion of city and township cases handled by the court was available to-day. E. G. Turnbull, of Lobo; A. L. McDougall, Carleton; and John Stuart, county clerk, comprise the committee which will sift the question in detail this afternoon.

Girl Swindles Grocer By Representing Self As Customer's Daughter

Clever Ruse of Young Adventuress Recalls Somewhat Similar Incident of a Few Days Ago.

The ladies are not content with smoking cigarettes, wearing mannish costumes, going forth on the field of sport to conquer in baseball, basket ball, hockey and otherwise conducting themselves to things generally set aside for the men; they have branched out into another form of service; they have joined the ranks of the swindlers, albeit on a small scale.

Recently a comely young lady presented herself to the president of the Hurd Manufacturing Company factory on Quebec street, claimed to be the daughter of one of his employees and presented an order for \$2. Seeing nothing out of order, the president promptly paid the money requested, the "father" of the girl not being at work that day. It was not until the "father" returned to work that it was learned that he had not as yet been blessed with a daughter.

ECONOMY PROMPTS TECH. CONVERSION

Bryden Campbell Explains Attitude of Trustees.

OUTCOME IS DOUBTFUL

Await Conference With Dr. F. W. Merchant Here.

What the outcome of last night's meeting of East End ratepayers will be is something that remains very much to be seen. Members of the local Board of Education are noncommittal to-day, and they refuse to offer any opinions as to whether the protest will result in abandonment of the scheme to convert the Technical School into a vocational college or not. They are content for the present to wait until Dr. F. W. Merchant, representing the department of education, reaches here and stages a conference with local authorities.

It is rumored, however, that there will be some opposition when the advisory vocational committee holds its regular meeting next Monday night, and it is not at all unlikely that the delegates from the East End meeting will receive some support when they appear before the advisory trustees.

In discussing the matter to-day, Trustee E. N. Campbell, chairman of the Board of Education, stated that so far as he is concerned, and he believes a few other members of the board, the whole problem is one involving the question of economy.

"I want to see every part of our educational plant in use; I want every classroom in our high schools to be occupied and every piece of unused equipment pressed into service, without considering any further expenditures," he declared to-day.

The chairman stated further that the board has no desire to force anything on the ratepayers of the East End. As a matter of fact, its members were anxious to give the East End the very best in the way of equipment, but with the need for economy it was impossible to build new schools until the present ones were fully used.

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JANUARY COURT CASES FEWER

Fewer Convictions Registered Than In December.

CITY GETS \$2,392 IN FINES

While the number of police court cases during the month of January was about the same as that of the corresponding month last year, the total was somewhat lower than for the preceding month of December. In all a total of 154 cases came before the court, out of which there were 28 convictions registered. The city's share of the fines amounted to \$2,392.

Several cases of theft, fraud and other serious charges were heard. In two instances indefinite terms in the Ontario reformatory were imposed, while a number of others were sentenced to serve comparatively short periods in the county jail.

COLLEGIATE STUDENTS MUST BE VACCINATED OR REMAIN IN QUARANTINE TWO WEEKS

Precaution Taken As Result of the Discovery of Case of Smallpox In One of the Pupils.

Students at the Central Collegiate must submit to vaccination or show proof of having recently been treated or remain in quarantine at their homes for two weeks as the result of an order issued to-day by M. O. H. Dr. Downham. This was the result of discovery of a case of smallpox, a pupil from Broughdale, having developed this disease recently, and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

30 PERSONS IN DANGER ON OHIO RIVER STEAMER

PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 31.—Thirty persons, passengers and crew of the steamer Tom C. Powell, are in danger, stranded on the top deck of the steamer which sunk in the middle of the Ohio River eight miles above Paducah to-night after striking heavy flood of ice, which tore a huge hole in her hull.

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