

CORONER'S JURY HOLDS FUGITIVE RESPONSIBLE AFTER ONLY 4 MINUTES

Six People Give Evidence at Inquest Into the Death of County Officer Jack Waddell—Tell of Hearing Shot and of Seeing Harlton Fleeing.

FINDING OF BULLET PLAYS IMPORTANT PART

A coroner's jury at the police station last night held Edward Harlton responsible for the death of County Motorcycle Officer Jack Waddell, shot in a laneway beside the Harlton home on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The jury's verdict, brought in after only six witnesses had been heard, reads: "That the deceased, Jack Waddell, came to his death on September 12, as the result of a bullet discharged by the hands of Edward Harlton."

Although as many as twelve witnesses had been subpoenaed to give evidence, Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd closed the inquest after half that number had been heard, declaring that he believed the evidence to be sufficient, and adding that he was unwilling to put the remainder of the witnesses in the box at the present time.

No Eyewitnesses.

There were no actual eyewitnesses to the shooting. The gist of the evidence told of the slain man's body being found in the laneway of the Harlton home shortly after 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. His revolver was found by his side. The fact that it was examined by the police and found fully loaded, and the fact that Waddell had shot himself, Harlton was seen working on his motorcycle in the laneway a few minutes before the shot was fired, and later he was seen running away from the scene, hurrying along Ege-ton street, with a hand on his coat, and fleeing north across Dundas street, in between English's grocery store, and disappearing from view.

The discharged shell of a .25-calibre bullet was found in the rear seat of Harlton's Ford car, alongside of which Waddell lay dead. The bullet, which caused Waddell's death, he, Percy Banghart told the jury, was a .25-calibre one.

High Constable Wharton told of how he had seen Jack Waddell, who was suspected of being a member of the gang of chicken thieves, others were being rounded up, and it was Mr. Wharton's intention to arrest Harlton as soon as he had put his hands in jail and had definitely located him.

Finds Body.

"When I arrived in East London at about 5:40 o'clock on Saturday afternoon of the twelfth, I found a group of people standing in the laneway of the Harlton home, and in answering the questions of Mr. Judd, Waddell lay beside the right running board of a Ford car, the body of which was between the house and the car. He was dead when I arrived. I saw a small hand, Detective Inspector Whittaker, which I believed, he found in the rear seat of the car. I then gave Detective Nickle all the information I knew and got into my own car and went north to Oxford street, looking for Harlton."

Mr. Wharton declared the description of Harlton's dress, told him by people in the vicinity who saw him run away, did not tally with that he had made note of himself when he saw Harlton earlier in the afternoon. A pair of rubber boots which Harlton wore before the shooting, which he found in his home, however, and the high constable positively identified them with those the man had worn previously.

"I couldn't possibly have been Ed, who did the shooting," Harlton's mother declared, after being questioned, the high constable said in evidence. "He hasn't been here since you were here, Mr. Wharton," she continued.

Saw Harlton.

Nancy Allen, a next-door neighbor of the Harltons, residing at 544 Ege-ton street, stated that she was standing in her yard at the rear of her home when she heard a shot. She said, and 15 minutes before the shooting he was seen standing in front of his car, endeavoring to crank it.

"He was wearing a blue suit and a khaki cap," Miss Allen stated. "I didn't notice whether he managed to crank the car or not. I heard a shot, and then somebody shouting, 'He's standing over to where Harlton was standing, and he was looking anxiously around to see if anyone was watching. He hurried from the car, and my friend called to me that Eddie was running. I ran to the street, believing there had probably been a motor accident or something, and then I saw Harlton, and he was running in the laneway. He was alive and trying to speak."

Robert Walsh, 211 Wortley road, son of Detective George E. Walsh, was the first to notify the police that there had been a shooting. Working at the Fair grounds, his attention was attracted by a shot, and looking in the direction from where it came, he saw a man run from around the corner.

Went Down Laneway.

Walsh stated that the man was wearing a khaki cap and a dark suit. He told of how he saw him turn north towards Dundas street and then down the laneway of English's grocery store. When his curiosity was aroused, he ran to the Ege-ton street laneway, and saw the body of a man lying on his face and against a house. At about the same time an elderly man and woman came around the laneway, and the woman asked, "Why did the poor boy shoot himself?"

Walsh called the police station. Returning to the Ege-ton street laneway he found a revolver lying beside the slain man's body, just out of reach of the dead man's right hand. His coat was open and in it was concealed a gun, upon examination, had a filled magazine. None of the bullets had been discharged.

Motorcycle Officer Morley Leach, on duty at the police station at the time of the shooting, told how he responded to the police call. A large crowd was on hand when he arrived, and he saw the man's pulse and found that Waddell, whom he knew personally, was dead.

Finds Empty Shell.

"I saw a revolver lying beside the right hand of Waddell's body," Constable Leach said. The shell was unexploded. There was no other revolver nearby. A little boy picked up an empty shell in the rear seat of the Ford motor car and gave it to me. It was .25 calibre, and examination of Waddell's revolver showed it to be a .25 calibre."

Dr. Percy Banghart, who performed the post-mortem, told the jury that

PRIVATE BRIDGE SCHEME RAPPEL

Dr. H. A. Stevenson Thinks International Link Should Be Publicly Owned.

Construction of an international traffic bridge across the Detroit river at Windsor, proposed by private interests, is criticized today by Dr. H. A. Stevenson, ex-M. L. A. Such a project is opposed to the public interests of the country, and will hurt the workingman. A government-financed structure undertaken jointly by the two countries, is what is needed, according to Dr. Stevenson.

"When Mr. Deary was premier he proposed to build an international bridge and some progress was made in negotiations with the state of Michigan," declared Dr. Stevenson. "We would have built a bridge which would have developed the surrounding districts of both countries at a little tax to the workingman."

"I was to see the governor of Michigan to take up the matter further. But the Drury government was defeated and the new legislature let the matter drop.

"A bridge could have been built which would have brought in revenue from railways and automobile traffic. A nominal charge would be made on foot passengers, just a fee to permit regulation of traffic and permit a small amount of revenue. Yet there would be sufficient to pay interest and sinking fund charges."

"With a private corporation having control of the bridge they can charge what they like. It will not be a good thing for the two countries. The workingman will have to bear the burden."

City Churches

NEW ST. JAMES' W. M. S.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of New St. James' Church was held last night, with 33 members present. The president, Mrs. Andrew Miller, was in the chair. A splendid address was given by Mrs. (Rev.) F. S. Oskell on "Prayer and Missions." Miss Irene Brown contributed the solos for the evening. Mrs. Grosvenor, the presbyterial secretary, was highly complimentary on the work of packing the bales for New Liskeard.

ST. LUKE'S A. Y. P. A.

The opening meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of St. Luke's church, through the calling of the right hand, the committee elected to arrange the programs for three months will be: Miss Marion Peiter, James Rennie and Miss Marion Peiter. Plans were made to hold a magazine and paper gathering to raise funds for the society. The election of officers will take place.

BEECHER UNITED W. M. S.

The opening meeting of the W. M. S. of Beecher United church will be held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Robins, Wortley road, at 8 o'clock.

BEECHER UNITED M. B.

The junior mission band of Beecher United church will be reorganized on Friday afternoon at 8:15. Mrs. (Dr.) Fowler and Miss Mole will be in charge of the meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S L. A.

The meeting of the ladies' aid of St. Andrew's United church, held yesterday afternoon, was well attended. Mrs. G. L. MacDonald, the president, presided. Arrangements were made to hold a tea in October and a rummage sale in a few weeks' time. The rummage sale will be held every two weeks in the church parlors. The Bible reading was given by Miss Canell, and Mrs. Carson led in prayer. Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Land were appointed the conveners of the boys' supper to be held next Tuesday.

EGERTON ST. B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of Ege-ton street Baptist church was held last night with 50 members present. The president, Mrs. Sparling, presided. Deacon Maynard gave an illustrated travelogue talk on his trip to the coast. A vocal solo was contributed by Mrs. Tupholme and a violin solo by Fred Wilcox, with Mrs. Sparling at the piano. The scripture reading was given by Miss Queenie Salche. Rev. Alf. Burgess closed the meeting with prayer.

CHALMERS M. B.

The mission Band of Chalmers Presbyterian church was held yesterday afternoon, in the small school-room of the church, with Miss Viola Phillips in the chair. Psalm 103 was repeated in unison, and two questions of the shorter catechism were given. The scripture lesson was read by Evelyn Thompson, and Margaret Stanfield led in prayer. Little Helen Denley then told a story of "Jean's Missionary Friend." Mite-boxes were constructed and distributed to the members for their thank offering. The thank-offering meeting will be held in October.

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ST. DAVID'S G. F. A.

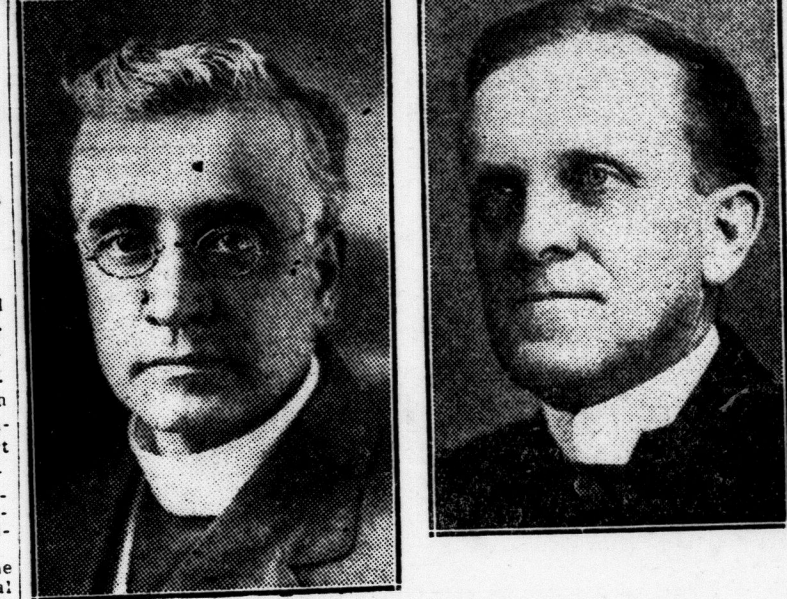
The Girls' Friendly society of St. David's Anglican church held a corn roast last night at the foot of Ege-ton street. A jolly time was spent, roasting wieners and marshmallows, and playing games. All joined in singing around the glowing fire. Mrs. Pinel was the convener of the program.

DEATH OF DONALD GREGORY.

The death occurred yesterday in the War Memorial Children's hospital of Donald Robert Gregory, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gregory, aged five years and one month. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the family residence, 981 Ormsby street, at 2:30 o'clock, with Ensign Kitson officiating. Interment will be made in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

FUNERAL OF WM. A. LEESON.

The funeral of William Albert Leeson, who died on Sunday at his late residence, 123 Mill street, was held this afternoon at the John Pearson funeral parlors at 2 o'clock. Services, which were at 1:30 p.m., were conducted by Rev. Mr. Robinson, assistant pastor of the Methodist United church. Mr. Leeson was in his 84th year. Burial took place in Woodland cemetery.



NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS.
Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, M.A., B.D., London (left), elected president of the London United church conference, and Rev. Murray C. Tait, B.A., of Glencoe, elected secretary.

John, Aged But Frisky, Cuts Last Capers Today On Road To Equine Death Chamber

Horse, With Predilection For Midnight Garden Parties, Is Condemned to Die.

A BAD OLD STEED

Last Frolic Takes Place Monday Night and Police Do Their Duty.

John, aged horse, played his last prank yesterday. His characteristic friskiness which has got him into much trouble throughout life, will spell death. He will be given his last chance to caper today, when he prances along the road to the incinerator. His penalty for a serious crime, of which he was convicted by Magistrate Graydon in police court this morning.

John has a voracious appetite and displays a greed for delicate shrubbery, rose bushes and pretty flowers. His daily ration consists of oats and hay, but that fare does not appease his midnight supper appetite, and his craving more palatable food, it is his custom at night to break loose from tether and visit neighboring gardens.

But he not only chews and eats the flowers and shrubbery—he tracks the lawns, imprinting large hoof marks, and he tears the turf and rolls the flower beds, and generally plays havoc with neat gardens.

John romped for the last time last night. The police were told of his escapade to appear in court today. Then the story of John's friskiness, and his midnight supper appetite, and his custom at night to break loose from tether and visit neighboring gardens, was told. "He is a bad animal," the owner said, "and he's getting old. He's not good for anything now, but just the same, he's as frisky as a cat."

Had John youth in his favor, Magistrate Graydon might have excused his offenses. As it is, however, he can work no more, and although sentiment alone had thus far saved his life, the court decreed that he should die. John goes to the incinerator, the death room for condemned horses, this afternoon.

DECORATED MOTOR CAR BRINGS FOUR "MEDS"

Students at Western Come From Windsor in All-Day Jaunt.

Bearing gay mottoes relative to speed and performance, a wheezing, spluttering motor car of the used variety chugged merrily along the road from Windsor to London yesterday. On its radiator the grim skull and cross bones of the medical fraternity revealed the identity of the passengers. They were Jim Howell, '30, University of Western Ontario; Gourley Howell, '29; Charlie Dwyer, '30, and John McLennan, '29. Stanfield led in prayer. Little Helen Denley then told a story of "Jean's Missionary Friend." Mite-boxes were constructed and distributed to the members for their thank offering. The thank-offering meeting will be held in October.

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INFANT DIES.

Lucan, Sept. 21.—Roland John Walden, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walden, died early this morning, concluding a brief illness. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Anglican church, interment to be made in St. James' cemetery.

Watch Stolen From Pulpit; Thief Must Attend Church

A good strong sermon preached in a Komoka church last Sunday morning apparently did not make much of an impression on one of the congregation. The young man, who had been in the church, and all was silent in the church, he proceeded to steal the minister's watch which the good man had left in the pulpit.

The minister returning half an hour later, found that his gold watch had vanished. He suspected nobody of the theft, but High

FIRST LECTURES AT UNIVERSITY

Greetings of Classmates Feature Opening of Student Year.

Lectures in the form of preliminary canter were on the program for the official opening of the University of Western Ontario this morning. There was much rushing from one lecture room to another with frequent pilgrimages to the administration offices.

The professors said at noon that lectures had been slated for the morning, but they turned out to be chiefly greetings to the classes. It is hardly expected that much study will be undertaken this week. Handshaking took up a great deal of the morning. Fresh arrivals at the school at once met a dozen or more men and women that they must see just for a moment. One student observed that they ought to call the opening day old home week for it was chiefly reminiscences.

All along the halls and in the lecture rooms groups of students talked over summer vacation and next winter's program. The notice board was eagerly read but had nothing to offer in the way of entertainment.

The tickets drew attention to time tables and a meeting of two freshmen wearing the conspicuous headgear that is to embarrass them for a month or two. It is understood that several of the sophomore girls gathered together to answer the call of duty this morning and filled several bags with suit wherewith the freshmen will be theoretically treated to the effectiveness of youth.

There is trouble in store for the freshmen. Already the plans for the initiation are under way. It is a secret too good to keep. The registrar's office this morning was rumormongering that they were planning a hectic battle for initiation day.

At the registrar's office this morning business was brisk. There was a never-ending stream of traffic into the administrative offices for registration. Mr. Neville, who has had the registrar's duties and the responsibilities of the deanship on his shoulders said that his officers were now functioning 24 hours a day.

In the extra mural work presided over by Dr. H. R. Kingston there have been upward of 50 registrations to date. There are many more to come in. Last year there were 70 students taking the course in the department of zoology. It is confidently expected that this year the total registrations will approach 100.

The whole year's work is sent out to the students who cannot attend the university proper. The students do the work in their spare time and send in the lessons for correction. The extension work has been such a success in the past that a larger number of outside students are expected this year.

Encouraging support has been found by service club workers who are campaigning for the new hotel, according to reports this afternoon. A luncheon meeting was held at the Smallman & Ingram tea room at 2 o'clock.

Workers of the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs are giving their time and energy gratis in order to minimize selling expense. Some very encouraging stock subscriptions have come almost voluntarily and the response which service club workers are now getting shows a favorable attitude of citizens towards the commendable enterprise.

Arrangements for furtherance of the stock selling campaign were gone over at today's meeting when many representatives of all interested organizations were present.

NEW HYDRO CABLES ARE LAID IN LONDON

Another link in London's increasing system of subterranean cable was laid last night by workmen of the utilities commission, this time an extra cable being laid between Richmond and Clarence street.

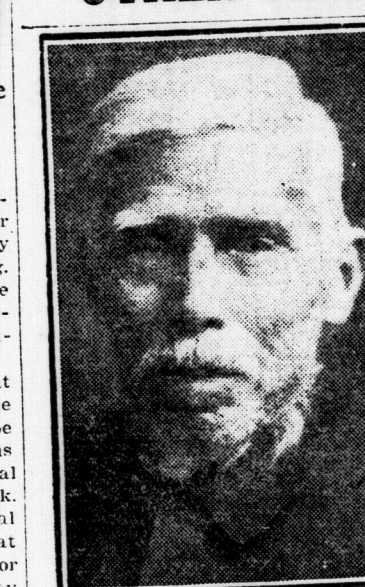
The new cable will take care of high tension power wires in this part of the congested district. The utilities led the field in starting the underground cable work in London and during the past few years nearly five miles of ground cable for electric power, telephone and telegraph transmission have been laid.

Y.M.C.A. GYMNASIUM WORK STARTS MONDAY

The gymnasium program of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. will begin on Monday, according to W. H. Spearman, boys secretary. Details for a greater program of swimming and life saving. Swimming instruction will be carried out as last year.

Locker rooms in the boys' department have been changed about to make the quarters more comfortable for the boys who go to the association building to swim.

WHOOPING COUGH DISTANCES OTHER DISEASES ALL SEASON



SIR GEORGE HUNTER, British shipbuilder, who has voiced a warning that Britain is heading for bankruptcy and ruin—a warning which, Lloyd George says, cannot be ignored, in view of the source from which it comes.

WESTERN TO FIGHT CORN BORER PEST

Research Experiments Will Be Started in University Science Building.

The corn-borer is to be attacked by the University of Western Ontario. The fight begins in the science building within the next few days. Dr. John D. Dettwiler, professor of zoology, announced this morning that two research workers would spend the next year fighting pests in the laboratories of Western.

H. G. Ficht, a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural college, Guelph, and Harold Fox, B.A., University of Western Ontario, will devote their time to solving the corn-borer problem.

Both men have had practical experience in the work. At present Mr. Ficht is employed by the department of agriculture at Wheatley. Mr. Fox is also with the department of agriculture in the entomology branch.

Dr. Dettwiler said today that the facilities for research work on such a subject were excellent at the university and much good should come of the experiments that will be carried on.

ARSON SUSPECTS HELD.

Tokio, Sept. 22.—Three workmen have been held for trial in connection with the destruction of the diet building here on Sept. 18. It may develop that the fire was of incendiary origin.

About 100 Cases Quarantined Here in the Last Two Months.

MUMPS OVER EARLY

Health Department Reports Show 1,601 Cases in Year.

In the autumnal sprint of children's diseases whooping cough bids fair to lead the straggling field by several laps, and be easily the outstanding contagious disease here this season. During the past two months approximately 100 cases of whooping cough have been put under quarantine and at present the noisy outbreak is away ahead of others.

According to health department reports released today there have been 1,601 cases of mumps this year, but most of these came during the first half of the year. Not a dozen cases have been reported in the last two months.

Measles have been comparatively light this year, with only a total of 27 cases. Only one case of typhoid fever is on record for 1925.

Mumps have claimed the largest number of victims this year. Chorea comes next, with 424 cases reported, then whooping cough, with 336, and scarlet fever with 266.

COLD WEATHER STOPS OUTDOOR TEACHING

Arrangements For Housing of Pottersburg School Pupils Will Be Made.

Arrangements for the housing of Pottersburg public school pupils during the coming year will likely be completed during the present week. Since the first of the month one class of students has been taught outdoors. But yesterday's chill blasts found pupils shivering, and today arrangements are being hastened for inside accommodation for all.

At the present time two buildings have been inspected with a view to securing overflow accommodation in one of them. The executive committee of the board of education will meet before the end of this week to decide on one of these properties for school use.

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