

# WINDOW-BREAKER TAKES JEWELRY IN ST. THOMAS

## NURSES' SCREAMS FRIGHTEN EARLY MORNING THIEF

Makes Away With \$200 Worth  
of Goods From Jack-  
son's Store.

### DISAPPEARS IN AUTO

Special to The Advertiser.  
St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—A lone man, driving a small coupe, broke the plate glass window of Jackson's jewelry store at five minutes after three this morning and made away with \$200 worth of watches and other valuables.

At 3 o'clock the nurses in their home on the north side of Talbot street were surprised to see a car stop across the street near the jewelry establishment. A man stepped out of the car and walked to the Metcalfe street corner, a few paces away, then returned and threw half a brick through the east window. The nurses screamed aloud as they saw him reach into the window and grab its contents.

The robber, hearing the shouts, quickly ran for his car and disappeared out on Talbot street in a westerly direction. The nurses telephoned for the police, and every effort was made by the officers to trace the window-breaker. R. Kearns came to the store immediately and reported his loss amounting to some \$200, including three watches valued at \$40 to \$45, and other small articles. He left some goods untouched in his hurry to make a getaway.

Mr. Kearns is of the opinion that the robbery was the work of a local man, probably on his way from some place of amusement.

## Powder Puffs Will Be More Numerous In House

British Election Returns Show Ranks of Women Members Increased by Five.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Eng., Dec. 7.—Eight women will sit in the new British Parliament, it was indicated by election returns tonight, as compared with three who held seats at the time Parliament was dissolved. The three were Lady Astor for the Sutton division of Plymouth; Mrs. Margaret Wintlingham, Liberal, for the Louth division of Lincolnshire, and Mrs. Margaret Philipson, for the Berwick-on-Tweed division of Northumberland.

All of them were re-elected, and they will be joined in the new Parliament by the Duchess of Atholl, Conservative, Lady Terrington, Liberal, and Miss Susan Lawrence, Miss

Margaret Bondfield and Miss Dorothy Jewson, Labor.

The Conservatives and Laborites will have three feminine disciples and the Liberals two, thus the women will be well divided according to the strength of the parties.

The success of the five newly-elected women is the more remarkable because in each case they won their seat for their party and forced the fight against sitting members. Against these victories the returns show that 26 women were defeated at the polls.

Three peeresses now will sit among the commoners, dividing parliamentary glory with their husbands, who sit in the more austere chamber.

## SEWER CONTROVERSY AGAIN BEFORE BOARD

St. Thomas Board of Health  
To Hear From Residents Monday.

Special to The Advertiser.  
St. Thomas, Dec. 7.—A special meeting of the board of health was called tonight to deal with the Metcalfe street sewer. The residents on the east side of the street are being served by a private sewer erected by themselves, while the opposite houses in the lower blocks are served by a sewer behind the back of the lots, connecting with another street, which is proving inadequate, several houses having suffered at various times from blocking. In view of the fact that the street is to be paved in the spring, the property owners on one side are anxious to get the new

sewer, while the other side object to the expense. A special meeting is to be held Monday evening, at which residents are asked to attend and set forth their grievances.

A representative from the local disinfectant firm of Toronto was present, and urged the board to accept the new ideas for disinfecting homes. The matter was left for further consideration of the board.

## PARKHILL MAN EXHIBITS WINNERS AT GUELPH SHOW

Special to The Advertiser.  
Parkhill, Dec. 7.—A. S. Whiles, local exhibitor and breeder of Parkhill Plymouth Rocks, won the following prizes at the Guelph Winter Fair:

In the cock class, he carried off first, second and third prizes, the hens winning first in their class. Mr. Whiles' cockerels took first and second, while his pullets also won first prize.

Mr. Whiles will exhibit at Ottawa.

## KIWANIS JOLLIES COMBINE BEAUTY AND DARKY MIRTH

Sam Amoro and Ken Murray  
Prove Champion Fun  
Provokers.

### CHORUS REFRESHING

A packed and appreciative audience last night greeted the Kiwanis Jollies at the Grand Opera House. This show, heralded as the hit of the season, lived up to expectations, if applause can be accepted as a barometer of public opinion. It produced innumerable peals of laughter from everyone.

Sam Amoro and Ken Murray, as anticipated, were entitled to the honors of champion mirth provokers, but to the feminine section of the production the laurels of the evening. The zesty chorus in the first act proved delightful. They danced and sang with refreshing enthusiasm, and every speck of amateurish lines had been brushed from them long before the curtain rose.

The Kiwanis Club is to be congratulated on its selection of this smiling, active, and altogether, splendid chorus of pretty maids. Credit is also due for the choice of Mrs. Aubrey Hayward and Mrs. Harry Link. These charming and talented women were undoubtedly the big novelty feature of the evening. Their schoolgirl skit defied criticism. No experienced vaudeville pair could have presented such a naive, winsome little act more acceptably.

The opening scene of a cannibal island in the Pacific Ocean dragged slightly for several minutes, but soon gained momentum as the principals struck their stride. Miss Alma Connor and the girls displayed real musical ability in their song "Mr. Smith," and after that the scene in the department store gave an opportunity

for the club comedians to "do their stuff."

Alice Baker as Sallie Snapp, the poor working girl, was admirable, while Miss Blanche Roberts, the proprietor's maiden aunt, gave a faithful interpretation of coy spinsterhood. Sam Amoro has all the savoir faire of a professional black-faced comedian, and he, with the inimitable Ken Murray, was responsible for 30 per cent of the mirth the scene produced.

"Style Original," the messenger boy, was perfectly at home, and showed undeniable talent. Ken and Sam, however, were the heavyweights of the show all through. Their former act "Clarence," mamma's boy, and the blushing, copper-faced bride in a fashion that is as original as Honeyboy Evans' dancing was in

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Mr. Murray again came to the front in the second act opening with a scene of a bull ring in Spain. The Spanish senoritas and senors had been well drilled, and their distinctive costumes lent an authentic tang that was pleasing. "Juanita," sung by Mr. Amoro, was loudly acclaimed.

The second scene was indisputably the most effective of the evening. When Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Link appeared in two successive novelty numbers, for both of which they were extremely well suited. In the first, a schoolgirl skit, these attractive London women looked for all the world like two modest little maids, and their action was perhaps the most perfectly done of any that have been seen in amateur productions here. Both possess pleasing voices, definite improvising ability and a keen appreciation of comedy effect.

Interlocutor Experienced.

Miss Lenore Coughlin, to whose fine work on the piano much of Mrs. Hayward's and Mrs. Link's success can be attributed, gave a separate exhibition of key manipulation that drew favorable expression from all parts of the house.

John Metcalfe the interlocutor, was quite apparently experienced in that particular role, for he conducted proceedings without a discernible hitch. The Kiwanis minstrels have sung fairly fine group voices, and their choruses were undoubtedly the best part of each song. The big fun-factor of the final act was "Carolina Mammy," as distilled by Jack Foulds and Ken Murray, the latter appearing at the chorus as a buxom mammy pushing a perambulator, which contained a real honest-to-goodness pickaninnie. This was literally a scream from start to finish.

The last number, "Play My Wedding March in Ragtime," showed Mrs. Hayward at her best as the sweet young bride, and gave Mr. Murray another chance to demonstrate his keen appreciation of the burlesque when he came forth as a Darktown strutter bride with Mr. Amoro as groom. Rev. Hay here assumed the role of person to everyone's satisfaction, and the Kiwanis Jollies, in an artistic setting, which combined beauty with farce, ended their first presentation of an extremely satisfying show.

Splendid Entertainment.

The Kiwanis Club has offered London theatre-goers a remarkably fine evening's entertainment. There are naturally many spots that could be criticized, chief among them being the inclusion of sentimental numbers and the slowness with which the minstrels tell their jokes, but such imperfections are inevitable. Director Ross Harvey has whipped the Jollies into shape in an extraordinarily short time and has managed to give the public a splendid, all-round entertainment.

Those taking part in the play include: Mrs. Aubrey Hayward, George Arthur, Cecil Magone, Sam Amoro, Eva Metcalfe, Mary Maynard, Vera Sanford, Margaret Santo, Beatrice Caldwell, Florence McCaig, Beatrice Campbell, Doris Santo, Florence Gallowsay, Evelyn Dewan, Peggy McLeish, Alma Connor, Elsie Stephen, Marion Gray, Barrie Stephens, Rina Mason, Rev. Hay, Harry Bell, Jack Foulds, Harry Lecky, Vince Colgan, Bill Connors, Alice Baker, George Dicks, Minnie Debbins, Joe Willis, Ken Murray, Charles Martin, Mary Maynard, Blanche Roberts, George Arthur, John McHale, Cliff Hunt, Lenore Coughlin, Mrs. Harry Link, Dave Somerville, Bill Turville, Roy Lyons, Lloyd Kelly, Gordon Thompson, Seale Holmes, Walter Downham, George Fraser, Bill Murray, Joe Willis, Jack Tennant, Bert Weir, Jack Blair, Ed. Cairns, Frank Gray, Fred Ross, Cliff Hunt, George Dicks, Norman Curtis, Maurice Abbott, Rick Cole, Tom Ferguson, Harry McCallum, Lloyd Bullen, Sid Jones and Tom Yull.

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COL. W. GRANT MORDEN,  
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## AFRAID DOUBLE LIABILITY WILL HAVE TO BE USED

Clarkson States Home Bank  
Shareholders Have Little  
Hope of Escape.

### GOVERNMENT APPEAL

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 7.—The shareholders of the Home Bank can have no hope of escaping the double liability unless they can persuade the federal government to come to their rescue.

That was the message which G. T. Clarkson, liquidator, presented this afternoon before a gathering of 50 or less stockholders, who met in Massey Hall with the aim of taking any possible steps for their protection.

The greatest point at issue was whether or not the shareholders would likely be called on for the double liability, and Mr. Clarkson pointed out that either himself or some other person who may be appointed as permanent liquidator by the court would be obliged to take the course provided by the bank act and by the courts for the collection of as much money as possible to clear up the claims of the depositors and other creditors. The point came up while the shareholders were discussing whether or not they would appoint inspectors to assist the liquidator, in addition to the inspectors to be appointed by the creditors.

"In my opinion, the full double liability will have to be collected, if possible," Mr. Clarkson stated. "That would mean an attempt to collect the full \$2,000,000, though I consider that 60 per cent of it would be uncollectable. Immediately following the appointment of a permanent liquidator it can be shown to the court that there is no reasonable possibility of the assets of the bank providing sufficient funds to meet the claims of the creditors, and the next step will be the application for the collection of the double liability. The liquidator would have no option in the matter. He would not be performing his duty if he did not take that step, and any failure to do so would leave him open to a charge of neglect of duty. The liquidator is appointed to realize as much as possible for the creditors, and he must take every possible step in that direction."

New Year's Gift.

"The double liability will probably come along as a Christmas present to us," a shareholder suggested. "Hardly as soon as that," Mr. Clarkson replied. "It is more likely to be a New Year's gift."

That brought up a number of questions, one of them was to determine the position of the shareholder who is also a depositor. So the question was, would a shareholder who is a depositor be allowed to deduct the amount of his deposit from the double liability, or would he be obliged to lose both amounts? Mr. Clarkson's statement was that the shareholders must stand on their own feet, and the depositors must stand on theirs. The two transactions must remain separate, which would mean that the depositor-shareholder would be in a particularly unpleasant position, for not only would he lose his double liability, but he would doubtless get little more than the 25 per cent of his deposits. Some people had gone about saying that in the end there would be from 70 to 80 per cent for the depositors, but that was out of the question, as Mr. Clarkson viewed the condition of the bank's affairs.

In view of that, the gathering was strongly of the opinion that it is the duty of the federal government to step in and bring some relief to the shareholders who are threatened with the double liability. A resolution was forthcoming from E. A. Cleary of Windsor and E. W. Fox of Toronto, to the effect that a petition be sent to the Dominion government to provide sufficient funds to pay the creditors in full without having to call upon the shareholders for their liability.

Defence Committee.

Senator A. McCall did not think anything could be gained by presenting such a petition to the government. Instead, he suggested that the shareholders should organize a defence committee, whose special duty it would be to keep an eye on developments and if necessary fight the government when the demand is made for double liability.

"I do not want to shatter the hopes of the depositors," the senator con-

## Every Traffic Record Broken

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Fort William, Dec. 7.—Every record of the grain traffic at the head of the lakes has been broken by the three months of the crop season, from September 1 to November 30 of this year, as shown by the figures prepared by the statistical bureau of the board of grain commissioners. For the whole three months in 1923 there were shipped 175,386,781 bushels, as compared with 163,386,089 bushels in 1922.

thinned, "but the prospects of the Dominion government voting millions to relieve people of the responsibilities of their own acts are extremely remote. They are about as good as cents on the dollar and the expectation must be discounted greatly."

T. D. D. Lloyd of Toronto, insisted that the government responsibility exists, for as he puts it, a great many shareholders did not know there was such a thing as double liability when they bought stock. Personally he did not.

In response to a question Mr. Clarkson stated that if the shareholders saw fit, they were in a position where they could bring a civil action against the directors. As to whether anything would have been gained by bringing everything to light back in 1918, he stated that "the bank is in a substantially worse position today than it was then. To what extent I do not know. But I would think around \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000."

The result was the recommendation of three inspectors to represent the shareholders, apart from the inspectors who will be appointed to look after the interests of the creditors, and the appointment of a defence committee to pay particular attention to the affairs of the shareholders.

Recommended inspectors were: J. J. Seitz, A. McCabe and Dean Hand, all of Toronto. The defence committee is: W. T. J. Lee, T. D. D. Lloyd, Joseph Leary, Dean Hand and F. H. Schmidt, all of Toronto.

Recommendations will be made to the court for the appointment of J. T. Clarkson and L. E. Weldon as permanent liquidators. The same recommendation was made by the creditors.

The following were appointed to the executive committee to represent the Home Bank depositors: J. C. Brady, Toronto; A. G. Browning, Alberta; M. A. Buchner, London; A. R. Campbell, Toronto; E. A. Cleary, Windsor; W. A. Dover, Toronto; J. P. Edgar, Toronto; Arthur English, Winnipeg; G. G. Henderson, Fernie; P. H. Higginbottom, Calgary; A. T. Kernahan, Toronto; W. T. J. Lee, Toronto; R. J. McLaughlin, Toronto; J. H. Mitchell, Alliston; John Lindsay, W. G. Moore, Moose Jaw; Edgar C. Sanders, St. Thomas; W. A. Sinclair, Tillsonburg; Rev. Dr. Treacy, Toronto; E. E. Weldon, Lindsay; H. Weinfield, Montreal; and Senator G. Robertson, Ottawa.

## NORTH END MAN FELLS FOOTPAD

H. Caughtery Knocks Down  
Unknown Prowler Who  
Demands Money.

As he approached the corner of Gammage and Oxford streets last night about 8:30, H. Caughtery, who resides in that district, felt someone take a tightened grip of his shoulder and turning around was confronted with the words, "Have you any money?" Startled by this unexpected request Caughtery was dumfounded, but in a few seconds answered the would-be robber with a right to the jaw.

The man fell to the sidewalk and Caughtery made for the nearest telephone and notified the police. Detectives Better and Downs arrived at the scene within a few minutes, but the man had evidently recovered from his injuries and got away. Detectives scoured the vicinity but to no avail.

STRUCK BY CAR.  
Special to The Advertiser.  
Melbourne, Dec. 7.—While working in the M. C. R. about one mile east of St. Thomas, Nelson Kelly of this place, was struck by a car. He was brought to his knees, and was confined to bed, badly bruised and suffering pain. No bones were broken.

## SON COMMITS SUICIDE AFTER KILLING MOTHER

Associated Press Despatch.  
Sharon, Pa., Dec. 7.—Charles Swogger, member of a prominent family of breeders of Holstein cattle, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Oliver Swogger, 60, at their home in Lackawanna, seven miles east of here, tonight, and then committed suicide.

## U. F. O. ELECTS OFFICERS.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Thamesford, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the U. F. O. was held Wednesday evening. The president for 1923, William Weir, was re-elected, also George Wallace as secretary-treasurer. Two new directors were added to last year's, and Messrs. John G. McKay and George Wallace will represent the society in Toronto next week.



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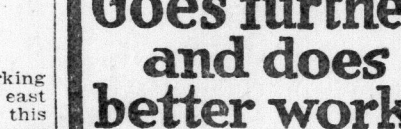
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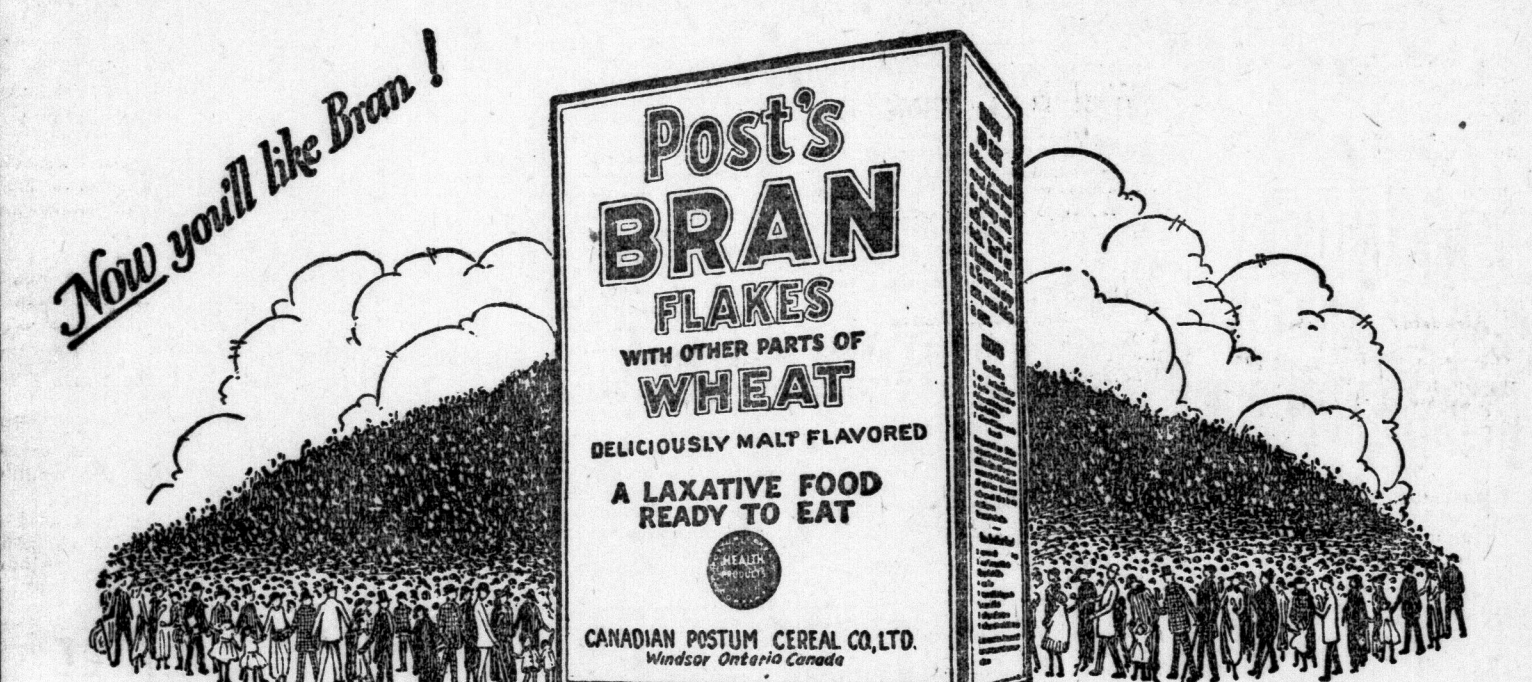


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