

SARNIA WILL HAVE OPEN-AIR SKATING

Rink Sponsored by C. of C. Club To Be Opened New Year's Day.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Dec. 30.—New Year's Day will see the official opening of the large open-air rink sponsored by the luncheon club of the chamber of commerce, which will give Sarnians a reliable skating sheet. When Stan Drew's rink was dismantled and turned into a dance hall this spring, the regular mecca of skaters was lost, but the luncheon club has stepped into the breach with a free outdoor rink on the collegiate campus. The opening New Year's Day will be made quite a popular event with band in attendance and a list of prizes for holders of tickets, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the crippled children's fund.

CONSULT OTHER CITIES ON JOBLESS RELIEF

No. 1 Committee Decides To Seek Information On Methods.

London will consult with Brantford, Hamilton and Toronto in an effort to learn of a satisfactory manner of giving relief to the unemployed.
In view of the fact that ex-Mayor Wenig received promises for unemployment relief from provincial and federal governments, no definite action was taken by No. 1 committee of the city council last night. Word from the two governments is being awaited, and the committee will meanwhile seek information from the other Ontario cities. An inquiry for resuscitation in cases of asphyxiation from poisonous carbon monoxide gas fumes, presented to Victoria Hospital some months ago by the City Gas Company, will be placed at the department of public safety, according to the committee's decision.

Trolley Plunges 150 Ft., 3 Missing

Street Car in Tacoma, Wash., Falls Through Open Draw of Bridge.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.—A municipal street car went through the gate on the Eleventh street bridge here tonight and plunged through the open draw into the city waterway 150 feet below. Two, a woman and a girl, are known to be missing.

WARDSVILLE

Special to The Advertiser.
Wardsville, Dec. 30.—Holiday visitors in town included:

Miss Farrar of Glenora, Miss Anthele of London, Richard Murphy of Alliston, Ford, Arthur and Violet Murphy of Toronto, and Miss Maud Murphy of Virginia, at the Rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ward and baby and Miss Tola Quigley at the home of Mr. Cornelle.

Mr. and Mrs. McCracken, George and Isabel of London, at the McVicar home.

Miss Lillian Shepherd at the home of J. V. Faulds.

Albert and Freda Bridgetta at the home of George Paulsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin King of Detroit at Mrs. B. King's home.

Carlyle Bolton and William Tomlin at John Bolton's.

Hugh Lamont and Jack Douglas of Windsor at Mr. Lamont's home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKellar of Muirkirk at the home of E. R. Davies.

NO TRUSTEE ELECTION.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Dec. 30.—A nomination meeting held this afternoon resulted in the election by acclamation as trustees of the Chatham separate school board:

J. A. McNevin, ward three, Joseph Bedard, ward four, A. I. Jacques, ward five, Alfred Delonge, B. Mohan, acting as returning officer. A. E. Stirling is the present chairman of the board, with J. P. Dunn as secretary.

NICKLE DECLINED TO SEE JARVIS.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 30.—Hon. W. E. Nickle, attorney-general, said this morning that he declined to see Mr. E. Jarvis had requested an interview with him, but that he declined to do so. Mr. Jarvis had said that further discussion about the issue imposed on Jarvis is a matter of the courts.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—Arabia, Hamburg, New York, Dec. 30.—Albatross, Doria, Liverpool; Minnowaska, London.

ANONYMOUS GIVER BACK.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Dec. 30.—An anonymous giver in England, who has donated more than \$100,000 to church of England institutions in Regina, is making another gift of approximately \$5,000 to wipe out the present indebtedness of Grace Anglican church.

BANDITS GET \$17,000.

Associated Press Despatch.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—Four bandits obtained about \$17,000 in silver and currency today in a daring hold-up of the Argyle state bank in the downtown business district. Scores of people passed the bank during the robbery.



DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE.

UNIQUE ART DISPLAY PLANNED IN STRATHROY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Special to The Advertiser.
Strathroy, Dec. 30.—The teaching staff of the public schools have arranged for an elaborate art exhibit, to be held in Colborne street school from the 13th to the 16th of January, inclusive.
The exhibit consists of over 200 carbon photographs, photographs and prints in full color made directly from the original. It comprises a plan of recognized world masterpieces of painting and architecture, so that this should be a unique opportunity to become acquainted with the best of the world's art productions, both ancient and modern.
The exhibit will be open each evening and all day on Saturday, the 16th, so that teachers and pupils from the district schools will have an opportunity to attend. Musical programs will be given each evening. A small admission will be charged, and the funds will be used to purchase pictures for the ten schoolrooms in town.

ST. THOMAS STORE JOINS PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 30.—The dry goods establishment of Andersons, Limited, have become affiliated with the newly formed organization known as the "Federated Distributors' Limited," composed of 24 of the leading stores of the province, representing a business turnover of at least ten million dollars annually. The new organization plans to benefit by a greater purchasing power.

ST. THOMAS INCLUDED IN GOOD TRADE CITIES' LIST

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 30.—The January sales and credit map issued in conjunction with the Babson Statistical Organization contains information of which citizens of the Flower City feel justly proud. St. Thomas is included with London, Brantford, Toronto, Guelph, Kingston and Cambridge, being the most favorable sales opportunities.

TILLSONBURG INSTALLATION.

Special to The Advertiser.
Tillsonburg, Dec. 30.—Right Worshipful Bro. W. S. McDonald, D.D.G.M., Wilson district, installed all officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, A. F. and W. M. at the home of Mr. McDonald, 1210 Main street, last night. The officers for the ensuing year are: L.P.M., Bro. A. S. Rennie; W.M., Bro. Stanley Buckrell; S.W., Bro. Mack Hall; J.W., Bro. H. W. Kingston; E.D., Bro. Dr. Allen McQueen; J.D., Bro. W. McGuire; L.G., Bro. Walter Gibson; stewards, Bros. A. P. Hillberg and Thos. R. Winters; chaplain, V. W. Bro. A. E. Raynes; secretary, Rt. W. Bro. Dr. H. McQueen; treasurer, W. Bro. C. H. Denton; D. of C., W. Bro. W. S. McDonald; Tyler, Bro. Geo. Anscombe; auditors, Bros. A. M. Hare and C. G. Leach.

At the conclusion of the installation V. W. Bro. Dr. H. McQueen graciously acknowledged a bouquet of roses from the officers of the lodge for Mrs. McQueen and himself. Adjournment was then made to the banquet room for an oyster supper, after which a splendid program was given. Those taking part were Bro. A. P. Hillberg and Bro. W. Frank Smith, B.A.

MISS HATTIE CUTHBERT DIES.
Ingersoll, Dec. 30.—The death of Miss Hattie Cuthbert, a well-known resident of West Oxford, occurred today following an illness of about three weeks' duration with pneumonia. Although born in East Oxford, Miss Cuthbert had spent the greater part of her life in West Oxford. She was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian church here, and was always deeply interested in its welfare. She is survived by one brother, James H. Cuthbert, and one sister, Miss Sarah, both of West Oxford. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the home of her brother, James S. Cuthbert, to the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodstock.

MRS. W. NEWELL BURIED.

Special to The Advertiser.
Oil Springs, Dec. 30.—The funeral of Mrs. W. Newell, who died at her home, Dawn Mills, was conducted by the Rev. Lawson Davis, assisted by Rev. J. W. Penrose of Oil Springs. Interment was made in Oil Springs cemetery. The late Mrs. Newell, who was 29 years of age, was born in Oil Springs. Survivors are the husband and little daughter, Annie, the mother, two brothers, Wallace of Bowling Green, Ohio, Harvey of Oil Springs, and three sisters, Mrs. Jos. Warwick, Mrs. Harry Penfound and Mrs. Vernon Nurse of Florence.

STREET RAILWAY DEMANDS ELIMINATION OF BUS LINES

Council Authorizes Company To Run 60 Days at 5 Cent Fare.

CANNOT BAN BUSES

Police Commission Can Pick Bus Routes If It Chooses.

London's transportation difficulties still remain unsolved, and there is more than a possibility that the city will start the new year without street car service.
The city council met behind closed doors yesterday afternoon at the city hall with City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, and at the conclusion of the meeting City Clerk Samuel Baker was authorized to inform the press that the street railway would be given special authority today to operate cars for 60 days at a 5-cent fare. The aldermen met this afternoon at 4:30 to pass a bylaw to this effect.

Cars In the Barns.

The council took no action regarding the request of the L. S. R. that buses be banned from the streets.
Vice-president Ivey of the L. S. R., who was not present at yesterday's meeting, told the council at a meeting on Tuesday that the company could not possibly operate against bus competition and that the only alternative was to place the street cars in the barns. He quoted figures to show how much money the company was losing through bus competition. The L. S. R.'s written proposition was discussed, but no action taken, following Mr. Meredith's statement as to aldermanic powers.

Questioned last night, Mr. Ivey declared that as far as he could see there was no other course but to put the cars in the barns.
"That is the only course we can take, as far as I can see," said Mr. Ivey. "We have done our best to give service, and have outlined to the council what we are willing to do. We have invited the aldermen to submit us a proposition as to what they would like to see done more than that. In the meantime, we cannot continue to operate at a loss every day."

Council's Hands Tied.

While no vote was given to the press, it is known that City Solicitor T. G. Meredith told the aldermen in plain language that they did not have the power to take any action to force the transportation powers were at the present time, vested in the police commission, and the only way to change this state of affairs was, like Toronto, to petition the Ontario legislature.

The police commission could not refuse to grant licenses, but it could refuse to allow buses to operate on the same streets as the street railway, and could order their operation in the thirty-one blocks of downtown streets.

The Metropolitan Bus Company, operating six buses in London, has not yet taken out licenses for 1926. The council should not take out city licenses today, they too, will be off the streets.

Manager Kamm is expected in the city this morning, and will go into the local situation thoroughly with bus supporters. There was no proposition from his company before the council yesterday afternoon.

Council's Own Preference.

From what could be learned last night, the majority of the aldermen were agreed that there was room for only one transportation company in London, and that the street railway should be given the preference, providing a decent service was not only promised but given.

To perpetrate definite action of some description, the street railway management may place the cars in the barns tonight. Buses could not hope to take the crowded streets until more buses were brought in. It would be some time before anything like a definite schedule could be maintained all over the city.

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SCHOONER IS LOST.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 30.—The schooner Harriet, owned by Crosbie & Co., this city, is reported lost off the Portuguese coast. The crew with the exception of Thomas Miller, cook, were rescued. The vessel was bound for the European markets with 2,600 quintals of fish.

MRS. ROBERT RUTLEDGE.

Special to The Advertiser.
Thorndale, Dec. 30.—The funeral service of the late Mrs. Robert Rutledge, of Thorndale, was conducted at the family home on Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. W. Sterling, interment at Webster's cemetery. The late Mrs. Rutledge was in her 94th year, one of the oldest residents of West Nisourpi. She was born in Tyrone, Ireland, where she lived until 45 years of age, when she married and came to Canada. After seven weeks spent at Port Hope, they came to West Nisourpi, county of Middlesex. About 22 years ago they retired from farm life and moved to Thorndale. Mrs. Rutledge was a member of the Methodist church, now the United Church of Canada. She is survived by her husband, Robert Rutledge. In October, 1924, Miss Mary Livingstone, a niece, came from Ireland to nurse Mrs. Rutledge.

THORNDALE OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Special to The Advertiser.
Thorndale, Dec. 30.—The installation of the officers of Mount Olivet lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 200, of Thorndale, took place Monday evening. Wor. Bro. James Guest acted as installing master. At the conclusion of the meeting, lunch was tendered by the newly installed master, Wor. Bro. Joseph Johnson.

MRS. JOHN ANDERSON BURIED.

Special to The Advertiser.
Cambridge, Dec. 30.—The funeral of the late Mrs. John Anderson took place on Monday. A short service was held at the house, and a public service in Knox church, conducted by Rev. A. W. Gazeley. Interment was made in Knox cemetery.

WOODSTOCK COUPLE MARK SILVER WEDDING

Friends Make Presentations To Trustee John Scott and Wife.

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Woodstock, Dec. 30.—Married at Dearham, county of Cumberland, England, 25 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, the former a member of the Woodstock board of education, were last night honored by a large party of their friends and presented with many beautiful pieces of silverware. About 40 persons were present at the function. Mr. and Mrs. Scott (formerly Miss Elizabeth Cameron) went to live in Belfast, Ireland, after their marriage, and sixteen years ago came to Canada, settling in Cobalt. They came to Woodstock two years later. Mr. Scott was the Labor-U. F. O. candidate in the provincial general election of 1919. There was only a fair attendance of farmers and shoppers at the special New Year's market held here today. Eggs dropped as low as 50 cents a dozen, but butter was firm at 48 to 50 cents.

Railway Head Is Exonerated

Probe Into St. Thomas Street Car Fares Comes To End.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 30.—The probe into irregularities in the St. Thomas street railway system was officially closed this afternoon when the railway committee brought in a resolution exonerating Manager Johns from any suspicion of irregularity in handling of fare tokens and fare boxes at the street car barns.

MISS ELEANOR JORDAN DIES AT PARENTS' HOME

Special to The Advertiser.

Dublin, Dec. 30.—The death occurred yesterday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan, Hibbert township, of Miss Eleanor Jordan, in her 28th year, after a week's illness. Miss Jordan was a school teacher in Thorold, and had returned home for the Christmas vacation, when she was seized with pneumonia. She is survived by five sisters, Sisters Alma and Theresa of St. Joseph's convent, Mrs. J. J. Smith, Parkhill, Mrs. James Dewar, Granton and Mrs. Peter Fitzpatrick, Hibbert; and three brothers, Michael, London, John, Toronto, and Frank of Hibbert. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

ROBERT GRAHAM DIES IN NINETY-SIXTH YEAR

Special to The Advertiser.

Wingham, Dec. 30.—With the passing of Robert A. Graham in his 96th year, one of the oldest citizens of Wingham has been lost. He was born in Scotland, coming to Canada when a young man. He taught school in the village of Wroxeter for a number of years, afterwards moving to Turnberry as a farmer, finally moving to the town of Wingham, where he established himself as a merchant. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Funeral services will be conducted from his late residence Friday afternoon, January 1, interment will be made in the Wingham cemetery.

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PROSPECT HILL

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Prospect Hill, Dec. 30.—Among the Christmas visitors here were:

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bruce of Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tait and family with Mrs. Geavson of Ennisdale, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans with Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett of Granton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Perrin with Mr. and Mrs. Launce and Frank Hudson with Warner Hudson.

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Mrs. Frank Westman with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lankin with Cameron Westman.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurray of St. Marys collegiate is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMurray.

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ROYAL ACADEMY PRESIDENT DEPLORES MODERN ARTISTS

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 30.—Sir Frank Dickson, president of the Royal academy, has not much use for some of the modern artists who go in for freak art.

"There are young men and women today who want to show the world their own personality in their work. That is all right, if it is worth seeing. Those who say that in certain light and certain positions they see a person's nose looking a tremendous length and the other features looking weird, should not put these sights on canvas. They should go immediately and see an oculist."

TREE CRUSHES FOOT

Roy McCracken Loses Toe and Has Three Bones Broken.

Special to The Advertiser.
Melbourne, Dec. 30.—Roy McCracken had one toe crushed so badly that it had to be amputated and three bones in his foot broken, when a tree which he was cutting in his woods, fell on his foot. The tree after being cut, lodged, and Mr. McCracken was freeing it when it fell.

WYOMING S. S. HAS CONCERT.

Special to The Advertiser.

Wyoming, Dec. 30.—The Christmas entertainment of St. John's Sunday school was held Tuesday evening. The program consisted of songs, recitations and a short play, entitled, "The New Minister Arrives. Much regret was expressed that the superintendent, John B. Dale, was unable to be present.

New Carshops Again Reported

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 30.—Once again the C.N.R.-Wabash officials predict radical changes on the local division. For several years the local officials have been advised that the construction of locomotive shops and round-houses, and enlarging of the yards was pending. Such steps have been expected in past years, but Superintendent Matthews believes that the work will be carried out this coming year.

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Seaford, Dec. 30.—Word has been received of the death, in Florida, of Mrs. John Cameron, of Seaford. She was spending the winter there, and was run down by an automobile, sustaining a fractured skull and other injuries, which resulted in her death.

YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD SOCIAL.

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Wallaceburg, Dec. 30.—The young people of Trinity United church held a social evening in their Sunday school room on Monday evening. Program features were: Vocal solo, Ella Shaw; piano solo, Gertrude Drader; reading, Hortense McDonald; piano duet, Lettie and Bill Burgess. Refreshments were served.

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CARS' EXHAUST GASES MAY INCREASE CANCER, IS CLAIM

Harvard Professor Comments on Breathing of Poison in "Canyon" Streets.

Special to The Advertiser.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30.—The amazing growth in the number of automobiles in use throughout the world may lead to a sharp upward trend in the number of cancer cases in our large cities, because of the irritation set up through the constant breathing of the poisonous exhaust gases in the canyon-like streets of the great centers of population, Dr. L. C. Strong of Burzy Institute, Harvard university, said today.

Dr. Strong read a paper on the genetic studies on the nature of cancer at the cancer symposium conducted by the American Society of Zoologists at their closing meeting at Yale university here today.

SHOULD COME TO CANADA TO PURCHASE THESE THINGS

Associated Press Despatch.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Sir Thomas Hughes, representing a syndicate of British and Australian capitalists, arrived here today from Australia to purchase several million dollars' worth of machinery, rolling stock and agricultural implements needed by farmers of Australia.

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