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FAIR AND MILD.
THURSDAY—MILD, SHOWERY.

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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 6:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

LONDONER DIES FROM INJURIES AT INGERSOLL

London Laborites Buckling On Armor For Coming Fray

THINKS COST FOR FREIGHT WEST'S BIG DRAWBACK

Prominent Farmer Believes
Little Profit Derived From
Great Wheat Crop.

FEED FOR ANIMALS

Surplus of Grain Reduces Price
and Growers Take Al-
ternative.

The increased wheat production in the Canadian west this year, nearly one-fifth greater than in 1922, according to official figures from Ottawa, is apparently not going to mean any greater purchasing power for the farmer according to a London man who has a large farm in the wheat belt and who farms it in the most efficient way.

When The Advertiser made its survey of business conditions some months ago in London, some of the manufacturers interviewed then stated that the prosperity of the eastern manufacturer would depend to a considerable extent on the buying power of the western farmer and on the European market for wheat. They based the position of the prairie farmer on the price he would get for his wheat. The latest figures from the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome show that there is a wheat surplus in the world of 232,000,000 bushels for which there is no market.

The London man referred to in the foregoing, giving the facts of his own farm said: "I received 70 cents for my wheat this year, at 100 bushels was the net price after paying the transportation charges which were 24 cents a bushel to Winnipeg. I have a whole section out in Saskatchewan and after deducting all my overhead I ended the year exactly even. I had neither made any money nor lost any with this exception that I had made interest on my investment in the land."

Varied Experience.
This man who has a large and varied experience in the west extending over a long period says that the average farmer out there this year will probably have no net gain to spend and that his buying power will be no greater than last year and perhaps not as large. He adds that nearly every farm in the great wheat belt in Saskatchewan is mortgaged.

LIGHTED TREES SOURCE OF MUCH ADMIRATION

Christmas Evergreens in Park
and on Hospital Grounds
Attract Attention.

The decorated Christmas trees in Victoria Park and on Victoria Hospital grounds are proving a source of much admiration by citizens who pass by during the evening. The trees, decorated by the public utilities commission, present a striking appearance, when the many-colored lights are swinging to and fro among the limbs.

Several inquiries have been received from private citizens relative to the decorating of trees in front of their homes, and it is hoped that several will take advantage of the offer in order that even the streets may assume a Christmas appearance. The only charge to the citizens is that of installation.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Fair and mild.
Thursday—South and southeast winds; mild and becoming showery.

Temperatures.			
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	38	Fair
Calgary	50	32	Clear
Winnipeg	49	24	Fair
Port Arthur	36	32	Cloudy
Parry Sound	24	22	Clear
Toronto	34	21	Foggy
Kingsville	34	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	20	10	Fair
Montreal	16	13	Fair
Quebec	12	2	Cloudy
Father Point	12	2	Fair
St. John	16	4	Clear
Halifax	23	10	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 37; lowest, 2. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 24. Barometric readings.
Tuesday—2 p.m.—29.58.
Today—8 a.m.—29.49.



THE "LOVELIEST CHILD" SITS FOR HER PORTRAIT.

J. P. Hunt, the London artist, has already begun work on his portrait of Ella Mae Scoyne, Western Ontario's Loveliest Child. The first sitting took place yesterday, when Ella Mae

and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Scoyne, paid a visit to Mr. Hunt's studio. The Advertiser will present the portrait to the city as an official record. Ella Mae and

her loveliest companions will be introduced to London at the Children's Party in the Winter Garden Saturday.

ROYAL MILLINERY FIRE PROBED BY AUTHORITIES

Jordan Arrives in London From
Toronto to Carry Out
Investigation.

COPPER WIRE FOUND

Employees and Hydro Inspector
Are Called to Give
Evidence.

Investigation in connection with the fire which occurred in the Royal Millinery and Ladies' Wear Company 246 Dundas street, on Dec. 11, was ordered by provincial authorities yesterday. Deputy Fire Marshal Edward Jordan of Toronto who arrived here to conduct the inquiry, heard several witnesses this morning in Fire Chief John Aitken's office.

This afternoon Mr. Jordan gave out the following statement: "It has been proven that a piece of copper wire was under a piece in the Royal Millinery store. I am not going to say definitely that this was the cause of the Royal Millinery fire, but I want to warn the public against the use of such contrivances as a substitute for a new fuse."

This morning numerous employees of the Royal Millinery gave evidence. This was practically all of an indefinite character.

William Rider, inspector of hydro wires for this district, also gave his version of the conflagration's cause. He said a copper wire pressed against the damaged fuse and thereby took away any protection which the fuse itself afforded against fire.

Two short-hand writers from Toronto were on hand to take evidence which was exhaustive. The marshal will leave for Toronto this evening after the inquiry. There he will file his report and any further action will depend on the conclusions of provincial officials.

An electrician from the Campbell Electric Company also took evidence. To The Advertiser Fire Marshal Jordan said he thought the cause of the fire would never be fully revealed.

"This business of tampering with wires by people without electrical knowledge is dangerous," the fire marshal said. "Everyone should be warned against it. Nobody ever seems to know how, why or when the wires were tampered with."

STUDENTS TO VISIT WESTMINSTER PATIENTS

Lit of South Collegiate Will
Take Gift Baskets Christmas Morning.

As a token of appreciation for their services in the past, the soldier patients at Westminster Hospital will receive baskets of Christmas cheer in the holiday morning from the students of London South Collegiate. The Literary Society, headed by its president, Donna Gracey, has taken up a collection from the students for this purpose, and a committee will be appointed to visit the hospital on Christmas morning and distribute to each bed patient a basket containing fruit, nuts, games, etc.

Law Will Nab Skunk Shooters

If a skunk happens to roam close to your home, on matter how much you resent his proximity, you must not shoot him unless you wish to pay a fine.

Col. Emmerton district game warden, informed The Advertiser that skunks, being fur-bearing animals protected by game laws at this time of year, cannot be destroyed unless the bold would-be destroyer wants to take the chance of being caught by the Ontario Fish and Game department.

"They may be nuisances," Col. Emmerton said, "but they get the same protection as other furry creatures like black squirrels."

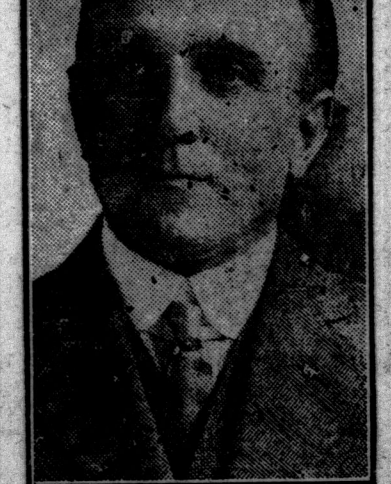
WISTFUL GAZES SEEN AT BARREN ICE RINKS

Everything in Readiness for
Skating But Frost is
Elusive.

We want ice!

Such is the wistful cry of the children of London when they pass the skating rinks, erected by the public utilities commission, are wont to exclaim.

All is in readiness for the heavy frosts that will make the needful ice surface but so far there is not much hope of the rinks being ready by Christmas. The lights are all up, the side boards and checkrooms erected, but the main ingredient of a skating rink, ice, is still missing.



ACTING MAYOR TODAY.

Ald. Edmund Hayden, who maintains city should fulfill its bargain with the London Street Railway and allow ten years for company to pay its portion of the new Richmond street pavement.

HAYDEN SAYS CITY SHOULD KEEP WORD

Acting Mayor Declares Street
Railway Should Be Given
Time to Pay.

"BARGAIN IS BARGAIN"

Ward Three Alderman Believes
Company Will Easily Finance
Proposition.

Acting Mayor Ed. Hayden stated today that "a bargain is a bargain," and he failed to understand why the London Street Railway Corporation should not be allowed to pay for its portion of the new Richmond street pavement in ten annual installments.

This would be in accordance with the provisions of a resolution passed in the city council before the work was commenced, but there are members of the council who also feel that this resolution should be rescinded as the job was done under bylaw 916 and, therefore, the company had no right to any extension of time in payment. They pointed out that no agreement had ever been formally drafted between the city council and the company.

"A bargain is a bargain," stated the acting mayor. "And I don't see why certain members of the council want to go back on it. It was a fair proposition in my mind, and we intended to continue in its present form. We would have no more rights than we would a householder—ten years in which to pay for their local improvements."

"I am not in favor of any move to 'finance' the company, but I did feel that something like this had to be done this year when the company was in such a shape financially and we had to have the worst pavement in the city re-constructed."

"There would be no trouble about payment in ten annual installments, and if the city ever does purchase the road, the remaining cost of the track allowance can easily be deducted from the purchase price."

"CASEY" YOHN IS STILL AWAITING HIS TRIAL

Former London Man Must Face
Charge of Shooting at Janu-
ary Sessions.

John "Casey" Yohn of this city is still waiting trial in Detroit for the shooting in August last of Floyd Johnston, a Detroit gas station attendant. His final hearing has again been adjourned and he will come up again some time early in January.

Robert Savell of Detroit, who was supposed to have been a native of Hamilton, Ontario, is held on the same charge.

While admitting his participation in the robbery of the gas station at Harper avenue and Grand Boulevard, Yohn still maintains that he did not intend to shoot Johnston, and that his victim was pushed into him by Savell, and his gun was accidentally discharged.

AUTHORITIES DELAY TRIP TO IDENTIFY AURORA MAN

Decide to Postpone Action on
Receiving Opinion of Lon-
don Police.

ACTION SUSPICIOUS

Farley's Plan to Fight Extradition
Cause Commissioner
Cuddy to Favor Action.

The attorney-general's department has not yet decided whether to send a man to Aurora, Ind., to identify Lorenzo D. Farley, who so strikingly resembles George Ernest "Pat" Norton, Melbourne bank robber.

Commissioner Cuddy stated the department had first decided to send someone, but on learning the opinion of London police officials that Farley was not Norton, decided to postpone the matter, which has not yet been definitely decided.

The fact that Farley has stated he will fight extradition to Canada with might and main, is looked upon as being suspicious by the commissioner, and he will again take up the matter with the attorney-general's department, he stated.

The chief difference in the appearance of Farley and Norton was pointed out by police officials yesterday as being in the nose. Farley's nose is rather wide and flat, while Norton's is fairly long and narrow. Indiana authorities were queried on this point by The Advertiser, and it is learned that Farley's nose is broken. The prisoner claims the injury occurred previous to 1920, but did not say just how many years before.

When a citizen of London, who knew Norton well was handed the photograph of Farley, he immediately commented that the nose of the Indiana suspect. The reporter pointed out to him that Norton's nose might have been broken since he escaped from the citizens of Melbourne the day the Home Bank was turned to page 14 col. three.

Mild Weather Continues And Weatherman States No Snow On the Horizon

Doctors State Warm Weather
Not Causing Any Additional
Sickness.

RECORD FOR DOMINION

Average Man Experiences
Grand and Glorious Feeling
of April.

December, having set a record so far with wonderfully mild weather, promises, if the weatherman is to be believed, to continue in its present way of doing things. Sunny mornings, mild evenings, soft winds to cool the busy steam-heated man from the average office; this is the way December has treated Londoners in 1923. Snow has been very rare, and when it did appear was only that wet kind of snow that has no place in Eastern Canada. It lasted only a few hours.

To find another year in which December was as snowless as this we have to go back to 1877, when there was only .03 inches of snow. This was the Dominion record and still is for the whole month.

To date, however, this December is one better in the 18 days that are past there has not been sufficient snow to record a fall, and there is apparently no sign of a storm or a blizzard or anything like that in sight. But to prevent any undue apprehension or joyful welcome, it would be wise to refer to the old almanac which records the December of 1872 with its 38 inches of solid, firm snow in the month. That was a winter to talk about. The average depth of snow in December is 13 inches.

The highest December temperature on record was on the last day of the year 1875, when it rose to 61, and the coldest was on Dec. 21, 1871, when the mercury fell to 21 below and the whole city shivered in Arctic breezes. The average temperature for all December is 34.2.

Will it be a green Christmas. The weatherman is not prepared to say. There are no official records kept of green or white Christmases at the observatory. Snow is recorded when it comes, but not when it goes or how long that particular fall remains. So it is a matter of memory when we have had many green Christmases. But the weatherman

THE PRESSES WILL STOP WHILE OLD SANTA CLAUS SIGNS THE ADVERTISER

Eight Copies of Friday Even-
ing's Paper Will Be Signed
by Santa Claus.

FINDERS ARE LUCKY

Girls or Boys Who Find Them
Will Be Introduced to
Santa Claus.

Here's a chance for eight little girls or boys to have a visit with Santa Claus!

On Friday afternoon eight copies of The Evening Advertiser will be signed by Santa Claus himself in his red pencil.

Any little girl or boy who brings one of these signed copies to The Advertiser office Saturday morning will be introduced to Santa Claus and will have the honor of riding with him to the Winter Garden to attend the party.

Santa Claus is coming to London Friday afternoon. Nobody will be able to see him on Friday, because he has been very busy getting all his toys made, and he wants to rest, so that he'll be ready, bright and early, for the big party Saturday morning.

But on Friday afternoon Santa Claus will spend a few minutes in the pressroom of The Advertiser, where the big new presses that print The Advertiser every day are kept. The paper on these presses is on a huge roll, which unwinds like a spool when the press is running. After a few papers have been run off, the press will be stopped, and Santa Claus will sign his name on the big white roll of paper in red pencil.

"Santa Claus." Then the press will start again, and his signature will disappear somewhere among the thousands of Advertisers that are pouring out at the other end of the press.

This will be repeated eight times. Santa Claus will sign on an inside page, and nobody can possibly know what papers his name is on, because the press goes so fast.

Santa Claus is going to sign his name eight times once for each of his eight reindeer, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen, and he hopes that somebody will find every one of The Advertisers with his name.

MISS MARGARET GILMORE, who will this afternoon at Alexandra School be presented with the Robb medal for gaining the highest standing in the entrance classes of last year. Miss Gilmore is now a student at Central Collegiate.

think that they are not unusual. In London they figure that one in every three or four is a green one—that is, the ground is bare of snow.

As to the health side of the question, always a ticklish matter in any weather or season, it seems that this mild weather has been no harder on suffering humanity than any other and colder month. As one medical man in a position to know the affairs of the city, health fairly well puts it, "Diseases are not, as far as I can see, a matter of the weather at all. We seem to have a regular and recurring epidemic of certain diseases both in children and adults every so often, but the weather is never the same at two different epidemics. Just now there are measles, scarlet fever and chickenpox in the city to a certain extent, but I don't call the weather responsible in any way."

The average man on the street stretches his hands over his head and indulges in that grand and glorious feeling usually due about April 1 when the promise of spring is in the air.



TELLS OF LABOR'S PLANS.

Alderman John Colbert, who stated today that the drafting of a new policy by the Labor Party would be considered at Friday night's meeting.

ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF VICTIM

Tennysen Brill Passes Away—
Believed to Have Been Hit
by Engine.

INQUEST TO BE HELD

Tennysen Brill, 37, of 737 Princess avenue, died from shock at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, early this morning as the result of being struck by a shunting engine at the C. N. R. yards in Ingersoll at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Brill had lived in London all his life and for many years had been employed as brakeman on the C. N. R. He resided with his mother, Mrs. L. Brill, on Princess avenue. When news reached Mrs. Brill last night that her son had met with an accident she immediately left the city for Ingersoll, where he had been taken to the hospital. She motored to Ingersoll with neighbors.

Yesterday afternoon Brill himself could not say exactly how the accident happened. It is thought that either his clothes caught in some manner on the moving train or he was struck by a shunting engine. He was dragged for some distance before the train was stopped. When he was sitting holding his mangled leg, which was almost severed.

When he was being taken to the hospital yesterday afternoon he showed considerable pluck. He asked a friend to give him a cigarette and smoked it with apparent relish. At the hospital it was found that his leg was horribly mangled. Physicians were forced to amputate it. Shortly after 9 o'clock he went under the anaesthetic and the operation was performed. Although he came out of the anaesthetic the shock of the accident was too great. He became weaker, and at 2:30 this morning died.

Mr. Brill was a popular and well-known Oddfellow. He is survived by his mother and five brothers, Fred, Llewellyn of Windsor; Calvin of Walkerville; Austin and Palmer of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Lipkey of Brantford. The body was brought to London today, and it is expected burial will take place from his mother's residence on Friday.

Coroner Dr. Canfield viewed the body at the hospital this morning, and an inquest will be held on Friday, Dec. 28.

Winter Gardens Await Children

Everybody at the Winter Gardens is getting ready to welcome the children at the party Saturday.

This morning Dan Macaulay, leader of the Winter Gardens Orchestra, announced that every member of the orchestra had offered to play for Santa Claus and the girls and boys.

It is a generous act, which is appreciated, and The Advertiser is glad that the children's party is going to have such fine music.

LOCAL LABOR PREPARING TO LAUNCH NEW POLICY

London Party Members Believe
in Being Ready for Fed-
eral Fight.

HAVE GOOD REASONS

Defeats in Recent Campaigns
Attributed to Lack of
Preparation.

The local Labor political forces sent a battle afar off, and already they're buckling their belts for the fray.

The London Labor Party meets on Friday night, and Ald. John Colbert stated today that more than likely the members will consider the drafting of a policy for the next general election.

"I think that it is quite likely that this will be one of the questions brought up for consideration. There is already some talk of an election in 1924, and no doubt there will be one the following year, anyhow," he said.

The Labor leaders are evidently concluding that preparedness is a very important factor in the fight, and many of the Labor defeats in this city can be traced, some of the local party, to a noticeable delay in getting ready for the fight.

Federal by-elections in the Maritime provinces and an occasional rumble from Ottawa has renewed interest locally and throughout the country, and Labor is evidently determined that no challenge is going to pass unnoticed in London.

During the last campaign Arthur Mould carried the Labor banner in the local fight, and naturally many of the Labor followers submit that he should have first choice if it should be the party's intention to again contest the seat.

Exclusive of Dr. Hugh Stevenson, who represented London in the provincial legislature, Arthur Mould rolled up the highest Labor vote ever polled at an election of this nature in this city.

IRENE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND PARTY

Santa Claus, Though, Will Pay
Visit to Her Home on Sat-
urday Morning.

The doctor says that little Irene Roach, who was named second of the four Loveliest Children, won't be able to come to the children's party in the Winter Garden Saturday morning.

Irene is recovering from scarlet fever at her home, 130 Garfield avenue. The quarantine period ends on Friday, but the doctor thinks Irene would be better at home and Irene says she doesn't like to risk making any other little girls ill.

It's pretty hard luck. The Advertiser told Santa Claus about it last night and he is very sorry. Before he goes to the children's party Saturday morning he is going to pay a visit to Irene in her home and give her the prize she has won and wish her a merry Christmas.

ALD. DOUGLASS SCORES ATTACK ON ENGINEER

Challenges Statements re Rich-
mond St. Paving Published
in Local Paper.

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, today scores what he terms as an "unwarranted attack upon City Engineer Near and his department" by a local publication.

"The chairman feels, as does the engineer, that the facts in relation to the testing of the Richmond street and other pavements have not been fairly presented to the public, and he challenges the statements as to the cost, submitted by the local paper in question."

Ald. Douglass gives positive assurance today that this question will be adequately dealt with at the appointed time and promises that the people of London will be furnished with the truth in the matter.

ANOTHER \$2 RECEIVED.
The Advertiser wishes to acknowl-
edge receipt of \$2 from an anonymous giver for the family of Ernest Stanhardt, war veteran, whose home was burnt recently.

RELATES SUFFERINGS ENDURED ON ARCTIC TRIPS

EXPLORER TO TELL OF MANY TRIALS ON ARCTIC JAUNTS

Dr. Craig Shows Unbounded Enthusiasm in Scientific Work in Far North.

WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

Dr. J. D. Craig, M.B.C., who is to lecture tonight in the Central College on the Arctic expedition undertaken by the Dominion this year in its northern territories, arrived in the city this morning from Toronto. Though in charge of the scientific work of the expedition, and as he himself claims not a sailor, Dr. Craig is of that robust and energetic type one associates so often with the sea and ships.

Speaking to him of the work performed by these expeditions he gives the impression of unbounded enthusiasm in every phase of the investigations carried out, and describes the difficulties of seagoing and land-faring in Greenland waters and on the lonely inlets of the north much to the surprise of those who recall a trip to Springfield last summer for some picnic.

"The chief reason of these annual jaunts up north," he said, "is to take supplies to the police and postal stations, and to take up relays of men for this arduous duty. The police who go up there always volunteer for a two-year period, but this time we found many of them were willing to put in a third year. So there must be something attractive about the life after all, eh?"

Dr. Craig, by the way, he usually gets "Cabin" a title he strenuously denies with a smile that radiates all the problems of navigation and "shooting the sun," stating that the work will be continuing in future by the addition of a new steel ship now being built on the Clyde, and which will be put into service next year for the expedition. "This will give us a greater radius of movement up there," he said, "and as well will add greatly to our personal comfort and that's always something to be grateful for, you know."

Expeditions His Hobby. As a lecturer it would seem that Dr. Craig will have the benefit of informality, judging by the way he talks to the interested man in the street of his travels. Governments may come and go, they may change their policies from day to day or from hour to hour, but to Dr. Craig "the play's the thing," or the expedition to the north, at least, and that is evidently his consuming hobby. With a twinkle in his eye and an entirely captivating twinkle at that, he will tell you that at a certain time "the government changed and you know we didn't get much work done that time," but he says it so lightly and with such good humor that the most virulent and dyed-in-the-wool politician could take no offense, even if his pet party happened to be the fellows to come into power at the time referred to.

Will Lecture Tonight. Like all large-minded men with views on the whole and not on the part he is generous in speaking of all those who accompanied him on the trip, and of himself very reticent, turning away any reference to his own work with the quick spontaneous smile that is so surely part of the man. As far inland as this he misses the lure of the sea for a season, but as he says consoles himself with the thought of what the next trip will bring forth in the way of new discoveries and scientific data, and as well one imagines of any new adventure that may be sent by the gods of mariners to add a little spice to the routine of life aboard ship.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Craig while in the city is staying with H. B. Craig, of the department of public works, a cousin of his. Tonight Dr. Craig will be the guest of honor of the Chamber of Commerce, the executive of the London branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, and the Canadian Club, at a dinner to be held in the Blue Dragon Tea Rooms on Dundas street at 6:15. Afterward he will go over to the Central College for his lecture, which will be illustrated by films taken by the official photographer on the trip.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Red Wreaths for Window or House Decorations, each 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
Green Wreaths made of Fresh Greens, each \$1.50
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Cemetery Wreaths, each at \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50

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VOICES CONFIDENCE IN PAVEMENT WORK

Acting Mayor Hayden Thinks Members Might Have Been Advised, Though.

As a member of the board of works, Acting Mayor Hayden stated today, referring to the criticism of the city engineer's pavement testing policy, that his only complaint might be that the members of the committee should have been more fully acquainted with the details.

"Otherwise, I think that the city engineer has acted quite all right," he said, "and I have no fault to find with the pavement testing during the year, for any of the jobs. Some of the aldermen may feel, however, that they should have been about the matter. Perhaps they are right, and this kick would have been avoided."

The acting mayor discounts the charges, however, and is quite confident that the work has been well done and the money well expended. In brief, he feels sure that the ratepayers have received full value for their money.

"WEEKLY BUZZ" SCHOOL PUBLICATION OF MERIT

Alexandra Pupils Announce Christmas Issue—Many Features.

The "Weekly Buzz" of the Alexandra Antelopes, a publication issued by the scholars at Alexandra school, has once more appeared, this time the Christmas number, having been published. The Antelope is the name of the Red Cross Society of the school, and the paper is replete with interesting news.

There are twelve pages, memorized, and each grade in the school is represented. Editorials, short articles, poetry and even a short story of Christmas spirit, makes their appearance, and the magazine is a credit to the work of the scholars.

The staff responsible for the journal is composed of: President, Adam Anderson; secretary-treasurer, St. Clair Jackson; editor, George Funnell; associate editors, G. Gordon, M. Vincent, E. Gordon and H. McDonald. Contributors to the magazine are James Clark, Tom Eaton, Marlan Finch, Ernest Young, Leonard Dilkes, Gladys Talbot, Betty McGregor, Leonard Ferguson and Ashlyn Alt-hous, Margaret Gilmore.

MUST FULFIL CONDITIONS OR JOBS ARE REFUSED

J. W. McCallum, city relief inspector, stated today that he was adhering rigidly to the city council ruling that he should O. K. unemployment tickets for only residents of the city. One year's continuous residence constitutes citizenship, the council has ordered.

"Just this morning I encountered three of the group with cards from the employment office to go to work on the sewer jobs who were not residents of the city. Two of them had, in fact, been here but a couple of months from the old country. The other had been in the city for eight months."

The inspector stated that he was prepared to live up to the ruling of the council and he disapproved the men, sending them to the mayor to be handled. One of the three was reported as an expert tree-trimmer.

Apparently the police commission has been doing its Christmas shopping early.

A brand new shining oak desk greeted police court reporters this morning when they invaded the sanctum of Chief Birrell. Not only did a new desk meet their astonished gaze, but a new clock and filing cabinet were also in place.

Asked what had become of the old desk which has held up the chief's private typewriter for many years, the head of the police force smilingly stated it had been sold for 50 cents.

PETER TAFF SUCCEUMS AT HOME OF HIS SON

Former Resident Was One of Best-Known Men in London.

Peter Taff, for years one of the best-known men in London, died Saturday at the home of his son, Joseph, in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Taff was for 32 years employed by the city. He was a typical Irishman, and because of his ready wit and good humor, became one of the most popular men in the city. He was in his 86th year.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from E. C. Killingsworth's funeral home at 8:30 to St. Peter's Church, where solemn requiem masses will be said. Interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

He is survived by four sons, Joseph of Dayton, John of Seattle, and two others, and a daughter, Mrs. Selby. As for the city this year in the west they are only worth 20 cents a bushel and so we are just keeping at home.

In Ontario the case is a little different, according to R. A. Finn, district representative of the department of agriculture. "Most of the farmers around here," he said today, "are feeding their wheat to hogs and cattle this year. The price was not sufficiently tempting to make them sell it as grain. It is more profitable to feed it to stock, and of course the farmer is not losing in a way because he makes his grain pay him as bacon instead of grain."

Feed For Stock. "Of course," he added, "where the western farmer has any stock he is feeding his wheat and oats to a large extent, but as stock is scarce in that part of the country most of the grain is sold as for the oats this year in the west they are only worth 20 cents a bushel and so we are just keeping at home."

A solution of the problem of congested traffic over the routes taking away the grain from the prairie he suggests is the opening of a railway from central Saskatchewan to Fort Nelson on the Hudson Bay. This is a line that was started before the war, but owing to one thing and another was held up and the work has never been completed. It is only a matter of time until this line is built and then with the erection of elevators at Fort Nelson the grain can be shipped in the spring to Europe with a fairly cheap ocean freight.

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NEW COMMUNITY CLUB PROGRESSES RAPIDLY

Members Donate Games to Pottersburg Society—Round Table Talk.

The Pottersburg Community Club met last evening at their club rooms for the second meeting of the season and judging by the goodly number who turned out this club bids fair to be the most popular of the case end.

The meeting was thrown open for a round-table discussion in which all the men took part, and some very clever and unique suggestions were put forward for the betterment and growth of the organization.

Two or three games have kindly been donated by different members, and plans are under way for the purchase of a set of carquet balls, checkers, etc., which will make this one of the best equipped clubs of the city.

Art. Dempsey favored the club with a splendid rendition of "Come Back," followed by Dick Chapple, who played a cornet solo, which was very heartily applauded. After a short session of games a light lunch was served by Howard Young and Frank Joliffe.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30, after making arrangements to meet the first Thursday after the new year.

SUES DOCTORS--STRATFORD HOSPITAL FOR INJURIES

Stratford General Hospital, and Drs. S. T. Rutherford, Wilbert Hall and F. J. Cawthorne are named defendants in a supreme court writ issued here by McEvoy, Judd & Henderson on behalf of Timothy J. Regan of Mitchell, Ont. Mr. Regan claims unpaid damages from the defendants for injuries he alleges he received owing to negligence and carelessness on the part of the hospital. Two nurses are also included as defendants.

Word was received in the city this morning from the Department of Highways, Toronto, that the licenses for newly purchased cars only can now be supplied by Arthur H. Keene, 128-127 King street west, on payment of full amount of 1924 license fees. When the 1924 licenses are issued on January 15, people who buy the 1923 licenses will receive the new licenses free.

INSTITUTE AWAITS NEW TREATMENT FOR PORESIS

The Institute of Public Health has not yet received a supply of tryparsamide, the newly-discovered drug which is supposed to be a permanent cure for paresis. When the provincial laboratories are supplied with this fluid however, it is expected the local institute will be given its portion for distribution in this district.

SAYS SCORES OF PROPERTY OWNERS CANNOT VOTE

There are scores of local property owners who pay taxes, but are not permitted by law to vote at municipal elections. Assessment Commissioner Bennett pointed out today. This is the law, and the local authorities are not responsible for the situation, however, unjust it may seem.

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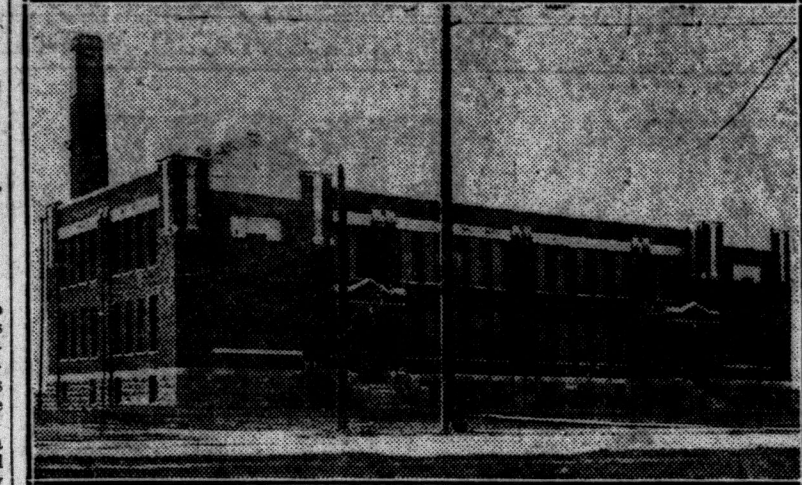
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NEW SCHOOL IN SOUTHEAST LONDON.
Traifalgar Avenue School, which will open on January 3. The school, which has been in course of construction for several months, should have been completed by August 31, but owing to scarcity of skilled craftsmen the work was delayed. When opened, however, it will be the last word in public schools. In addition to serving for public school purposes, there will be one auxiliary class and a branch of the public library opened in the building.

NOTORIOUS GANGSTER ARRESTED IN CAFE

"Red" McGahan Fails in Attempt to Draw Gun on Detective.

Associated Press Despatch. Marietta, Ohio, Dec. 19.—A man believed to be George "Red" McGahan, notorious bank robber and gangster, wanted in a number of cities in Ohio and nearby states for alleged robbery, was arrested in a restaurant here tonight by N. H. Powell, an operative of the National Detective Bureau, Deputy Sheriff Perley Way and Police Clerk James Deal.

Shadowed for some time by detectives, the trio of officers swooped down on McGahan last night, caught him unawares as he was carrying a tray of food, and slipped handcuffs over his wrists before he was able to draw a .25-calibre revolver from his pocket. He made an attempt to get his revolver after he dropped the tray, but was overpowered by the officers.

Rewards totaling more than \$50,000 have been offered at various times for McGahan's capture. Included in the string of bank robberies attributed to McGahan and his followers are: West Carrollton National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1920, \$17,500.

"Red" Admits More Crimes

Associated Press Despatch. Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Norman Ryan, Canadian bandit, held by the Minneapolis police, confessed to Frank W. Brunsell, chief of Minneapolis police, last night that he had held up two jewelry stores in Liverpool, England, and a bank at Flint, Mich., in addition to the list of crimes he is said to have already admitted.

BELL TELEPHONE WORKER IS BADLY HURT IN FALL

Thomas Barrett, a Bell Telephone Company employee, was seriously injured at 11 o'clock this morning, when he fell off a telephone pole at the corner of Elizabeth street and Central avenue. Dr. George Ram-say, who was called, found the man badly hurt about the back and hips. He was taken to Victoria Hospital and may be operated on this afternoon.

SODA WATER CO. SUES THREE INSURANCE FIRMS

The Dominion Soda Water Company of this city has issued the supreme court writs through Messies & Cluff against fire insurance companies, the amount of each claim being \$1,000. The companies named are the Fire Insurance Company of Canada, the Dominion Fire Insurance Company, and the Economical Mutual Company.

SCARLET FEVER STILL ON INCREASE IN CITY

Measles and Chickenpox Also Spreading, According to Weekly Report.

Scarlet fever, measles and chickenpox continues to increase in the city, according to the weekly report of communicable diseases issued by the Institute of Public Health this morning. There is now a total of 60 cases of scarlet fever, 15 being reported during the week. Thirty-four cases of chickenpox broke out in the city last week, which makes a total number of 47 cases of this malady in isolation. Twenty-six new cases of measles were reported.

Diphtheria and whooping cough are comparatively light, there being only two cases of the former and three of the latter reported to the institute.

"HAS TOPPING ESCAPED?" IS QUERY FROM STRATHROY

"Has Clarence Topping escaped from the jail?" queried a feminine voice this afternoon over long distance phone from Strathroy. Inquiry at the jail brought out the information that Topping had spent a good night, and was still behind the bars, where he will remain until February, when he will appear in court charged with the murder of Geraldine Durston.

CLEMENCEAU RECOVERING.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 19.—Premier Clemenceau, who was painfully out about the face in an automobile accident Sunday, has recovered sufficiently to resume his morning collections, to which he has attributed his good health for many years.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIED. Wharmcliffe, Rd. 2, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1923, Frederick P. Pepper, beloved husband of Jane Anne Sparks, man aged 77 years.

Funeral (private) on Friday, Dec. 21, 1923, from the above address at 3:30. Service 8 p.m. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

LOST AND FOUND. About ten days ago, a black suit, handbag, silver top, \$15 reward if returned to The Advertiser.

PUPILS AT ALEXANDRA GIVE FINE CONCERT

Presentation to Margaret Gilmore Features Christmas Exercises.

Pupils at Alexandra School held their closing Christmas exercises this afternoon, a program of more than ordinary merit being presented to the children and their parents. More than two dozen numbers were given by individuals and groups, while the feature of the afternoon was the presentation of the Robby medal to Margaret Gilmore by Mr. Copeland. The program is as follows: Chorus, O Canada; recitation by K. McNamara; solo by Marion Benstead; violin solo by Jack Spence; waltz chorus, "Go, Bless the Master of This House" Recitation by Mac Fenton; playlet, "Cinderella," by pupils of Miss Graham's class; duet and chorus, "Good King Wenceslas," duet solo, "Go, Bless the Master of This House" Recitation by K. 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Materials Used in London Construction Prove To Be of the Highest Order.

ALSO COSTS LESS

The Milton Hersey Company, a Canadian firm, has been testing London's pavements during the past year and representatives of that concern stated to The Advertiser today that their tests have been more complete than those made in 1922 under former city engineer, H. A. Brazier.

They are quite prepared, they state, to furnish ample evidence as to this, in the first instance they explain that their price per carload of asphalt was \$23.50 as against \$25.00 charged by the New York people who made the tests under Engineer Brazier. They charge that if the 1922 bill for testing was \$600 as asserted, but little was done, in comparison to what was done during the current year.

The Milton Hersey representatives explained today that they have been for many years testing pavements, etc., in various cities throughout the Dominion. During the present year alone, they have tested thousands of square yards of new pavement in Montreal. They have conducted similar tests in the city of St. Thomas during the past five years they add. In addition to this they have been testing regularly, and still are, for the cities of Hamilton, Stratford, St. Thomas, St. Catharines and Walkerville and many other municipalities. They state, in fact that they had been doing business with the principal centers of Western Ontario, excepting London. This year they were given the work here, work formerly sent, it is charged, to the city of New York.

The Hersey representatives declare that their tests have been much more complete than any ever accorded the city of London before. Tests of the pavement made by the material have been available every day while in the past, they were evidently not forthcoming on the average, persons who are in London and who spent their money here.

TALBOT ST. CHURCH
ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

Annual Christmas Entertainment for Scholars Proves Splendid Success.

Last night was a big occasion at Talbot Street Baptist Church, it being the annual supper for the Sunday school scholars, followed by the Christmas entertainment and the distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

The schoolroom presented a very attractive appearance, the room being set for 350, the teachers sitting with their classes. Members of the Barac class, resident in white coats, took charge of the serving of the supper, the ladies of the church having attended to all the preparatory work.

The entertainment given in the auditorium was well done. The orchestra gave a number of selections that added considerably to the program.

E. L. Brown, superintendent of the Sunday school, acted as chairman. The numbers were: Greetings by William Norfolk, Jr.; chorus by the Beginners class; rooster selection, Donald Kennedy; choruses by girls and boys of the primary department and the junior department; sketch by the Argonne club; and a solo by Miss Rapson. Santa Claus then made his appearance. The large tree was stripped by his assistants, and the National Anthem concluded a splendid event.

TRADE COMMISSIONER
IN JAPAN EXPECTED

A. E. Bryan Will Arrive in January to Tour Ontario and Quebec.

A. E. Bryan, Canadian trade commissioner in Japan, will be in this country in the middle of January, and will make a tour of Ontario and Quebec, according to a communication from the department of trade and commerce in Ottawa, received this morning by the secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce.

ROLICKING SHOW
STAGED BY "LIT"
OF ARTS COLLEGE

Four Farical Skits Mark Christmas Entertainment at Western "U."

CHOICE DIALOGUE

Four farical skits presented by the students of the University of Western Ontario delighted an "uproarious" audience in the "U" gymnasium last night on the occasion of a Christmas celebration held by members of the Literary Society of the College of Arts. Dancing was staged immediately after the burlesque playlets had been produced.

A real appreciation of the "Slapstick" was revealed by the audience, and the principals themselves displayed ability of the Chaplin and Harold Lloyd type which kept the house in continuous laughter. The first "word picture" was an entertaining opus named "Babes in the Wood." This was a cockney version of that famous classic, giving Marcus Auden, Lorne Dawson, Lillian Kingsborough, Phyllis Shambles, Maurice Dobson, Phil Burton, Fred Coles and J. M. Talman every opportunity for indulging in horseplay of a keenly amusing sort.

Arthur Waring, president of the Literary Society, made the initial announcement from the stage, in which he wished all a Merry Christmas. A Yankee version of the "Babes in the Wood," was highly amusing. This was a choice bit of dialogue of the "Dumbell" vintage. After an exhibition which brought mirth into every line, the American cousins covered up the prostrate "babes." Gerald Foristal was the bad American uncle, Charles Rose and Oscar Hoad were the thugs, while Laura Ramm and Margaret Johnson were the "babes." Sid Kingsmill played the part of a misfit from New York.

Applied at the piano, the University Glee Club then sang "Holy Night."

Students of the senior year, headed by Jack Hambley, who did the announcing, put on a series of skits. In the succeeding burlesque members of the faculty were obviously the butt of the students' satire, the scene being a choice bit of dialogue of the "Dumbell" vintage. After an exhibition which brought mirth into every line, the American cousins covered up the prostrate "babes." Gerald Foristal was the bad American uncle, Charles Rose and Oscar Hoad were the thugs, while Laura Ramm and Margaret Johnson were the "babes." Sid Kingsmill played the part of a misfit from New York.

Next, the collegians, in an exhibition of historical gambling, using Julius Caesar as the "spearhead" of their inspiration.

The final skit of the evening was a farical history seminar, given by the seniors, with Wallace K. Ferguson as the essayist. Bert Thomas took the role of Prof. Dearth in a way that marked him a mimic of the highest order. Wally Ferguson, in classic gown declared that his subject was "Certain Data on the Initiation of the men, said to have taken place in the prefecture of McCallum in A.D. 1923."

Following the senior skits the Glee Club rendered a "Know Well." A vote of thanks was passed by the decoration committee, consisting of H. C. Blackwell, Mary Wilkey and J. A. Waring.

The freshmen then put on a romantic history in which Jerry Jordan, G. McIntosh, Marion Drew, Mary Wilkey, Dick Brown, Marion Stark and Ted Harvey took part. A trio, consisting of Nelson Andrews, Sid Kingsmill and Charles Tufts sang "Three Kings of the Orient Are."

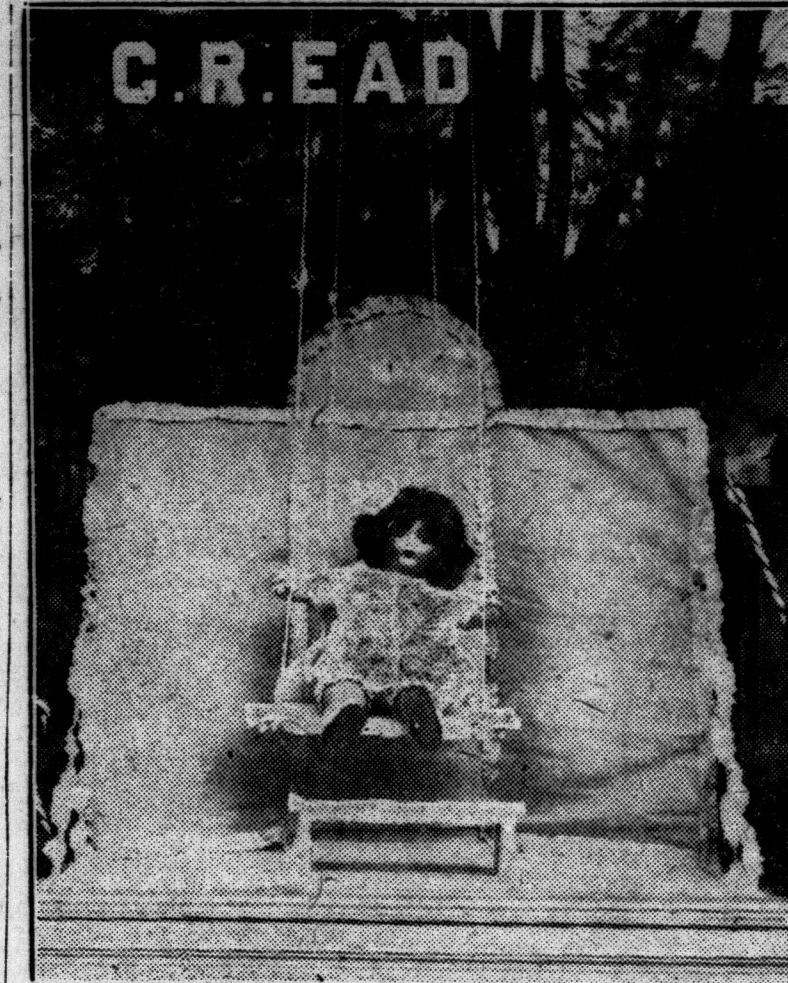
The final skit by the sophomores was a triumph. It was a symbolical play in which the various kinds of current and ancient literature were characterized. The players included Garr Elson, Marion Garbutt, Helen Hughes, Eric Bock, Allen Grant and Eleanor Grant.

These entertaining presentations were prepared on short notice, but each was distinctive, showing beyond a doubt that the Literary Society can produce skits infinitely preferable to the current brand of vaudeville seen in the average theatre. It was an auspicious closing performance for the University Literary Society, indeed.

MAYOR IS ATTENDING
GOVERNMENT RECEPTION

Mayor George Wenige is in Toronto today as one of the city's representatives at the Lieutenant-Governor's luncheon for London and Middlesex county authorities.

Twenty-nine dollars that might have been spent in buying Christmas presents was paid over to Police Court Clerk John Moule this morning by citizens for violations of the M. V. A.

PAVING RECORD
EQUALS '22 MARK

Engineers Reports About 45,000 Square Yards of Concrete Were Laid This Year.

Approximately 45,000 square yards of concrete have been laid during the year by the city engineering department, Engineer Near reported today. This record, measures up with 1922, it is explained, about the same amount of paving being done in that period. This year's record is considered very remarkable, however, in view of the fact that paving enterprises were started nearly two months later than had been customary.

This was due, chiefly, as city authorities point out, to the reorganization of the department following the retirement of H. A. Brazier, city engineer, until early last spring. During the reorganization process, William Hunter, former superintendent, resigned. His place was not filled.

In his survey of the engineering department, in company with certain other municipal services, Dr. Horace L. Britain and his staff of municipal experts, found it to be in excellent shape and heartily endorsed such changes and recommendations by City Engineer W. F. Near.

DEPLETES MONEY LACK
FOR TOWN PLANNERS

Ald. Drake Declares Efforts Wasted When Funds Are Not Available.

Can the town planning commission or any other civic board function adequately without an adequate financial appropriation?

Ald. Gordon Drake, chairman of the commission, thinks not and voiced the opinion that much valuable time and effort was wasted when there was little or no money available. The 1923 estimate for the town planning commission was slashed mercilessly thereby handicapping the efforts of the commissioners.

Town planners and kindred experts throughout the province have long been agitating for provincial legislation whereby town-planning commissions would be entitled to a certain amount each year—say a half mill or a mill on the tax rate—as is the case with the public library and other boards. No such legislation has yet been permitted, however, by the government.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT
Will Show Fine Surplus

Where a deficit of \$40,138.92 was shown in the the electrical department of the public utilities commission last year, a surplus of \$24,163.25 is apparent in 1923. These figures are taken for the first eleven months of the year.

Revenue, 1923.	
Residential and commercial light, including municipal buildings	\$398,629.75
Commercial power, including waterworks	298,178.40
Municipal street lighting	34,040.82
Consumer's wiring, rentals and miscellaneous revenue	21,804.45
	\$692,651.51
Expense.	
Electrical energy purchased	\$415,876.57
Operation, maintenance and construction expenses	70,808.02
General collection and promotion of business expenses	56,202.26
Interest and sinking fund on debentures	75,952.11
Depreciation and insurance reserves	49,849.29
	\$668,488.28
Surplus	\$24,163.25
Total expenditure on construction account, Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1923.	\$206,479.49.

DEFERS PAYMENT
OF DIVIDENDS

Manager of Bank of Montreal Awaits Instructions re Home Bank Disbursements.

The market branch of the Bank of Montreal, which has been appointed to pay a 25 per cent dividend to all Home Bank depositors in this city, will not commence payments until notification is received from Toronto. Gerald Pearson, manager, said he was waiting for special forms from the Queen City and with them he expected to receive instructions regarding the date and the amount of money to be advanced by his bank.

DECORATIONS MADE
BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Kindergarten Entertainments Proving Interesting Feature of Year.

A feature of the kindergarten Christmas entertainments, held in every class in the city, is that the decorations of the rooms and the large trees have all been made by the children, nothing having been purchased.

Miss Brenton, kindergarten supervisor, this morning stated that everything was done by the youngsters. The presents placed on the trees have been made during the year, and the decorations, fully the equal of any that could be bought, have also been made in the school. The presents are not for the children themselves, but for their parents, who are all invited to the exercises. In addition to the Christmas tree attraction, the children participate in games and exercises.

BIBLE STUDENTS TELL
OF BIRTH OF CHRIST

Members Distribute Explanation of Great Event in London.

The International Bible Students' version of the purpose of events leading up to the birth of Christ, and the explanation of conditions resulting from that birth, was distributed today to enter four teams in the C. I. Johnston's group of the International Students today.

The article dealing with this subject says in part: "The world is now entering its darkest period, and when mankind reaches the point of extremity, then will be God's opportunity to reveal to all sad hearts that the birth of Jesus was the greatest event in history to that time, and that shortly, this same great Jesus, now in glory, will extend the blessing of life, liberty and happiness to the whole groaning creation."

CHIEF IS SYMPATHETIC
TO TAXI DRIVER'S PLEA

Payment of Fine Is Delayed Until Money Is Earned.

The Christmas spirit (not the liquid kind) invaded the police station this morning and penetrated as far as Chief Birrell's office. A taxi driver, who had exceeded the speed limit, admitted his guilt in police court, but did not have the necessary \$5 and costs to pay his fine.

The man appealed to Chief Birrell in the hope of getting a few days to earn the money, and after a half mill or a mill on the tax rate—as is the case with the public library and other boards. No such legislation has yet been permitted, however, by the government.

WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE
IN COMMITTEE PERSONNEL

There will be no change in the personnel of the private citizen members of the vocational advisory committee of the board of education next year.

The six members who are not trustees, appointed by the board, will hold their seats for 1924, although the terms of two expire December 31, 1924. These men are appointed as representing the various walks of life and sit only on that committee, having nothing to do with other matters of the board.

The following are the men who will retain their seats: W. W. Gamble and W. A. Reid, terms expire 1924; J. B. Walton and A. W. Hite, terms expire 1925; Harry Hayman and J. Hussey, terms expire 1926.

Another Wallop
for "Blue Ruin"

Even in December, with winter approaching, Londoners have every fall in their city, despite the daily talks on "blue ruin" by a local newspaper.

No better evidence of this can be had than today's report from Building Inspector A. M. Piper, who has granted no less than 53 construction and alteration permits since the first of the month. These represent an estimated expenditure of \$80,675.

News From City Churches

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST. LUKE'S.

The sound of sleigh-bells in the distance was heralded with great joy by the Sunday school children of St. Luke's Church, Broughdale, last evening, when it signalled the approach of Santa Claus, laden with a huge package of candy and oranges. The genial one's arrival came after a splendid supper and Christmas entertainment, the former provided by the ladies of the church and the latter consisting of numerous songs, recitations and dialogues, given by the children themselves. For her part in arranging and supervising the program, Miss A. Nagle was presented by the scholars with a lovely bouquet of chrysanthemums. Just following the supper, where the tables looked very pretty indeed with Christmas decorations of red and green, the rector gave a short illustrated talk.

CENTENNIAL W. M. S.

"The Temperance Question" was dealt with by Mrs. T. R. Wright at the meeting of Centennial W. M. S. held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Moore, Lorne avenue. Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Truss and Mrs. M. T. Dundas spoke on "Worldwide Missions." Mrs. Thomas Bolton read the Bible lesson, Mrs. George St. Clair occupying the chair. At the conclusion of the business, the hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Truss and her committee.

KING STREET LADIES' AID.

The C. G. I. T. of King Street Presbyterian Church held their annual Christmas supper meeting last evening, winding up the year's business and planning Christmas work.

It was arranged that the group should meet for two families. The financial report showed an excellent year. The group have obtained their missionary chest by a considerable surplus which will be devoted to the annual work of the church.

MISS McNAUGHTON LEAVES HER BED FOR FIRST TIME.

Miss Viola McNaughton was allowed out from her bed for a short time today for the first time since she was accidentally shot through the chest by Constable Walter Harpur at a shooting affair at 318 York street a month ago.

Miss McNaughton's condition has shown such great improvement in the past week that her physician allowed her to be carried from her bed in a wheel chair to the sun room of the hospital where she spent a few hours. She chatted with the nurses and appeared to be bright and happy. Doctors expect that if she can get away from her room for a few hours each day greater progress will be made toward her recovery.

ADVISES MINIMUM TAX
TO CATCH MANY EVADERS

A minimum income tax would be more effective than a statute labor tax, according to Assessment Commissioner Bennett, who points out that the number who escaped taxation would be reduced to a minimum.

BABIES' AND BEGINNERS' PARTY

About one hundred children belonging to the Font Roll and the Beginners' department of the Sunday School of New St. James' Presbyterian Church with some fifty of their mothers were present yesterday afternoon, in the lower hall to enjoy a delightful holiday party given by those in charge of the department. A program of carols and recitations was given by the children, followed by a supper, served at tables prettily decorated with evergreen and poinsettias. Mothers and children together numbered about one hundred and seventy-five.

MUSKETEER TRIO
COMES TO GRIEF
DURING CAR RIDE

Two of "Cardinal's Guards" Overhaul Merry Party on Way Home.

Three musketeers from the north end of the city made a mistake when they motored down Waterloo street at 12:44 this morning because the "Cardinals guards" in the persons of Sergeant Midaugh and Constable Parker of the police force were on the job.

It seems that the driver of the car steered into the curb near Cheapside street and then careened to the other side of the road. This was not as it should be and the car which the police claimed was going 30 miles an hour eventually came to a stop.

Sergeant Midaugh stepped up and gave the three merry gentlemen the "once over" and immediately sent in a call for the patrol, the trio spending the rest of the night in police cells.

All denied being drunk while the driver declared he had not zig-zagged from one side of the street to the other.

"The driver had been drinking, he was not drunk," stated the sergeant. The other two were drunk; one was paralyzed drunk.

This was indignantly denied by one of the prisoners, who stated he had carefully counted his money, \$256, before being placed away in the cells.

"Do you want to give any evidence?" asked the court.

"No use," was the reply.

"All right. I'll fine you \$10 and costs," said Mr. Graydon who went on to point out how dangerous it was to drive a motor car in a reckless manner.

The owner of the car said each of the boys had had a drink at his place and he was driving them home when they were arrested. It took a long time to warm up his motor. He had never been in trouble before.

"I hope it will be the last time," declared the court.

WILL END YEAR'S WORK.

Tonight's meeting of the vocational advisory committee of the board of education will see the windup of the year's work, as far as vocational education is concerned. S. F. Lawson, who is filling out the year as chairman in place of Ald. Elect Edwin Smith, will preside. Routine business is all that will be dealt with.

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Electric Trains \$1.95

Windup Trains, 95c to \$1.50

\$7.50 Doll Carts, all reed, for \$4.95

All Other Toys on Sale at About Half Price

A late shipment of Japanese Work Baskets, just arrived, will be sold at 50c, \$1.69 to \$2.50 each.

Polished Smoker Stands with Glass Trays for \$1.69 Each.

20 other different Smoking Stands reduced to \$1.95, \$5.75, and up to \$34.50.

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ORGANIZE PARTY DRIVE TO ASSIST FARMERS' CAUSE

Progressives Plan Intensive
Campaign in All Parts
of Canada.

DRAW UP PLATFORM

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Plans for a vigorous and intensive organization campaign along provincial lines looking forward to a national conference and a federal co-ordinating executive were formed by the whips of the Progressive group of the House of Commons at a two-day conference which concluded here tonight.

According to a statement issued at the close of the conference, reports from all the provinces represented indicated that public opinion is turning increasingly to the Progressives for leadership and constructive policy in "the present crisis in national affairs."

BOY'S-BAD COLD TURNED TO BRONCHITIS

The frequency with which bronchitis develops into pneumonia is appreciated by very few mothers. The danger of pneumonia is probably well understood too, but how many mothers take into consideration that a neglected attack of bronchitis frequently leads to this dangerous disease?

We would advise all mothers to give their children Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup the first moment they show any symptoms of a cold or cough, as by doing this they may save them from an attack of bronchitis or pneumonia.

Mrs. Lawrence Quick, Sandwich, Ont., writes: "My little boy, 6 years old, had a bad cold which turned to bronchitis. I tried everything I thought would be best for it, but did not see him getting any better. I was told to try Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and after giving him two bottles he got wonderful relief. I cannot praise it enough."

Price 50c a bottle, large family size 60c. Put up by The T. Milburn Company Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Adv.



KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE QUIT COUNTRY.

Greece may have a republic. King George II. of Greece, who succeeded his father, Constantine, when the latter was forced to abdicate in September, 1922, has been ordered to leave the country until the national assembly decides on the form of government the country is to have in future. Queen Elizabeth is a daughter of the King and Queen of Rumania, in whose court the exiled sovereigns are seeking refuge.

and long term agricultural credits at low interest rates, and a complete review of the Canadian banking legislation.

Favor Broadening.
Following its declared policy the Progressive party at all times will be prepared to co-operate with those who hold similar views upon National Affairs, the statement said. Other important clauses were:

"Reports from all the provinces represented indicate that public opinion is turning increasingly to the Progressives for leadership and constructive policy in the present crisis in national affairs."
"Plans were formulated for a vigorous and intensive organization campaign along provincial lines looking forward to a national conference and a federal co-ordinating executive. The national appeals of the Progressive party is to all citizens of Canada who believe in economy, retrenchment and reform, the fundamental principles on which we stand."

EXPORTS FOR NOVEMBER SHOW FAIR INCREASE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The total value of exports of Canadian produce during the month of November was \$128,057,273, or \$7,292,200 higher than in November, 1922, and \$61,783,710 higher than in November, 1921. For the twelve months ending November 30 of the present year, exports of domestic produce reached a total value of \$1,001,727,269, while in the 12 months period which ended November 30 of the previous year, the total value of domestic exports was \$908,279,323 as compared with \$751,254,587 in the twelve months period ending November 30, 1922.

SEES GAS FIELDS OF THIS DISTRICT PLAYED OUT, 1940

Government Committee Believes Supply of Natural Fuel Is Limited.

COMPANY GIVES STAND

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—The natural gas fields of Tilbury, Dover and Dawn will continue to supply gas for general purposes to the districts situated about Windsor, London and Chatham until the year 1935. For a further five years after that date the fields will still be available for meeting a sharply restricted consumption. By the year 1940, however, they will be played out for commercial purposes, and the plant of the Union Natural Gas Company, Limited, representing an investment of \$6,343,780, will be valuable only as scrap.

These are the conclusions reached in the report of the committees appointed by the Ontario government to appraise the Union Natural Gas Company properties, so that an equitable basis might be determined for the fixing of rates with the Western Ontario municipalities. The report, 25 pages in length, represents nearly a year's labor upon the part of the engineering and accounting staff which has prepared it.

Compiled under the supervision of Col. R. B. Harkness, natural gas commissioner; R. O. Wynne-Roberts, consulting engineer, and D. R. Roberts, accountant, it has as its primary object the careful collection of all data pertinent to the fixing of fair rates.

The desire of the government in the present appraisal is that the gas company place all its cards on the table, and that a rate be intelligently struck which will deal justly between the consumers and the company itself. The report makes no recommendations regarding the rates, but merely supplies the data necessary for arriving at them. The gas reference board will commence during the next few weeks to hold sittings by counsel, and at which the question of rates will be threshed out and decided.

The view of the appraisal committee is that \$6,343,780 should be returned to the company by the time the fields shall become valueless for further operations. In order that this may be accomplished, a sinking fund, dating from 1914, the time at which the investment of the company was completed, is suggested.

The appraisal committee estimates that the sinking fund of the company should at present total \$2,520,662 on a

straight line basis, or \$1,496,361 on a five per cent sinking fund basis. The company's sinking fund does not reach these totals. Consideration, however, the company points out, must be given in this regard to the fact that the company has reinvested in its plant considerable money that might properly have been credited to its sinking fund.

UNEMPLOYED FEWER.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 18.—The number of unemployed persons in the United Kingdom declined this past week by 14,520, the total number now being 1,180,200.

WEST LEADS IN DECREASE IN ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—A steady decrease in the price of electric light rates in almost every province of Canada since 1900 is recorded by the statistics branch of the federal department of labor. Manitoba and Alberta lead in the tendency to cheaper rates, although in Ontario and Quebec electric light has now touched the lower price level. In Prince Edward Island there has been a tendency to higher rates. Taking an index figure of 100 as the prevailing rate in each province during 1913, Manitoba's rate for 1900

is shown as averaging 363.6, while in 1923 it had fallen to 100.

TWO FARMERS PAY FINES FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

For starving 53 head of cattle, Alexander James and Roderick McDonald, two farmers of Mulickirk, Kent County, were found guilty in Bothwell on Tuesday on a charge of cruelty to animals, and fined \$50 and costs or three months in jail. They paid the fine.

The charge was laid by Inspector George Tustin, who had received complaints from Bothwell residents that the cattle had been turned into the bush and left to starve.

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All these artists are now at the height of their fame. They all record exclusively for Brunswick Records.

Don't buy a phonograph simply because it has been before the public for a long time. Buy your phonograph—and your records—on a basis of strict comparison of values. If you do this you will come to Brunswick Phonographs and Records simply because of their manifest superiority as demonstrated to your own ears by actual comparison.

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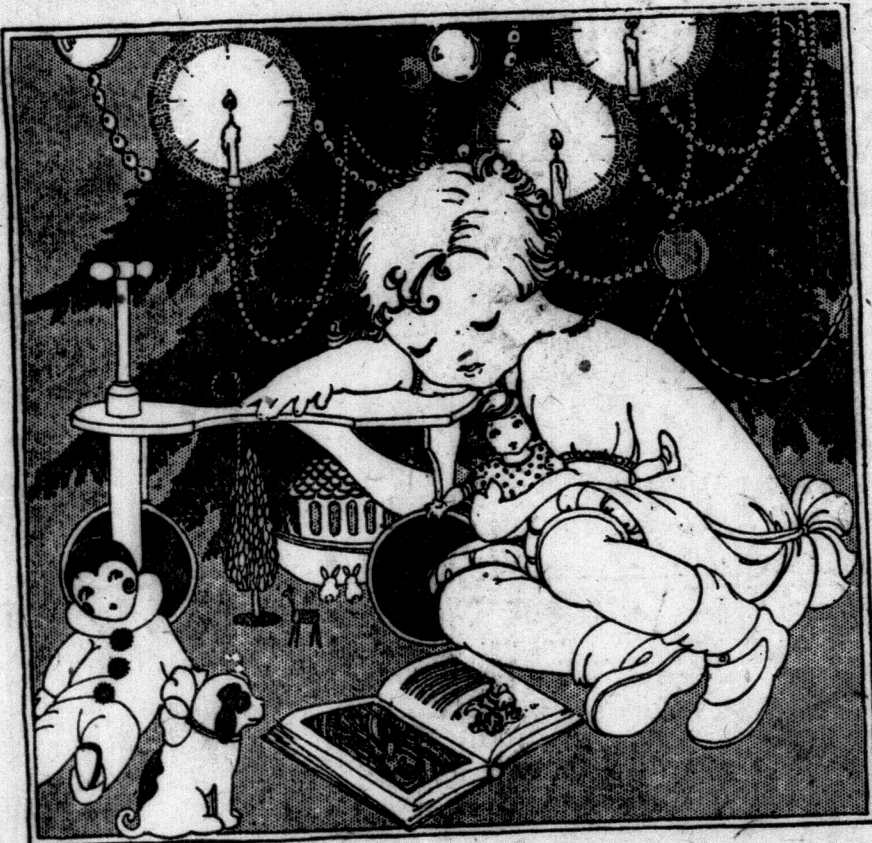
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BLOX-O ... **75c**

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GIRL THREW ACID, GETS SIX MONTHS IN REFORMATORY

Hamilton Girl Sentenced For Throwing Vitriol On Toronto Man.

ATTEMPTED TO BLIND

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Dec. 18.—"I wanted to blind him so that he would not be able to ruin other women as he ruined me and my sister," sobbed Elizabeth Smith in criminal court this afternoon, in explanation of the crime of throwing a cup of vitriol on Charles Stewart, Toronto, of which she was convicted.

His head swathed in bandages and under police guard, Stewart appeared before Judge Evans in criminal court this afternoon as complainant.

The girl was sent to Mercer Reformatory for not less than six months and not more than two years. Application is being made to compel Stewart to care for her baby until it reaches the age of sixteen years, as provided for under the unmarried mothers' act.

Refuses Address.
The crime occurred at a house where Stewart and Miss Smith lived on Dec. 1. Stewart has never divulged his Toronto address, stating to the authorities that he cannot remember it.

Stewart on the stand said that the girl had lived with him as his wife for many months. Trouble first arose when the accused charged him with being intimate with her sister, who also lived at the house. There was no grounds for the assertion, Stewart said, but admitted that he and the sister took a trip to Toronto. He said he had a wife and two children in Toronto, but claimed he had been told to clear out some time ago, as he wages were too small.

FIELDING IMPROVES.
Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding is still progressing favorably. He is reported to have had a very good day.

ELLA MAY SCOYNE

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BORDER RUNNERS' BUSINESS RUINED BY RUM ARMADA

European Competition Puts Essex Whiskey Runners Out of Business.

PRICES ARE TOO LOW

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 18.—Liquor warehouses at Petit Cote began to close down today. They have been forced out of business because they cannot compete with the prices of European liquor for sale in the Detroit liquor market.

So much liquor has flowed into Detroit from the rum flotilla off the Atlantic coast outside the 12-mile limit, the best brands of whiskey and other liquors are cheaper in Detroit today than at the warehouses at Petit Cote. The best liquors can be bought for less money than at any time during the last four years in which the monopoly of Detroit's rum trade was in the hands of border millionaire liquor syndicates.

Speed boats, which have been busy all summer today were tied up at docks all the way from Sandwich to Amherstburg. The inactivity, their owners explained, is due to lack of orders from distributors at Ecorse and other Michigan centers.

"You cannot expect competition from this side of the river with the best Scotch whiskeys which are being given away at \$60 and \$75 a case," said one of the big dealers at Petit Cote, when asked the reason for the lull in business.

The statement was made by one of the most successful of liquor dealers while standing outside his magnificent house on the Riverfront road. Resigned to the fate of a barren winter, boathouses and sheds are empty; the large stocks are gone. Not more than half the usual number of employees are about the docks. There are no guards in sight. No one and "Private" signs are disregarded.

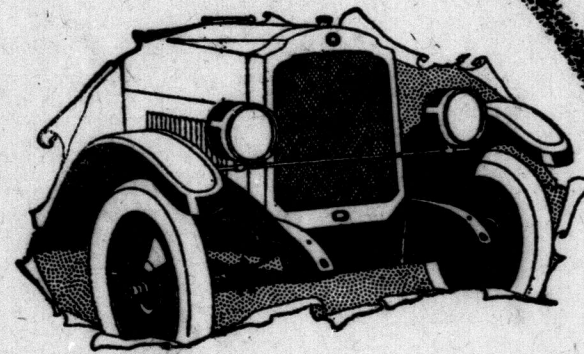
SENATOR M'CALL PRESENTS \$5,000 TO HURON COLLEGE

A presentation of \$5,000 has been made to Huron College by Senator Alexander McCall as a memorial scholarship in memory of his daughter, Sarah Edna Peterson. This is the first contribution to the Anglican seminary diamond jubilee endowment fund. The fund will be used for an increase in the teaching staff, according to the principal, and will help to make up for an expected deficit in receipts caused by the removal of the Arts College of the university to its new building. A considerable amount of money has been obtained by Huron College from the Arts College in payment of rent for the west wing of the building.

THEFT IS CHARGED.
Windsor, Dec. 18.—When Rita Launsberry left the home of Mrs. Fred McDonald, 424 Moy avenue, after a visit, she took Mrs. McDonald's fur coat and a hat, the police were told today. Rita was arrested at the Canadian National Railway station, and is being held in charge by Mrs. McDonald. She was on her way home to Ridgeway, Ontario, she said.

OPERATED HANDBOOK.
Windsor, Dec. 18.—Maurice Bigglestone, 24 Curry avenue, was fined \$200 and costs when he pleaded guilty to operating a handbook on horse races. The police raided the Arcade poolroom, where betting slips and racing forms were seized.

Its performance excels the maker's promise



The "New Series" Star

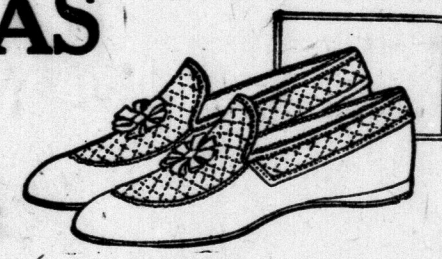
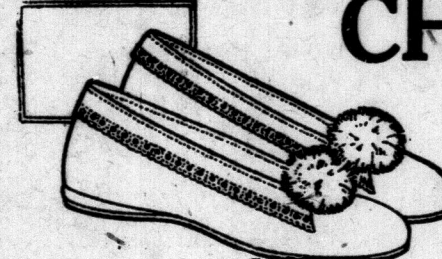
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Waste in various forms was the subject of discussion when a memorandum on the subject was submitted to the Ontario Associated Board of Trade by the Toronto loss sustained by labor troubles in the dominion, the board said in part: "Another great source of loss or wastage results from labor disputes and misunderstandings. During a period of 22 years ended December 31, 1922, there were 2,751 industrial disputes in Canada, involving 770,327

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employees and causing a time loss of 20,579,530 working days. For the six months' period ended July 31, 1923, there were 67 disputes in which 27,437 employees were interested with a loss of 564,846 working days. During this period of 22½ years, 1,836 of the disputes have been due to wages, increased wages and shorter hours, increased wages and other changes, 126 were caused by demands for and against a reduction in wages; for shorter hours, while the remainder or 856 were mainly affecting unionism. The results were as follows: These disputes have occurred in all lines of industrial activities, but mainly in building and construction, in which there were 570; metals, machinery and conveyances, 546; mines, smelters, quarries, clay products, etc., 296; transportation, 279; clothing, 249; foods, liquors and tobacco, 157. All provinces have been affected, 1,162 taking place in Ontario, 564 in Quebec, 235 in British Columbia, 239 in Alberta, and smaller numbers in the other provinces.

It is impossible to estimate the monetary loss resulting from these differences between employers and employees. It will be easily seen from the figures of time loss quoted that it will be tremendous. The hardships felt by many families during strike periods, due to reduced earnings, should not be forgotten nor the ill feelings often kindled during such times between the employers and employees, and the tendency to establish barriers between the two parties rather than closer and more friendly relations.

The factory system has given the great boon of free labor and has wonderfully added to our material comfort by cheapening the cost of production thereby adding to our daily comfort, but it has also inflicted a great loss. Handicraft is no more, the day of the artisan is gone and the joy of creating something has been taken away from the worker.

The present unrest is in a large measure due to an unsatisfied mental condition more than to lack of material comforts.

S. R. WHITE TO BECOME CHIEF 'TECH' INSTRUCTOR

S. R. White, who for the past 10 years has been manual training supervisor of the London schools, has tendered his resignation in order that he may accept the position of chief instructor at the Technical School. He will enter on his new duties in January.

WESTERN U. STUDENTS LEAVE FOR THEIR HOMES

By this evening the University of Western Ontario will assume an aspect something like the proverbial deserted village. Today is the last of the fall semester, and this afternoon students leave for their homes for a two weeks' Christmas holiday. No additional students will be accepted for the winter term, Dr. K. P. Neville said. The 1924 school year will commence the first Thursday in January.

News From City Churches

RIDOUT STREET CONCERT.

The expedient of placing extra chairs in every available corner of space had to be resorted to last evening in order to accommodate the scores who attended the annual Christmas entertainment of the senior classes of the Sunday school at Ridout Street Methodist Church. Santa Claus' arrival, and the taking up of his position at the foot of the huge and gaily-decorated Christmas tree, was greeted first with tumultuous cheers, and then a hush of expectancy as the distribution of gifts commenced. No one was disappointed as the laden branches revealed something for every child and every teacher and officer present. To provide a suitable setting for the Christmas tree, with its important significance, the Sunday schools were arrayed in the prettiest Christmas attire.

The program, which was presided over by C. Hone, the superintendent of the evening, commenced with his brief and very suitable address, followed by the opening chorus, "Merry Christmas," and continuing to afford great delight through each of the following numbers: Dialogue by T. Campbell's class; chorus by the girls of Miss Proctor's class; dialogue by the classes of Mrs. Maynard and J. Johnstone; drill by Miss Goodwin's class; playlet by Miss Ashby's class; a club exercise by the girls of the C. G. T. L.; solo by Madge Smart; violin selection by H. Shannan, accompanied by H. Deacon on the piano; a Christmas song by Miss Floyd's class; a playlet from Dickens by T. Holmes' class of boys; drill and songs and instrumentals by Miss Gladys Lowes; flower drill by Mrs. Agnew's class; trio by the Renwick boys; a pantomime by Miss B. Johnstone's class and, in conclusion, a chorus by the pupils of the Sunday school, entitled "Starlight Song."

ASKIN STREET JUNIOR M. C.

The meeting of the Junior Mission Circle of Askin Street Methodist Church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Ida Lashbrook, Worley road, and a campaign for new members inaugurated. Two rival teams were appointed and the loser's forfeit will be to provide the program for a special meeting to be held later in the season. The captains are Miss Verna Dobbyn, assisted by Beesie Courtis, and Marjorie Courtis, assisted by Edith Copp. The Bible lesson was read at a meeting by Edith Copp, and Alfreda Courtis dealt with a portion of the study book. Two delightful musical numbers were a solo by Miss Minnie Wescott and an instrumental by Miss Louise Garbutt. Guests at the meeting were the pastor, Rev. J. T. C. Morris, Rev. Mr. Garbutt and Mr. Moorehouse, each of whom spoke briefly. At the conclusion of the business Mrs. Lashbrook served refreshments.

PRESENTATION TO MENTOR.

The Wingfoot Club of Knox Presbyterian Church combined a happy little affair in honor of their mentor, Murdo McLean with their regular weekly supper last evening. Mr. Mc-

Lean leaves this evening for Vancouver, returning to his home there, and as a farewell gift, he was presented by the Wingfoot group with a handsome club-bag, bearing his initials. Arnold Raymer made the presentation, and Mr. McLean replied in a manner which showed his appreciation of the gift, and his regret at leaving the club with which he has been so successfully identified. Rev. T. A. Symington was also a guest, making a brief speech. The usual group meeting followed the supper, and the boys enjoyed an hour of games.

MAITLAND STREET C. G. I. T.

The C. G. I. T. group of Maitland Street Baptist Church allowed their regular meeting last evening to be an informal Christmas party, with which they combined a happy event in honor of the leader, Mrs. Roe. The Christmas present of the group to Mrs. Roe, as well as an expression of their affection and gratitude for her work with them, was a lovely silk scarf, which was presented by Florence Boyd, and accompanied by a neat little address read by Pearl Mote. The holding of a "Christmas Card Box" was a thoughtful act on the part of the girls, and Christmas greetings and good wishes were sent to every former member of the club and those who have left the city. Plans were made also to take presents of fruit to Westminster Hospital on Dec. 19. Lillian Franklin presided over the meeting, which concluded with an informal program of music and games, and the serving of refreshments.

PHILOXENE CLUB.

The Philoxene Club of St. Andrew's Church met last evening and worked busily toward the completion of their Christmas cheer work. All departments of the church are making generous contributions toward the work as a whole, which is being centered to scores of the less fortunate families in the city. Last evening the club completed a great many more stockings for the children.

PARTY AT MEMORIAL HOME.

A very jolly Christmas party was given last Monday evening at the Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Home by the Sunshine Spreaders C. G. I. T. group of Christ Church. A program specially provided for the little people there commenced with a showing of lantern slides of Christmas pictures, and by Baldwin quite a lighted the children with her playing of the bagpipes and Scotch dancing, and Virginia Mines provided a treat in the form of a piano solo. Canon Gunne, rector of Christ Church, accompanied the girls and gave a Christmas talk, and the program concluded with a singing of Christmas carols and hymns, over which Miss Connor was in charge. To complete the successful little party, the visitors distributed a treat of oranges, nuts, candy and other Christmas goodies.

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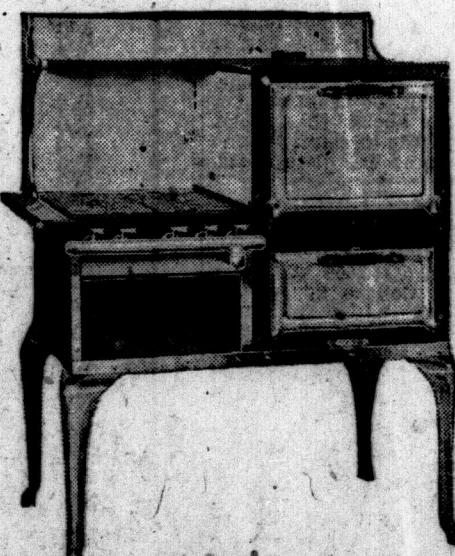
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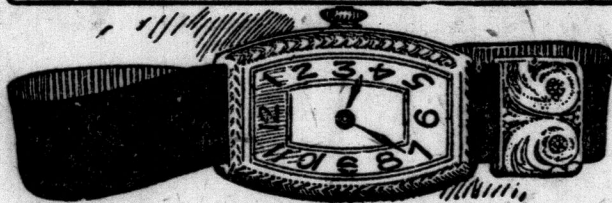
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FINE CONTRIBUTIONS

"The Oracle" has again made its appearance in the ranks of London publications and, judging from the first number of this year, bids fair to make its mark in the realm of school journals.

The Oracle, which is published by the students of the London South Collegiate, is full of good sense in editorials and essays, to say nothing of humor. The front page is a message from Principal T. S. H. Graham, followed by a welcome to the new teachers and scholars. Mayor George Wengie has contributed an excellent article of "Citizenship," urging that an interest be taken in civic matters. "School Sport," edited by William Sinclair and Isabel McCracken, covers the field thoroughly. The section is preceded by a short editorial by Hiles Temple. Page four is the editorial page, and the writings here are good. Miss Bessie McCamus has contributed an article on Dr. Banting and his visit to the south collegiate. There is also the exchange corner, conducted by Florence Robson and Orville Eadie, while Donna Gracey, president of the Lit. has written of this organization. A coin collectors column is conducted by Orville Eadie. "Le Coin Francs" is guaranteed to test the knowledge of those who have a smattering of this language. "School Notes," "Re-marks" and "Humor" complete the paper, all of these being interesting and really humorous. The latter page is conducted by Winnifred Moulton and Lincoln Orsahrad.

The paper, in addition to those mentioned, has the following staff: Consulting editors, Mrs. Carr-Harris, Mr. McNell; editor-in-chief, Arthur C. Hill; assistant editor, Archie H. Knapp; business manager, Edward Maitland; assistant business manager, Owen Westland.

CITY PRINCIPALS DISCUSS WORK WITH INSPECTORS

Principals of the public schools of the city met yesterday afternoon with the inspectors and discussed matters pertaining to schools. According to Chief Inspector V. K. Greer there was nothing for publication.

SPLENDID MUSIC MARKS CONCERT OF CATHOLIC CLUB

Artists Overcome Handicap of Small House and Delight Audience.

PROCEEDS FOR CHARITY

Christmas shopping drew heavily on the attendance at the benefit concert given last evening in St. Peter's Parish Hall. The program itself was excellent. The artists downed the initial handicap of a comparatively small house, and sang with an assurance and appeal which might have been inspired by a packed auditorium. The concert was held under the auspices of the Catholic Club for charitable purposes and ticket sales previous to the concert met with a good response. The pressure of Christmas demands upon the time, however, prevented many from being in attendance.

Select Program.
The carefully selected program was presented by Miss Barbara Case, soprano, and Miss Dorothy Robertson, violinist, the latter accompanied at the piano by Miss Marilyn Pocke. George Thomas was listed on the program to play accordion accompaniments for Miss Case, but he was unable to be present, his place being taken by Mr. George Lethbridge, the organist and choirmaster of the First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Case has a soprano voice, beautifully developed and retaining a round sweetness of tone. In several numbers the concluding high notes were sung with the clarity and tenderness which seemed to belong only to a lullaby. Miss Case was connected for some time with the Boston Concert Bureau, and the assurance and friendliness of her platform appearance bespeak wide experience. She was both generous and happy in her selection of encores.

Plays Russian Air.
Miss Robertson, the violinist, chose a weird Russian air for her first number, first impressing her audience with brilliant playing, and then appealing more directly to them with her second air, still Russian, but with a more pronounced rhythm and a melody which fascinated at once. Both were by Wieniawski. Her second group included works by Elman and Kreisler, the former's "Deep River," and "Serenade Espagnole" (Chaminade) by Kreisler. Her concluding number was a Spanish Dance by Rehfeld. Miss Case sang "Villanelle," (Del Aquia); "Dear Faded Rose," Foster; "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," Seltz; "Serenade" (Schubert); "False Prophet" (Scott); "Absent," Cherie; "Rose of the World," O'Hara; and "Come in the Spring," (Rossini).

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TWENTY-FIVE WORKERS JOIN NEW SEWER GANG

Additional workers, to the number of 25, went to work on the Wellington-High street job today, the engineer reports. This is in addition to the regular shifts, which also changed today.

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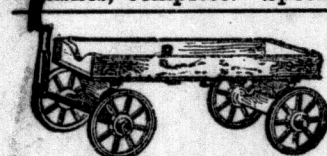
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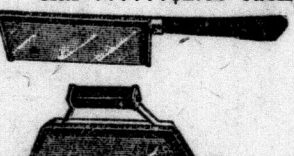
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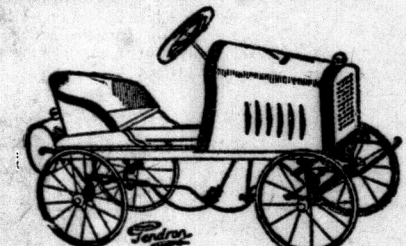
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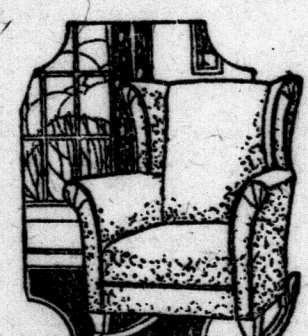


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Whelks have from 230 to 250 teeth each, the wrinkle possesses a set of 3,500, but the denture of the "Umbrella Shell" is 750,000 teeth. The sea urchin has four different kinds of spines.

Wee Ella Mae Measures Her Dollies By the Pound And Never Owns Enough

Loveliest Child Graciously Submits to An Interview With The Advertiser.

SMALL PHILOSOPHER

Imagines It's Snowing to Bring Santa Claus Along the Sooner.

She sat on my lap and we talked, Ella Mae and I. Ella Mae is the Loveliest Child in all the western counties. Her hair is pale golden. Her cheeks are pink and her eyes are shadowed with curling black lashes, are a deep and lovely blue. From her tiny rubbers to her fluffy turt, she was a vision in pure white, as she sat on my knee. And when she looked up inquiringly to see how I should begin, I saw how her eyes were all misted with the beauty of that strange somewhere, whence she came such a short time ago.

I knew after the first glimpse that Ella Mae was much wiser than I, but I wasn't going to let her see I knew, although I believe the wee scamp realized it all the time. So I swallowed hard and asked the obvious thing:

"Have you got a dolly?"

"Pounds of dollies," replied the engaging child. "That was certainly a new way of measuring them. But who was I to question it. I turned out later that the nicest dolly is called Jean, and that there is a pussy, too, whose name is 'White Socks,' because he has four pretty white feet."

Mention of pussies turned the interviewer temporarily into the interviewed.

"Can You Write Cat?"

"Can you write cat?" queried Ella Mae. And wee betide me had I not been able to produce a pencil and show that I could. Then Ella Mae had a turn at the pencil, and with some assistance produced a very creditable c-a-t. She is only 4 years old.

Somehow then the conversation got around to the inevitable Santa Claus. I remember how it was. I had a bright idea and asked if my small visitor did not wish it would snow. Could anyone have been so ignorant?



MRS. MAY HALDANE, who was elected chief of Edinburgh Castle Camp, lady members of the Sons of Scotland, at the annual meeting held last night.

ant! She just looked at me in the sweetest but most pitying sort of way, and said:

"It is snowing."

I glanced hastily at the window, wondering if the weather had changed, but not a sign of a snowflake could I find. Here was something quite beyond me, so I asked for an explanation. And this is what I got:

"But it's going to snow before Santa comes."

What a lesson in simple faith! Ella Mae knows it is going to snow before Santa comes, and she doesn't fret her small brain trying to figure out why the ground isn't becoming white. She just lets herself believe that it is snowing, and that Santa Claus will soon be here. And when he comes she wants him to bring her more dollies, big dollies and little dollies, and a doll buggy, and a table and chairs, and a doll's swing.

Sister Is Sick.

She admitted to a 7-year-old sis-

ter, Dorothy, and told me, oh so sadly, that poor Dorothy was sick in bed. "But she will be all better by the time Santa comes," was the cheerful conviction of the Loveliest Child.

Dorothy is evidently quite a wonderful personage in Ella Mae's small life. And not the least wonderful thing about Dorothy is the fact that Ella Mae is wearing Dorothy's gold ring, which Dorothy has now outgrown.

When the interview began, Ella Mae was quite interested, but as the minutes went on, she became more concerned about a certain desk by which we were sitting. She wondered what was in the drawers, and had to pull them open to see. Unfortunately the drawers were practically empty, and finding no interest there, the blue eyes began to close and the small, golden head to nod. Ella Mae had closed the interview for the time, at least.

LORD ROBERTS PUPILS GIVE FINE PROGRAM

The Lord Roberts Mothers' Club enjoyed an unusual treat last night when the program of the evening was presented by the children of the school. Mrs. Frank Bryant opened the meeting which, however, was shortly taken over by Principal Bryant.

The very excellent program given for the occasion: Chorus by the school orchestra; selections by Grade 1A; drill by 16 boys of grade 7; violin solos by Pauline Fitzgerald; chorus, grade 2; recitations by Lucy Harris, Bentley Baldwin, Lorna Clarkson, Melvin Price, and Eleanor Stevens; choruses by grades 5 and 3; also by senior classes; a folk dance by grade 3; and also solo dances by Shirley Fraser; violin selections by Betty Wismer; and a dialogue by grade 8. Grade 1B gave a delightful Mother Goose melodies and an acrostic was given by grade 3.

Pack Boxes Full Of Good Things

The members of the Social Service Club spent a busy evening last night when three large boxes containing groceries and household needs were packed and over 100 stockings were filled with all manner of good things, which would delight the heart of any child. These boxes are to be given to three needy families which the club have been taking care of. The children in these families are to receive the stockings and the remainder of them will be sent to the day nursery. The club also donated \$10 to be used to purchase clothing and food for a family who are in need of immediate assistance. The club has decided to decorate the walls of the Ronald Gray Home. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Gertrude Fraser, Wellington street north.

WEDDINGS

WILSON-MacINTYRE.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacIntyre, Mount Brydges, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday, December 10, when their eldest daughter, Eva Pearl, became the bride of Mr. John J. Wilson, only son of Mrs. Sam Wilson, Dorchester. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hamilton of London, in the presence of the immediate relatives. The bride was assisted by her sister, Leola, while Mr. Earl Rudolph, a cousin of the groom, acted as best man. After a short honeymoon the happy couple will reside on the groom's farm, Dorchester.

STAR OF EAST CIRCLE.

Star of the East Girls' Circle, No. 5, held its annual meeting recently, the following officers for 1924 being elected: Honorary president, Mrs. H. Hogg; chief companion, Emily Morley; sub-chief companion, Edythe Bartlett; right guide, Doris Deverill; left guide, Edythe Bartlett; inner guard, Florence Bartlett; outer guard, Madeline Hicks; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Billen; pianist, Elsie Higgins; sub-pianist, Madeline Hicks. After the business was concluded, a very fine program was given. Mrs. Gibling of Pride of the East Circle, No. 55, taking the chair. The numbers were as follows: A piano selection by Madeline Hicks; a reading by Beverly Frykholm; a mandolin selection by Emily Morley; a vocal solo by Molly Hemming; a piano selection by Edythe and Florence Bartlett; Scotch dance by Madeline Hunt; piano selection, Elsie Higgins; song, Shirley Fenn; piano selection, Doris Deverill; song, Marina Martin; piano selection, Lily Reesley; Scotch dancing, the Misses Langston; song, Dorothy Francis; Miss E. Harrison of Pride of the East Circle was the accompanist. The program being concluded, all enjoyed the small hall for refreshments and the Christmas tree.



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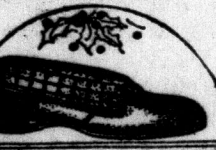
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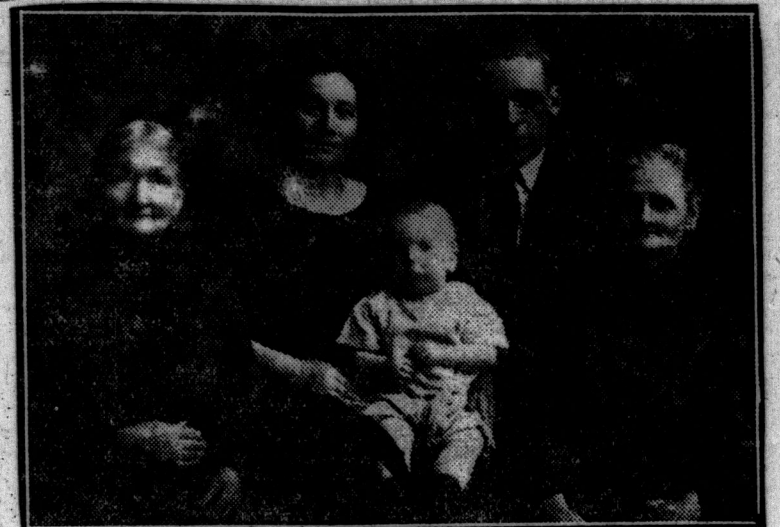
Slippers for Everybody's Christmas

You would like a pair of slippers from Santa—now, wouldn't you? Everybody does, for there really is no gift at the price quite so useful and so appreciated, so don't forget your friends this Christmas. Give Slippers!

WOMEN and THE HOME

Travelling by "Ant-Line."

In Australia there are ants which build their nests along a north and south line so accurately that a traveller may direct his course by their aid.



FIVE GENERATIONS OF LONDONERS. From left to right this sturdy-looking family includes Mrs. Jones of Windsor, Mrs. Cameron of London, Mrs. F. Cameron of London, Mrs. Harding of London, and Baby J. H. Cameron. All were born and brought up in the city of London.

FOR THREE GENERATIONS SCOYNES ARE "LOVELIEST"

Grandmother and Aunt of Advertiser's Loveliest Child Were Proclaimed Loveliest Maidens Many Years Ago—Both Are Living Today.

ELLA MAY WON LADY BECK'S CUP WHEN A BABY

When Ella Mae Scoyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vercy Scoyne, R. R. 4, London, was declared to be the loveliest child in Western Ontario, it was not the first time that a Scoyne had captured first place for loveliness. But that was two generations ago, when basques were worn and skirts were full, a fair girl of sixteen was chosen as the loveliest of all the lovely maidens who attended a great Delaware garden party.

That girl, whose name was Elizabeth, soon afterwards became Mrs. Scoyne. And she is no other than the grandmother of The Advertiser's loveliest child, and lives at the same home, just west of the city.

And the intervening generation was not allowed to lapse without a loveliest maiden. Wee Ella Mae has an

uncle, her father's sister, who was proclaimed the loveliest girl at a garden party held near Springsbank when she was but fourteen years of age. Mrs. H. C. Spencer, of 49 Edward street, who proudly claims as her niece The Advertiser's loveliest child, says that she was filled with amazement when on that fateful day many years ago she was presented with a great armful of roses and named the loveliest girl in all the district.

And Ella Mae herself has not just blossomed into loveliness. When she was but an infant she was awarded the silver cup offered and presented by the late Lady Beck for the loveliest child at the great Labor Day celebration in Queen's Park in 1921. Ella Mae is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Scott, 13 Balclava street, St. Thomas.

Social and Personal

Peter McArthur of Ekfrid paid a brief visit to the city on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ollerhead and Mr. Walter Ollerhead of Dundas avenue are to spend Christmas in Embro.

Mrs. L. G. Wilson of Detroit spent the week in London with her sister, Mrs. F. C. Higman, William street.

Miss Wilhelmina Darch of Macdonald College, Guelph, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. Melville Jones of Ottawa will spend the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, King street.

Mrs. Gordon Griffith, formerly Miss Pearl Gower, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gower, Elizabeth street.

The Women's Music Club is arranging a recital to be held January 21st with Miss Marion Beck and Miss Helen Little as the artists.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry MacKay and Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis, will be Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simson, Wolfe street.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Bryant of Detroit will be Christmas guests with Dr. Bryant's brother, Dr. Frank Bryant, and Mrs. Bryant, Piccadilly street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Beal, Waterloo street, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, at the Manse, Meaford.

Mrs. William Dent of Sarnia will spend the Christmas holiday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Nicholls and Mr. Nicholls, St. George's Apartments.

Lewis Smith and Miss Miriam Smith, Matilda street, will be Christmas guests in Detroit, with their uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Cowan.

Captain Wilfrid Carling and Mrs. Carling of Montreal are expected in town for Christmas, and will be guests with the former's parents, Mr. J. A. Carling.

Miss Kitty Buchanan and Mr. Bert Buchanan of Hamilton will be Christmas guests with their brother, Mr. E. V. Buchanan and Mrs. Buchanan, Wellington street north.

Among the hostesses who have entertained recently in honor of Mrs. Frank Judd of Winnipeg, were Miss Verna Bridgeman, Hyman street, who entertained at the tea hour and Mrs. C. H. Lee, who also entertained at a charming tea.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McElheran of Toronto will spend Christmas in London with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Purdom, Waterloo street. Major and Mrs. S. Bantick, also of Toronto, will be New Year's guests with Mr. and Mrs. Purdom.

Mrs. George Edwards of Komoka, was among the guests who attended the luncheon given by Mrs. Cockshutt recently for the leading women of Western Ontario. Mrs. Edwards returned home yesterday from Toronto where she attended the annual convention of the U. F. O. Mrs. Edwards will spend Christmas in New York with her son, Mr. William Edwards.

Many parties have been arranged in honor of Miss Evelyn Beckton, whose marriage to Mr. H. Stanley Tolson takes place Christmas Day. Miss Dorothy Wardrope gave a handkerchief shower recently in honor of Miss Beckton, and Miss Eva Reid, King street, entertained last evening at a miscellaneous shower. Miss Mae Beckton will be the hostess of Saturday of a trossau tea in honor of her sister.

The medical school gymnasium was gaily decked with holiday decorations last evening for the dance given under the direction of the Hippocratic Society. Dr. Clare Sanborn,

president of the society, welcomed the many guests assisted by the patrons and patronesses including: Dr. and Mrs. Paul McKibbin; Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Buller, and Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Crymmon. The music was provided by the Lethbridge Orchestra, and later a buffet supper was served. The guests numbered over 150 and the members of the committee in charge were: Messrs. J. Hunt, Stuart Kitchen, McGuire Percy Johns and Jack McWilliams.

The tea given this afternoon by Mrs. W. J. Hungerford in her home was a most successful affair. In honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Farleigh Hungerford, was a smart affair. Christmas decorations decked the rooms, lending a holiday air, and Miss Hungerford, who received with her mother, presented a pretty picture, wearing a quaint frock of pink tulle with graceful overskirt of white georgette. It was fashioned with a tight bodice, a bouffant skirt covered with fringe, piped in silver and a girdle of French flowers. She also wore silver slippers and carried a Colonial bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Hungerford wore a draped gown of black cation crepe trimmed with gray squirrel, and a corsage of crimson roses. Pink roses were the chosen decoration for the tea table with pink candles held in silver sticks. The assistants in the tea room were a number of young girls including: Misses Audrey Farncombe, Gussie Wilson, Shirley Johnston, Kathleen Richardson, Catharine Cleghorn, Margaret Jordan, Ruggie Nicholls, and Margaret Harley Brown.

CLUB NEWS

ST. LUKE'S ENTERTAINMENT.

St. Luke's Church, Houghdale, held a Christmas entertainment recently. The Ladies Aid provided a very dainty supper. The tables were prettily decorated with red and green crepe paper and candles. After the supper the rector gave a very interesting talk. The parents and friends of the children gathered at 8 p.m. and enjoyed a very entertaining program made up of songs, drills, recitations, and among other items a dialogue entitled "The Train to Mauro." While the children were busily talking about the program, the festive afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bilzard, Huron street. Professor Deane addressed the members of the St. Lawrence Mothers' Club at the regular meeting held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bilzard, Huron street. Professor Deane spoke on "The Importance of Regularity and Punctuality in the School." He also spoke of the great importance of teachers being pleasant with the pupils. "Although it is very difficult at times, the teachers should try not to be irritable, and should remember that the pupils are just young children, who are of nervous dispositions," he stated.

HOLDS JOLLY PARTY.

The girls of the Lucky Seven Club held a jolly Christmas party at the Revere Home last evening. The members distributed attractive gifts among the girls, and later a dainty supper was served at tables decked with holiday decorations. Games, and music were also enjoyed.

ST. LAWRENCE CLUB.

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No definite plans were arranged for the future, and a pleasing feature of the meeting was a solo by Mrs. Granger. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess.

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A Serious Charge.

The Winnipeg Free Press makes the charge that communism as they have it in Russia is being taught in 40 foreign language schools in Canada to 1,250 children.

The Ukrainian Labor Temple Association is credited with being the channel through which this work is carried on.

The Free Press names the following centers as those where such teaching is taking place: Winnipeg, Transcona, Port Arthur, Thorold, Regina, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Fort William.

The fact that a paper of the standing of the Winnipeg Free Press makes the charge on its own authority places the case in such a position that it must draw confirmation or denial from official sources, and no blanket or hastily made denial will serve to do away with the accusation.

Foreign children in Canada must look forward to the day when they will be builders of Canada. There are enough wreckers now.

Bossing the King.

Being King of Greece is a peculiar and an uncertain occupation. We were always given to understand that a kingship was at least a steady job.

King Constantine of Greece left his throne not many months ago, and his son George stepped into the vacant post. On the strength of his new job the lad got married.

Now the Greeks have served notice that he had better take a leave of absence while they sit down and discuss whether they want him to come back or not.

Apparently the king has nothing to do but loosen the crown from his head, don his walking suit and go on a visit to his wife's folks at Bucharest.

Being mayor of London has more certainty about it than posing as the King of Greece.

The Use of Courts.

The courts of justice at St. John, N.B., are being asked to try a case where one run-runner defrauded another out of \$236,000.

Is that the purpose for which our courts were established?

When law-breakers fall out and tell on each other, it flings the gate wide open to arrest the whole outfit, swindlers and swindled.

U. F. O. and Immigration.

At the convention of United Farmers in Toronto a resolution was accepted dealing with immigration. It was first passed, on motion of Mrs. T. W. Dykes of Orin, at the West Elgin convention at Dutton.

This resolution went on to point out that the price of farm produce has in many cases fallen below the cost of production, and that the buying power of the farmer is, as a result, out of line with the cost of what he has to purchase. The next point made deals with the exodus of Canadians to United States, the placing of new men on the farms, who in turn drift to the cities. The conclusion arrived at was that until such time as agriculture was on a paying basis here it would be inadvisable to inaugurate a vigorous immigration policy with the idea of bringing more people to these same conditions.

Farmers who attended this convention know exactly the conditions they are facing, and they are well within their rights when they state their belief that this is not the time for a vigorous immigration policy to be inaugurated.

The course through which newcomers to Canada pass is well known. Many of the immigrants, facing impossible conditions at home, come to Canada as farm laborers, despite the fact that a very large number of them have had no experience at all. They go on the farm for a time, and it is soon discovered that they have no knowledge of conditions there. In such an atmosphere it is easy to have discontent on the part of the farmer and the farm hand. He leaves the farm, not to go to another farm in an effort to gain more experience, but to go to the nearest city to see what he can find to do there. The labor market in the cities has been more than adequately supplied for several years, and the new men drifting in can only hope to stand a chance of competing with the men already there for any employment that may offer.

The United Farmers, for the pres-

ent at least, and until conditions change quite materially, have a good argument. Looking at it from the other angle, it would be hard to put up a case that would stand argument, showing that conditions in Canada would be benefited at this time by the inpouring of a large amount of immigration.

Subtraction vs. Addition.

Three nations have been disarmed in Europe. Disarming means taking away the weapons—turning the soldiers back to private life.

It is a great and an excellent idea, and has produced wonderful results. In 1913 the standing armies of Europe totaled 3,700,000 men. Today, after the disarming process, the roll call shows 4,300,000.

Farley or Norton.

The man arrested at Aurora, Ind., has been declared not to be Norton, wanted for participation in the bank robbery at Melbourne, where Russell Campbell was shot to death.

The incident serves to show with what caution and certainty police have to move before committing themselves to any definite action. It also illustrates how deceptive photographs can be.

A photograph of a wanted man may have been taken some time ago. If it is not a carefully-taken police picture it may give an uncertain likeness of the man wanted.

There is a resemblance between Norton and the man known as Farley in the Aurora jail. Both apparently have plenty of hair; both a fairly full forehead, and the eyes seem about the same distance apart. Norton's mouth is wider and thinner than Farley's. The noses of the two men are not the same, Norton's being thinner.

It is here that the finger print system comes in and settles all disputes. Were the prints of the thumbs of these two men put under glass it could be stated at once whether they were the same. Any police official could give a verdict that would stand.

The authorities at Aurora have given every assistance to the London police in seeking to establish whether it is Norton that they are holding. At present it looks as though the much-wanted man is still at liberty.

Improving the Bible.

Biblical scholars of the University of Chicago are to engage in writing a modernized version of the Old Testament.

They will free it from "stilted phrases and repetitions," and make of it a new book in American language.

Just who asked them or who directed them to do this work is not stated. The Old Book has been burned and banned; it has been denied access to whole countries.

It has survived all these ordeals, and the chances are that it will stand up under all that the University of Chicago can do to it.

These Biblical students would be much better employed getting people to read the Bible as it is than dissipating their energy in trying to mutilate the volume that has stood against all manner of attack and is still by long odds the biggest seller in the world.

The Value of a Name.

A reputation for positive honor and loyalty is the work of years. The Mounted Police have not lost the standing they gained in the Canadian West. A case in Montreal court shows:

"Sergeant Zaneth corroborated the previous witness. When cross-examined by Mr. Monette, Mr. Justice Wilson declared: 'I do not know whether it is absolutely necessary to cross-examine this witness if he corroborates the previous evidence on blot. My experience of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is that they have always given evidence in the most loyal and upright manner.'"

The riders of the plain have not the same strenuous work that was theirs when the west was in its infancy. In those years they were known, respected and feared, because they could not be bought. The Mounties of a generation ago handed down a great asset. It is a fine thing to see that it still lives.

Note and Comment.

If you mail your presents early there's a good chance of getting something in return.

The next move will be to join Canada to Britain by air. The hot air used at election times has been found faulty.

For a Christmas present King George of Greece would like a new throne with some good spikes soundly driven in to keep the chair from slipping.

The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

TO PLEASE GOD.

How ye ought to walk and to please God.—I. Thessalonians iv., 1. God can be pleased, then. He is not a cold abstraction, an immovable substance, a dull, unimpassioned, silent, joyless, mighty force. He is a person, capable of affections and emotions. He is a heart that feels. Delight is no stranger to him. His love is no vague, blind impulse, flowing dumbly towards all things alike. It is a seeking, choosing love; and when it finds the object of its search, a divine pleasure enters into it, larger, purer than we can understand, and yet like that which comes to us when we see the fairest and the best. He approves and blesses. His spirit is filled with the music of pleasure. To awaken that music, to win that approval, to please God—surely, that is the highest and holiest object for a human life. To please men is a natural impulse. To please good men—that is a nobler ambition. But there is a motive deeper and more intense than even this—it is the desire to please that one among our fellow-creatures whom we have chosen, it may be, as the most loyal heart and true. But to please God, the perfect, radiant Being, the most wise, the most holy, the most beautiful, the most loving of all spirits; to perform some task, achieve some victory, bring some offering that shall be acceptable to him, and in which he shall delight; simply to live our life, whatever it may be, so that He, the good and glorious God, shall approve and bless it, and say of it, "Well done," and welcome it into his own joy—that is a divine ambition.

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To the Editor

Rebels in History.

London Writer Says That In the Long Run They Have Often Been Found Right.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir: At this season of the year when peace and goodwill toward men is about to pay her annual visit, when an added zest will enter our prayers for the oppressed and persecuted, I would fain take the liberty to draw to your attention the case of Jim McLaughlin, secretary of the Nova Scotia mine workers, who is serving a two-year sentence for the doubtful offence of seditious libel. I use the term doubtful because history has usually proven the righteousness of the so-called offence. To use a specific instance, I would take that of the present premier of Canada who was a rebel and insurgent of his day, and if my memory serves me correctly, an eulogy of that ancestor of Premier King's appeared in The Advertiser at a recent date. However, the question of McLaughlin's guilt and the justice of his punishment is a matter of opinion, yet there is absolutely no justice in taking a man 300 miles away from the place where the said offence was committed and it is an indication of the rule of fair play which is said to actuate the Anglo-Saxon, individually or collectively.

Yours truly, FRANK CROCKFORD, 104 Linwood Street, City.

Paying the Price.

Liberty Has Always Had To Be Bought For and Sacrifice Has Been the Price Exact.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir—Allow me a few lines. Certain people want to forget the war. That's impossible, because that would mean we would have to forget all history. All through the ages men have had to fight to make this world a better place to live in. We call this country of ours God's country; it wasn't always God's country, and we today are reaping the benefits of the blood and sacrifice of the people who have gone before us. Liberty is bought with blood; no decent man wants war, but there comes a time when you must fight or lie down. It is very easy to be brave, when there is nothing to be afraid of. I don't blame anyone for forgetting, when their wartime record is such that they are not very proud of it. Well, let them go on forgetting, and by forgetting prove that their lives run in a narrow groove, a groove so deep they cannot see the cross that stood on Calvary, or the wooden cross placed at the head of Canada's fifty thousand dead.

WILLIAM WOOD, Dufferin Avenue, London.

I've Heard Braw Lassies Play.

Nae yin can live a' the himsel', Nor tae himsel can solely do; We aft receive frae fither folk, Whyles dailie we tae ithers g'e. On yins about, on licks side, We leave an' join the like day; Whyles aften frae oor neebor folk A guid ideal for life we hae. I've aften times had deep desires Tae pen a braid Scotch sonnet sweet.

When, w' great pleasure for an' e'en, W' true musician folk I meet. This morn', whyles at my cosy desk, I find I canna write in prose, For London's Lassies' Orchestra I've heard o' late, at Roli Munro's. As on their chosen instruments They practiced for an' oor or twa, Tae captivate a' Scottish herts At oor St. Andrew's concert braw, Which at Patricia Theatre, We London Scots noo plan tae hae, When e'en w' sunset shall hae's crowned. Immortal Rabble's natal day.

Lives there a Gael w' soul se deld That music canna reach his ear. Nor Scottish strains revive his love For a' that loyal Scots hand dear. Sweet music stirs his heart o' mine Far mair than I can here noo tell; It gars a baird hae deep desires Tae rise tae plains aboon himsel', That tae his rears he may g'e A sang tae help them day by day, Whyles in life's stern an' rugged paths A conflict w' their fates they hae.

When I heard doon at yon Scotch home These lassies at their practice play, Soys I, "On Jan'war twenty-fifth, It's a braw concert that we'll hae!" Yon was a night I'll noo forget. Till caimly I lie doon tae dee, For leed, enchanted Scottish airs, Shall ne'er appeal in vain tae me; But mem'ry in my hert I'll keep That it has been my happy lot Tae hear Scotch music sweetly played By lassies trained by Doris Scott, from slipping. —MACK.

Radio Programs

THURSDAY, DEC. 20.

*KDKA—East Pittsburgh, Pa.—320 Kilocycles, Frequency—328 Metres—Wave Length. Eastern Standard Time.

9:45 p.m.—Union livestock market reports.

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time signals. Weather forecast.

12:00 noon—Market reports.

6:15 p.m.—Dinner concert.

7:30 p.m.—Weekly chat with the farmers.

7:45 p.m.—Uncle Remus has a story for the children.

8:00 p.m.—Market reports.

8:30 p.m.—Concert.

9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals. Weather forecast.

11:30 p.m.—Late evening concert.

WBZ—890 Kilocycles, Frequency—Springfield, Mass.—337 Metres—Wave Length.

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

7:30 p.m.—Twilight tales for the kiddies.

Farmers' Period—Letter from the New England Homestead.

8:00 p.m.—Concert.

9:00 p.m.—Bedtime story for grown-ups.

9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals.

KYW—580 Kilocycles, Frequency—Chicago, Ill.—538 Metres—Wave Length.

9:30 a.m.—Late news and financial comment.

10:30 a.m.—Farm and home service.

11:35 a.m.—Table talk.

2:35 p.m.—Studio program.

6:50 p.m.—Children's bedtime story.

8:00 to 8:20 p.m.—Twenty minutes of good reading.

8:25 p.m.—Naval observatory time signals.

8:30 p.m.—Weather report.

8:35 to 9:30 p.m.—Musical program.

WGVI—Schenectady, N.Y.—790 Kilocycles—300 Metres.

Eastern Standard Time.

2:00 p.m.—Music and address, "Conserving Our Forests."

6:00 p.m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins.

6:15 p.m.—Weekly report on conditions of roads in New York State.

7:45 p.m.—Musical program.

WWJ—Detroit—400 Metres—580 Kilocycles.

Eastern Standard Time.

9:30 a.m.—"Tonight's Dinner," and a special talk by the Woman's Editor.

9:45 a.m.—Public Health Service bulletin and talks on subjects of general interest.

10:25 a.m.—Official weather forecast.

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time.

3:00 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra.

3:30 p.m.—Official weather forecast.

3:35 p.m.—Market reports.

8:30 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra; Graeme Gillies, bass; John Maxwell, pianist; James Buchanan, tenor.

10:00 p.m.—Dance music.

11:00 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra; Bud Peltier, baritone; Mrs. Edith McClary, pianist.

PUPILS PRESENT VARIED CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rectory Street Children Hold Annual Exercises in School.

Rectory Street School children held their annual Christmas closing exercises yesterday afternoon, presenting a varied and highly-interesting program for the enjoyment of their parents and fellow pupils. Recitations, musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, dialogues and choruses, made up the lengthy list, and the applause which greeted the efforts of the entertainers was well-earned. The program was as follows: Chorus, "Autumn Holidays"; piano solo, Lucy Sprague; piano solo, Elizabeth; "Four Celebrated Characters," four senior girls; violin and piano selection, Thelma and Loreen Cunningham; dialogue, "Choice of Trades," eight boys; chorus, "Jack the Jolly Plover"; Grades 7 and 8; recitation, Anna Hollis; recitation, Bert Freedy; dialogue, "Ruggles Business Party"; dialogue, "Three

DENNY BROOKS

A STORY OF COURAGE. By ELENORE MEHERIN.

CHAPTER XLVII.

Beacon Lights.

Katy's eyes quivered like blue stars. She turned them a moment to Denny's face as he so young and now so full of anxiousness. Then, she dropped her lids and the lashes lay dark as he remembered them on Quennie's face. She was afraid to answer him. Perhaps he wanted her to love Clay Andrews; perhaps he'd think she ought to marry him. He'd soon be graduated and if he didn't marry in a month or two, he'd have all the world for his worship. "Gee, Katy—don't you want to tell me? You don't think I'm pretty crude to ask you?" "Oh, Denny—" "Then you do love him?" She shook her head. "You don't?" She glanced up in joy—why he was laughing when he said that. "No, not particularly." "That means not at all." "A little bit. I do a little, Denny." "Oh, that's because you're made out of love, Katy. You can't help loving anyone—even Lizziel!" "You're kind of glad I don't, Denny?" "Well, aw, gee—" "Yes, but afterwards, Denny—you know he wants me to marry him. He wanted me to do that right away and then go to London with him." Denny started. "He did?" "Yes—oh, he was lovely about it. Denny, and everything he said was so kind, I don't know what to do. You might think it's funny, but he says he loves me—oh, a great deal and he only wanted to take care of me. Now you know."

Katy waited as though she had taken her heart and put it in another's hands—waited to see if it would be crushed. Denny leaned against the window, looking out into the darkness, down past the willow tree, past the hills to the far black of the waters, the farther lights of the city. A sudden like petals falling dropped upon him.

Some one wanted to marry Katy—wanted to take her from him. It was as though some one wanted the laughter out of him; or the awger; or the "pooh-what-do-we-care. Guess-we-can-get-along!" Why ever since the day she had gone to Quennie's flat with the black ribbon tied to her sleeve and had sat with her shiny blue eyes and red lips, the handkerchief held out like a prim old-fashioned housewife, ever since he'd counted all those red dots just for her—he'd thought Katy—did was pretty good, all right. She was a good girl, aw, gee, couldn't she make a feller la'?

All these years of serving her had knitted the two of them in a thousand ways. No wonder, then, that a mighty lot for her—even giving up his time and that was the most precious thing he had. "I don't know what you can be thinking, Denny," Katy's voice came trembling through the dark—roused him abruptly. "Aw, just that we've got along and haven't had so many fights. Just thinking lots of things."

Chief of these now was an aching question: Did Katy think of marriage? Did she dream of loving? Often he had been pierced with a sudden fear for her. Would the joyous song keep going so blithely through long, quiet years? Or some day, when she might lose faith in her angel, would she grow bitter, destitute of all her sweet emotions?

It had never occurred to him that Katy would be confronted with the problem of marriage. So completely did he accept responsibility that he had never viewed it as an issue. It was as natural that he should take care of Katy as that he should keep company with his own thoughts. The proposal of Andrews astounded him. Yet it was the odd, earnest Andy loved her—and he must, since he said it; it was unlike him to do the incredible—had he a right to keep her from him?

"Did you want to go to London, Katy?" "I don't know, Denny. Sometimes I think I should have gone. You know he said he would take me to all the best doctors and I was like life to him. But I couldn't think of leaving. Maybe it would have been better if I had, Denny."

"Why would it be better, Katy?" She didn't answer. But, as she didn't speak, he looked down at her, square young chin turned out. "You better not say it! You better not! Gee, Katy, you've got a mean twist in you—thinking things like that!" She laughed, her cheeks wet. "Don't be angry, Denny. It's only a little twist, isn't it? I'm not very mean, and I know you want me here ever so much now—but I can't help thinking that perhaps some day you'll just flake up from your good so long and you'll want to say: 'Aw, to grass with this, that and the other thing. To grass with loving people, and a bunch of flowers.' And I go, locky split, and get out of my way!"

In spite of himself, Denny chuckled. "If you're waiting for that, Katy—did," he answered soberly, "you'll never get to London. That day's not going to come. I told you, didn't I? I had great things done out? Well, I've got them more doped out than ever now."

To himself he added: "Darn right, I have! Lot of time I've got to go chasing!" Here was Katy, looking up to him as though he were a god; thinking he was so fine, such a prince, Katy with her beautiful face, her winsome heart. He was the one to keep her happy. He'd have to work; he'd have to grind with all his might.

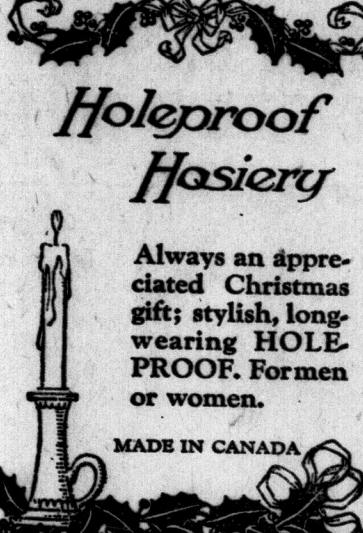
Clay Andrews would take her to all the best doctors. Well, he guessed he could do that, too. You'll see. Katy lowered her face quickly, stealthily brushed her eyes. "I guess it's no more than I knew you'd do, Denny!"

"But say, Katy—did, do you think much about getting married?" "Me! No—well, not now. Why, I never thought of it at all until Clay asked me, then I thought, perhaps, I should say 'yes.'"

"But you don't think of it otherwise?" Katy flushed: "You'll laugh and

Little Mothers," by three little girls; minstrel skit, senior boys; physical exercise demonstration, girls of Grade 8; vocal solo, "The Garden of Our God," Lillian Winegarden; recitation, "A Bundle of Flowers," senior girls; vocal duet, Winnie and Fred Sharrott; chorus, "Carolling Bells," Grades 7 and 8; dialogue, "The Beauty Doctor," girls; violin solo, Fred Lee; dialogue, "School Days," five girls; class song, "Dee-dum-dah," girls; "Our Chorus," four girls; chorus, "God, My King"; National Anthem.

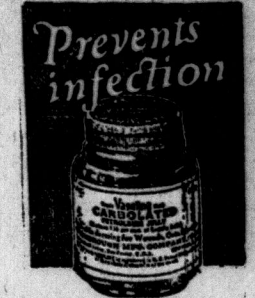
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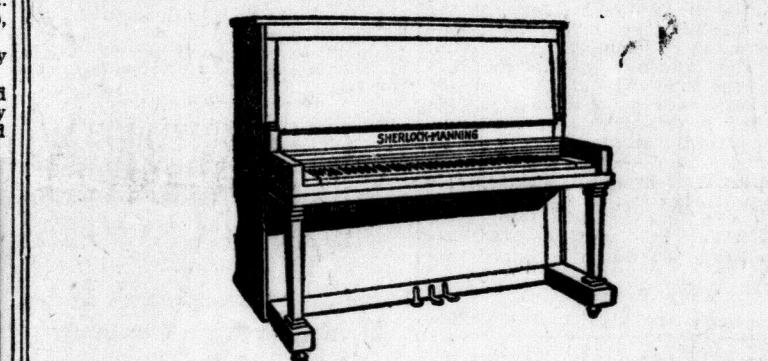
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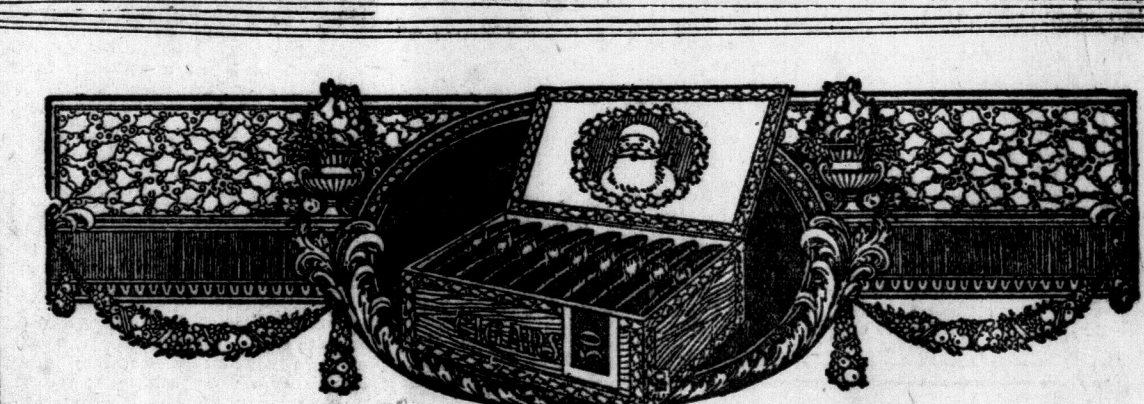
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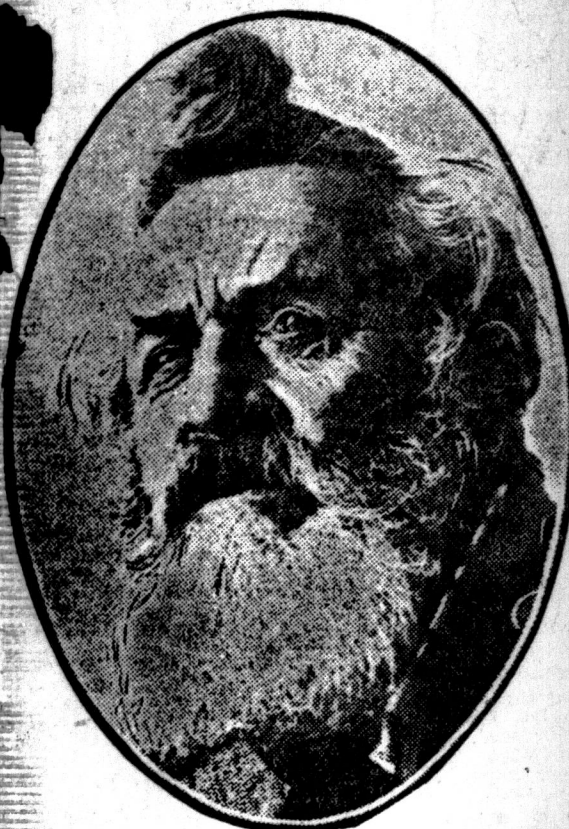
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Photograph shows Andreas Lang, who will play the role of Peter with the Oberammergau players when they portray the "Passion Play" on this continent



Philip Snowden, the British Laborite leader, has been prominently mentioned as a likely member of the new British cabinet if Ramsey MacDonald becomes premier



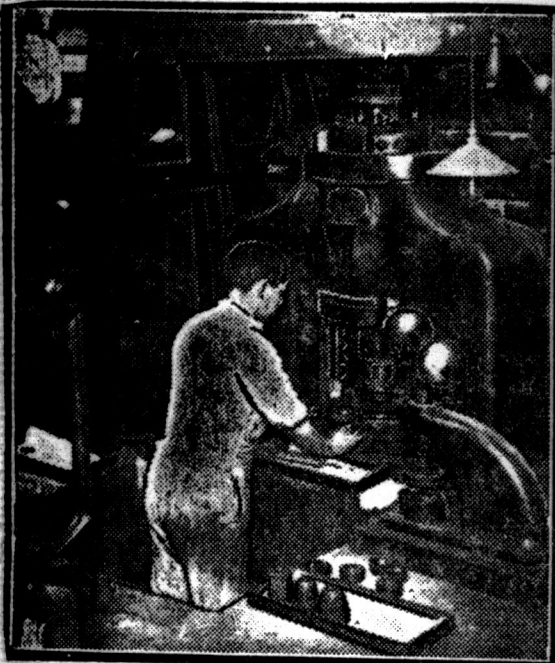
Because of the unusually warm weather lately, the management of a New York show opened the roof of the theatre where the girls can take their exercise in the open air



Harry T. Brundige, a reporter of St. Louis, Mo., is given the credit for the exposure of fake "doctor colleges", said to be operating in several large cities in the United States



This young lady says there should be a love thermometer in every home. It registers five emotions, beginning with "flirt" and up the scale to "hate". The fluid expands as soon as the bulb is clasped



The royal mint is now competing in medal making with private firms, who view the competition with considerable alarm. Photograph shows the stamping process at an establishment where medals have been made for a hundred years



In accordance with the terms of the disarmament agreement, Uncle Sam is still scrapping dreadnoughts. Photograph shows the U.S.S. Ohio and Kentucky in the process of dismantling



A world-wide search is being made for Leo Koretz, prominent clubman and reputed multi-millionaire of Chicago, in connection with the alleged swindling of about \$8,000,000. He is believed to be en route to Europe



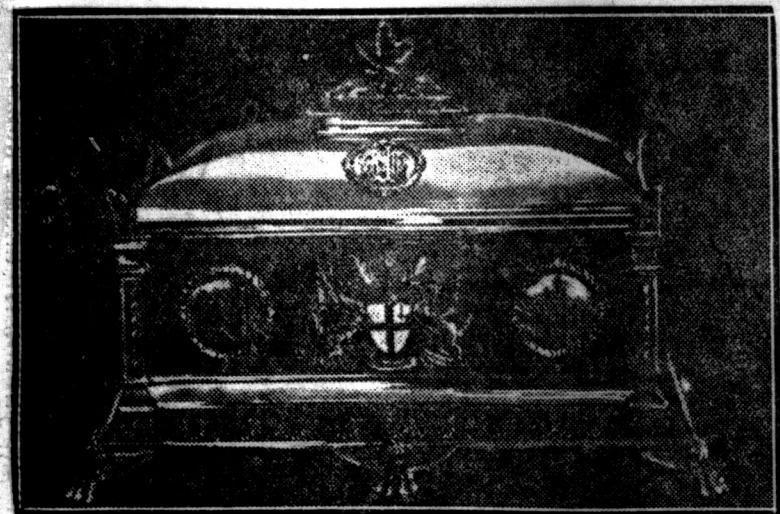
A coach line will be inaugurated shortly to render passenger service from Miami, Florida, to New York, and in the summer time from New York to Montreal. This young lady has already secured a job as "baggage smasher"



This novel stand, where only cigarets are sold, was seen recently in the streets of Berlin. It is built in the shape of a huge cigarette



A number of passengers were injured when a slide of earth struck a train near Richmond Beach, Washington, recently. The locomotive was swept from the track and overturned



Photograph shows the gold casket presented to the Right Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, with the freedom of the city of London at the imperial conference



Here is a genuine Albino and one of his brothers, born of the same parents, natives of the south sea islands. The Albino has one pink eye and one blue — a strange sight with his pure white hair and skin



Corinne Griffith, noted screen star, is seen wearing a wrap, which for beauty and comfort will be hard to match. No longer is ermine worn white. This one has been dyed beige color



Mlle. Alexandresco, called the screen "find" and known as the most beautifully dressed woman in Paris, has been engaged in a leading role in a new American production. She is also known as "the woman with the fatal eyes"



Mexican rebel troops are shown marching through a village on their way to the capital. The men are well behaved and the villagers are unmolested



Mme. Michel Clemenceau, daughter-in-law of the "Tiger of France", and one of the beauties of Paris, introduces a new headdress for the evening, made of bird of paradise feathers and sequins



Sixty-five per cent. of the Hudson River vehicle tunnel has been completed. The pressure chamber is shown in which workmen are tested and also treated when seized with cramps due to emerging too quickly from the high pressure

Started Making Sleight-of-Hand Ice At Arena This Morning

THREE LOCAL MEN ARE CHOSEN FOR BRITISH TOUR

James Gray, A. A. Langford and E. Nichols Are Trio.

SAIL ON MAY 28

32 Canadian Bowlers Selected From 78 Applications for Trip.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The special lawn bowling committee appointed to make arrangements for the tour of Britain by a Canadian team met today at the Granite Club and selected a team for the trip. The committee later in the day submitted its 32 selections to the committee of the Dominion Lawn Bowling Association and the selection was endorsed. The committee made the selections from 78 applications. It is possible that some selected will be unable to go for unforeseen reasons and a reserve list will be made. The team will sail May 28 from Montreal on the Minnedosa.

Following is the team: E. P. Atkinson, Toronto; A. E. J. Blackman, Toronto; A. W. Briggs, Port Credit; C. Bulley, Toronto; George Chapman, Guelph; W. T. Campbell, Rodney; N. Cornwall, Walkerville; W. H. Downey, Windsor; W. M. Douglas, Toronto; R. R. Farrow, Ottawa; J. E. Fairbairn, Grimsby; Jas. Gray, London; S. J. Inkster, Toronto; C. Catharine, Toronto; Dr. W. Krupp, Woodstock; A. A. Langford, London; E. Morwick, Hamilton; W. A. McCutcheon, Hamilton; E. S. Munroe, Port Credit; E. Nichols, London; W. E. Orr, Windsor; A. Oliver, Buffalo, C. Peebles, Hamilton; J. W. Pedley, Toronto; G. S. Pearcey, Toronto; R. B. Rice, Toronto; W. E. Robertson, Port Credit; C. S. Robertson, Toronto; A. Rennie, Tillsonburg; H. J. Sims, Kitchener; Sir John Willison, Toronto; and H. E. Wetlaufer, Kitchener.

SCHOOL HOCKEYISTS TO FORM AFTER HOLIDAYS

The Public School Hockey League will not do anything until the reopening of school after the Christmas holidays. The possibilities open of playing in the arena has the youngsters pleased all over and much more zest will be given the competitions this year. Every team will have practices during the holidays if any of the open air ice sheets come into existence by that time.

LOCALS TO GET FIRST PRACTICE ON ICE SHEET BEFORE OPENING CLASH ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Ice-Maker From Grimsby Arrived This Morning and Started Spray.

HERE FOUR DAYS

Yesterday brine was pumped through the new arena pipes at a test, but this morning the same brine, having gone through the chilled process, was flowing through, and ice-making in real earnest was in progress. At 11:30 the Grimsby arena's ice-maker stepped off the train to take charge of the ice-making which is expected to produce London's first sheet of artificial ice, and the first hockey practice of the season on Saturday afternoon, prior to the big opening clash in the evening between Kitchener and Stratford Indians. It usually takes about 48 hours for an expert to produce a sheet of the sleight-of-hand ice with everything going smoothly. Extra time is being given in case of unforeseen obstacles cropping up owing to new equipment.

The Grimsby man will be here for four days, and is expected to be the conjurer of the Toronto arena, who had been given the job, wired yesterday.

EXECUTIVE OF N. H. L. CONSIDERS NEW RULES

League President Orders Official Meeting in Palmerston Today.

Special to The Advertiser. Palmerston, Dec. 13.—Secretary Robinson of the Northern Hockey League is convening the N. H. L. executive in the Queen's Hotel at 4:20 p.m. tomorrow on instructions of the N. H. L. president. The executive will group all teams entered, hear the treasurer's report and go over the new N. H. L. constitution, bylaws and rules. At a late hour tonight Port Dover wired its entry in the senior series, asking to be grouped with Cayuga, Simcoe and Caledonia. There are few other suggestions for grouping in the hands of the N. H. L. secretary, and if no other suggestions are received by noon tomorrow the executive will be practically free to group as they see proper, accepting and refusing entries as they see best for the N. H. L. and its affiliation. Milverton, Mount Forest and Harrison senior clubs have asked that their entry be protected by the N. H. L. Arthur's entry in the senior and Harrison's in the junior are expected.

IF YOU PLAY HOCKEY, SEE YOUR NAME IS ADDED TO LIST Intermediates—McLaughlin, Gillies, Summers, Pierce, McKinnon, Alexander, Burgess, Ferguson, McGeech, R. McKay, A. McKay, Hindmarsh, Reuter, H. Smith, Jerry Goodman. Juniors—Barrett, Monahan, Lemon, Rose, Moore, Howard, Graham, Taylor, Tozer, Robinson, J. McKay, J. Milne, Sills.

day that he would not be leaving Toronto the Good. The definite hours for practices of the three L. A. A. teams were fixed at a meeting last night. The daily schedule is as follows: Intermediates, 5:20 to 6:15; Juniors, 6:15 to 6:45; Ladies, 6:45 to 7:15.

The coaches and the business managers of the two men's teams are busy rounding up material this week, in order that the certificates may be forwarded to the O. H. A.

Junior players are requested to leave their names with Harry Abbot at Brownlee's hardware store, Talbot street, and the intermediate players are asked to see H. H. Ferguson at the Shell Oil Company. Every man will be given his chance. Lists of players only represent those the committee are in touch with. Some stronger than was at first anticipated, but only a couple of

arranged for as a result of last night's committee meeting. The winner will meet Grimsby next Thursday night, and Londoners therefore will get a chance to compare the hockey standard in both hockey groups, and this standard with the best Canada can produce, represented in Grimsby's appearance here.

The ticket sale for the Saturday game will be opened at the arena office on Friday.

The appearance of three senior teams here in a week will be of great interest to the local players. The exhibition tilts will only whet the appetite of the fans for the local games, and possibly inspire an ambition to see senior hockey here another season.

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OLYMPICS, AURA LEE MIX CHARITY, ILL-WILL

Granites Stall Against Three-Man Opposition—General Fight Follows.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 13.—In the wildest, weirdest and worst game of this or any other season, the Canadian Olympic hockey team tonight defeated Aura Lee, 8 to 3, and qualified to play Hamilton Tigers in the S. P. A. final Thursday. To cap the climax Referee Marsh in the last period chased four Aura Lee players and two of the titleholders at about the same time.

Manager Marsden was so riled over the penalties that he was considering taking the Aura Lee team off the ice, but it was finally decided to continue, and the four olympic players refused to score against Murray, Rutherford and Mitchell.

The score before this unusual string of minor penalties turned the game into a shambles was 3 to 2 with the champions leading. When all the play champions leading. When all the players returned, it was 4 to 2, and had Dunc Munro and his men desired to do so they could have scored half a dozen.

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WOODSTOCK LOSES TO GRIMSBY 9 TO 7

Red and White Intermediates Go Down in Well-Contested Exhibition.

Special to The Advertiser. Grimsby, Dec. 13.—Woodstock intermediates were defeated by Grimsby in an exhibition game here tonight by the score of 9 to 7.

The game was fairly well contested by the visitors, but owing to lack of practice they were in no condition to put up the brand of hockey of which they will be capable when the season is on, and they are contenders in the O. H. A. race.

The line-up: Grimsby—Goal, Fisher; defence, McVicar and Anderson; centre, W. Carson; forwards, Reid and G. Carson; subs, Stone, Walsh and Hayhoe. Woodstock—Goal, Lynch; defence, Kirk and Garvey; centre, Douglas; forwards, Richards and Goyer; subs, Jemmett, Smith and Woods. Referee—W. Cummings, Toronto.

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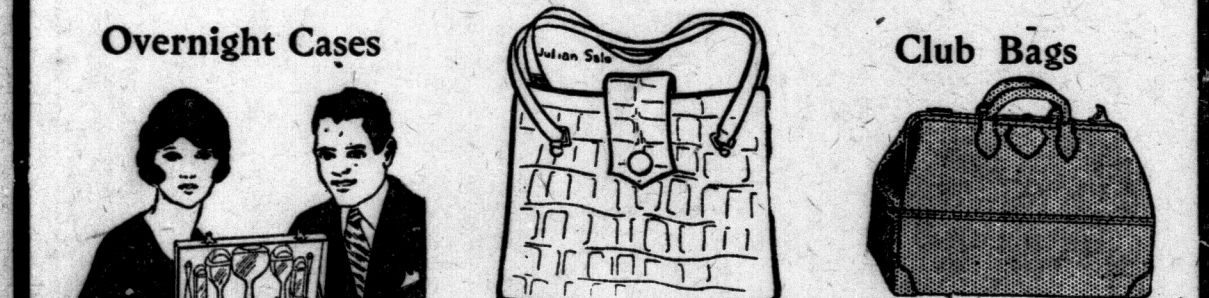
Will Have to Drop One Night at Rink as a Result.

GARRISON MEETS On What Militiamen Do May Depend Re-opening of Westminster.

At last night's meeting of the Church League it was determined that only eight teams would operate this year, and under these circumstances, the executive decided one night each week at the Westminster rink. The teams are: First Methodist, King Street, Askin, Wellington Street, Cronyn Memorial, Chalmers, St. Andrew's and Latter Day Saints. The latter were not there last night, but gave definite assurance at an earlier meeting that they would have a team entered.

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Ladies' or gents', \$5 to \$25.
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M. A. A. A.
D. S. Perrins, B Group, defeated Empire Brass of A Group, M. A. A. A. League, for the first series championships. They took three out of four from the Brass men.
D. S. Perrins, B Group—E. Henry 771, G. Currie 888, L. Smith 728, R. McNeil 806, H. Hodgson 705. Totals, \$94, 933, 999, 1048-3874.
Empire Brass, A Group—Jacques 686, R. Malone 810, J. Stephens 748, W. Molise 744, W. Crawford 781. Totals, 1011, 733, 987, 988-3789.

MOOSE LEAGUE.
Martin 642, Greisman 610, Scheiding 855, Forbes 199, Wilson 345, Crawford 640. Totals, 1145, 972, 1155-3275.
Oriente—Whitehall 690, Gillies 631, Downs 616, Wainess 561, Smith 693. Totals, 1292, 1894, 815-3199.
Shamrocks—Skinner 609, Racher 476, Kemp 461, McLaughlin 671, Wilson 669. Totals, 1905, 807, 2408-3222.
Foxy Quilners—T. Martin 620, McKim 426, Johnson 408, Mason 549, J. Fox 667. Totals, 349, 739, 141-1137.
Clovers—Ward 594, Kreitzer 488, Marsh 414, Prosser 513, Scheiding 909. Totals, 1908, 884-2792.
Imperial—McGowan 646, Myers 506, Macie 552, Low 509, Pugh 501. Totals, 346, 872, 293-2007.
Royals—Woods 888, Hudson 472, Lewis 415, Spooner 622, Winton 620. Totals, 872, 142, 778-2412.
Rovers—P. E. H. 482, W. B. Knott 512. Totals, 306, 264, 273-843.
Highlanders—J. Stilson 591, D. M. Stevens 514. Totals, 367, 326, 142-825.
Pirates—R. E. Cadwalader 506, T. H. McFarrell 422. Totals, 366, 290, 272-928.
Giants—J. E. Salisbury 459, Milton 424. Totals, 390, 269, 264-923.
Moose League high scores: Wilson 213, Crawford 209, Scheiding 206, Martin 201, Santo 199, McGowan 193, Greisman 159, Forbes 150, David 180, Tozer 178.

MURRAY SHOE.
London Lady—M. Rennolds 236, P. Tanner 298, H. Wilson 274, A. Henderson 441, C. Hicks 441. Totals 573, 633, 581-1890.
Marlowers—L. Yeust 233, D. Walker 296, G. Hicks 237, Pirpo 289, W. Reeves 493. Totals, 670, 543, 616-1829.
Murray Males—H. Brown 375, B. Lyons 286, E. Player 500, P. Noble 244. Totals, 557, 619, 730, 712-1962.
Cushion Soles—A. Zellar 383, D. Finn 374, R. Green 385, Gowdy 496, S. Bottrill 515. Totals, 325, 706, 122-1613.
Derby Shoe—L. Lyons 332, P. Bell 325, L. Knightly 472, J. Robb 468, W. Donohue 584. Totals, 700, 756, 726-2181.
R. Wiltshire 419, J. Noble 302, P. Penn 632, S. Page 354, J. Self 310. Totals, 556, 615, 758-2057.

ON NATIONAL ALLEYS
MAJOR FIVEPIN.
Nationals—Santo 506, Kibbler 667, Milne 513, Fraser 550, Leedham 543. Totals, 860, 934, 579-2779.
Hastings—N. For 535, Falconer 540, Connors 652, Perry 572, Mascari 721. Totals, 938, 1191, 592-3121.

LAWSON & JONES.
Feeders—H. Smith 447, W. Allen 479, L. Score 385, M. Magee 513, G. Wood 578. Totals, 723, 775, 898-2396.
Cartons—Bates 420, E. Fysh 394, Joyce 405, G. Baler 417, Donahue 455. Totals, 744, 633, 744-2121.
Transfers—S. Merritt 536, E. Skinner 391, H. Walker 544, B. Orr 539, E. Clarke 568. Totals, 724, 857, 845-2426.
460, J. Anderson 473, Pender 444, Munro 490. Totals, 702, 864, 750-2316.
Office—W. Campbell 467, M. Kennedy 324, J. Brown 550, H. Shade 512, Harry 467. Totals, 670, 736, 734-2130.
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"Big Four" Senior Hockey Race Starts On January 4th

GREATER INTEREST IN W.O.S.S.A. CAGE GAMES EVIDENCED

Thirty-Eight Teams Will Compete For Basketball Honors This Winter.

NUMBER IS RECORD

That interest in basketball in the secondary schools of the province is increasing by leaps and bounds each year is amply evidenced in the record number of teams entered for competition this winter.

Dr. George A. Smith, W. O. S. S. A. secretary, announces that in all there will be thirty-eight teams playing in this district, which is an increase of twelve over the number last season.

The following high school teachers will act as conveners to supervise all games:

District 1, girls, Miss A. Tanner, St. Thomas C. I.; district 1, boys, W. R. Ulin, London Central C. I.; district 2, girls and boys, M. L. Entwistle, Woodstock C. I.; district 3, girls and boys, W. J. Unwin, Kitchener C. I.; district 4, girls and boys, D. A. Campbell, Sarnia C. I.; district 5, girls and boys, G. S. Campbell, Windsor C. I.

Following is the playing arrangements for the district:

Girls.

District 1—St. Thomas, London East, London Central, London South, District 2—Woodstock College, Woodstock C. I., Stratford, St. Marys, Tillsonburg, District 3—Kitchener, Galt, Brantford, Paris.

Boys.

District 1—St. Thomas, London South, London East, London Central, District 2—Woodstock College, Woodstock C. I., Stratford, St. Marys, Tillsonburg, District 3—Kitchener, Galt, Brantford, Paris.

For girls' competitions, Spalding's 1923-24 rules to govern, with the exception that the two division court will be used in all competitions.

For boys, Spalding's rules for 1923-24 will govern throughout.

Eligibility—The same rules pertain to basketball as for all other com-



Hans Wagner's Own Story

One of the Greatest of Baseball Players Gives Fascinating Account of His Long Experience From the Inside Angle.

By HANS WAGNER.

THE SECRET OF MY BATTING.

A fan, writing to ask that I discuss the art of batting, wants to know first what was the secret of my success—how I managed to hit over 400 for so many consecutive years when nobody else did.

To be candid, I don't know. There was no secret about it, however. From the time I started as a boy I simply walked up and took a slam at any ball that happened to suit me. I don't believe half of them were over the plate.

And that brings up something that might be interesting. Wilbert Robinson, who had more than 20 years' experience behind the bat, told me once that he had kept pretty fair tab on the kind of balls that were hit safely.

Sixty per cent of the balls that batters landed on, he says "were not over the plate. A big percentage of batters will strike out on balls right over the pan and will hit those on the inside and outside right on the nose. Most of the hits are made on balls outside."

That, in a way, proves that I had the correct motion in swinging at the one that suited me whether it was over or not. The batter who is particular about getting the ball just right will not make many hits. He is like the youngster who failed to offer at a single ball and was called out on strike by Bill Klein, the umpire.

He raised the dickens of a kick. "You can't get any hits with that bat on your shoulder, young man," said the umpire.

In the last big series between New York and Pittsburgh when the Giants were fighting to clinch the pennant I saw a pinch hitter stand up there and take a third strike. There is no excuse for a man doing that. He is sent up there to hit and it is his business to get it.

Always look the pitcher over carefully and give him the impression that you are not worrying about the matter. He's a crotchety fellow, he's worried as much as you are.

I am often asked if I think it advisable to change the batting style of a youngster when he comes into the big league. I do not. Many a good ball player has been spoiled by making him change his style of swinging or the way he grips the bat. It makes him awkward, unnatural.

The Cobb-Wagner Grip.

I wrote this I have just picked up a little pamphlet illustrating the different grips. The accompanying photograph is the one the author of the book calls the Cobb-Wagner grip. He advises against its use, explaining that it is not a good style.

That's odd enough to make me smile. Cobb and myself, according to the records, led the big leagues more than any other batters. Still, the fellow might be right.

With the hands apart—the Cobb-Wagner style—I have better control of the bat. I can hit hard, swing quick, medium or slow. That grip enables me to hit high, low, inside or outside—in fact, I can take a better and more natural out at any kind of a ball.

The divided hand grip is good for carrying out what I have said about the step and timing. I can hit hard and soft, and I can pull one out of the park or bunt for a base.

Babe Ruth has an entirely different grip. He catches the bat well on the little end with both hands and pulls it to the end. His grip is very much the

"That bird certainly stands nice at the bat."

"I'll be I've heard that ten thousand times, and so have you. The scouts always comment on whether a fellow has a nice position up there or not."

Personally I don't think it makes a bit of difference how you stand at the bat. As long as you time your step and your swing, the way you stand amounts to nothing.

Nobody Ever Taught Him.

Nobody ever taught me how to stand at the bat. They used to say I crouched like a big gorilla. I don't know whether I did or not. What I know is I never did care. I didn't even think about it. I went up there to hit the ball and I hit it the best way I could.

McGraw was a good hitter, and he stood up straight, chopping into the ball with a short sharp swing. Keeler also batted in that way. On the other hand Delehanty used to take a healthy barn door swing, and he would knock the ball out of the lot. Take Heinie Groh, for instance. What would you have thought of Heinie as a hitter if you had been sent out as a scout to look him over? That peculiar way he stands, facing the pitcher with the bat held high over his head, would have quivered him with any scout. Still, Groh is a corking good hitter.

The good batter is the one who bats just like Webster wrote the English language—in his own way. The main thing—the whole thing—is to be natural. If it feels better to jump up and down like a Comanche Indian, why do it. If you don't get any hits that way you'll soon change your mind.

An important thing is never to be in a hurry. Above all, don't try to press. If you are over-anxious the pitcher will get on to it in a minute. You'll have a fat chance of getting a good look the pitcher over carefully and give him the impression that you are not worrying about the matter. He's a crotchety fellow, he's worried as much as you are.

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BIG FOUR SENIOR SCHEDULE STARTS ON JANUARY 4TH

Preston At Kitchener and Stratford At Galt Are Opening Tilt.

BAR PRO REFEREES

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Dec. 18.—Friday, Jan. 4, will see the opening of the Big Four senior series. The first games will be in Galt and Kitchener. The team will ask the O. H. A. not to send professional referees.

The local junior grouping will play home-and-home games with the two top teams, playing off for the group title. Guelph and Kitchener wanted a double schedule, but Stratford could not get the dates.

The schedule:

Jan. 4—Preston at Kitchener, and Stratford at Galt.

Jan. 7—Galt at Preston.

Jan. 8—Kitchener at Stratford.

Jan. 14—Stratford at Preston.

Jan. 15—Kitchener at Galt.

Jan. 18—Stratford at Kitchener, and Preston at Galt.

Jan. 21—Kitchener at Preston.

Jan. 22—Galt at Stratford.

Jan. 25—Galt at Kitchener.

Jan. 29—Preston at Stratford.

Feb. 1—Stratford and Galt, and Preston at Kitchener.

Feb. 4—Galt at Preston.

Feb. 5—Kitchener at Stratford.

Feb. 6—Kitchener at Galt.

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Feb. 18—Galt at Kitchener.

Feb. 19—Preston at Stratford.

Junior schedule:

Jan. 2—Kitchener at Guelph.

Jan. 7—Stratford at Kitchener.

Jan. 10—Guelph at Stratford.

Jan. 17—Kitchener at Stratford.

Jan. 18—Stratford at Guelph.

Jan. 23—Guelph at Kitchener.

The two leading teams will play off in home-and-home games, total goals to count.

FOUR TEAMS ARE ENTERED IN HESPEL TOWN LEAGUE

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Dec. 18.—Hesper Town Hockey League has been reorganized for the winter with four teams, Ross Hill, Beaverdale, Oddfellow and Maple Leafs. The games as usual will be played at the Preston arena.

The officers of the league for the coming year are: President O. M. Wachsmith, Vice-President W. Roscoe, Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Pogue.

POSTPONE U. S. GAMES.

Associated Press Despatch.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Because of lack of ice, the opening games in the United States Amateur Hockey League at St. Paul and Duluth have been postponed indefinitely, it was announced today.

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RACE RESULTS

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 6 furlongs—Tom Tella, 103 (Parke), 7 to 2, even, 1 to 2, won.

Balme, 100 (Farland), 1 to 2, out, second.

Frontiersman, 103 (Smith), 5 to 2, third.

Time, 1:13 4-5.

Satirist, Jessamine, Mount Pleasant, Uncle Abe, Judge Wright II, Richard Murray, Juno, Balsam Lake, and Dustproof ran.

SECOND RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs—Sling, 119 (Lang), 3 to 1, 1 to 1, 8 to 5, won.

Royal Dick, 111 (Wallace), 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second.

Piedmont, 111 (Corcoran), 4 to 1, third.

Time, 1:11 1-5.

Mr. Beck, First Consul, Monsoon, Filbert, Gabel, Red Fisher, Golden Floss, Canteen Girl, Old Top, Antipater ran.

THIRD RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs—Red Arrow, 106 (Farlan), 11 to 5, 3 to 1, 4 to 1, won.

Lord Granite, 112 (Frank), 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second.

Sequel, 102 (Parke), even, third.

Time, 1:11.

Tuscola and Noddman ran.

FOURTH RACE, 1 1/16 miles—Margaret Ware, 110 (Lee), 7 to 2, even, 2 to 5, 4 to 5, won.

Little Annie, 107 (Roe), even, 1 to 2, second.

Super, 111 (Corcoran), 2 to 1, 4 to 5, second.

Time, 2:08 1-5.

Grass Tree, Attorney, Smarty and Clean Gene also ran.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs—Superanna, 109 (Perma), 7 to 10, 1 to 4, 4 to 8, won.

Stone Image, 103 (Callahan), 7 to 10, 1 to 4, second.

Miss Margaret, 100 (Pickens), 1 to 3, third.

Time, 1:07.

Ashburton, Marmaduke, Bolivar ran.

SECOND RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs—Miss Beulah, 103 (Pickens), 2 to 1, 7 to 10, 1 to 4, won.

Pepper Tree, 100 (Majestic), 4 to 5, 1 to 2, second.

Edna, 110 (Eaton), 1 to 4, third.

Time, 1:07.

Miss Liberty, Gupton, Foul Weather, Whispering, Gloom ran.

THIRD RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs—Superanna, 103 (Pickens), 2 to 1, 7 to 10, 1 to 4, won.

Golden Chance, 115 (Seremba), 5 to 2, 5 to 6, second.

Alsie Verner, 103 (Thrallkill), even, third.

Time, 1:14.

Polite, Ella, Punctual, Drapery, Eye Bright, Fox, Glove, Havana, Alex. Vesina and Sun Turret ran.

FOURTH RACE—Sun Maiden, 101 (Callahan), 2 to 5, 1 to 10, out, won.

Amcrest, 103 (Lanect), even, out, second.

Judge Hickman, 109 (Woodstock), out, third.

Time, 1:14.

Clopper and Somerby also ran.

FIFTH RACE, 3-year-olds and 60 yards—American Soldier, 106 (Overton), 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, won.

Brace Dudley, 112 (Primrose), 4 to 5, 1 to 3, second.

Yalldagel, 97 (J. Callahan), 1 to 2, third.

Time, 1:45 2-5.

Dorienne, Moresque, Radical, Jap Muma, Weiland also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and 60 yards—British Lion, 107 (Pickens), 5 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, won.

Kato, 112 (G. Williams), 7 to 10, 1 to 3, second.

Jollant, 110 (W. Smith), 1 to 2, third.

Time, 1:44.

Biddlede, Hala, Blarney Boy, Ringrose, Perhaps also ran.

TIA JUANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE: Miss Mantura, 98 (Gourley), \$11.60, \$2.20, \$3.20, won.

Zillah, 103 (Walls), \$8.60, \$3.40, second.

Tramption, 107 (Eckson), \$3.40, third.

Time, 1:07.

Mad Trooper, Whipaw, Overshot, Perhaps also ran.

CLASS A. A. CLUBS TRAIN IN SOUTH

Connie Mack Puts One Over in Purchase of Outfielder Simmons.

By JOHN B. FOSTER.

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New York, Dec. 18.—Class A.A. leagues will go farther away from home to train in 1924 than they have in the past. Kansas City, for instance, will train at Vernon, Cal., unless its plans are changed. Milwaukee will go to Palmto, Fla., which is not far from the towns where the Cardinals and Giants are expected to train.

Indianapolis and Columbus are contemplating trips south. It is impossible to train in the north and get a good start, and the American Association has found that it is necessary to get a good start if the clubs are to do anything against the big league rivals.

Their big league rivals. The American Association teams especially are in such proximity to the majors in the western section that they must play good ball to hold the fans.

Another reason why the minors are willing to go farther and spend a little more money is the possibility of picking up some portion of their expenses in spring training.

By going to Florida, in the heart of the big league training section, feels confident it will get some games with some of the big fellows. Milwaukee will almost surely meet the Athletics on the way home, and also will make an effort to schedule games with Cincinnati.

Connection Friendly.

The connection between the Athletics and Milwaukee has been very friendly for years. Milwaukee has provided Connie Mack with players that certainly haven't done the Athletics any harm, even if they didn't accomplish all that was expected.

Mack's most recent acquisition from Milwaukee, outfielder Simmons, has been a big find for the Athletics. He has been a big find for the Athletics. He has been a big find for the Athletics.

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OUT SILK NECKWEAR—In Swiss, French and Italian Silks, each... \$1.00, \$1.45, \$1.85, \$2.00

BROADCLOTH SHIRTS—High-grade pure wool English Silks, all shades. Reduced to \$5.00 each

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Asquith Declares Party Will Not
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LLOYD GEORGE AGREES

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 18.—The Liberal party
today, through the leaders, H. H.
Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, made
its position clear with respect to the
Conservative government, or what-
ever other government takes up the
reins of power after the re-assembly
of Parliament. The Liberal party
will form no alliance with other
parties, and will have nothing to do
with any manoeuvre such as has been
suggested by Lord Birkenhead for
keeping Labor out by maintaining the
Conservative government in power.

"No fetters, perfect freedom," were
the watchwords Mr. Asquith enun-
ciated at today's meeting for the
guidance of the party.
"Some people," Mr. Asquith ob-
served, "seem to think that a great
parliamentary party like ours can be
treated like a horde of mercenaries
and moved from camp to camp, back-
wards and forwards, at the word of
command. If we understand our
business, it is we who really control
the situation."

Mr. Asquith went on to declare that
the days of the present government
were numbered and that the Liberals
would not move a finger to connive in
prolongation of the government's
"disastrous stewardship."

Lloyd George agrees.
Mr. Lloyd George endorsed the atti-
tude taken by his former chief, say-
ing: "I am in complete agreement
with the policy laid down by Mr. As-
quith."

These pronouncements by the Lib-
eral leaders mean that affairs are
likely to take their natural course when
Parliament reassembles.
Mr. Asquith prefaced his declara-
tions by some satirical remarks about
the Conservatives having publicly
branded him as a "back number—an
extinct volcano—and effete and dis-
credited doit," remarking that if
ever a Labor government was to be
tried in this country it could hardly
be tried under safer conditions—
meaning that being in a minority of
the whole House, a Labor govern-
ment could not pass extreme mea-
sures—Mr. Asquith proceeded to give
an important opinion on a question
which has been exercising the minds
of the politicians lately, namely,
whether a Labor or other government
would possess an unchallenged right
to dissolve Parliament.

He declared: "The power to dis-
solve Parliament is the prerogative of
the crown, but that does not mean
that the crown ought to act arbitrar-
ily. What it does mean is that the
crown is not obliged to take the ad-
vice of the ministry to put the
country through the turmoil of a
general election if it could find other
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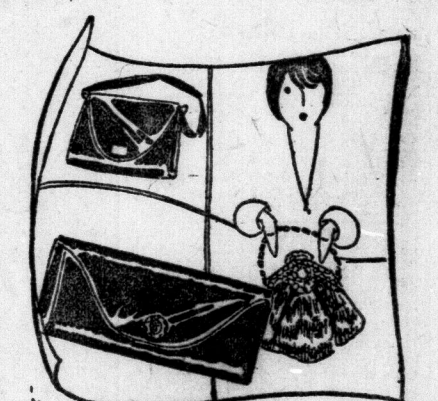
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