

Chathamites Have Narrow Escape from Gas Fumes::Seven Seats Vacant In Senate

BLOCKED GAS MAINS ENDANGER KENT CITY

Asphyxiation Threatened Lives of Sleepers Until Fire and Telephone Awaken Them To Danger—Obstacle Blocks Pipes and Danger Comes When Gas Flow Is Resumed.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS HELP FILL BREACH

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.

Chatham, March 15.—The majority of Chatham people slept early Sunday morning oblivious to the danger which stalked through their homes as a result of an obstacle which blocked pipes leading from the field end of the Union Natural Gas Company's gas main to Chatham, causing such a low pressure that fires in furnaces and heaters were extinguished. With fires out, the whole city faced the danger of asphyxiation when the interruption was repaired.

The obstruction occurred shortly after 2 o'clock. Operators were rushed to the scene of the trouble and quickly removed the cause of the interruption.

Alive to the danger created by the resumption of the gas flow after the interruption, officials of both the Union Gas Company and the Chatham Gas Company, the Chatham distributors, spent the rest of the early morning hours arousing the city and notifying consumers in sections where the fires were likely to have gone out.

Bells Are Rung.

The city fire bell was rung to awaken the sleepers. Co-operation of telephone operators was enlisted and through them telephone subscribers were warned to relight the fires or close the valves before the flow of gas was restored. Those with telephones were requested to notify neighbors who were not subscribers. Through the precautions of the company, tragedy was averted, for if the city had not been aroused many cases of asphyxiation would undoubtedly have resulted when the flow of gas was resumed to escape unburned from stoves and furnaces.

Inquiries conducted today indicated that no explosions occurred, and that no citizens were affected by gas fumes. There are approximately 3,500 gas consumers in Chatham. As the night was cold practically every stove and furnace was going full blast when the interruption occurred.

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CHILDREN'S PLAY RIGHT STRESSED

Rev. William Beattie Ad-
dresses Kiwanians at First
Presbyterian Church.

"A city that makes no provision for children's playing is denying them a natural right, and the denial will bring about an awful penalty." These were the words of Rev. William Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., who preached the annual Kiwanis sermon at the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning.

Dr. Beattie took the text, "The streets of a city will be filled with boys and girls playing." He said that there was a tender charm and a strong simplicity in the words. They were the more simple and tender looked at in the light of a background of harshness in those days.

Children are God's heritage, and one of the signs of his presence in a nation is that nation's way of viewing childhood. There must be no sinful robbing nature of this precious increase, said the minister.

Comments Playgrounds. "The right of children to play will be recognized in any city where the heart of the people is truly Christian. One of the most Christian of modern humanities is the playground movement in our large cities. A city making no provision for the children playing is denying them a natural right," said Dr. Beattie.

The child labor question was touched on. The speaker showed that the rights of children were being considered to a greater extent all the time in Christian countries. In others, the situation was not so good. In China, boys and girls from five years old to 12, labored 12 hours a day in cotton mills.

There was a time of work and a time of play. In children's games there was much character building if followed along the right lines. Boys and girls should be taught to play honestly. There should be no cheating. The principle of clean living should be carried out in recreation, as well as in work.

A tribute was paid to the work carried out by clubs and associations which aimed to help children. These all made for a better understanding and for real friendship. Of these the Kiwanis, the Ki-Y Boys, the Y. M. C. A. and other bodies offered greater opportunities for children to find an increased measure of love of God and hope in Christ.

"When a father needs a friend," let him turn to Christ. He is the boy's best friend," said Dr. Beattie.

AUSTRALIA TO REACH
CANADA BY WIRELESS

New Stations For Direct Traffic
To Great Britain Also
Planned.

Associated Press Despatch.
Melbourne, Australia, March 14.—The Melbourne Herald states that four beam type wireless stations, two for receiving and two for transmitting, are to be erected immediately at a cost of £120,000, with the object of working traffic direct with Great Britain and Canada.

Air Fans Listen To Paderewski

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 15.—A piano recital by Ignace Jan Paderewski without applause was the unique experience of millions of music-lovers in the British Isles tonight. When the former president of Poland played a program of Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt and a short nocturne composed by himself in the broadcasting station in London, and which was relayed throughout the entire United Kingdom. Never before in the famous pianist's wide experience has he ever had such a huge audience.

HUNDREDS OF VETERANS WILL GREET EARL HAIG

British Field Marshal To Pre-
side at G. W. V. A.
Conference.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 15.—When Field Marshal Earl Haig and the delegates of the British Empire Service League from all British dominions reach Ottawa on July 19 next, they will be greeted by between four and five hundred representative veterans from all parts of the dominion. The national conference of the G. W. V. A. officials, which met in Ottawa all week, on Saturday agreed that a convention of the association should be called for this purpose. Under present arrangements, the empire conference will open on July 20, with Earl Haig present as grand president of the league.

MAN GASHES THROAT IN SPITE OF POLICE

Defying Arrest, Inflicts Wounds
in Presence of Several
Officers.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 15.—William Blouin, 52 years of age, is in a critical condition in the general hospital with three deep gashes in his throat, which he inflicted upon himself this afternoon in the presence of several policemen, who were endeavoring to arrest him. The police officers of the western station were notified that a man was acting strangely in a house on Tyndal avenue and was armed with a gun and a butcher knife. On proceeding to the house the policemen found Blouin barricaded in the bathroom. They forced the door, and as they closed with him Blouin drew a knife across his throat. Before he was overpowered he had inflicted two more gashes.

Alberta Wolves Pursue Sleighs, Dances and Parties Postponed

Canadian Press Despatch.
Edmonton, March 15.—Thrilling fights with large packs of timber wolves and a community so menaced by the prowling, ferocious animals that settlers fear leaving their farms, with the result that dances have been postponed and social engagements cancelled, is the story from a new settlement northwest of Vaila, Alberta. During the past week a party returning from a dance were pursued by a pack which kept close to the driver for more than three miles. Twice the leading wolf was attempted to jump into the sleigh, but was driven off by blows, and eventually the animals abandoned the chase.

A lumberman returning to camp was attacked and was forced to leave his horse and take refuge in a tree. His horse made camp and the man's companions rescued him after shooting three wolves and wounding several others.

SENATOR BENNETT CALLED BY DEATH

Active Figure in Canadian
Politics Dies in Guelph
Hospital.

AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Special to The Advertiser.
Guelph, March 15.—Hon. Senator William S. Bennett, K.C., of Simcoe county, died this morning at a Guelph hospital, after a short illness. Senator Bennett was in his 67th year. He was born in Barrie, Ont., in 1858. He resided for many years at Midland.

Served many years in the House of Commons and was elevated to the Senate in November, 1917. Senator Bennett is survived by his widow and one brother, J. H. Bennett, of Barrie.

He was a staunch Conservative. During the 1924 session he took an extremely active part in the memorable attack on the C. N. R. and its branch line policy.

IS SEVENTH VACANCY.
By E. C. BUCHANAN,
Special to The Advertiser
by Staff Correspondent.
Ottawa, March 15.—While the Commons is debating constitutional reform of the Senate, the Upper House is being changed rapidly by a power that is independent of the constitution. The Grim Reaper is taking his harvest from among the mature legislators of the Red Chamber. The flag is at half-mast over the eastern half of the Houses of Parliament at depressing frequent intervals. Run to the top following the late Senator Murphy's funeral, it was lowered again today for Senator W. S. Bennett, of Midland.

Seven seats are now vacant in the Senate, of which four were held by Liberals and three by Conservatives. The filling of the vacancies reduces the Conservative majority to six. It remains at about 20. Of the vacancies, one is for Alberta, one for Ontario, two for Quebec, one for New Brunswick and two for Prince Edward Island.

The filling of these vacancies may lead to some measure of cabinet reorganization. Hon. Jacques Bureau, it is understood, may be disposed to move over to the Red Chamber. His health has been poor of late, and the heavy task of administering the customs department places a strain on it. Some realignment of portfolios and one or two new appointments may precede an appeal to the country.

Church Receives Cash Endowment

Two Thousand Dollars Given
Parkhill Congregation.

Parkhill, March 15.—At a vestry meeting of St. James' church an endowment of two thousand dollars was received from William George and his wife, and will be known as the Boyce endowment fund. The interest is to be used as the wardens and rector of the church designate.

BOTHWELL WOOD-CUTTER SUSTAINS FRACTURED LEG

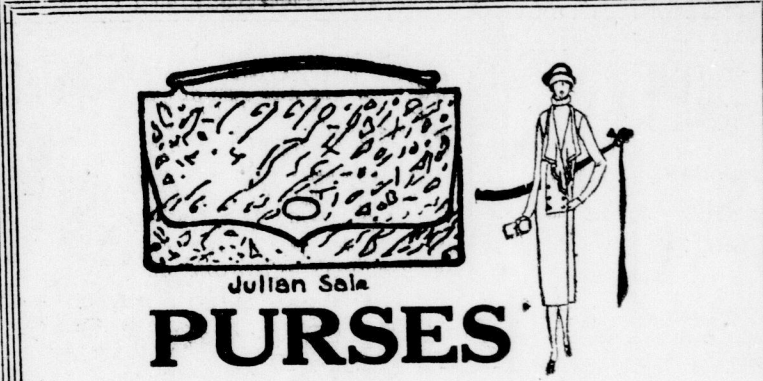
Bothwell, March 15.—Frank McRoberts fractured his leg just above the knee Thursday morning. The young man was working in the woods when the accident occurred. He was removed to his home, and Dr. O. J. Gien reduced the fracture.

COUNCILLOR DENIED SEAT, LOSES APPEAL

Wentworth County Man As
School Trustee Is Ineligible
For Office.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 14.—Mr. Justice Riddell has dismissed the appeal of George B. Robb, elected by acclamation as councillor for Beverley township, Wentworth county, from the decision of Judge Gauld unseating him because at the time of his election he was a member of the board of school section No. 60.

It was contended on his behalf that the statutory provision did not apply to rural school sections. Mr. Justice Riddell says that he finds no support in grammar, logic, law, or history for the contention of Mr. Robb. He remarks incidentally that the right of being chosen to represent his fellows in parliament, legislature, or on a municipal council is one of the dearest possessions of a free man and should not be taken away without clear statutory objection, but he can find no loophole for Robb.



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Father Slays Four Children

Associated Press Despatch.
Kansas City, March 14.—Maurice L. Gibson of Prather Hill, Mo., killed his four children with an axe early today while his wife was in another part of the house, and then hacked himself with the axe, and later slashed his wrist. He is expected to live. No reason has been assigned for the killing. The children ranged in age from 18 months to seven years.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR OTTERTON PLANT

Canning Factory Buildings To
Be Located Near the
Railway.

Ottertown, March 15.—The first meeting of the Ottertown Canners, Limited, was held in the community hall on Wednesday, at which the following officers and directors were elected: President, W. N. Hyslop; vice, J. Parker; secretary-treasurer, J. P. Vair; manager, J. W. Quinn; directors, D. A. Hyslop, Tom Pearce, Charles Daiken.

Contracts were let for a new \$75,000 building to be erected near the railway tracks, just north of the station. Two large buildings will be erected, one 150x60 feet, the other 85x60 feet, besides two boiler rooms. The contract for the carpentry work was let to Pennington & Kennedy of this place, and for masonry to Alf Gattman.

NEW ONTARIO CHILD DIES VISITING GRANDPARENTS

Special to The Advertiser.
Aylmer, March 15.—On Wednesday last, Mary Edith, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Percy of Commander, Northern Ontario, died at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walter, Malahide.

The little girl was stricken suddenly two days previous with membranous croup. Besides the sorrowing parents and grand-parents, one sister, Helen, aged three, survives. The funeral was on Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. from the residence of the grand-parents to the Aylmer cemetery.

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