

District Conventions

Religious Education Councils of
Warwick, Plympton and Bosanquet
Hold Interesting Discussions

Warwick

The annual convention of the Warwick township religious educational council was held in the Congregational Church, Watford, with a splendid attendance of officers and delegates. The president, Thomas McCormick of Kingscourt, was in charge, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. V. Workman of Watford. Reports of the year's work were given by the president, the secretary-treasurer, and heads of various departments.

Rev. Mr. Roulston of Arkona gave a practical demonstration of a successful method of teaching the Sunday school lesson, and Rev. R. B. Ferris of Toronto gave an address, followed by a round table conference.

The visiting delegates were entertained at supper by the ladies of the Sunday schools of Watford and Kingscourt.

A demonstration of boys' work was given by the Hiawatha Camp of Trail Rangers of the Congregational Church, Watford. Miss Violet Barge of Sarnia, president of the Sarnia C. G. I. T. council, gave an address. A brief song service was conducted by Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. L. Foster, Watford. The new president, John McKercher of Watford, presided over the remainder of the session.

Rev. J. H. Hosford, M. A., B. D., of Trinity Anglican Church Watford, and Rev. R. B. Ferris of Toronto gave forceful addresses. The report of the resolutions committee was presented by Mrs. W. H. Luckham and a number of important resolutions were adopted.

Officers elected are: president, John McKercher, Watford; vice-president, W. H. Shrapnell, Watford; secretary-treasurer, J. F. Smith, Warwick; assistant secretary, Thomas McCormick, Kingscourt; department superintendents, children's division, Miss L. Ross, Warwick; boys' work, Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, Watford; girls' work, Miss F. E. Edwards, Warwick; adult Bible-class, J. E. Collier, Warwick; home department, Miss Ena Isles, Warwick; teacher training, Rev. H. V. Workman, Watford; missionary training, John Robinson, Warwick village; temperance work, Harvey Vance, Warwick.

The place of meeting for next year is Bethesda Methodist Church, Warwick Township.

Plympton

The Plympton Township Religious educational council held their annual convention at Mandaum Presbyterian Church, Dr. P. M. Brown of Camlachie, the president, took the chair at both sessions. The report of the secretary-treasurer, Rev. C. E. Taylor, showed progress in all departments. The special speaker was Rev. R. B. Ferris of Toronto. Miss Crone dealt with 'teen age girls. Mrs. W. E. Workman of Sarnia sang twice. Reports of the departments indicated much activity in teacher training, missionary interest, and boys' and girls' work.

The committees on resolutions and nominations brought in their reports at the evening session immediately after Dr. Hughes of Point Edward had completed the opening exercises. The resolution dealt with many points taken up in the morning.

Officers elected are: President, M. White, vice-president, A. Williams; secretary-treasurer, Rev. L. B. Stonington; boys, Rev. A. E. Waghorn; girls, Miss Crone; adults, F. Sussex; temperance, C. Taylor; missionary, Rev. W. J. H. Petter; home department, C. H. Smith.

Rev. R. B. Ferris gave another inspiring talk and L. Williams sang very acceptable solos. A report of the provincial convention was listened to with satisfaction. The attendance was greater than any previous convention. A delicious and bountiful supper was served by the Mandaum ladies between the sessions.

Bosanquet

The third annual convention of the Bosanquet township religious educational council was held in the Presbyterian church at Ravenswood on Friday afternoon. A severe hail storm broke over the community about 1 o'clock, shattering the windows of the Presbyterian church and prevented a prompt commencement.

Rev. H. D. Cameron conducted the opening exercises in place of Rev. Wm. McInnis who was unavoidably absent. In the absence of the president and vice-president, the Rev. H. Jones of Arkona was voted to the chair for the afternoon.

Twenty-one Schools

The secretary-treasurer's report was given by Rev. Filiam Walker and showed that there are 21 Sunday schools in the township, 19 of which had sent in a report. In the 19 schools there is an enrolment of 1673. Thirteen schools reported organized classes graded according to standard; 10 give missionary instruction and 9 give temperance instruction. Thirty-five members were added to the church from the Sunday schools during the year. The sum of \$536.24 was given by the schools to missions. One hundred dollars was contributed by the schools and private individuals for the work of the Ontario religious educational council.

The report was adopted. Roll call showed 12 schools represented at the council with 70 present.

Reports of the departments were presented by H. P. Madden through the Rev. M. Roulston on boys' work, William Middleton of the adult division, Rev. Wm. Walker of the home department, John Dallas of the temperance division.

Round Table

Rev. S. Anderson gave an address on our most pressing need in Sunday school work, and a round-table was conducted by Rev. R. B. Ferris, provincial representative.

When the evening session met, another storm came up, putting out several lamps, and it was decided to adjourn to the Methodist church, where the windows were intact. Addresses were given by Rev. D. W. Williams of Thedford, Rev. H. Cox of Forest and Rev. R. B. Ferris.

A resolution was adopted to be sent to the government endorsing the O. T. A. and stronger enforcement without change in the existing law.

New Officers

New officers elected were president, William Middleton; vice-president, Rev. E. Roulston, Arkona; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Wm. Walker, Forest; divisional superintendents, children's division, Miss Olga Elliott, Thedford; boys' work, H. P. Madden, Thedford; girls' work, Mrs. Eva Vance, Forest; adult division, Dr. C. L. Huffman, Forest; teachers' training, Rev. T. Doolittle, Forest; missionary, Miss Elva Fuller, Arkona; temperance, John Dallas, Thedford.

The next place of meeting will be in the Methodist church Arkona. A hearty vote of appreciation was tendered the Ravenswood people for their hospitality. Benediction by the Rev. Wm. Walker, closed the 1924 council.



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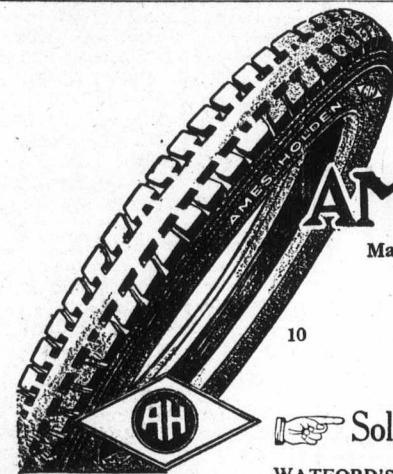
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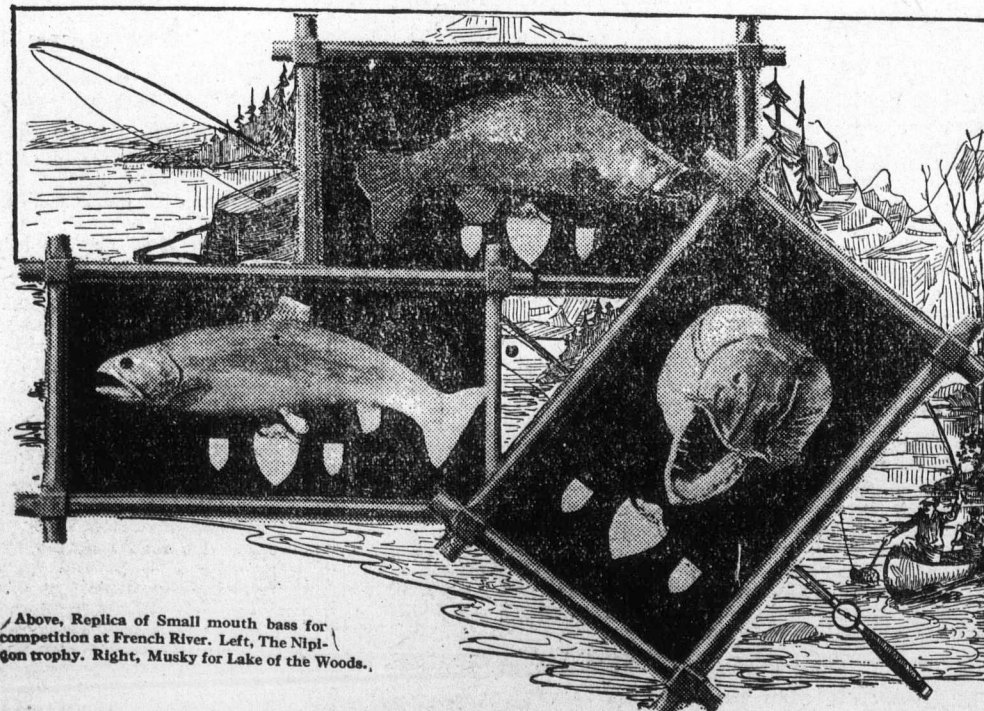
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