

Department Delays On Sarnia Highway Plan :: Underwriters Convene In City

ENTRANCE ROUTES INTO CITY DIFFER

Department Delays Actions on the Sarnia Highway Plan.

The department of highways at Toronto has not yet decided whether the 5th concession of London township will be paved up with the Proof Line road or not. S. L. Squires, deputy minister of the department, informed The Advertiser this afternoon.

It is known that the department favors paving the 5th concession as the first link in a paved road from London to Sarnia, but, on the other hand, the suburban area commission of London and Middlesex has already paved two miles of what is known as the Hyde Park highway, and has made provision for two more miles of pavement this year as far as Hyde Park village.

No Crossings. It is pointed out by those interested in the Hyde Park highway that entrance to the city is gained through West London and that motorists are not forced to cross any level crossings on the C. P. R. as would be necessary via the 5th concession. (The latter road is paved as far as the 5th at the present time.)

Motorists from Sarnia desirous of using the tourists camp at Wondersland would find the Hyde Park road the more direct route. They would pass under the C. P. R. subway in West London and under the C. N. R. subway at the Wharfedale road and proceed from Hyde Park to the camp via Byron.

Majority in Favor. The Hyde Park route is the one favored by the majority of farmers, as they can reach the market square without crossing the railroads. It is more direct, they claim, and can be reached without travelling through the congested portions of the business district.

The Sarnia gravel road is a provincial county road at the present time, but will likely be taken over by the department of highways and become a provincial highway. In this event, the department will have full control and will have the final say as to whether the 5th concession will be paved or not. In the meantime, the department has asked the suburban road commission to take no action regarding the further paving of the Hyde Park highway.

FREE TREES OFFERED FOR DISTRIBUTION HERE

P. U. C. Presented With Re-forestation Plan by Department at Ottawa.

The public utilities commission has received a communication from the forestry branch of the department of lands and forests offering free distribution of trees for reforestation purposes.

Manager E. V. Buchanan stated this morning that the commission would possibly be interested in the scheme if the trees could be secured for planting on boulevards and around civic buildings, etc.

The communication expressly stipulates, however, that the trees are available only to be set out in groves of not less than one-quarter of an acre in area and can not be distributed for decorative purposes. It is pointed out that a number of golf clubs have made use of the trees in odd corners of their property for obscuring unimproved areas.

Mr. Buchanan is considering the offer from all angles.

JUST A JOB, MISTER, AND THE GIRL'S MINE

Youth Unfolds Plight at Department of Agriculture Office.

There is a young Canadian in London who wants to be married. He has the "most wonderful girl in the world," who is willing to become his bride. He has the preacher all lined up to tie the nuptial knot. In fact everything is fine, but he hasn't got a job.

Despairing of work in the city, he is anxious to work on a farm and has applied at the department of agriculture for the names of farmers wanting a "married couple."

"How many children have you?" asked the agricultural official, noting down the application for John Farrell of the immigration department. "I'm not married yet," was the blushing reply. "Soon as I get a job, I'm going to get married. My girl says she will live any place with me, but I've got to get a job first."

No doubt the young man will be married in a week's time as Mr. Farrell is noted as a matchmaker, and will put himself out to get the young couple a good home with one of the district farmers.

WEIGHT OF SYRUP.

Maple syrup will have to weigh 13 pounds 3 ounces to the gallon this year to be in keeping with government requirements, according to the department of food and drugs. The department will keep a check on the sale of syrup this year as last. The present weight will be taken at ordinary temperature of the syrup.

GRACIOUS, YES! IT'S SPRING WATCH THE DAMSELS' HATS

Greek Railway Workers Quit

Associated Press Despatch. Athens, Greece, March 9.—Greece again is in the throes of a general railway strike. The railwaymen yesterday refused to wait longer for the government's reply to their demands for higher pay and shorter hours and struck. The government is expected to issue a decree for mobilization of the workers.

HALF OF LICENSES FOR CARS ISSUED

Call of Spring Brings Rush to the Office of H. J. Childs.

In the spring the thoughts of automobile owners lightly turn to license plates. So far, however, only 5,558 owners of motor cars have procured license plates, while 899 truck owners and 19 motorcycle drivers have also purchased the black and yellow plates. Last year the local office issued 14,000 licenses.

Saturday was a fairly busy day at the office of H. J. Childs, who has 339 sets of plates were sold, the majority going to district farmers who are anxious to once more operate cars. Yesterday was a day to make citizens think of the country, and motorists who had not bought their licenses were reminded of the need to do so. Pointed and barbed remarks from the families. This resulted in big business at Mr. Childs' office this morning.

MONEY ORDER SERVICE NOW LINKS LUXEMBURG

Arrangements With Duchy Complete, City Postmaster Announces.

A money order service has been established between Canada and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, according to word received here by Postmaster T. C. Duncan today.

The advice stated that the financial branch was in a position to issue money orders through the local post office payable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. This will be done through the intermediary of the British postal department.

The equivalent of the amounts remitted will be reissued at London in Luxembourg francs and centimes at the rate of conversion in force for money orders on the date of receipt.

The British government will collect a fee of two pence for every pound or fraction of a pound with a minimum charge of four pence. This fee will be deducted from the service fee. The maximum of each order will be \$100.

RAILWAY SITS TIGHT WHEN PROTEST MADE

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"No, thanks," hurriedly interrupted the passenger. "I'll have change."

Change was finally given. "Haven't any cheap tickets, I suppose," suggested the passenger as he paused before dropping a nickel in the fare box.

"No," snapped the uniformed man. "You'll have to get those from Ald. Douglass or McKay."

On an Ottawa car at 11 o'clock a passenger was refused seven tickets for a quarter.

"Will you put me off if I don't pay a nickel?" the passenger asked.

"Oh, I don't know," the conductor said evasively.

"Have you put anyone off today?" the passenger asked.

"No, not yet."

The passenger was in a hurry to get to Victoria hospital, and a test of the conductor's action was inconvenient at the time.

Sums Up Situation.

A Normal conductor summed up the situation to an Advertiser reporter who boarded his car.

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Robins Romp Merrily in Park, Sap Flow Starts in Trees.

SYRUP ON MARKET

The first robin in the park or on the front lawn; the first taste of delicious maple syrup bought at the market square; the fast disappearing snow; the tender shoots of green grass; the first spring hats worn by adventurous girls; Spring.

And indeed it looks like it. In a couple of nights the snow disappeared, save for the little drifts in the shade of the houses. On Saturday a farmer offered the first maple syrup of the 1925 vintage at the market.

Robins have been seen in town and country. In Queen's park this morning a couple of the bright-breasted humpbacked birds sprang down from the eaves of a house, and when they were back again for another summer in the Forest City.

Flock of Chicks. A man got on an Oxford car this morning at Carling Heights. He was nursing a box labeled hatching eggs. He was going down town to turn them over to a buyer who wanted to raise some prize-winners. He said he was turning the money into a rake and other garden necessities.

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"It all depends on the weather," whether there is going to be a large supply of syrup this year," said James Dean, market scales clerk, this morning, who is of the opinion that if a rainy spell appears, and took the frost out of the ground, the season would be shortened.

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PRESBYTERY TO ELECT DELEGATES TOMORROW

Will Appoint Commissioners to General Assembly at Toronto.

Election of commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly constitutes one of the most important items of business to be transacted by the presbytery of London at its regular meeting tomorrow morning in First Presbyterian church.

The presbytery will hear and pass upon a resolution prepared by Rev. William Beattie, D.D., regarding the life and work of the late Rev. D. L. McCrae, Ph.D.

Consideration also will be given to the session records of the following churches: Ailsa Craig, Carlisle, Appin, North Ekfrid, Argyle, West Lorne, Delaware, Burns, North St. Payne's Mills, Dunwich, Duff's and Tait's Corners, Fingal, Hyde Park and St. Pauls.

The following charges have been requested to elect an elder as commissioner to the assembly: Dorchester and Crumlin, St. Andrew's, Knox (Fingal), Knox (Dutton), Burns (Mosa), Duff's and Tait's Corners, and Kintyre.

The general assembly has been called at Toronto for June 3 in order that the business of the year can be satisfactorily wound up prior to the consummation of church union, which is to take place in Toronto on June 10.

Rev. T. A. Symington, M.A., pastor of Knox church, moderator, will preside at the meeting.

CONDUCTS MEETING.

V. C. Lowell, provincial drainage expert of Chatham, is conducting a meeting at Lambeth tomorrow night, department of agriculture officials stated this morning.

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LIQUOR BRINGS VIOLATOR TO COURT

Keeper of Disorderly House Fails to Convince Magistrate of Good Intentions.

One of the most cosmopolitan arrays of prisoners to grace the cramped quarters of the city police court in some months was paraded before Magistrate Graydon this morning in testimony of a "clean-up" week-end in London and vicinity.

Twenty-six were herded into the prisoners' box in relays of four and five and no less than 21 officers, some uniformed, others not, shuffled in two corners as they waited to relate the misdeeds of their charges.

Drunks claimed the most powerful bloc at the morning's assembly with six alert delegates. The number would have been seven only James Ferguson of 221 Chester street, declared unashamed that the officer must have given him a "dicker," an dwas given another few days to cool. A drunken taxi driver took 15 days in jail without a murmur. It was his third offense.

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SKETCH OF EAST HIGH PLEASES INSPECTOR

Chairman S. F. Lawrason Shows Merchant Plan While in Toronto.

While in Toronto on Saturday, Chairman S. F. Lawrason of the board of education, dropped into the department of education to show the officials there the rough sketch of the proposed new east end college.

Speaking to The Advertiser this morning, Mr. Lawrason intimated that Dr. F. W. Merchant, director of education, liked the sketch and offered to assist the local board in whatever way possible in connection with its program.

Mr. Lawrason points out that until the city council consider the board's estimates and pass upon the request for the issuing of \$354,000 of debentures the board is merely marking time on a project which has been long in the air.

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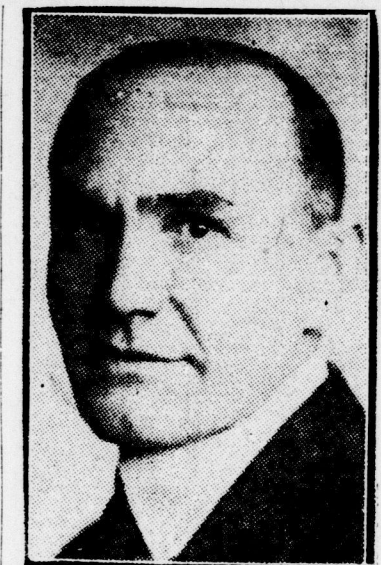
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WILLIAM J. JARDINE of Kansas, who last week assumed his new duties as United States secretary of agriculture.

LOSE ADVANTAGES OF CANADIAN SEED

Norwich Specialist Claims Practically All Seed Sown Here Is Imported.

Despite the fact that Canadian-grown garden seed matures earlier than European seed, practically all seed sown in Canada is imported from Europe and the United States, Ralph Moore, Norwich seed specialist, informed the members of the London vegetable growers' association Saturday night at a meeting held in the offices of the department of agriculture.

Mr. Moore told the growers of the difficulties that beset the path of seed growers and declared that, contrary to general belief, seed would not "run out" or become weaker after the first year if it was properly taken care of by the grower.

Careful selection of all seed was stressed by the speaker and this plan should be followed year after year, he stated.

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BORDER RUM RUNNERS DRIVING TO UNLOAD SURPLUS STOCKS

Liquor Smugglers at Windsor and Detroit Operate Despite Seizures.

FEAR TRADE RUINED

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, March 9.—Spurred to greater activity, perhaps by the Ontario government's decision to permit the sale of stronger beer, and inevitably place it within easy reach of Detroit and district consumers, Canadian rum-runners and their American confederates at down river receiving points are moving with increasing recklessness, but decreasing success.

Undismayed over the seizure on Friday by state police of three thousand cases of beer, two trucks and a boat and the arrest of five alleged smugglers at the foot of First street, a dozen or more men staged an unsuccessful attempt last night to land about one thousand cases of beer from a barge at the foot of Main street and not far distant from Scotts avenue police station.

Police, operating in a cruiser car from that precinct, frustrated the undertaking, and while the company of rum-runners effected their escape, at least a dozen men, feverishly unloading from the barge, hastily leaped aboard their craft and managed to push down stream before the police could reach the actual scene of operation.

Police suspect that rum-runners have launched an extensive drive to clear Windsor and the border cities warehouses of all surplus beer and whiskey before the Ontario government formally enacts the contemplated legislation to allow the sale of 4.4 per cent beer.

MERCHANTS' CASUALTY FILLS MANAGERSHIP

R. J. McGowan Named to the Post at Head Office in Waterloo.

The Merchants' Casualty Company, head office, Waterloo, Ontario, has filled the position of general manager, left vacant by the recent resignation of L. M. Fingard, by appointing to that position R. J. McGowan, who for the past 15 years has been an officer in the head office of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation at Toronto.

The directors of the Merchants' Casualty Company feel themselves particularly fortunate in being able to announce the election of McGowan to the management of the company, and are confident that it will greatly strengthen the company in the insurance field.

The directors are gratified to be able to announce also the addition to the board of Charles A