

## HONOR. HERO DEAD AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sixteen Members of Church  
Have Made the Supreme  
Sacrifice.

**TABLET IS UNVEILED**  
Capt. T. F. Best Told of Life  
With Men Overseas.

"Memorial Night" was observed on Sunday at the First Baptist Church when a fine bronze tablet on which are engraved the names of sixteen adherents of that church who have fallen in battle was unveiled.

The service, coming as it did, when news of the serious engagement was coming in, was appropriately one of sincere devotion. The singing and music was beautifully rendered.

Capt. T. F. Best, a former Brantfordite, who has been doing Y.M.C.A. work with Canadian troops in Canada and overseas since the war broke out, gave the memorial address.

Capt. Best spoke in his eloquent sincere style of the spirit of our boys "over there." He paid a splendid tribute to the behavior of the Canadian soldiers and to the women of England. Numerous standing yet authentic facts relative to the first stages of the world war and a comparison of conditions then and now made the address much more appreciated.

"All good works in this war are criticized," said the speaker, "and the Y.M.C.A. comes in for a share of these silly complaints."

Chaplains are doing great work. They are everything: stretcher bearers and first aid men, but primarily they are Britons ministering to the religious needs of their fellow Britons.

Hardship comes to our boys together. Pals, brother-in-arms, they love each other. Lives are saved where death seems inevitable. Capt. Best claims veterans are walking the streets of our Canadian cities today who under ordinary circumstances would have no right to live. The medical skill of our doctors in France in pre-war times would appear superhuman.

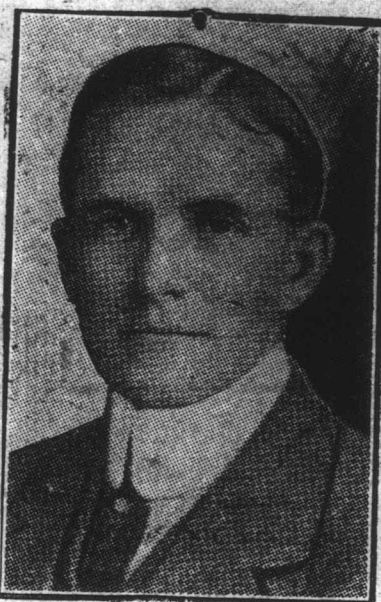
Speaking of the Y.M.C.A. and its connection with the men at the front, the captain cited several instances where the organization had influenced greatly the character of the soldiers.

The officers of the Y.M.C.A. take the men, when on leave, on long trips to Paris, London, even Scotland and Italy. They go in bodies of several hundred at one time and all come back as sober, if not more so than before.

There have been many rumors scattered abroad reflecting on the character of the English women. To make such impressions is part of the German propaganda. Such rumors are ridiculous. There is immorality in England, but the women of that country are as a whole engaged for one purpose only—to "win the war."

Canadian soldiers in England are more sober than the civilian population. We wouldn't believe ridiculous lies as to their conduct if we had faith in our boys.

Some of the highest women in the homes of England are working for the Y.M.C.A. They become acquainted with the men while serving them with refreshments and on leave the men are guests in the best homes of England, the leading statesmen of the country throw the doors of their homes open to our boys. The men greatly appreciate such kindness. It is not to be won-



J. H. GUNDY.

Sir Thomas White's absence from the capital leads to rumors that he is going to resign or take a long holiday. The name of Mr. J. H. Gundy of the Wood Gundy Co., of Toronto, is mentioned as a possible successor to Sir Thomas White in the event of his resignation.

dered at. Six weeks or a year in the trenches, isolated as he was, makes a man's heart hunger for the sight of a woman.

During the first two years of the war we were living in a "Fool's Paradise." We did not know at the time the greatness of the grand German military machine and of the striking insignificance of the combined armies of the Allies.

Comparing conditions then and now we should not be alarmed at the seriousness of the new battle of St. Quentin.

"My only fear is for Canada," said Captain Best. "If we were modeling ourselves after England or France, our sole policy would be to 'win the war.'"

Mrs. Christopher Cook unveiled the tablet, presented by Mr. Lloyd Harris, as the organist, Mr. Schofield played "The Dead March from Saul."

During the service the choir rendered several beautiful anthems. "What are these Arrayed in White Robes?" and "The Lament" (ladies voices). The soloists were Mrs. Secord and Mr. J. A. Harrod.

The tablet is inscribed as follows: To the glory of God and in loving memory of the following men of our church and congregation who have fallen during the great war, either of sickness, died of wounds, or killed in action: Pte. James

Lowes, Pte. Percy O'Neill, Pte. Vernon O'Neill, Pte. A. W. Danskin, Pte. A. Greenaway, Pte. William T. Fuller, Pte. James Bruce, Pte. Ray Craig, Pte. B. Draper, Pte. Gordon Edmonson, Pte. John Smith, Pte. M. Bancroft, Pte. Bert Markham, Pte. Matthew Wilson, Pte. B. C. Williams, Pte. Frank Perry.

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## ALL DAY CONFERENCE

With Regard to Increased  
Farm Production.

Interesting Discussions at  
the Court House.

A special meeting of the County Council took place in the Court House on Saturday and lasted all day. It was convened by Warden Pitts in response to the proclamation issued in the Ontario Gazette by the Lieut. Governor, calling upon all County Councils to consider ways and means for the material increase of farm production. Others in addition to the members, were also present, including Mr. J. H. Gundy, M.P.P., Mr. Scott Davidson, M.P.P., J. E. Brethour, Burford, member of the agricultural section of the Ontario Committee for the Organization of Resources, Rev. Mr. Hull of the "Speakers Patriotic League," R. Schuyler, District Representative, W. T. Good, F. Luck, Mr. Telfer. The Warden explained the object of the gathering.

Telegram from Mr. Creelman, from Mr. C. Creelman, chairman of the agricultural section of the Royal Commission:

"Desire to emphasize the proclamation of His Honour, the Lieut. Governor, urging emergency session of the County Council. Similar special sessions being held in all Provinces of the Dominion and trust there will be a unanimous response in Ontario. Local representative Department, Agriculture and local members, asked to be present and assist us in discussion Co-operation of all public bodies essential at this time to produce the maximum results and help to win the war."

The speakers in the morning were R. Schuyler, Elgin, J. H. Gundy, and Scott-Davidson, and in the afternoon Messrs. Brethour, Telfer, Good and Luck.

Rev. Mr. Hull, during his address, outlined the action taken to induce High school boys and girls to help with farm work, and urged farmers to put in all the wheat possible as this is the commodity especially required by the Allies.

The discussion During the discussion it developed that a large portion of the winter wheat in Brant County has been winter killed and that if any spring wheat is sown it must be within the next month. Many of the farmers expressed grave doubts as to the advisability of sowing spring wheat on account of the uncertainty of the crop as compared with barley, oats and other crops, which were a standard for spring sowing in the county. The farmers also stated that while they were very grateful for the help that the school boys and girls gave them last year, yet on account of the experience and the fact that most of them were not in physical condition for heavy work, results did not meet the requirements. What was absolutely necessary this year, if the crop was not to fall largely behind that of last year, was immediate adult and efficient help. This also involved additional domestic help in the homes as the farm hand had to be lodged, fed and washing and ironing done, and farmers' wives were now taxed beyond their strength. Fixing of Price on Wheat a Mistake. It was also stated that the fixing of a maximum price on wheat \$2.20



BULLET KILLS OFFICER.

Capt. Adam L. Zimmerman, who was killed in the hotel Vanderbilt, New York, by the accidental discharge of his pistol when he was going to clean it. Capt. Zimmerman was invalided home wounded from the 4th brigade, C.F.A. He is a native of Colborne, Ont., and enlisted in Toronto with the second contingent.

a bushel, is strongly against increased production as the price has not been fixed on other grains. The result is that Rye which can be grown at 30 per cent. less cost than wheat, is now fetching \$3.50 per bushel, so instead of feeding Rye to the pigs, wheat was being used. Most of those present expressed themselves in favor of the fixing of prices by supply and demand.

Wages of Farm Help. The question of what wages a farmer could pay for labor was debated and it was shown, from the possible production of a farm, that the owner cannot compete with the manufacturers on the basis of wages paid by them. The maximum that a farmer could afford was placed at about \$50 a month with board and lodging for a first class man.

Committee Appointed. A special committee to submit a report on Tuesday next, and desirable recommendations was finally appointed. It consists of Messrs. Telfer, Schuyler, Brethour, Good, Creighton and Eddy.

SPRING WHEAT SEED FOR ONTARIO. The world demand for wheat in 1918 justifies the greatest possible effort towards increased production of wheat in Ontario for spring wheat. The small acreage of Fall wheat put in last Fall will mean increased acreage in Ontario for spring wheat. The Ontario Government is co-operating with the farmers in order to provide seed. It has purchased 50,000 bushels of No. 1 Marquis Spring wheat seed through the Seed Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture. There will be purchased if necessary to fill needs.

Distribution—Seed is sold only in 2-bushel bags. Carloads will be placed at certain points in the Province where less than carload orders can be filled, the purchaser paying local freight from such distributing point to his own station. Where Farmers' Clubs or other organizations buy in carload lots, the price at their local stations will be the same as at distributing points.

Where to Buy—Purchases may be made either in the warehouse at the distributing points, or orders may be placed with the nearest District Representative of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, or they may be sent direct by mail to the Markets Branch, Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Payment in Cash—Price is \$2.74 per bushel at all local stations. In all cases without exception, cash must accompany order. Send remittance by marked check, postal note, post office or express money order, made payable to Ontario Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch.

Order Early—In the event of the requirements of the Province being under-estimated, there may not be enough seed to go around. It is advisable in order to insure having their orders filled, the purchasers should place orders as soon as possible. All orders are subject to confirmation and will be filled in the order received. As seed is delivered in 2-bushel bags, orders should be for even number of bushels, and no order for less than two bushels can be accepted.

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## STEALING OF AUTOS AROUSES CITIES

Campaign is Begun to Put  
an End to Thefts of  
Automobiles.

It would be strange indeed if the tremendous growth of automobile transportation did not offer a promising field for those criminally disposed—for some cynic has said that no great progress in material wealth escapes the infliction of thieves. The motor industry is no exception to this law of criminal propensity, as the police of New York City have ample reason to know when they go over the list of stolen cars in the Greater City in the year 1917. Such stolen vehicles reached the enormous total of 2,260, and of these 1,905 were recovered. Of the total, the police estimate is that 428 were taken solely for joy riding. In New York City in the year, eighty-five cars were recovered that had been stolen elsewhere.

Some attribute the loss of so many cars to the negligence of the owners, who leave their machines in the street unguarded and unlocked, thus placing strong temptation in the way of those with the weakness for appropriating the property of others. The authorities in many cities of the country have begun a campaign to put these thieves out of commission and to make auto stealing as dangerous and rare as the theft of horses.

Change Identity of Cars. However, there is always this thing that operates to aid the motor thief: that was absent from the life of the horse thief. The auto can be dismantled and sold in parts or reassembled partly with another car so as to change the identity of the car, whereas it was hard to alter the essential characteristics of a horse. It is much easier, moreover, to dispose of the parts and much quicker than to sell the car as a whole. There is a well-organized band of auto thieves who have worked out a system of passing stolen cars from one person to another that puzzles the most astute of detectives.

Often the recovery of one machine leads to the finding of many others. One of the striking examples of this unearthing of a plant of thieves was in connection with the stealing of the car of Charles A. Hopfensack, sales manager for a New York auto company. His car was taken from in front of his home last November. About this time the owner of a little cluster of rickety barns on the shore of the Harlem River in the New York city limits became suspicious.

A few days before, a youth he knew slightly had rented one of the barns "for a job" and wanted to run an automobile repair shop. Almost immediately the repairman began to bring many cars of various makes to the place. Very few of these cars looked as if they needed repairs, but the owner of the barn was not an automobile expert, and he didn't presume to know a "sleek car" when he saw it.

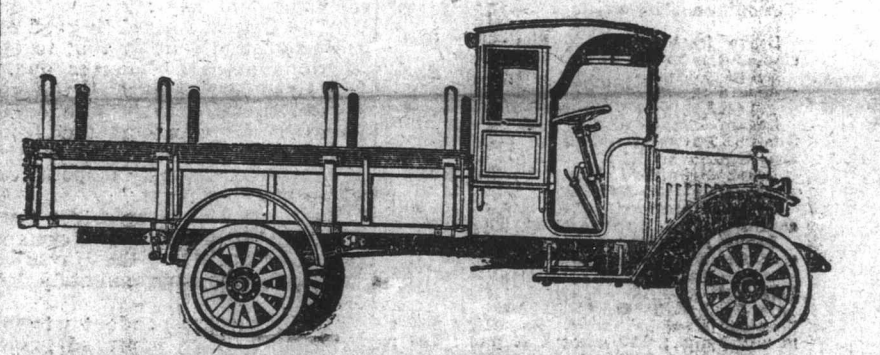
Detective Came on the Scene. Pretty soon, however, he did notice that the repairs on the cars never seemed to be completed—the cars that went into the barn never seemed to come out. The one day the "repairman" rented a horse and truck from him and spent twenty-four hours transferring "machinery and parts to their own shop." Before very long it seemed to the barn owner that these men were doing too much hauling and too much night work.

He notified a detective friend. The latter came to the barn, and as he stood at the door the two "repairmen" drove up with another stolen car and were promptly arrested. Then the barn was immediately opened and the detective and his friend stood amazed at the sight they saw.

Here was a veritable automobile assembling shop. The place was fitted with the various parts of dismantled cars. Pistons, frames, motors, wheels, springs, steering columns were all in orderly groups. There was one body—a four-passenger model—and while rummaging in one of the side pockets for some identification mark the detective found a leather road-map case. It bore the name of Charles A. Hopfensack. The latter was promptly notified, and upon his arrival easily identified his car.

In the meantime, the two prisoners had been taken to the West 162d Street police station and there

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were confronted by the owner of the car they had just driven to the barn. He was there to report his loss. The thieves had made a complete job of preparing Hopfensack's car for sale. It had been completely taken down and made ready for easy disposal even the fenders being folded up carefully for quick handling.

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