UNION OF U. S. METHODIST CHURCHES IS RATIFIED

CONFERENCE GIVES FORMAL APPROVAL U. S. CHURCH UNION

Methodist Congregations of the North and South Unanimous on Springfield Decision.

APPLAUSE FOLLOWS

Associated Press Despatch.

Springfield, Mass., May 7. — The unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church with the Methodist Episcopal Church south was ratified by the Methodist Episcopal general conference here today.

Amid wild applause, Bishop William Fraser McDowell of Washington concluded his speech on the report submitted by the special commission on unification. Dr. David G. Downey of New York moved that it be adopted, and William A. C. Hughes, a negro delegate from Washington, D. C., seconded the motion.

The council of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church south is in session at Nashville, Tenn., awaiting the conference's action, it was announced, and the vote will be communicated to the council at once.

On behalf of 350,000 Methodist negroes of the south, the Rev. Chas. A. Tindley of Philadelphia, chairman of the Delaware delegation, voiced approval of the report.

The vote was 842 for adoption and thirteen against.

SCHOOLS TO HOLD A JOINT CONCERT

Three Collegiates Plan Musical Program For Friday and Saturday.

The students of the three high schools will take part in the musical concert being held Friday and Saturday evenings in the Collegiate auditorium. The program will include choruses of over 200 voices and orchestra selections. A feature of the program will be numbers by the Central Collegiate orchestra, under the direction of Douglas Fetherston. This orchestra brought honor to the school by winning the shield at the musical festival held in Toronto last week. E. W. Quantz is acting as chairman of the affair.

The Glee Club at the Central Collegiate is in charge of Miss M. C. MacPherson and Mr. Gordon Cook, assisted by the students' committee, including President Margaret Gladman, Treasurer Jack White, Librarian Alan Skinner and Secretary Margaret Gilmore. Miss Dorothy McCann is manager of the orchestra, and the members of the students' committee assisting are President Ted Hunt, Vice-president Mary Adams, Secretary Jean Buchner and Treasurer Andrew Gillespie.

The East London Collegiate orchestra is in charge of Miss Mary Taylor, and Miss Ada Minhinnick is head of the Glee Club. Mrs. Car Harris is in charge of the South Collegiate orchestra, with Orville Eadie as chairman of the students' committee, including Archie Knapp, Fred Milner, Elsie Forsythe, Harry Ward and Fred Reid. Miss Bessie McCamus is the teacher in charge of the Glee Club with a committee including Arah Johnston (chairman), Carman Lindsay, Allan Riddle, Ed. Maitland, Winnifred Moulton and Elsie Currie.

LAMBETH VETERINARY IS FREED ON CHARGE

County Magistrate Finds He Was Not Guilty of Ill-Treating Cattle.

After much evidence had been taken, Dr. C. D. McAndless, V.S., of Ilderton, was discharged in county magistrate's court this morning on a charge of ill-treating cattle, laid by Inspector George Tustin, of the Humane Society.

Inspector Tustin, Dr. Blackall, V.S., and High Constable Wharton told of a visit to the defendant's farm, near Ilderton, on April 29, and stated they found cattle there in a starving condition.

The defendant denied the charge, declaring the cattle had been ill with influenza and were naturally in a run-down condition.

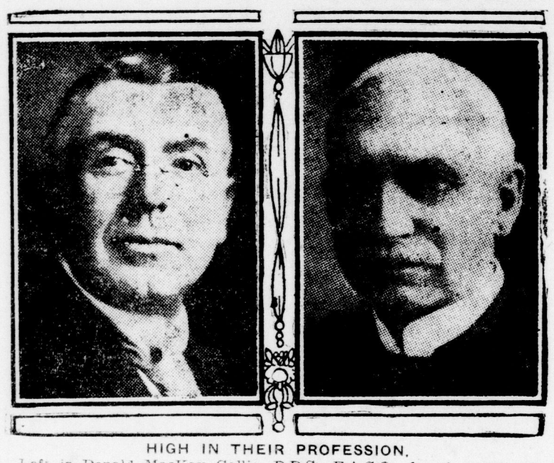
Dr. W. J. Wilson, V.S., of London, and Dr. Woods, V.S., of Ilderton, gave evidence for the defense. They would not say that the cattle had been starved, they declared in giving evidence before Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw.

W. B. Henderson prosecuted the case for the Humane Society, while J. G. Gillanders appeared for the defendant.

"Y" OFFICIAL IN INDIA GIVES TALK ON COUNTRY

"India" was the subject of an illustrated talk given before the "Y" Men's Club at the Y. M. C. A. last night. J. D. Omond, former "Y" secretary, stationed in India, was the speaker.

The business included the election of officers for the coming year as follows: President, J. B. Rush; first vice-president, F. G. McAllister; second vice-president, B. A. Swayze; third vice-president, R. Adams; secretary, Dr. H. R. Sykes; treasurer, W. G. Clark.



HIGH IN THEIR PROFESSION.

Left is Donald MacKay Gallie, D.D.S., F.A.C.O., for the past twenty years professor of operative dentistry at the University of Illinois. Right is Charles Nelson Johnson, M.A., L.D.S., D.D.S., M.D.S., F.A.C.D., dean of students and professor in operative dentistry of Chicago Dental College, who are to take a prominent part at the dental convention in Toronto this month. Both are Canadians.

News From City Churches

RETIRING PRESIDENT.

Members of the Mission Circle of Wortley Road Baptist Church honored a former president, Mrs. W. F. Black, with a surprise party held last Saturday at the home of Mrs. F. Bartlett, Askin street. Mrs. Black, who has been a very able president of the circle for the past three years, has left the city to spend the next year in the country. As a parting gift she was presented with a missionary book, in appreciation of her deep interest in the work of the circle and her faithfulness as its president.

HAMILTON ROAD C. G. I. T.

The Canadian Girls in Training of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church paid a pretty tribute to their mothers last night by inviting them to a mother and daughter banquet. The girls exemplified the theme of their meeting in a very pretty manner by placing in the center of the table, one large candle which was symbolic of the home, and at each place there were the two smaller candles representing the mother and daughter whose light should be constantly contributed to the home. The toast list which was carried off in a very successful manner included a toast to "The King," proposed by the group leader, Mrs. Bourne; to "The Church and Sunday School," proposed by Hannah Johnson, with response by Mrs. M. F. Cree; to "The Mothers" proposed by Mary Henderson, with response by Mrs. Stein; to "The Daughters," proposed by Mrs. Copeland, with response by Miss S. Russell. On the conclusion of the toast list, a jolly program was carried out, one special feature of which was a debate, "Resolved, that the Monthly Payment Plan is of Benefit to the Bride." The debaters were: Mrs. Lindsay, Rose Hale, Mrs. Phillmore and Gwen Winder.

COLBORNE ST. LADIES' AID.

A well-attended meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Colborne Street Methodist Church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. J. A. Dickinson. After prayer, by Mrs. S. D. Walker, the Bible lesson was read by Mrs. Galbraith. The financial report of the treasurer, Mrs. Henry Kerr, showed that about $800 had been raised during the year. The following committees were appointed for the term just commenced:, Social Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Clatworthy, and Mrs. C. Lutz; visiting, Mrs. J. Henderson, Mrs. Wm. Rath, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Broughton; program, Mrs. J. A. Paige, and Mrs. H. J. Hooper; flowers, Mrs. Fred Foster and Mrs. Brandy; press representative, Mrs. W. C. McArthur. Solos beautifully rendered by Mrs. Fred Foster were a feature of the afternoon's program, at the conclusion of which afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Dickinson. Mrs. Henry Kerr has invited the ladies to her home on Hellmuth avenue for their June meeting.

TRINITY GUILD.

A very successful rubber social under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Trinity Church, Chelsea Green, was held recently in the Sunday school room. Musical numbers were given by the following: A solo, Mrs. Webb; piano selections, Elsie Rowley; recitation, Mary Leff; piano selection, Beryl Young; piano selection, Doris Webb; solo, Freddie Crossley; piano duet, Mrs. and Miss Young; piano selections, Rowena Johnston, Annie Smith and Eva Wilkinson.

SOUTHERN CHURCH C. H. I.

The regular meeting of the Circle of Home Industry of the Southern Congregational Church was held last night at the home of Mrs. Gordon Fonger, 174 Maitland street, with a large number of members present. The main business of the evening had to do with preparations for a lilac social to be held in the lilac season. Quantities of the bloom will be used for decorations, and the assistant ladies are to wear frocks of lilac shade. Miss Sadie Osbourne assisted the hostess in serving refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

MOTHERS' DAY.

Mothers' Day will be observed with special services at Ridout Street Methodist Church next Sunday. The entire service in the morning will be devoted to the observance of the day, and the afternoon a special Mothers' Day Sunday School program will be carried out. The school will commence at 2:30, owing to an Oddfellows service which commences in the church at 3:30. In the evening, Rev. George W. Dewey, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, will preach on Mothers' Day.

MAITLAND ST. C. G. I. T.

The C. G. I. T. girls of Maitland Street Baptist Church arranged a mother and daughter banquet in place of their regular meeting last night. A large number of mothers attended, and in their honor, the girls presented a very delightful program. The toast list included the toast to the King, proposed by Edna Barnes; the toast to the Country, proposed by Ruth Insell; and the toast to "Our Mothers," proposed by Margaret Gibson, with response by Mrs. Charlie Coughtrey. Dr. Sowerby gave the girls a very fine address on the subject of their work, and other interesting features on the program were choruses by the members, readings by Alma Brown, and a duet by Lillian Johnston and Muriel Coughtrey. The decorations were prettily arranged in a scheme of pink and white, with a profusion of spring flowers, and the odd little peanut favors at each mother's place contained an appropriate motto for the occasion.

RIDOUT ST. M. CIRCLE.

Miss Norine Floyd was made president of the Mission Circle of Ridout Street Methodist Church at the annual meeting last night. With Mrs. Sidney Martin unaniomsly re-elected as honorary president, the other new officers are the following: Vice-president, Miss Donna Johnston; secretary, Miss Winnie Barnes; corresponding secretary, Miss Florence Mums; treasurer, Miss F. Simpson; pianist, Miss Eleanor Boyce; superintendent of Christian stewardship, Mrs. Wilfred Boyce; delegate to the St. Thomas branch convention, Miss Winnie Barnes. A letter from Miss Govenlock, a Methodist missionary in Japan, was an interesting feature. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Bickell, Windsor avenue, and at the conclusion, Mrs. Bickell entertained her guests delightfully during the social half hour.

PORTRAIT OF CHILD UNVEILED BY MAYOR

Public Library Houses Glen Picture of Advertiser Contest Winner.

The portrait in oils of Ella Mae Scoyne, the winner of The Advertiser Loveliest Child Competition, painted by J. P. Hunt, the London artist, was received yesterday on behalf of the city by the mayor, who unveiled it in its present position in the Public Library, at the head of the main stairs.

The picture was offered at the time of the competition to the city by The Advertiser, and Mayor Wenige turned it over to the care of City Librarian Crouch as the first of what he hopes will come to be an art gallery in the city.

In unveiling the portrait the mayor expressed the wish that London would some day have an art gallery worthy of the city, and declared that in lieu of a regular art building, the public library was the proper place to hang such a painting. He suggested that an exhibition by London artists would be a fine educational and advertising affair for the citizens.

DORIS RIDER WINNER IN POSTER CONTEST

Competition at East High Attracts Ninety-Five Entrants.

Teh poster contest held at the East London Collegiate in connection with the Musical Festival to be held on Friday and Saturday evenings, is over.

The number of posters handed in by the students totaled 95, and the interest in this work was somewhat surprising to the teachers, who did not expect that number to compete in the contest.

A. E. Wright, commercial artist for the Somerville Paper Box Company, was the judge, and chose the following as first, second and three respectively: Doris Rider, Helen Cartlidge and Bert Brooks.

Ten who were given honorable mention by Mr. Wright are: Ronald Lee, Fred Mills, Jean Gordon, Elaine Moffatt, Isabel Little, Havlin Coombs, Charlotte Simpson, Isabel Cook, William Hitchens and Robert Rider.

A public display of the posters will be held in the near future.

GO TO HAMILTON.

A party of C. N. R. bowlers, numbering 30, will journey to Hamilton on Saturday to play a return game with the Hamilton bowlers.

The C. N. R. employes have had one of the most successful bowling seasons, and during the winter a number of games were played with other teams on the division.

DRAKE CHARGES MAYOR PROMISED EAST COLLEGIATE

Wenige Replies That No Choice of Location Was Made by Him.

UP TO SCHOOL BOARD

What kind of a game is Mayor George Wenige trying to pull in relation to the high school situation?

This is the query from Ald. Gordon Drake, who registers wonder at the mayor's proposal to add wings to the Central Collegiate Institute, following directly upon his promise to support the construction of a branch high school in East London.

Ald. Drake issues the charge that "Mayor Wenige promised him that he would support a high school in East London, and has evidently changed his mind since that time."

It is Ald. Drake's assurance that the mayor is going to lose caste among those East Londoners interested in the high school situation, and what would be worse for him, he stated, would be the probable loss if a substantial number of votes.

"The mayor has got to live up to his promise to me that he would support the construction of a school in East London," Ald. Drake warned decisevly. "He can't get away with that proposal to build a wing on the Central Collegiate Institute."

Ald. Drake insists that East London is the logical location for the new high school, if such is to be constructed this year, and he maintains that the people of that district are expecting Mayor Wenige and a majority of the councillors to support the project.

"It is well known that I never committed myself as to my choice of location," Mayor Wenige stated. "I said very distinctly that there would be no school at all until the rate was down, and I made it very clear at the meeting when the school trustees were in attendance, that they would have to bring in their location before I would like to vote. I made it very clear that their choice of location would have a decided influence upon my vote."

The mayor reminds Ald. Drake that it will be the members of the board of education who will bring in the desired location.

DEBTS JUSTIFIABLE FOR AN EDUCATION

Affirmative Side Wins in the Debate at London East Collegiate.

"Resolved, that a student is justified in going into debt for an education," formed the subject for an interesting debate between Class 1B and 2A of the London East Collegiate yesterday afternoon, and which was won by 1B, the affirmative side.

The winners were represented by Jean Gordon and Mary Heaman, while Gladys Mantle and Mary Anderson took the negative side. The judges for the debate were Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Jennings. Miss Lena Cline was chairman.

As the result of their wind Class 1B now meets Class 2A in the finals for the championship of the school.

CHURCHES AND LODGES BENEFIT THROUGH WILL

Thomas Edwards Leaves an Estate of $3,254—Divided Among Relatives.

Thomas Edwards, carpenter, who died in London on March 25 last leaves a total of $600 to churches and Orange lodges, according to his will filed for probate at the courthouse today. The balance of the $3,254 estate is divided among several relatives.

Mr. Edwards, who resided at one time in Lucan, left $100 to each of the following: Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 602, Lucan; rector and wardens of St. Mathew's Church, London; rector and wardens of St. David's Church, London; trustees of Centennial Methodist Church; Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 805, London; Covenant Preceptory, No. 346, Royal Black Knights of Ireland.

FOURTH MEMBER ADDED TO MOTORCYCLE SQUAD

The motorcycle squad of the London police department now numbers four, P. C. Aitkens having been added to the ranks of the flying squad.

All men are expert riders, and a fast time is in store for motorists who step on the gas while any one of the quartet is hovering in the vicinity.

WILL ADDRESS FARMERS.

F. C. Hart of the Ontario department of agriculture, Toronto, will address a mass meeting of farmers tomorro wnight in the community hall at Mount Brydges. Problems arising out of the use and the building of the hall will be discussed at some length.

HEBREIDEANS ARRIVE.

A party of 37 Hebrideans and several Danes have arrived in the city, and are leaving this afternoon for farm jobs secured for them by John Farrell of the immigration department. Mr. Farrell states that another party is expected in a few days.

The Garden of Eden 'Apple' May Have Been a Grapefruit, Says Visitor From Persia

K. H. Houston Returns to City After Spending Two Years in the East.

MORALS ARE HIGH

Males Have From Two to Four Wives—Death Rate Very High.

The "apple" in the Garden of Eden which brought woe to mankind was not an apple at all. It may have been an olive or a grapefruit, but it bore no resemblance to the Canadian apple as many believe. The word "apple" really means any kind of fruit, according to the Persians, and the world will never know whether Eve ate a plum, peach, pear, or whatnot.

This interesting information is given by K. H. Houston, 853 Hellmuth avenue, who returned last Friday from a two-years' visit to Persia and Mesopotamia. He is a member of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company which has a monopoly on all oil produced in Persia. In an interview, Mr. Houston declared the Mohammedans were happier than so-called civilized races and that they maintained a more rigid standard of morals than many European countries.

Mr. Houston saw the Garden of Eden and picked a branch off the original "apple" tree which brought about the downfall of man. This tree is transplanted every six years. Of course, it has been dead for centuries, but reinforcements applied to it by the Persians have kept it in a remarkable state of preservation.

The Garden of Eden now is a barren waste of land on the banks of the Tigris river. The apple tree is the only remnant of what was once a fertile area.

Men In Minority.

Mr. Houston gave an interesting insight into the life of the Mohammedan. There are many more women than men in Persia and males have two, three, four and five wives, according to their inclinations and means. If he possesses as much as $500 he could have as many as 30 wives. Wives, in fact, are quite an asset, for they do all the heavy work and are quite willing to remain slaves to their master's wishes.

Notwithstanding this seemingly uncivilized condition, the votaries of Islam are very puritanical regarding questions of honor and morality. A man is worth two women, occording to the current estimate, and if a male murders a brother male he is compelled by law to give up two of his wives to be killed. This is the penalty for a capital crime.

Mr. Houston explored Babylon and visited the ruins of Nebuchadnezzer's tomb. He also invaded Khadimaine, the largest mosque east of Mecca. On the topmost pillars of these mosques are large decorative instruments which look like weather-vanes. They are made of solid gold and present a beautiful appearance in the sunlight.

The temperature during the summer in Bagdad, Mesopotomia, and Persia frequently goes as high as 130 in the shade. Every year the natives are struck down by some sweeping plague, and in 1923 the diseases which assailed them included cholera, smallpox and malaria. The average death rate in the city Mr. Houston was staying was 300 a day.

When an Arab feels sick he refuses treatment. His only wish is to go to his home and die. The Arabs and Persians, Mr. Houston says, are very shiftless and lazy, but are nevertheless kind to the womenfolk.

Live In Mud Huts.

Four to six families live in a single room of Persian houses. Others reside in mud huts and tents. According to statisticians not a single woman in Persia knows her age, as all are illiterate. Girls who look older than they are often get married at nine or ten years.

"The Persians live up to their religion better than we do," Mr. Houston said. "They are a temperance people and you seldom see drunkenness on the street or in the houses. The average pay for a Persian worker is 12 cents a day. They consider it terrible if an European is seen working, believing themselves to be inferior beings who should do an European's work.

"The people of the east are much more democratic than ourselves. There is no snobbery, no class hatred ,and very little intolerance. They are unquestionably happier than the white man and know how to enjoy life. Their religion, summarized, is nothing more or less, than the Christian golden rule."

Mr. Houston said Persian carpets of remarkable texture and large size can be obtained in Baghdad for $25 or less.

SAILING DATE CHANGED.

Officials of the C. N. R. were advised today that the steamer Huronic, of the Northern Navigation Company, would sail from Sarnia on Sunday, May 11, instead of Saturday. She will run as far as Port Arthur only, due to ice in the lakes.

Bernard Shaw Tells His Wants

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 7.—"I am an old communist," declared George Bernard Shaw at a Norwich meeting of Labor men. "My wants are very few—a nice little flat in the West End of London, a pleasant country house not too far from London, a couple of motor cars, $10,000 or $15,000 pocket money, and there is no more contented man in England than Bernard Shaw. Multi-millionaires describe me as a poor devil, but I get along very comfortably"

POSTAL REPORT IS RECEIVED AT OTTAWA

Local Representatives Await Decision From Federal Officials.

That the report of the Civil Service Commission was handed to the council at Ottawa yesterday, is the latest information received in local postal circles, regarding the long-drawn out negotiations with the government regarding the upward revision of postal workers' salaries.

Local union representatives state that a demand was made yesterday through the minister of labor, for a copy of the commission's report, but whether the postal workers' executive was able to get any information is not yet known. Whatever decisions have been arrived at by the commission will have to be placed before all locals before the executive accepts or rejects them.

Postal workers are again uneasy over what they term is an undue delay in attending to the question of the upward revision of salaries. They claim that so far they have received little satisfaction, and feel that a definite answer should be forthcoming at once.

FLOWER BED VANDALS ARE WARNED BY CHIEF

Persons Caught Will Be Prosecuted To Full Extent of Law.

Chief of Police Robert Birrell is determined to put a stop to wholesale thieving from citizens' flower beds. Every spring, the chief points out, some individuals wreck and ruin the work of flower-loving citizens, and his attention to the matter this year has been brought by the London Horticultural Society.

Monday last a fine show of daffodils was ruined on the Ridgeway, while Saturday night a bed of hyacinths was ripped to pieces on Grand avenue.

"Some people have no respect for those who spend a great deal of money in growing flowers. They seem to think they have a right to help themselves and trample the flowerbeds," declared the chief, who went on to state that parents should warn their children about picking flowers belonging to other people.

Persons caught stealing flowers will be brought to court and prosecuted to the full extent of the law, the chief warns.

FIREFIGHTERS' NINE SEEK GAME WITH COPS

Baseball Hopefuls Indulging in Regular Practice For Rumored Battle.

A baseball nine is being formed among the city firemen, and a number of the boys have indulged in practice games, the past few nights. The men are thinking seriously of naming their team "The Fiery Nine."

The department boasts among its ranks some high-class diamond stars, and the addition of young blood makes it possible for them to gather a formidable aggregation.

It is hoped by some members that the opening game will be played with a team of London cops, somewhere in the country where pop bottles would not be procurable.

A WEE BIT ANYAY.

Police court session today was of the short and sweet variety. Six citizens appeared before court and deposited a total of $46 in fines with Clerk Moule for breaches of the traffic bylaw.

A young man charged with disorderly conduct had his case tried in the Magistrate's private office. It was finally adjourned for a week.

New Topcoats.

New York, May 7.—Among the new topcoats for late spring shown today is one in a marvellously supple woolen goods, very light in weight. The color is madonna blue, the skirt of the coat divided into large squares by stitchery in black. The collar is leopard kitten.

NOEL BUXTON,

British minister of agriculture, who is preparing a bill to facilitate the exchange of pedigree stock between various parts of the empire.

MYSTERIOUS GUNMAN IS CAUGHT BY POLICE

Stranger Begins To Fire As the Montreal Police Were About To Raid House.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, May 7.—Just as the police were to raid a house yesterday and were awaiting a signal from other members of the squad, who were inside, Renald Touchette, 24, of this city, who was walking past the house, fired point blank at one of the officers, missed him, and fired two more shots. None of them took effect, and Touchette fled.

The police in turn fired at him as he ran, ignoring commands to stop. They, too, missed, and in all twelve shots were fired before the man was arrested. Questioned at the police station he refused to make any explanation of his action. He will be charged with attempted murder.

SOVIET TRYING TO GET EMBASSY IN LONDON

British Foreign Office Will Ask Russian Charities To Vacate Building.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 7.—The soviet delegation in London or the British foreign office in its behalf, is seeking to get possession of the building formerly occupied by the Russian imperial embassy, according to reports in this morning's newspapers. The building known as Cheshalm House, now is occupied by Russian charities under the auspices of the Russian colony, which refuses to recognize the soviet government.

The Daily Mail says the foreign office has communicated with M. Sablig, representative of the remaining members of the Czarist ambassadorial staff, asking that the premises be vacated in favor of a soviet ambassador. The Daily Telegraph reports that the residents of Chesham Place, where the house stands, are signing an appeal to the landlord, the Duke of Westminster, protesting against the admission of Bolshevik leaseholders to their midst.

FREE STATE MAY GRANT AMNESTY TO PRISONERS

Rumors of Immediate Releases Now Current in Dublin Circles.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 7.—Special despatches from Dublin record rumors that the Free State government contemplates immediate release of the interned prisoners who have not yet been brought to trial, but it is not clear whether Eamon de Valera and the other Republican leaders would be included.

The rumors, regarding which official information is unavailable, may have originated in the fact that the motion calling for release of the prisoners which was to have been discussed in the Dail Eireann this week, has been withdrawn, suggesting to the authors of the report that the government had privately given notice of its intentions to grant amnesty.

Ed. Hayden and Trusty Gang Hunt Fish With "Artillery"

Some real fishermen, among them being Ald. Edmund Hayden, have just returned from the north. At least they modestly admit, after severe cross-examination that their catch equalled, if not exceeded, anything ever recorded for that part of the country during modern times.

Pike so large and unwieldy that they had to be shot with a revolver before they could be taken aboard, was all in a day's catch, according to an official statement from "Ed." Hayden, and the members of the party claim to have pictures to substantiate their claims.

The trip was successful in every detail, he relates, every member of the delegation plying a mean rod. The party included: Tom Rich, Arthur Nobbs, Ben Noble, Paul Quick and Jack Watt.

The rendezvous was up beyond Wiarton and it is expected that the permanent residents of that locality will regale future visitors with tales of the fishing prowness of "Ed." Hayden and his associates.

CHAIRMEN FAIL TO SEE REASON OF LEASING LINE

Suggestion of Mayor Wenige Does Not Meet With Approval.

POINT TO PAST

Chairmen of the respective city council committees are not at all impressed with the suggestion from Mayor George Wenige to lease the London and Port Stanley Railway to the Canadian National lines.

"I don't think much of it," was the crisp comment from Ald. John Greer, chairman of the board of works, "that is without going into the question in any detail.

"In fact I have not given the mayor's proposal any consideration whatever, and all I can say now is that I don't think much of it. If I was to give my opinion upon every silly proposal from the mayor that did not meet with my approval or support, I would have a piece in the papers every night."

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the finance committee "hopes that Mayor Wenige is not making a haphazard remark when he suggests the lease of the city's road to the C. N. R.

"I hope that he has given it a lot of consideration," he continued. "It is certainly a proposal calling for grave consideration and attention; that is to say, if the mayor is seriously intending to bring such a recommendation to th ecity council. I hope that it is not a momentary passing thought.

"It would be a radical change, if adopted, and I have not given the mayor's suggestion any real consideration. Citizens will recollect that the P. M. had the L. and P. S. at one time, and the service of those days will be remembered. The G. T. R. also had a road to the lake several years ago. The L. and P. S. is certainly showing up better than at any time under private ownership or in conjunction with the operation of steam roads."

"Bunk" is the comment from Ald. Hayden, who senses that it would be perfectly safe and reasonable for the citizens to leave the L. and P. S. in the hands of Sir Adam Beck.

"I don't think much of the mayor's proposal," he stated. "I just got back last night, so I haven't given it much consideration, but we leased the line to steam roads before this and the people were very anxious to get it back."

MOORETOWN GIRL IS DROWNED IN ST. CLAIR

Miss Hilda Reid, Aged 15, Falls Out of Duck Boat.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Courtright, May 6.—Hilda Reid aged 15, was drowned in the St. Clair River opposite here yesterday afternoon when she fell out of a duck boat.

Residents saw the boat drifting in the river and notified the ferrymen of the girl's predicament. They immediately set out to rescue her, but the girl fell out of the craft before the ferry could reach her. She was brought to shore at once, but all attempts at resuscitation, which were conducted by Dr. L. R. Aiken, were futile. It is believed that death was due to shock, as little water was found in the girl's lungs.

Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm J. Reid, of Mooretown, who moved there about a year ago from Marine City, Mich. Hilda, until Christmas, had been living with relatives at Sombra since moving to Canada. Besides the parents, three sisters and three brothers survive. The funeral will take place on Thursday in Marine City.

GARAGE FIRE IN BRONX CAUSES $250,000 LOSS

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, May 7.—Fire today destroyed a garage which covered a square block in the Bronx, ruined 150 motor cars and caused a dozen gasoline explosions which rocked the neighborhood. Damage was estimated at $250,000. No one was injured.

Sparks started fires on nearby roofs and made it necessary for police to order evacuation of a number of nearby tenements; these fires were extinguished without difficulty, however.

PASS RESOLUTION.

At a regular session, Tuesday night, members of Pro Patria Lodge, L. O. L., passed a resolution of regret that the R. C. R. Fife and Drum Band had been disbanded through government orders. Among the members, the majority of whom are returned veterans, were many who recalled the band's enviable record overseas.

PAMPHLETS SENT OUT.

Five thousand pamphlets containing full instructions on fighting the corn borer have been broadcasted through the county of Middlesex by R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture. Mr. Finn points out that now is the time for the final clean-p of all corn refuse.

JUNIOR FARMERS MEETING.

R. A. Finn and J. A. Andrews of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture, will attend a meeting of junior farmers in Belmont tonight, where various agricultural problems will be up for discussion.