

PRESBYTERIAN BODIES TO CONVENE IN OWEN SOUND

OPPOSING CAMPS ON CHURCH UNION SOON TO CONVENE

Two Presbyterian Factions Will Gather in Owen Sound on June 4.

WATCHING ASSEMBLY

Canadian Press Despatch. Owen Sound, Ont., May 16.—This city will be the meeting place from June 4 to 12 of two opposing camps on the church union question. It is announced this morning that while the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church is meeting in Knox and Division Street Churches here the Presbyterian Church Association, the anti-church union organization which has come into prominence during the last year, will hold an annual convention in one of the several large halls in Owen Sound.

Rev. J. W. MacNamara, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church Association, has charge of the arrangements for the convention and Lyman Brown, secretary of the local association, is securing a meeting place for the association and making all local arrangements. The exact number of delegates to the convention is not known. Some of those who attend the association's convention, but a large number will come as independent delegates to the convention.

The object of the convention is to discuss further developments on the church union question and to watch the action of the general assembly on the matter. The action of the Dominion government during the next two or three weeks will largely determine the course of action adopted by the convention.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS FORMED IN LONDON

First Concert Will Be Presented on Sunday Afternoon, May 25.

A London symphony orchestra, the dream for many years of local musicians has at last become a reality. As the result of a campaign launched by A. S. Gieseyway, local violinist, a symphony orchestra has been formed, and its members included representatives from a number of the local orchestras. Mr. Gieseyway was made the secretary, and announced that the first public performance of the new symphony orchestra will be given on Sunday afternoon, May 25, in the Allen Theatre.

The orchestra has been formed by the London Symphony Society, has come about as the result of a determined effort on the part of local musicians to give an opportunity to study and present the symphonic music. Mrs. Charles Ivry, violinist, will be the assisting artist with the concert, and will play the Bruch Concerto in G Minor, the following: Overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor" (Nicolai), "Tone Poem Sakuntala" (Goldmark), Andante Cantabile from Opus 10, by Tchaikovsky, and the "Torch Dance," two movements from Schubert's unfinished symphony, known as No. 8 in B Minor, and three old English dances, the Morris Dance, the Shepherd's Dance, and the Torch Dance.

NEW SEWER CLEANER PURCHASED BY CITY

Innovation Will Be Placed in Service Here Next Week.

The new turbine sewer cleaner arrived in the city this morning and will start its work early next week. This is an innovation in sewer cleaning recommended by the city engineer some weeks ago. It is a machine with hydraulic turbine-driven cutting knives, which bores its way through clogged sewers and opens them up. The power is supplied by water along a hose line and the water also flushes forward in the sewer to clear away the refuse from the boring knives.

It is capable of saving half the time ordinarily taken in cleaning a sewer by any other way, according to the city engineer, and will find plenty of use in cleaning the roots of trees in the Forest City out of the city's sewers.

This is a very common complaint in the city, as owing to the use of the new turbine sewer cleaner in some places it is difficult to lay a sewer with watertight joints, and where the water enters the fine rootlets find a way. In many instances these roots grow and fill up the whole sewer and completely block it.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 16.—Up—Leopold, Malaga, 7 a.m. Thursday; Hoover, 9:00; Malaga, 10:30; Ralph, Mincie, Peshtigo, Langell, 11:30; William Warner, 1 a.m. Friday; Monte Smith, Louis Davidson, 4:30; Morden, 5:30; Kinney, 7; Harvester, 8; Burlington, Samuel Squire, Glenora, Howard Hanna, 8; Down—Watt, 7 a.m. Thursday; Drummond, Neilson, Jenny, 7:30; Turner, 8; Mayham, Tyrone, Canadian Signaller, 8:30; Connors, MacNaughton, 9:30; Crescent City, Bell, Beaverton, 10:30; Henlyon, Wolvin, 11:30; Morgan, fueller, Fryer, midnight; Assiniboia, Lewiston, 1:30 a.m. Friday; Peter White, 2:30; McAtney Kennedy, 3; J. Brown, 6; Spokane, J. E. Upson, Gallagher, 8:30; Athabasca, 9:30 a.m.



FAMOUS SISTERS OF MOVIE LAND.

This is one of the most recent photographs of the famous Talmadge sisters, Natalie, Constance and Norma, noted screen stars.

CHURCH RAISES \$24,000 IN YEAR

Dundas Centre Officials Report One of Most Successful Years in History.

The Dundas Centre Methodist Church has just completed one of the most successful years of its history. According to the statement of the treasurer, J. S. Kern, nearly \$24,000 has been contributed this year for all purposes. The report showed that there had been an increase in the amount given in each of the general departments of the church. The missionary, educational and social service funds and the fund toward Japanese disaster relief were referred to in the report. A. C. Deacon and showed generous givings. Rev. J. Garbutt spoke in appreciation of the splendid work accomplished by the congregation. This year's balance is \$800.

A goodly attendance of members featured the annual meeting. W. Heaman, H. Gibson and A. C. Deacon were elected delegates to attend the district meeting to be held next Wednesday in London, while H. St. E. Hardy, Rev. W. A. Millson, J. H. Bowman and Mrs. May R. Thornley were appointed to the evangelistic and social service committee. Regent was expressed at the resignation of H. Pocock, the recording secretary, in whose place was elected Arthur Beal.

FATHER TELLS COURT SON GOOD MOTORIST

But Lad Is Under 16, So James Stark Contributes \$5 Fine.

"He's a good driver and a careful boy," declared James Stark, when haled into court this morning to explain why he allowed his son, a lad under sixteen years of age, to drive his automobile.

"It doesn't make any difference if he's the most careful driver in the world," came back the court, "if he's under sixteen."

"I was told when I took out the license that any member of the family could drive the car," protested Mr. Stark.

"I'll make the fine \$5 instead of the usual \$10," decided Magistrate, "but I don't think Mr. Stark would intentionally do wrong."

Obituary

SERGEANT-MAJOR BENNETT.

The funeral of Sergeant-Major J. Bennett, an imperial army veteran, who died in Victoria Hospital on Tuesday, was held yesterday afternoon from his residence, 427 Nelson street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Canon Gunne of Christ Church, Interment was made in Woodland Cemetery.

The pallbearers were A. King, W. King, H. Benbow, E. Hardy and G. Baker. He was born in Sheffield, England, 62 years ago and spent the most of his life in foreign service with the imperial army. Mr. Bennett was well known in London through his connection with the staff of Byron Sanatorium.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Julia Bennett, and one son, A. King. Members of the G. W. V. A. made an effort to have a military funeral for Mr. Bennett, but due to the reduction of the militia and its equipment in London this was impossible.

MISS L. JONES BETTER.

Miss L. Jones, a former graduate nurse of St. Joseph's Hospital, who was operated on in that institution Wednesday for appendicitis, was reported by authorities of the hospital to be progressing favorably. Dr. W. J. Stevenson is the attending physician.

CHURCH PRESENT NOVEL PAGEANT

Comrade Group, C. G. I. T., Repeats Prize-Winning Show.

The Comrade Group C. G. I. T. of Talbot Street Baptist Church last evening repeated the pageant which recently won the first prize in the city-wide C. G. I. T. contest. The theme of this missionary pageant is centered around a little Indian widow, who was married when still a child. Following the death of her husband, she runs away, unable to stand the abuse received from her mother-in-law, and she finds refuge in a missionary school. The drama is conventional, in which childhood is presented, in which the Indian widow is shown pleading with girlhood not to grow older, and womanhood encouraging her forward, pointing out the advantages of womanhood. Miss Elizabeth McGill filled the role of childhood, Bessie Galloway, girlhood, and womanhood was taken by Mrs. Jean Watt, as a nurse, Noah Turner, as a stenographer, Miss Annie Cameron, as a gymnasium instructor, Muriel Ivson, as a missionary, Eva Holmes, as a mother, and Marion Ivson, as a sister.

Another interesting item of the program was an outline of C. G. I. T. work presented by Miss Eva Mills, a stenographer. A feature by Miss Ivson, Bryce, also a solo, by Beryl Wainwright, and a piano solo by Jean Watts were also greatly enjoyed.

GOLDBERG PAYS \$500 FOR SELLING LIQUOR

'Twas a Bad Mistake When Nathan Took Bottle to "Two Good Scouts."

"Daniel in the lion's den" might be the way Nathan Goldberg would describe his experience of April 2 last, when, according to friends, he very kindly answered a telephone call and took a bottle of whisky and proceeded to a house on Hyman street to deliver it to "two good scouts" anxious for a taste of real liquor.

The men greeted Goldberg in a brotherly spirit and the latter lost no time in producing the "crock" once he had been told that he had done business with them before.

Although no information could be obtained from Licenses Inspector Walter Bolton, it is believed by Goldberg's friends that one of the inspectors from Toronto was one of the good scouts.

The bottle, partly filled and labeled Seagram's Three Star, was produced in court this morning, and on advice of his counsel, J. M. McEvoy, K.C., Goldberg pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor and was fined \$500 and costs or four months in jail.

This is the second time Goldberg has been fined for selling liquor, the previous offence being committed several years ago.

FIRE HALL SPRING CLEANING IS NOW IN FULL SWING

Cleaning up at the central fire hall was being conducted in a most thorough manner today, all the men being engaged in giving the interior of the building a washing.

Fire trucks were removed from the customary places to enable the men to wash down all the walls. Pails and pails of water were being thrown on the woodwork and ceiling, and when this is completed the fire hall will present a spick and span appearance.

CENTRAL CONCERT HALL SUGGESTED BY E. W. G. QUANTZ

Musical Supervisor Believes Room For Development Great in Schools.

NO QUARTERS NOW

E. W. Goethe Quantz, musical supervisor of the public schools, believing that there is room for great development of music in the schools, suggests the building of a central hall in which concerts and rehearsals could take place and in which the annual musical festival might be resumed.

"Alexandra School would be the ideal place," he says. "It is central and would be handier than any other school in the city. There should be a building somewhat after the style, on a smaller scale, of the convocation hall in Toronto, where the seats are arranged in steep tiers from the floor. It should be capable of seating from 500 to 900 children, and there should be a stage for an orchestra of about 70 pieces. There is any amount of valuable musical material among the public school children and at present there is no way of using it."

"While the public school curriculum allows for a certain amount of vocal training, there is no account taken of instrumental work. I see that music is taking a large place in the high schools now and if we had something of this kind for the public schools it could provide a training ground for the high school orchestras and glee clubs. We used to use the old auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. before it was turned into a gym, but latterly we have had to place to hold a festival in the city."

TAXI DRIVERS WARNED TO CEASE LOITERING

Magistrate Threatens to Take Away Stand Unless Action Is Stopped.

Magistrate Graydon and Chief Birrell made it quite apparent in police court this morning that taxi drivers will have their stand opposite the Tecumseh House taken away unless they refrain from loitering on the sidewalk by the C. N. R. platform. Four drivers were summoned to court this morning, evidence as to loitering being given by the sidewalk being submitted by Sergeant James Oakley.

Mr. Graydon dismissed the case on payment of costs and told the men that if the practice didn't cease they might lose their licenses and have the matter taken up with the police commission.

If this thing doesn't cease the place will be taken by a taxi stand," declared Chief Birrell, who pointed out that in other cities taxi drivers had to have a place of business and were not allowed on the streets otherwise.

Church News

ALWAYS READY CLASS.

The members of the Always Ready Class of Knollwood Park Church were entertained last night at the home of Mrs. Scolliek, Oxford street. Rewards for regular attendance were presented to Miss Evelyn Beadle, Mary Robb, and Freda Bowtell. During the evening, splendid readings were given by Miss Blossom Byrnes. After several interesting games, refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Mabel Green-slade and May Kiff.

SENIOR PATHFINDERS.

An interesting address on first aid and home nursing was given by Miss Ella Davis at the regular meeting of the senior Pathfinders of St. Andrew's Church held last evening. Miss Jean Montgomery was in charge of the tea.

W. M. S. Chalmers W. M. S. of the W. M. S. of Chalmers Church held a tea yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. J. Brown, in Simcoe street. The account of the Presbyterian meeting held recently was given by Mrs. Chapman's report, as unable to attend. Solos by Mrs. Brown and Miss Muriel Acheson were greatly enjoyed. A guessing contest was held, and the prize was won by Mrs. John Bryce. Following the meeting tea was served by the hostess.

WEATHER HALTS AIRMEN AT NORTHERN ISLAND

Cordova, Alaska, May 16.—Prevented by rain and fog from hopping off yesterday from Attu Island, the westernmost tip of the Aleutian group, for Paramashira Island, Japan, three United States army airmen were again prepared to take off today, if weather conditions permitted, on the longest leg of their world flight.

BRITISH AIRMAN HAS REACHED CALCUTTA

Shanghai, May 16.—Stuart MacLaren, British airman attempting to encircle the world, arrived today at Calcutta from Allahabad, according to a despatch received here.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF CHRIST CHURCH ENDS FINE YEAR

Delightful Program Presented by Members in Parish Hall.

DISPLAY IS FEATURE

The year was brought to a close for the Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church this week when a delightful program was given in the parish hall by the members of the organization. A large number of the congregation members were present to enjoy the offering, which began with a pretty children's carol.

The program also included a piano solo by Miss Kathleen Milligan, recitation by Miss Beatrice Lake, vocal duet by Misses Marjorie and Mable Stewart, recitation by Miss Marion Finney, recitation by Misses Ellen Dodwell, song by a quartet of little girls, recitations by Misses Claire, Margery and Shirley Crummer, and addresses by Mrs. R. T. Bowen on "Missionary Work in Alaska," and by Miss Jean Waugh on "The Story of a Bird."

Miss Beatrice Lake, secretary, was appointed to represent the auxiliary at the diocesan W. A. meeting in Windsor shortly. A display of work by the members was also a feature of the gathering, and it was decided to give a similar exhibit at the Windsor meeting.

A gracious tribute was paid to the superintendent, Mrs. C. Milligan, in the presentation to her of a beautiful bouquet of flowers, little Miss Mary Connor making the gift on behalf of the group. This junior branch of the W. A. organized but six weeks ago, is making rapid progress.

REMARKS OF M'CREA ARE FLAYED BY LABOR

Statements of Sherbrooke M.P. Called Malicious and Unwarranted.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, May 16.—Organized labor by a resolution unanimously adopted by the Montreal Trades and Labor Council last night condemned F. N. McCrea, Liberal M.P. for Sherbrooke, for statements attributed to him in a House of Commons speech on the budget was in the resolution construed as a "malicious and unwarranted attack" upon international labor organizations.

Reported declarations by Mr. McCrea to the effect that Canadian labor unions are under the dictation of American run international organizations roused the council to refute the suggestion that Canadian labor has no autonomy. The delegates resolved by every means possible to counteract "such malicious and dangerous propaganda."

SUGAR MARKET TIGHTENS AND PRICES GO UPWARD

Montreal, May 16.—For the first time in many weeks past a stronger feeling developed in the local sugar market yesterday and part of the decline registered yesterday was recovered, with refiners marking all prices up 10 cents per 100 pounds for all grades of refined sugar. Extra granulated now sells at \$5.70 per hundredweight in bags, No. 1 yellow at \$5.50, extra ground at \$5.90, powdered at \$5.80 per hundred pounds in barrels.

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NINETY ATTEND C.G.I.T. BANQUET AT KNOX CHURCH

Pretty Novelties Feature the Mother and Daughter Banquet Last Night.

DRILLS ATTRACTIVE

About ninety were present at the mother and daughter banquet given by the C. G. I. T. group of Knox Church last night. The guests sat down at tables arranged in the form of an "M" to typify motherhood. Blue and white colors were used as decorations and each place was marked by an all-day sucker garbed as a tiny C. G. I. T. girl. During the program which followed the banquet, the girls presented an attractive drill, forming the word "Mother" upon the floor in a living group of girlhood. The banquet began at 8:30 o'clock, with Miss Helen Brown in the chair as toast mistress. After a sing-song led by Miss Beatrice Brown, assistant Y. W. C. A. girls' work secretary, the program of toasts was opened by a toast to the king, Miss Helen McCullough offered a toast to the church, which was responded to by the Rev. A. A. Symington, a toast to mothers was made by Miss Isabel McCracken, to which Mrs. George Craik replied, and a toast to daughters by Mrs. Milner, to which Miss Alta MacLachlin replied. The program also included a vocal solo by Miss Winnifred Munroe, a piano solo by Miss Elsie Curry, readings by Miss Jean Hynd and Miss Alta MacLachlin, and an address by Mrs. J. M. McEvoy, representing the W. M. S.

Invitations to the girls leaving the C. G. I. T. group to join the Senior Gleamers' Mission Band and the Young People's Society were extended by Miss Evelyn Halock and Miss Kelso.

SUN YAT SEN IS ALIVE, CLAIMS SECRETARY

South China Government Official Refuses, Though, To Permit Interview.

Hong Kong, May 16.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, president of the South China government, whose death was reported to have occurred Tuesday, is alive and is perfectly well, his confidential secretary declared emphatically today in a statement of the Associated Press sent from Hong Kong to Sun's Canton headquarters.

Rumors have been current that reports of Dr. Sun's death were untrue. Upon being