

## CITY COUNCIL ORDERS BETTER OXFORD SERVICE

Seven-Minute Cars Demanded  
—Will Probe South London Situation.

COMPANY IS SCORED

Appointment of New Building Inspector Delayed For Third Time.

Seven-minute service must be restored on the Oxford line of the street railway, following unanimous action of the city council last night, and the company will be notified to this effect by W. P. Near, city engineer. South London service, since the closing of Ridout street traction bridge, will be investigated.

Action of the company in cutting four operating crews and depleting service on Oxford and Normal lines was scored. A motion by Ald. L. H. Douglass requesting the engineer to report on present service in South London and order the company to restore normal service on the Oxford line found no opposition.

City Not Notified.

Ald. Douglass was informed that the company had made no agreement with the city engineer before cutting service last week. "Don't you think that the company ought to be requested to at least consider the engineer as an appointed representative official of the city, even if they don't want to respect the elected representatives of the citizens?" asked Ald. Douglass.

"I agree with you," offered the mayor.

Ald. Frank McKay, chairman of No. 1 committee, asked if the company were ready to rebuild the traction bridge on Ridout street recently closed by railway board order. "I can't answer that," admitted the city engineer. "The board has power to order bridges closed, but has no power to order new bridges built. The opinion of the railway board appears to be that the company hasn't the finances to build bridges."

"It seems apparent they have money to spend on a bridge, many things," remarked Ald. McKay. "I think that after the 12th of this month we will have some definite stand taken by the street railway," promised the mayor.

Appointment Delayed.

For the third time the council turned back a No. 2 committee recommendation to appoint a new building inspector. Last night new arguments cropped up, and the matter went back for a report from the housing commission.

A split of 7 to 6 spoiled No. 2 committee's bid to make T. C. McBride the new inspector. Ald. Bottrill, chairman of the committee, would not recommend the appointment, and urged economy in city hall salaries. Ald. Douglass wanted the engineer made inspector. Mr. Near declared his staff was overworked, and said an inspector was needed greatly.

"Is this the man who inspected the houses at Pine Lawn?" asked Ald. Douglass when Mr. McBride's appointment was recommended. Mr. Near told of the applicant's qualifications in private province building experience and in architectural studies.

Get More Information.

It was pointed out by Ald. Douglass that, in view of the fact that McBride was reported to have experience in the construction of city houses on Pine Lawn property, it would be well to get further information on his work there. Ald. McKay, acting on the suggestion, moved that the recommendation be sent back to No. 2 committee in order to secure information from the housing commission.

Ald. McKay, Douglass, Carswell, Clift, Dolg, Bottrill and Ashton voted for the delay, with the mayor, and Ald. Smith, Ald. Carleton, McCormick and Neely opposing.

Contract for supply of concrete pipe was awarded to the Dominion Lockjoint Company for the duplicate siphon sewage system at Evergreen avenue.

For the work, 27-inch pipe will cost \$2.40 a foot, and 48-inch pipe will cost \$4.75 a foot. These prices will be cheaper than if the city attempted to provide the supply by day labor, the engineer declared.

Grant Is Sanctioned.

Ald. Neely, Linnell and Smith opposed a grant of \$200 for relief work in Cape Breton colliery areas. "It's not within our province, right or jurisdiction to give charity for a purpose that is not a national matter," asserted Ald. Neely. "I'm surprised that my friend here should say that because these people are down in Nova Scotia they should starve," declared Ald. Neely. The grant was sanctioned with three aldermen protesting.

MISSING DOCTOR'S BODY DISCOVERED IN RIVER

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 5.—The body of Dr. F. H. Powell, prominent physician of Ottawa, who disappeared on January 6, when he boarded a train in Toronto to come to Ottawa, but was never seen again, although his grips were afterwards found in the parcel room at the station, was found floating in the Ottawa river near Chateau Point yesterday by Napoleon Blais, a river-man of Gattineau Point. The body was completely clothed, and since everything, morning clothes, papers, gold watch and chain, was in the pockets, identification was easy. Dr. Joseph Isabella, coroner, of Hull, decided that an inquest would not be necessary.

New MOTH Bags \$1.00 and \$1.50 OPEN AT SIDES FOR MORE CONVENIENCE

STRONG'S DRUG STORE 184 DUNDAS STREET.



PRINCESS YOLANDA, wife of Count Valvi di Bergolo, to whom a son was born this week. The princess is the eldest daughter of the king and queen of Italy.

## CLARKE TO HEAD RURAL DEANERY

Rector of St. John's Anglican Church Succeeds Rev. W. L. Armitage.

Rev. A. L. G. Clarke, rector of St. John's Anglican church, was last night the unanimous choice of the rural deanery of East Middlesex in naming a successor to Rural Dean Rev. W. L. Armitage. St. James' church rector, who is going to a Hamilton parish.

Rev. Mr. Clarke's nomination will receive Bishop Williams' approval today. The choice was a popular one with delegates to the deanery session. Rev. Mr. Armitage has just completed a one-year term as rural dean for East Middlesex.

The deanery session last night was held at St. Paul's cathedral, with the Very Rev. Dean Tucker presiding. Some 25 delegates were present.

Discussion of the proposed joint insurance scheme for Anglican churches found both advocates and critics. No specific recommendation was made before the deanery synod next week from East Middlesex.

The deanery Sunday school association meets at the cathedral tonight.

## WEDNESDAY HOLIDAY TO START TOMORROW

Grocers and Butchers of London Will Begin Summer Closing.

Summer will begin tomorrow afternoon for the grocers and butchers of London, when all stores will close at noon to mark the starting of the warm weather season. The Wednesday half-holiday will be observed by all retail stores during May, June, July and August, while some will continue the practice of other years and take advantage of the summer privilege in September.

The half-holiday plan was instituted here some years ago and met with instant success among the trade. The public was soon won over to the need of the summer respite for retailers and the little opposition soon faded.

When the scheme was young, there were housewives who found it difficult to break the habit of sending in large orders on Wednesday morning. But this practice, which was the constant annoyance of delivery men, is now negligible, store managers say.

## HALE STREET HONORS GREAT GRANDMOTHERS

Special Mothers' Day Service Held at City Church On Sunday.

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Elizabeth Fitter and Mrs. Annie Lockery, two great-grandmothers, at the special mothers' day service held on Sunday at the Hale street Methodist church. Mrs. Fitter has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, while Mrs. Lockery has 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The service was largely attended and was taken by Rev. L. W. Reid, the pastor. His sermon was on the subject, "An Old-Time Mother" and he commended very highly all mothers. The church was prettily decorated with flowers. The choir was composed of mothers and daughters, and young women acted as ushers.

CHICAGO "ROAD MAN" SURVEYING HIGHWAY

A representative of the Chicago Motor club passed through London this morning on his semi-annual run over the provincial highway. The information gained on the survey will be placed at the disposal of Illinois motorists who contemplate a tour of Ontario this year.

After spending a few minutes in the offices of the local motor club, the "road man" left at 11:15 for Woodstock.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE WILL HEAR REV. A. A. BICE

St. John's lodge, No. 209A, A. F. and A. M. G. R. C., will observe divine service next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in All Saints' Anglican church. Rev. A. A. Bice, rector of the church and chaplain of the lodge, will conduct the service.

## DELEGATES HONOR LADY ABERDEEN

International Council of Women Take Up Vital Problems at Convention.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, May 5.—Meetings of standing committees continued today to occupy the attention of delegates to the seventh quinquennial convention of the International Council of Women, with child welfare, health, education and peace as topics.

The principal social event for the second day was a breakfast tendered in honor of Lady Aberdeen, president of the international council, by Mrs. Phillip North Moore, president of the United States council. The breakfast was arranged to afford opportunity for the formal presentation to Lady Aberdeen of various state delegations.

Bearing the official greeting of Governor Terrill of Arkansas, Mrs. K. G. Tallquist, of Little Rock, also brought here for presentation to Lady Aberdeen at the breakfast ceremony, on behalf of the Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs, an Indian pottery vase said to be the largest ever fashioned from the native clays of that state.

LADY ABERDEEN'S MESSAGE

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, May 4.—Addresses in the four official languages of the convention—English, French, German and Spanish—were heard at the formal opening tonight of the seventh quinquennial session of the International Council of Women.

The formal opening at which Secretary Hoover delivered an address of greeting and Lady Aberdeen, as president of the council, presented her message, followed a day of activity in committee meetings for the delegates representing the component organizations in 42 countries.

Lady Aberdeen declared the organization the strongest in its constitution, inhibition against dealing with controversial political and religious issues between nations.

"Our special power as women," she said, "lies in the formation of a public opinion in favor of mutual aid and international co-operation based on fuller knowledge and intercourse between the nations and their component parts."

"We can create the active sympathy which flows out of personal acquaintance and correspondence. We want to help the young people who went through such terrible experiences during the war years to banish their haunting memories by encouraging and stimulating them to vanquish the work of destruction by works of creation and reconstruction."

The council must strike to gather up all the war-worn peoples of the earth "in the arms of an enveloping motherhood and to soothe away all fears of one another and of an unknown future," Lady Aberdeen asserted.

Inclusion in the resolutions of several dealing with the League of Nations recently brought charges from the chairman of the New York woman's organization that the council would present a program of propaganda for the league. The charges were ignored by Mrs. Phillip North Moore, president of the United States Council, which is host to the delegates.

Exhibits on peace and the League of Nations are included among others arranged by the various delegations and the convention also will be featured by peace and war propaganda on Saturday night.

Miss Caroline Carmichael, prominent member from Nova Scotia of the Canadian delegation here to attend the meeting, is a nominee for the international vice-presidency of the council. Six vice-presidents are to be selected and candidates from all parts of the world have been placed in nomination for these positions.

Mrs. Charles Thoburn of Ottawa, is a nominee for corresponding secretary of the council.

## Mother Searching City For Former 18th Captain Missing For Eight Months

C. John Jackson Disappeared From Home in Des Moines.

TRAIL LEADS HERE

Fraternal Society, Police and Radio Enlisted in Wide Hunt.

Missing from his home, 1161 26th street, Des Moines, Iowa, Capt. C. John Jackson, formerly of the 18th battalion, is sought here by his mother, Mrs. Dot Jackson. The former officer in the Canadian expeditionary forces left home on the morning of September 4, last. He was apparently in the best of health and spirits and expected to return in the evening. He has not been heard of since.

Shortly after his disappearance, Mrs. Jackson got in touch with secret service agencies in the States to help her solve the mystery, but without avail. The services of the Masonic order of which Capt. Jackson is a member have been enlisted, but up to the present no clue of his whereabouts has been found. Radio was also tried, but in vain.

Capt. Jackson is an electrical engineer by profession. He is 33 years of age, joining the 18th battalion here as a private in April 1915, he went overseas. He returned a captain in May, 1919, with a splendid war record.

The files at headquarters of military district No. 1 here show that he was discharged and went to his home in Des Moines. As far as is known here he was not wounded in France, and was enjoying good health upon being demobilized.

Fears Lost Memory.

Mrs. Jackson has written to headquarters asking if her son has been in London. She fears that he has been a victim of amnesia or loss of memory, and may have made an effort to rejoin his old comrades where he enlisted.

"I know he loved the men of the 18th Battalion," writes Mrs. Jackson, "so I am writing to the district headquarters with the hope that some former member of the 18th Battalion might know something of his whereabouts."

Inquiries failed to throw any light on the disappearance of the officer. None of the members of the headquarters staff had seen or heard from him. Col. E. C. Dean, A.D.O.C., will get in touch with the various units of the district in an effort to trace the missing man.

That Captain Jackson is the victim of the dread amnesia is the opinion of Mrs. C. B. King, 386 Waterloo street. When the young man came to London from Des Moines to enlist he attended the Church of Christ of which Mr. and Mrs. King are members. They met in that way and formed the lasting friendship.

When Capt. Jackson returned from overseas he called upon Mr. and Mrs. King on May 24, 1919, spending the more ignored by Mrs. Phillip North Moore, president of the United States Council, which is host to the delegates.

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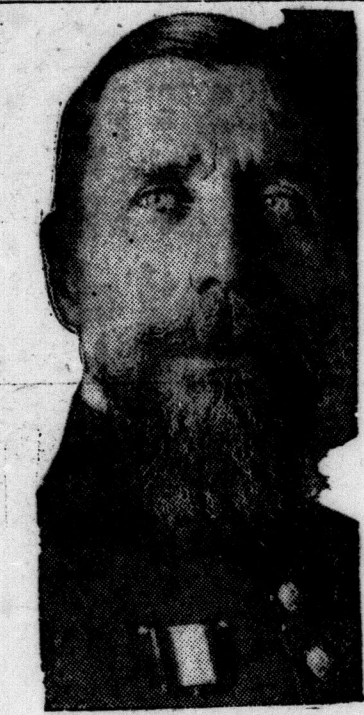
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Under Heavy Shell Fire.

It was from his batman, a Private Smith who called at her home that she heard how much her officer had suffered overseas. On one occasion he had been in a "pill box" for three days while it was constantly shelled by German artillery.

When relief came Capt. Jackson was found blind and deaf. He had recovered his sight and hearing soon after but the torture of those three days had left him badly shell shocked.

While the war was in progress, Mrs. King had written from time to



GEN. HENRI GOURAUD, commander of the Parisarrison, who has taken extraordinary precautions to prevent any communist outbreak.

time to Mrs. Jackson and two years afterward called upon her at Des Moines while on a visit to the States. Capt. Jackson was in a highly nervous condition. She believes that he lost his memory and is still either wandering about or has been taken in by some institution whose officials are unaware of his identity.

Mr. King has known of the disappearance for some time and has made inquiries in this district but nothing has come of them.

Asked if it would be possible for an ex-soldier being taken into Westminster and his identity unknown, Dr. E. T. McChie, medical superintendent, said today that such a thing could hardly happen. Within 48 hours after a patient is admitted all documents concerning him have been through headquarters. No such patient had been received into the hospital since September.

Col. E. T. McChie, commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Regiment at Wolsey barracks, said today that as far as he knows Capt. Jackson has not visited the station there. He is making enquiries among the officers and men this afternoon.

## TAX DELINQUENTS ARE FEWER NOW

Inspector Tambling Tells of Improved Conditions in This District.

Few taxpayers failed to make their returns this year, according to Inspector Tambling. Only a small number of the returning men after the last day have been sent in.

Although there is a penalty of five per cent of the tax attached to failure to file before the last day, the government does not prosecute until every other means of settling the account has failed, says the inspector.

Before a man can be prosecuted for not paying the tax he must be dealt with for not filing. This gives him until October of this year, because the last installment is due at that time. It requires another month after that to start any machinery in operation to collect the money.

It will be some time, therefore, before any prosecutions will be made for failure to comply with this year's income tax delinquents. Prosecutions are taking place all the time, however, for the government is confident that the world has been made of scores of former years. In every case the taxpayer pays the costs, as well as interest, on his overdue account.

T. H. AND MRS. PRESTON MARK GOLDEN WEDDING

Canadian Press Despatch. Brantford, May 5.—T. H. Preston, member of the Ontario parole board, proprietor of the Brantford Exporter and active member of the Canadian Press and Canadian Daily News, paper Association, and Mrs. Preston, celebrated their golden wedding, surrounded by their family, with members from Toronto, Hamilton, Stratford, Windsor and Montreal, celebrated their golden wedding. In excellent health, Mr. and Mrs. Preston responded heartily to the verbal, telegraphic and floridly expressed messages of congratulation from points in the dominion from coast to coast.

The public utilities commission is not likely to take any action to cut off the water service charge, according to a statement by the mayor. Some time ago Ald. John Ashton protested against the continuance of the service charge and declared that people were paying more for "service" than for water.

Ald. Ashton advocated abolition of the service charge, and having water rates charged on a straight basis. The argument was supported in council, and Mayor Wenke asked to take the matter up with the P. U. C.

"I wasn't at the last meeting of the commission," declared the mayor. "I don't think they intend to take any action, though."

RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES.

Associated Press Despatch. Dublin, May 5.—Provost Bernard of Trinity college, Dublin, and Dr. Shaller Matthews, dean of the divinity school of the University of Chicago, will receive the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from Glasgow university, it was announced here today.

WESTMINSTER PLANS TO HAVE BEST ROADS

Westminster township will have the best township roads in Middlesex county, at decreased expense, if the plans of road superintendent James Johnston are carried out.

Mr. Johnston's report for the month given to the council at this morning's session in the county building showed that \$344.58 had been expended from April 7 to May 5. The superintendent has at the present time 25 men working on the roads.

Expenditure since the beginning of the year totals \$1,675.55.

BEGINNING

WED., MAY 6

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NOT LIKELY TO LIFT WATER SERVICE CHARGE

P. U. C. Not Expected To Act—Straight Rate Basis Was Advocated.

BIG PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN BY LODGE

Speakers To Feature Fiftieth Corinthian Anniversary Celebration Tonight.

Tonight Corinthian lodge, No. 330, celebrates its fiftieth anniversary at a banquet in the Masonic temple, for which an interesting program of speakers and entertainment has been arranged. After the banquet there will be a dance. V. Wor. Bro. H. C. Simpson, the oldest living past master of the lodge, will be a guest of honor.

Wor. Bro. G. H. Bennett will act as toastmaster, and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, D.D.G.M. of London district No. 3, will reply to the toast of the grand lodge of Canada. Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Metherall, P.D. D.G.M., will respond to the toast to Corinthian lodge. Wor. Bro. H. J. Childs will reply to the toast to the ladies, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. T. Essery to the toast to visiting brethren.

The entertainers will be under the care of Bro. J. Wilson, and will include Bro. Percy King, Miss H. Warren and the All-Masonic orchestra.

WESTERN FLOUR UNLOADED, BANNER YEAR PREDICTED

Heavy shipments of flour from the west are being unloaded at Point Edward and shipped east over the Canadian National Railway lines, according to C. N. officials here.

Yesterday the S. S. Harmonic unloaded 76 carloads of flour at the Point Edward docks while the S. S. Glenelagh unloaded 40 cars today. Officials say that this is the beginning of a big season in lake shipping. The volume of business is increasing every day.

SOLD ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

for summer deliveries anywhere in the city. Plan ceased to be effective on Sept. 1, 1925. Get your coal now at cash prices on these orders. No installment plan coal orders taken on the telephone.

COME AND SEE ME.

LERNER'S COAL

492 HILL STREET.



Bebe Daniels, who will be shown in her latest success, "Miss Bluebeard," at the Capitol today.