

Three Wholesale Grocery Firms Here Would Join \$60,000,000 Merger

REV. C. S. MILLER GIVES FINE TALK

Manitoba Pastor Attracts Wide Interest in Presence at First Congregational.

Speaking on the union church and the spiritual progress of Canada, Rev. Charles S. Miller, M.A., B.D., of Wawanesa, Man., yesterday preached at services of the First Congregational church here. Coming from a union charge in Manitoba, the presence of Mr. Miller at the Congregational church attracted wide interest from followers of union. He proved a forceful, inspirational and distinguished speaker. His talk to the junior members of the congregation in the morning dealt with selfishness, with biblical illustrations. "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward," was the clergyman's text from Exodus xiv:15. Just as God had chosen the Israelites to accomplish a great work, so has a great task been given to Canadians, Mr. Miller pointed out. Such a watchword was given the children of Israel at a critical time. They went forward until they found progress blocked. Moses did the only thing left—he prayed.

And the answer had been God's decree to go forward. "We must give this text an individual application," the speaker declared. "There must be definite action in the individual life if there is to be any progress. God's requirements are the same today as of old."

Praise was paid by Rev. Mr. Miller to the church's front line of workers, those whose zeal is unflagging. Announcement was made of the annual tea and concert of the Sunday school next Friday evening.

"AGAIN, LAMB?" JAMES DRAWS TEN-DAY TERM

Regular Court Visitor Warned That Reformatory Is Near.

James Lamb paid his accustomed semi-monthly visit to police court this morning. He is a regular habitué of the Carling street court, having appeared before Magistrate Graydon at least five times within the past few months, and at regular intervals throughout the year.

"O. T. A. section 51" has always been written after his name in the court blotter. Interpreted this means "drunk." James Lamb and "O. T. A. section 51" were coupled together in a scold in police court's "Who's Who" again this morning.

On charges of intoxication, Lamb received all varieties of penalties. He has been fined small sums of money and large sums of money. He has been sent to jail. He has been dismissed with a warning. And he has been threatened with a reformatory term.

"Again, Lamb?" the court asked today.

"Yes, your honor," was the reply.

"But I've got a job now. Please make the sentence as light as you can."

"How long will it take you to straighten up?" asked the magistrate.

"About a week, I think," Lamb answered.

"We'll make it ten days then," the court decided. "Once again, and it will have to be the reformatory."

TECHNICAL "LIT" SOCIETY HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The alpha section of the technical high school literary society held its first meeting of the year on Friday afternoon.

A. Trott, the president, opened the meeting with an address in which he urged the support of all the members of the society in making the meetings a success.

An enjoyable program included the following numbers: solo, Miss Margaret Liberty; speech, "Hydro Development in Ontario," J. Kennedy; mandolin solo, Miss Emily Morley; solo, Miss R. Froeggett; speeches, Ross Wilson and B. S. Scott; banjo duo, Albert White and Bill Messer; readings, Miss K. Sein.

RETURN TO CITY.
Morley Aylesworth, assistant general manager of the Huron & Erie and the Canada Trust Company, and Mrs. Aylesworth, who have been holidaying in St. Petersburg, Florida, returned to the city today.

Why Suffer From Headache?

Many ladies suffer with constantly recurring headaches and in a vast majority of cases these headaches are a result of eye-strain. If you suffer with headaches, why not let us examine your eyes and see if they are caused by eye-strain or not.

We only recommend glasses when we are confident of good results, and we always study that which will suit our customers best, in appearance, ease and comfort.

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LOUIS DUBOIS.

former president of the reparations commission, who contends that the United States should reduce her war debt claims on France to a very material extent.

KING ST. BROTHERHOOD HITS CADET MOVEMENT

Resolution Passed at Sunday Night Meeting—Physical Training Approved.

Again the cadet movement was condemned in the city of London, when a resolution opposing the system was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the King street Presbyterian church. While there was universal objection to the principle of cadet training in its military sense, there was a good deal of approval for the benefits accruing from the physical drill which cadets are given. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas recent years have shown a high percentage of physical unfitness among boys and girls, as well as among adults; and
"Whereas cadet drill has not the needs of the child sufficiently in view, being too sharp, angular and one-sided for growing boys, also taking time from and endangering interest in all-round physical training; and
"Whereas the brotherhood movement is founded on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man as laid down by the Son of Man, and that cadet movement is contrary to that teaching;
"Be it resolved that we, the brotherhood of King street church, record our opposition to cadet training for schoolboys, and emphasize our conviction that all physical drill for children should be such as would tend to make the child efficient, in any enterprise, and that girls be given an equal opportunity with boys in all physical education."

THREE ASPHYXIATED BY GAS AT DETROIT

Suspect Arrested in Connection With Death of One Woman.

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Feb. 9.—Three persons, two women and a man, are dead and another man is dying in receiving hospital as result of asphyxiation by illuminating gas yesterday. A suspect is under arrest in connection with death of one of the women.

Two of the victims are a young husband and wife, who were found dead in their apartment after a night spent in quarrelling.

The dead are: Philip Todak and his wife, Margaret, both 23 years old, 215 Goodson avenue; Mrs. Elizabeth Millich, 45, of 1431 Frederick avenue. In both cases all the valves on gas ranges were found open.

THIRTEEN CASES SCHEDULED.
Thirteen cases are scheduled for trial at the sitting of the ninth division court Wednesday. Judge Macbeth will occupy the bench in the absence of Judge Judd.

Andy Gump is a daily tonic in The Advertiser. Have you had your iron today?



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RESERVOIR URGED TO HELP SUPPLY

E. V. Buchanan Submits Four Suggestions of Insure Water For Fire Fighting.

TELLS ADVANTAGES

Satisfactory improvements can be effected in the city's fire fighting facilities by the erection of a reservoir, use of sulphur water supply, installation of a Diesel oil engine and the provision of additional pumping engines.

Such were the suggestions embodied by E. V. Buchanan, manager of the public utilities commission at its annual banquet Saturday night. Mr. Buchanan believes that his suggestions can be carried out more cheaply than the construction of a second main to Springbank and that, at the same time, better results will be achieved in the improvement of the present system.

In so far as the question affected the waterworks department controlled by the commission Mr. Buchanan's comment was as follows: "A waterworks department is installed for two purposes: first, for domestic, industrial and sanitary use, and second, for fire protection. It is just as much the duty of the waterworks department to provide an adequate supply of water for the second of these purposes, as it is to maintain the supply for the first mentioned."

It is emphatically not the duty of the ordinary waterworks department to put the water on the fire, simply because it is a physical impossibility to maintain pressure to throw water on the highest and most remote buildings. Further, the maintenance of high pressures causes destruction to plumbing and even endangers the mains.

"There seems to be an erroneous idea abroad that a second main from Springbank reservoir would increase the fire fighting pressure, whereas the reverse would actually be the case."

Would Install Reservoir.
"What second main to Springbank would do, and the reason the fire underwriters request such a main, to insure an ample supply if one main should be cut off."

"The same result can be obtained, however, at a much lower cost, by the installation of a reservoir in the city. The exact location of such a reservoir depends to a great extent on the source of future supply, and if our expectations are realized, the end of the city would prove ideal."

"There is another very inexpensive way to guard against the failure of the Springbank reservoir, a concrete dam, and that is to tap the inexhaustible supply of sulphur water that lies beneath our feet. Why run 12-inch pipes 150 in the ground would produce as much water? It is true that the water is not palatable, but it would be pure from a health point of view, and I doubt if it would be very noticeable when aerated and mixed with the other water, and during the hours of the emergency."

"There is still one point to be met to satisfy everyone, and that is the cost of adding to the city's water supply should hydro fail. This chance is becoming more remote every day. Last year the longest total interruption of the water supply was 14 minutes, and only momentary, totalling in all, for the year, 46 minutes. A fourth line is being constructed to London from Niagara water supply, and in addition to the pumps are now fed by underground cables from the H. T. station at the city limits. The underwriters, however, shake their heads and say, 'Well, something might happen, and we want a duplicate source of power.'"

Plan Was Abandoned.
"The most efficient prime mover for stand-by purposes in capacities from 500 H. P. to 5,000 H. P. is the Diesel oil engine. A Diesel engine of 1,500 H. P. capacity will generate sufficient power to run all waterworks pumps simultaneously. The equipment will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. A lot of money, but even then a 500,000-gallon reservoir in addition to the built and the total outlay will be less than the second main to Springbank."

"About 15 years ago, a program of large main extensions was laid out and was followed for several years, until the war broke out, when it was abandoned. The program might well at this time be amended and work once more started, as there is need for more feeders of this type due to our growth."

"Finally, to make fire fighting facilities complete from a water supply point of view, the fire department should be equipped with more pumping engines. The use of these engines would insure water to the top of the highest buildings, save the mains and pumping from damage and conserve water during a fire, which is wasted by the present system of increasing the pressure in 150 miles of mains while securing a comparatively small increase at some point remote from the pumping station."

SONG SHEETS POPULAR.
Last night a song sheet was compiled of a song sheet of popular songs of the present and past. The idea was to have a song program ready for the use of young people's clubs and societies should the need of a program arise. The sheets have gained in popularity to such an extent that in the last three days orders have been received for song sheets from different clubs in the city.

JUDGE JUDD IMPROVES.
His Honor Judge J. J. Judd, who has been seriously ill at his home on Ridout street for the past week, is reported today as being somewhat improved in condition. His son is recovering from an infection in one of the throat glands.

Letting of an option had not resulted. Neither would he admit that the company had bound itself in any way with the project. The scheme calls for a thorough probe before it will be generally accepted as feasible is his contention.

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A committee was appointed to arrange for the annual church parade in August, and it was decided to invite the Grand Black chapter of Ontario West, which assemblies on North Bay next month, to meet in London next year.

COUPE IS STOLEN.
London police were notified last night that a coupe had been stolen at Windsor shortly after 9 o'clock. The license number was 24202 (1924).

MANAGER RICHARDS ILL.
General Manager J. E. Richards of the London & Port Stanley railway, who is ill at his home with bronchitis, is reported to be much improved.

TECH. BOARD WILL URGE AN ADDITION

Resolution Is Expected To Be Passed at Inaugural Meeting Tonight.

Additional accommodation to be provided for the technical school will occupy the attention of the advisory-vocational committee at its inaugural meeting this evening.

Trustee George F. Copeland, chairman of the committee, will preside at the meeting at which it is expected a resolution will be passed requesting the board of education to include a classroom addition to the technical school in its building program for this year.

Having passed such a resolution, the committee will likely direct also that authority be secured for the preparation of plans and specifications.

The addition proposed embraces eight classrooms, including a double room which can be used for physical culture work, thus eliminating the necessity of securing gymnasium accommodation outside the school building.

It is estimated that the addition can be erected for \$70,000. Of this sum, 50 per cent is paid by the province and 50 per cent by the city.

Other matters to be considered by the committee tonight are the purchase of equipment for the electrical department and additional equipment for the commercial department, as recommended by the provincial inspectors' report, and leave of absence of A. A. Nell, owing to ill-health.

PHOTO OF BECK PLACED IN UTILITIES BOARD ROOM
Framed in mahogany there now hangs in the board room of the public utilities commission a splendid photo of Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario.

The photo, the gift of the H. E. P. C. is framed in mahogany to match the Honduras mahogany finish of the board room itself. The likeness of Sir Adam is a striking one.

"A nation officially thanking the hydro-electric commission for its kindness in presenting the photo was passed by the local commission at its last regular meeting."

OLD HYMNS SUNG.
Old favorite hymns and a discussion of the problem of original thought were on the program at the Sunday evening meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Twelve members of the Y-Knot club and their girl friends met in the club rooms for a sing-song. W. F. Sherwin was the leader.

TREASURER IMPROVES.
Capt. Tom Robson, county treasurer, who has been ill for over a week, is progressing favorably. It was learned at the county buildings today. It will be some days yet, however, before Capt. Robson can take over his duties at the office.

British Mails

The next mails for Great Britain and Europe will close as follows:

Monday, Feb. 9, 10 p.m.—Letters and registered matter, via S.S. George Washington from New York, Feb. 11.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.—Letters and registered matter, 3 p.m.—Parcel post and newspapers, via S.S. Montcalm from St. John, N.B., Feb. 13.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 10 p.m.—Letters and registered matter via S.S. Olympic from New York, Feb. 14.

RAIN PROVES GODSEND TO DISTRICT FARMERS
Wells in Western Ontario Have Been Dry For Two Months.

While citizens in general are disgusted with the rain and general sloppy condition of the streets, the rain is more than welcomed by the farmers, especially those possessing large herds of cattle.

Farm wells all over Western Ontario have been dry for over two months, and the farmers have been praying for rain, department of agriculture officials state.

Farmers living near Lambeth have been drawing water from the creek, and in Delaware township they have been drawing tankfuls from the river Thames.

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