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SYNOD TO MEET FOR LAST TIME

Church Union in June Will Mark End of London-Hamilton Synod. ANTIS ARE STRONG But Discussion on Union Is Continuing—Continuing Presbytery To Be Formed.

The Presbyterian synod of Hamilton and London will convene in First Presbyterian church tonight for what will be its last meeting prior to the consummation of church union early in June.

Rev. J. R. P. Slater, D.D., pastor of Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Toronto, will be the speaker at the opening session, this evening at which the moderator for the ensuing year will be appointed.

Tomorrow evening there will be a public meeting in First Presbyterian church, to be addressed by Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, D.D., Hamilton, and Rev. L. B. Gibson, D.D., Woodstock.

The business of the synod will consist largely of the hearing and consideration of reports for the year just closed in connection with the various departments of the church's work. Of particular interest will be the report of the general interests committee, to be given by Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., Hamilton, and the report of the committee on co-operation with other churches, to be given by Archibald Graham, Lucknow.

Union Discussion a Conjecture. To what extent the much-discussed church union problem will monopolize or influence the proceedings of the synod this year is largely a matter of conjecture. It is known, however, that the strength of the continuing Presbyterian church is centered largely in Western Ontario, and that the Ontario strength of the anti-unionists is centered between Hamilton and Windsor, which district constitutes the synod of Hamilton and London.

There will be little advantage for the anti-unionists, however, supposing they have the majority, to fill the Hamilton and London synod with men supporting their views. For one reason the Presbyterian church in Canada goes into union on June 10 next, and thus the synod of Hamilton and London also goes into union on that date. In the second place the anti-unionists will themselves be forming the continuing Presbyterian church, including the continuing general assembly, synods, and presbyteries.

Appoint Officers as Usual. Officers and committees of synod will be appointed as usual, it is expected for the ensuing year, because of the fact that the synod of Hamilton and London will continue to function until relieved of its powers and responsibilities by the general council of the United Church of Canada, which might be one year or even two years' time.

Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., Stratford, moderator of synod, will convene the meeting this evening, and act until the appointment of the new moderator. Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., pastor of King street Presbyterian church, London, has been prominently mentioned for the moderatorship during the past few weeks, and there is a possibility that he may be chosen for the position.

SHOOTING OF SQUIRRELS AT PORT MUST STOP

Authorities Give Warning When Summer Residents Complain of Whizzing Bullets.

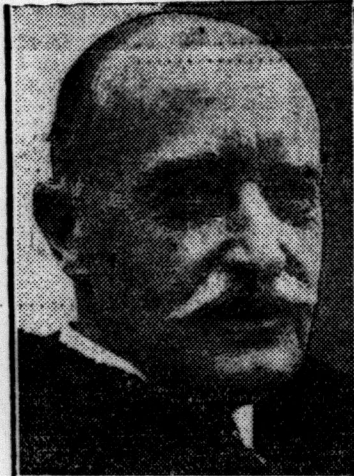
Port Stanley authorities are warning villagers to stop shooting squirrels and birds in property surrounding summer cottages. London and St. Thomas residents, who visited the lakeside resort over the week-end heard the whistle of bullets in woods not far distance from the beach.

Mrs. W. W. Muir reported to the authorities that bullets came whizzing by her while she was in the rear of her property on Orchard beach. Investigation revealed that several boys had been shooting lake guilts and squirrels with .22 rifles.

CAPE BRETON STRIKERS WILL STAY OUT LIMIT

Springhill, N. S., April 27.—To remain away from the pits as long as Cape Breton does, was the decision reached by a mass meeting of the Springhill miners held here yesterday.

James O'Rourke of Springhill, district board member, stated that the district executive had allotted \$500 to the local as the share of \$5,000 relief money received from international headquarters.



SIR ESME HOWARD, British ambassador to the United States, who declared at Princeton last night that there is little hope for European peace unless France and Germany can settle their thousand-year-old quarrel.

AYLMER YOUTH DIES IN CREEK

Reuben Robins Goes to Death Near Calton—Companion Narrowly Escapes.

RELATIVES UNKNOWN

Special to The Advertiser. Aylmer, Ont., April 27.—The first drowning accident of the season in this district occurred in the Otter creek, a mile east of Calton, 10 miles southeast of Aylmer, about 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon last.

The continued warm weather of last week tempted Reuben Robins and his companion, Joe Parks, to go in for a swim. They had only been in a few minutes when Parks noticed Robins was in distress. He swam to his assistance and Robins got a drowning man's grip on him, and to save his own life he had to fight clear of Robins, who immediately sank out of sight and did not come up again. The water was fairly cold and it is thought he was seized with a cramp. A search party from Stratfordville dragged the creek and about 7 p.m. found the body a few feet from where it went down.

The body was taken to the Calton store and yesterday was taken to the Port Burwell undertaking parlors. The Bayham township authorities were notified and are trying to locate the unfortunate youth's relatives. Coroner Dr. C. Sinclair deemed an inquest unnecessary. The dead youth, who was 18 years of age, was employed in the woods by McConnell and Davidson, near Calton. He had been employed by lumbermen in this district all winter. No one appears to know where his former home was nor where his relatives reside.

KEATING'S CONDITION REMAINS CRITICAL

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, April 27.—The condition of John Keating, Hamilton, seriously injured when crushed between two cars Saturday afternoon, was reported by the General Hospital today as critical. Keating is suffering from a fractured skull, sustained when automobiles of Charles William Brice, Port Dover, and Mrs. J. Berry, Caledonia, collided on a street here.

VANCOUVER COUNCILLORS QUIT FOLLOWING CHARGES

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, B. C., April 25.—Because of criticism by Mayor D. Taylor, and several members of the city council, all members of the Vancouver exhibition association's board of control have resigned from office. Their action, they state, is taken "in view of statements made reflecting on the integrity of the board of control." A special meeting of the directors of the association called for next Tuesday evening will deal with the resignations.



FISHERMAN'S LUCK AT THE COVES.

While patiently waiting for a bite at the Coves yesterday, Bernard Acquafreddo landed this peculiar animal. It is a mud puppy or water dog. The scientific name is Neotriton. It belongs to the family of common, tailed amphibians. According to Dr. Paul S. McKibben, dean of the medical school, the puppies are often seen in local waters, particularly in Lake Erie. They are perfectly harmless, though supposed to be poisonous in dog days. This one is 11 inches long. It is of a bronze color, and has four arms, each equipped with four-fingered hands.

HINDY IS MENACE TO PEACE

Field Marshal's Election as President of Germany Considered a Blunder.

MAY HASTEN WAR

Col. E. C. Dean Sees Another World Conflict Inevitable With Old War Horse in Power.

That the election of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to the presidency of Germany will hasten another world war is the opinion of Col. E. C. Dean, acting general officer commanding military district No. 1 with headquarters here.

"I look upon it as an attempt to swing Germany back to the place the nation occupied as a world power previous to 1914," said Col. Dean this morning. "With such a man at the head of affairs there another great conflict is inevitable in my opinion. It looks disastrous."

Prof. E. H. Morrow, department of economics, University of Western Ontario, feels that the election of the war hero of Germany as president is but a natural consequence. "Von Hindenburg is a national figure and a popular one in Germany. If the same form of government were in operation here and Sir Arthur Currie was nominated, he would not doubt have a great following through his record. I do not think it is anything to be alarmed over at present anyway."

FRENCH ARE UNEASY.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, April 27.—News of the election of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as president of Germany was received here with a certain amount of uneasiness. Although it was felt that there was little to choose between him and the other principal candidate, Dr. Marx, the field marshal is believed to represent in a greater degree the spirit of war revenge than his civilian opponent.

The result arrived too late to permit of extended editorial comment, and what there is appears colored by the party affiliations of the respective papers.

GERARD SEES WAR.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, April 27.—The election of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as president of Germany was seen here as a step toward war.

COUNCIL WILL HOLD AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Expect Shorter Meetings During Summer Months With Free Evenings as Bait.

City council committees will tomorrow commence afternoon meetings for the summer months at least, and have the way to a more businesslike administration. No. 2 committee will meet tomorrow at 5:15 o'clock, and No. 1 committee will meet at the same hour on Wednesday afternoon. The change from evening meetings will pave the way to conducting of sessions in the most businesslike way possible. With the chance to have their evenings free, aldermen will speed up business at afternoon meetings. They are following the example of score of other cities and business organizations in reverting to daylight sessions.

Port Stanley Fleet Finds Bodies of Missing Men



SKIPPERS AND TUGS IN SUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR VICTIMS OF LAKE TRAGEDY. Bodies of the three missing men of the crew of the Port Stanley launch, Valkyrie, (otherwise known as the Ada-May-Belle) which foundered in Lake Erie eight days ago, were picked up by tugs of the Port's fishing fleet about fifteen miles off Erieau yesterday afternoon. The upper left hand picture, showing two life preservers floating above the body of Frank Payne, Port Stanley, was taken by one of two Advertiser reporters aboard the tug Morgan before the remains were recovered from the water. The Morgan is immediately below while in the lower left hand corner is the tug East Side which found the body of Bert Butcher, also of Port Stanley. The Edward S. Morgan and the Donald Mac, who was the first to sight one of the bodies, and Captain Donald McIver, who piloted the Morgan in the search, are shown in the upper right hand corner. The three men in the upper right hand corner are, from left to right, Captain Dan Graham of the East Side, Captain Tom Morgan, owner of the Morgan and the Donald Mac, who was the first to sight one of the bodies, and Captain Donald McIver, who piloted the Morgan in the search.

APRIL BUILDING NEARS \$350,000

Today's Permits of \$50,000 Boost Total to Record High Mark.

The April building record was today boosted close to the \$350,000. This high figure has seldom been equaled in any one month during the past five years.

Issuance today of permits for \$50,000 worth of new building put the building record for the month past the third of a million mark.

John Puthurbough and Sons received a permit for \$12,000 of alterations at the new Cairncross building on Clarence street. R. G. Wilson and son were granted permission to make \$15,000 alterations to the old Majestic Theatre building, which will be occupied by bowling alleys.

T. Washburn will build three new houses on Sterling street. Two will cost \$2,200 each and a third \$2,000. E. Chase will build a \$2,200 residence at 218 East street. A. Spearman, \$5,000, Garrae Crescent, F. Quick, \$2,800, Mount Pleasant avenue. Some \$50,000 worth of repair work was authorized in smaller permits.

RAILWAY BOARD WILL OPEN PROBE THIS WEEK

Evidence Will Be Gathered by Officials at Sitings Here This Week.

The Ontario railway board will this week commence its official probe into the London street railway case. Donald M. McIntyre, K.C., chairman of the board, informed the Advertiser that a definite start would probably be made before Sunday next.

The board has not yet officially acknowledged the receipt of the city of London complaint against the street railway.

At the same time members of the board, particularly Vice-Chairman Ingram and Commissioner Ellis, are well posted on the tenets of the city's grievance, and a short session here is anticipated.

SHEPHERD'S TRIAL SET.

Chicago, April 27.—William D. Shepherd, charged with the murder of William Nelson McClintock, his foster son, from whom he inherited a million dollar estate, will be tried May 18 before Judge Lynch.

CROWN CALLS INQUEST INTO LAKE TRAGEDY

Certain Circumstances in Connection With Drownings Remain To Be Cleared.

ARRANGE FUNERALS

Question of Boat's Clearance May Involve International Complications.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Port Stanley, April 27.—The possibility of irregularities in the clearance papers of the ill-fated Valkyrie, otherwise the Ada May Belle, together with other circumstances connected with the lake tragedy which could bear some clearing up, has resulted in the decision of the crown authorities to hold an inquest.

Coroner Dr. Erwin and Crown attorney McCrimmon of St. Thomas will conduct an investigation which may be complicated by the intricacies of international law as a result of the boat's clearance in Cleveland just prior to its end.

The body of Charles Wright of Cleveland, which with that of Wilbert Butcher and Frank Payne of Port Stanley was picked up yesterday in mid lake will be returned to Cleveland it is understood.

The funeral of the late Mr. Butcher, owner of the lost boat will take place Tuesday afternoon. Services will be held in Port Burwell Methodist church and interment will be in St. Luke's cemetery, Vienna. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Mark and Earl of Detroit. Arrangements for the funeral of Frank Payne have been completed.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER COMES AS WOMAN DIES

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 27.—Lawrence Cassidy, aged 40, is out on \$2,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter resulting from the death of Mrs. Alfred Gordon, aged 43, who died in the hospital Saturday afternoon as the result of injuries received when struck by an automobile, alleged to have been driven by Cassidy, on April 19.

WILL ERECT REFINERY.

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 27.—The Vickers company of Great Britain has concluded an agreement with the soviet government for the erection of an oil refinery at Baku.

YORK ST. BRIDGE REPAIRS STARTED

Gang of 12 L. S. R. Men Begin Work on Condemned Structure.

Repairs to York street bridge, advised by the Ontario railway board last week, were commenced today.

The London Street Railway company had a gang of twelve men at work this morning. Track work at both ends of the bridge is being improved before underpinning is bolstered.

Expense of bridge repairs will be borne jointly by the city and the street railway company. A bridge construction company, named by the railway board, is to do most of the repair work.

LIQUOR WAS AVAILABLE AT "DREAM GIRL" PARTY

Investigation Into Actor's Death Leads to Disclosures by Fay Bainter.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, April 25.—Further investigation today by Chief Coroner G. W. Graham into the death of Carl Lynn, an actor with "The Dream Girl" musical comedy company, was featured by an admission that liquor was available in one of the dressing rooms of a local hotel when a party was given to celebrate the first anniversary of the production on the road and some hours after the conclusion of which Lynn was found seriously injured in a stairway of the building. Lynn died later in the day from a fractured skull.

Miss Fay Bainter, the star of the company, made the admission when she again went into the witness box at the same time testifying that ten cases of beer brought in for the celebration were not supplied by the hotel. Yesterday she stated that she expected to receive a bill for it from the hotel but it was learned today that a local brewery supplied the beer.

BRITISH BOAT TO SEARCH FOR JAP WRECK VICTIMS

Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, N. S., April 27.—H. M. S. Wisteria, Commander P. S. King, D. S. O., which arrived here Saturday night from Bermuda, sailed yesterday to the scene of the sinking of the Japanese freighter, Raifuku Maru where a search will be made for the bodies of the thirty-eight sailors who lost their lives last Tuesday.

LEAVES FOR PERSIA.

Bagdad, April 27.—The Italian aviator commander Depinato left here today for Bussiere, Persia. He is attempting a flight from Rome to Tokyo. He started his flight last Tuesday.

WELFARE DRIVE FOR \$125,000

Week's Campaign Opens This Morning With 200 Workers Out.

FOR 14 CHARITIES

Campaign Officials Expect To Reach Objective—First Totals Announced Tonight.

The Welfare Drive is on. With the most complete organization in the history of charity work in London, over 500 willing workers today left offices, stores, schools and factories to collect the annual "heart tax" from the citizens.

The objective is \$125,000. The amount is the same as last year when \$115,501 was collected. The money will be given to the associated charities, numbering 14 deserving institutions who make a plea for help on behalf of those who cannot help themselves.

The United Welfare Fund Association groups all charitable organizations together. In reality a donor to the Welfare worker is giving to 14 causes in a single donation. They are grouped together to save so many campaigns and to increase efficiency. The first returns will come out tonight. It will be the results of the "A" list. The list covers about 150 of the largest subscribers in town. The work is done by the chamber of commerce and the executive of the Welfare organization in advance.

Expect Over-Subscription. Gordon Philip, honorary secretary of the United Welfare Fund Association, said today that it was expected that the amount asked would be more than subscribed. The greater number of efficient workers and the better understanding of the needs of the charities by the citizens will bring a more ready response this year.

There will be a general meeting of the Welfare workers in the Tecumseh hotel tonight, and again on Wednesday and Friday. The captains will meet tomorrow and Thursday. There will be three campaign dinners. All will be held at the Tecumseh hotel. The first will be held tonight at 6:30, the next on Wednesday, and the last on Friday night.

The campaigners will attend the dinners, which will be given by George O'Neill and members of the executive. Their aim will be to raise the money. No money given to the Welfare Fund goes into the bank.

Every nook and corner in the city will be touched before the week is over. Railway employees are already working among themselves. The retail stores have keymen to call upon their fellow workers. Financial men and business men will call upon every body in the city. Each person will have an opportunity to give once and to give often.

200 Workers For Canvass. There are over 200 workers in the four division teams which will cover the city wards. Fourteen men will canvass the railways, and 144 will go through the industrial plants. Ten Please See Page 3, Column 2.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Fresh north-west to northeast winds, fair and cool tonight and Tuesday.

Pressure is high from the Great Lakes westward to the Pacific and relatively low over the lower Mississippi valley and the maritime provinces. The weather over the week-end has been fair in the western provinces and unsettled with scattered showers from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	55	42	Clear
Calgary	54	30	Fair
Winnipeg	45	22	Clear
Port Arthur	52	24	Fair
Perry Sound	62	36	Cloudy
Toronto	78	43	Clear
Kingston	72	36	Fair
Ottawa	70	40	Fair
Montreal	74	46	Cloudy
Quebec	68	42	Fair
Father Point	80	38	Cloudy
St. John	62	42	Rain
Halifax	56	36	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest 77; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 11 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 79; lowest, 35.

Sun rises at 5:17 a.m. and sets at 7:15 p.m.

Barometric Readings. Sunday—5 p.m., 30.14. Today—8 a.m., 30.30.