

## ONE-MAN RULE IN CITY IS SCORED BY ANDERSON

Candidate For Mayoralty Seeks To Harmonize Working of Council, and So Urges Change in Chief Magistracy—Wenige Describes Work of Year.

### OTHERS SPEAK AS CAMPAIGN IS OPENED

Harmony in the council and abolition of the "one-man" system of government gave John Anderson, mayor-alty candidate, a leading point for urging a change in the chief magistracy when he addressed an exceptionally-attended meeting of electors at Riverview school last night. Ald. Anderson and Mayor Wenige, the two mayoralty candidates, as well as a number of other citizens seeking office, were given attentive hearing by the 150 citizens who crowded into the auditorium and heard the opening guns fired in the municipal election campaign.

Keener interest in the election than in some years was evident all the through. The speakers secured attention and there was much applause for Mr. Anderson and Mr. Wenige. Many questions were flung at the speakers, a slightly rattling feature of the order generally preserved being the presence of several of Mr. Wenige's friends, who attempted to perturb Ald. Anderson with their heckling.

That Street Railway.

That the London street railway had been an incorrigible boy, and that he

had put it "in its place" was the profession of Mr. Wenige, the first mayoralty candidate to speak. He was sure that the street railway question had been treated as fairly as could be and future action was up to future councils.

"If the estimates have been padded as my opponent says they have," declared Mr. Wenige, "then the city treasurer is involved. We don't want a scandal like they had in Hamilton." He boasted of improvements made at the Western fair, for the G. W. V. A. in pavements and in sewers. The tax and relief departments had been improved by changing officials and courtesy now came where it had been lacking.

The oath of office and the municipal act required him to enforce the law, and there were certain things that he "had got to do." If he were a dictator it was because he was required to be one.

Did His Level Best.

"I served by level best and did what I could, without coercion of any sort," was John Anderson's frank statement, when called on, following the cheers of the audience. "The aldermen have acted to the best of their ability, but we couldn't get co-operation from our leader."

Mr. Anderson hadn't a lot of planks, he admitted. He contemplated no great things or great expenditures by the council, but advocated a change in leadership as a means of getting co-operation in the council and with the other elected bodies of the city. The estimates had been padded, he said, but later the mayor "had found" money for new expenditures. If this money were available it should have been used in reducing the tax-rate. Much has been done for unemployment relief with the money that was available.

The city should state its own price for the street railway purchase were being considered. The L. and F. S. problem was a serious one, as the city's money was involved. He regretted the suspension of License Inspector McCallum, after long and faithful service. The heads of city hall departments should be permitted responsibilities and should not constantly be interfered with.

Never Saw Complaints.

"The mayor said he had complaints against Mr. McCallum. He never laid those complaints before the committee. He's been going to but he never has." The mayor had carried his "evidence" around in his pocket without letting the committee have it. When the estimates were struck the mayor recommended the removal of appropriations for advertising. Six weeks ago when recommendations came up for \$1,000 worth of adver-

tising the mayor had voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Anderson treated the mayor and Jack Hothersall, two of his hecklers, in a genial way, giving ready answers to their inquiries. Capt. Tom Robson, county treasurer, acted as chairman. Besides the mayoralty candidates, speeches were given by Ald. Towse, Paul Doug, F. B. Kilbourne and James McCormick, ward one aldermanic candidates, and Mrs. Edith Tutt, Trustee S. F. Lawrason, David Mills, P. H. Greenlee and W. A. Murray asked indorsement as board of education trustees. Ald. Douglass and Ald. Bottrell of ward two also spoke briefly.

Ald. Towse Speaks.

"Success is a constant discontent, broken only by the satisfaction of doing some one thing particularly well," declared Ald. Allan Towse, a candidate for re-election in Ward One. His specialty in the council, he said, had been traffic and he had tried to make the enforcement of the traffic bylaw a protective measure rather than a revenue producer.

When asked by a heckler why the city employees hadn't received a vacation last summer, Ald. Towse said that was a question the mayor would have to answer.

Offering faithful service and the benefit of 15 years' business experience, Paul Doug thought that businessmen were needed on the council and he was ready to do his best.

A resident of South London for 36 years, F. B. Kilbourne said he wanted to see the council pull together and co-operate one with the other. London was a fine city, but the type of its legislators could be improved on.

Asks Indorsement.

James McCormick, well-known "tailor" street merchant, asked the indorsement of the ward one electors in his aldermanic campaign. He had been in business for many years and believed that every man who had made a fair success of his business should give the city some of his time and ability, if the citizens desired it.

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served as a trustee eleven years ago, before going overseas. His platform was efficiency with economy.

David Mills, the next educational candidate, declared progress would never come in education if the people were not ready to pay for it. He urged a special school for backward children, where subnormals would be in business for many years and believed that every man who had made a fair success of his business should give the city some of his time and ability, if the citizens desired it.

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Government Puts 80% Tax On Grandfather Clocks

Grandfather clocks and chime clocks will be very scarce next year. Hundreds of firms have cabled Europe canceling orders, as the government has put on an 80% tax. Think of the increase there will be. Our advice is: Secure your chime clocks now at the lowest price from John A. Nash, My Jeweler, London and Windsor, "where you will eventually buy."

COCKSHUTT WILL OPEN SCHOOL AT OWEN SOUND

Canadian Press Despatch. Owen Sound, Nov. 19.—His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Harry Cockshutt has consented to officiate at the formal opening of the new technical school here on Dec. 3.

FINNISH CABINET QUILTS.

Associated Press Despatch. Helsinki, Nov. 19.—The Finnish cabinet resigned today.

## MONTEITH PLANNED TO START KLAN IN WEST LORNE VILLAGE

Arrest at Hamilton Shatters Dream of Ku Klux Organizer.

### HIS NATIVE PLACE

Mother and Brother Puzzled Why Man Was Carrying Arms.

Special to The Advertiser by Staff Reporter.

West Lorne, Ont., Nov. 19.—Almond Charles Monteith, Ku Klux agitator, who was arrested yesterday in Hamilton, had planned organization of the Klan here in this quiet little village, where he was born and raised. He isn't Almond Charles Monteith in West Lorne; he is just "Al," one of the village boys, and his role of the Ku Klux organizer seems incongruous in the setting of his quiet home.

The Advertiser learned of Monteith's plans in a visit here today with the accused man's mother and brother.

"Al has had a lot to do with the Ku Klux lately," Mrs. Monteith said. "You may see them here some day, mother," he used to tell me after his visits to Detroit, and then he would describe what a wonderful sight it was to see them dressed in their white robes and hoods.

"Al had many friends here," Mrs. Monteith continued, "and I think he used to tell them more of his plans than he did me. They are all so mysterious and Al won't talk very much about the Klan to strangers. He never started the Klan in West Lorne to my knowledge, but he used to talk a lot about it to his friends, and he said before he went away to Hamilton that he would soon be back on business."

Al Monteith apparently took his brother, William Monteith, also a resident of this village, into his confidence, and told him of the Klan's activities in the United States, although he could not persuade him to become a member.

He became associated with the Klan in Detroit last winter, his brother said. He returned to West Lorne filled with the idea of starting the society here and spoke to several of his friends on the subject.

Gun Mystifies.

"I don't know why Al would be

### Shave In Station Costs Man \$200

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Nov. 19.—V. E. Rhulst, a Belgian, was robbed of \$200 while he indulged in a shave in the waiting-room at the C. P. R. depot. Having some time to wait for an eastbound train to take him over part of the journey to Cochrane, the Belgian decided to shave. While operating his razor he saw, in the mirror, a man going through the pockets of his coat which hung upon the opposite wall. He raised an alarm but the thief escaped.

carrying a revolver," William Monteith said in reference to his brother's arrest in Hamilton. "It is not against the law to be a member of the Klan, and I don't know why he should go about armed."

"No, the Klan was never definitely organized in West Lorne," Monteith went on, "although Al may have had plans to start the society soon. I don't think he will get into trouble, however, he's not that kind of a man. I don't know why he chooses to be mixed up with the Klan at all."

Several visitors claimed to have been approached by Monteith to join the Ku Klux Klan, that an Ontario organization might be started. They refused, they said, primarily because they did not believe in its aims, and secondly, because they placed little or no faith in its so-called representative. Al Monteith, according to the villagers, was too well known in West Lorne to be taken seriously on the question.

Returns On Visit.

Monteith was born and raised in West Lorne, having attended school here. His mother lives just outside the village limits, and his family is well known in this district. He left the village six years ago, but has visited West Lorne on many occasions recently to see his 6-year-old daughter, who lives with her grandmother. Mrs. Monteith, who is separated from her husband, resides in Niagara Falls. For some time Monteith has been working in Niagara Falls and Hamilton.

He appeared in Hamilton police court today on a charge of carrying a loaded revolver, and the case was

adjourned until Monday at the request of the crown. Ball was fixed at \$1,000. Monteith said he was a private detective of Niagara Falls and as such had a right to carry the weapon.

## METHODISTS TO MEET ON MAY 21 NEXT YEAR

London Annual Conference Will Be Held in Centennial Church.

The annual conference of the Methodist church will be held on May 21, 1925. This was decided at the London annual conference special committee meeting held Tuesday afternoon. The conference will be held in Centennial Methodist church, this city.

At the meeting yesterday, Rev. W. D. Fagan of Cambriclae tendered his resignation, but it was held over until the annual conference. The resignation of Culver, Pentland, a probationer, was also referred to the general meeting.

The reason the date of the convention of the London conference has been moved forward is because the church union bill becomes effective on June 10, and it was thought best to have the convention over by the time the amalgamation of the churches takes place.

The meeting Tuesday afternoon was presided over by Rev. H. J. Uren, president of the London conference. Rev. R. A. Copeland of Kirkton, secretary of the conference, the chairman of the convention of the London conference, and five laymen were also present.

The conference of the special committee, which takes place between the convention of the London conference, will be held next year at Centennial church, this city. Grace church, St. Thomas, had asked the committee to meet there, but it was thought that it would be more convenient to meet in this city.

CHARGE CATTLE THEFTS.

Canadian Press Despatch. North Bay, Nov. 19.—James O'Sullivan of Pergus was arrested at Sturgeon Falls today on a charge of theft of cattle which, it is alleged were sold to A. B. Shario of Toronto.

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PAY \$3,100 IN O.T.A. FINES.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Nov. 19.—Four women and three men arraigned in the courts here today on charges of breaches of the O. T. A. paid fines totalling \$3,100. Several of them went to jail for short periods in addition to paying a fine. Two of the men were fined \$1,000 each.

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