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METHODISTS MAKE 135 CHANGES

Township Joins City In Water Service Charge Fight

FINAL DRAFT INCREASES PULPIT CHANGES BY 40, REVISES PLAN FOR CITY

After Long, Weary Hours Conference Arranges All Pastoral Moves.

READY FOR UNION

Rev. John McClarry of Sarnia Comes To Hale Street.

Following a session that lasted until 5:30 o'clock this morning, the final draft of stations was at last made public by the weary members of the stationing committee of the London Methodist conference.

In the preliminary draft issued a week ago some 95 changes were made by the committee. The final list issued this morning shows an additional change of 40 names. This list was read before the conference at the morning session.

Two Changes in City.

In the city of London, two changes were made. Rev. E. William Jewitt, B.A., who had been assigned to Hale street church, was sent instead to Parker street church in Sarnia, and Rev. John N. Clarry, B.H., of Sarnia, was sent to Hale street.

Rev. (Capt.) E. W. Edwards, M.A., B.D., M.C. from Listowel is assigned to Robinson Memorial church in place of Rev. Dr. G. N. Hazen, who goes to Wingham. Rev. W. L. Hiles becomes pastor of Trinity church, Stratford. Rev. L. W. Reid of Hale street takes charge in Kincardine.

An important change in the Stratford district sends Rev. W. E. Donnelly of Exeter to Central church, Stratford, in place of Rev. C. E. Cragg, who is stationed at Devine street church, Sarnia.

Not a single change is noted in Strathroy distdict. Rev. George T. Watts from Wellington street church takes charge in Strathroy.

Rev. Murray Tait, M.A., B.D., former Presbyterian minister at Wallaceburg, is placed as pastor of the United church at Glencoe.

Goes to St. Thomas.

Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., formerly of Knox Presbyterian church, Stratford, is assigned to First Methodist church, St. Thomas, and Rev. Albert E. A. Menzies, B.A., ordained on Sunday, was made assistant to Dr. Martin. Rev. Waldemar Williams goes to St. Paul's church, Aylmer, as successor to Rev. H. T. Ferguson, invited to Leamington.

Both Goderich appointments are changed. Rev. C. F. Clarke succeeds Rev. J. E. Holmes at North street church, who is moved to Sandwich, and Rev. Selby Jefferson of Lambeth goes to Victoria street church in Goderich.

The many changes were made in view of the fact that it was desired to have the ministers of the conference definitely settled before the advent of union.

The Changes.

Last draft of stations of ministers and probationers of the London conference of the Methodist church, 1925:

A. E. M. Thomson, M.A., B.D.,

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Ministers of City Churches

The following ministers will be in charge of Methodist churches in the city of London for the ensuing year:

First church—Rev. J. Bruce Hunter, B.A., B.D., M.Q. Rev. Burton H. Robinson, M.A., assistant.

Dundas Centre—Rev. Edwin A. Pearson, B.A.

Askin street—Rev. J. E. J. Millyard.

Wellington street—Rev. Joseph W. Hibbert.

Colborne street—Rev. H. J. Uren.

Centennial — Rev. John A. Agnew.

Hyatt avenue—Rev. George K. Bradshaw, B.A.

Empress avenue—Rev. J. F. Chapman, B.A.

Robinson Memorial—Rev. E. W. Edwards, M.A., B.D., M.C.

Ridout street—Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, M. A., B.D.

Hale street — Rev. John N. Clarry, B.A.

Grace church—Rev. George W. Dewey.

MERGER AFFECTS EIGHT LONDONERS

Royal Bank Certificates To Be Exchanged For 132 Union Shares.

Eight Londoners holding 132 shares of Union Bank stock are affected by the merger of the Royal Bank of Canada and the Union Bank of Canada.

The agreement between the two banks has been sanctioned by Hon. James A. Robb, acting minister of finance. Before it can go into effect it will have to be approved by the governor in council and ratified by the shareholders.

Shareholders in the Union Bank are to receive one share of Royal Bank stock for two of the Union Bank certificates.

It is felt in financial circles that it will pay the Union Bank shareholders to accept the terms. The decreased earnings of the bank together with the high cost of operation and the corresponding decline in dividends suggests to authorities the idea that less shares in a stronger institution would be more satisfactory.

The following are the London shareholders and their holdings: Mrs. E. K. Albright, 14 shares; J. Elliott, 10; K. M. C. Holloway, 2; W. Jones, 10; Rev. S. MacLean, 10; Mrs. A. M. L. McCorkill, 50; Miss J. Scott, 7; J. B. Todd, 11.

YOUTH IS REMANDED ON ROBBERY CHARGE

Charles Reid Held in Connection With $6.50 Theft From Store Till.

Charles Reid, 19 years old, 78 Woodward avenue, charged in this morning's police court with theft of $6.50 from the grocery store of J. Underell, was remanded one week at the request of Crown-Attorney A. M. Judd.

Reid was arrested Saturday by Inspector of Detectives Thomas Nickle. Two marked 25-cent pieces, which had been placed by Underell in his store till as a trap, were found in his possession. Six dollars was taken from the till last week, Underell told the police, and Reid is suspected of the theft.

SEDAN GOES INTO CANAL, TWO HAVE CLOSE ESCAPE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Welland, May 26.—While motoring south from Welland along the canal, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geale of Humberstone, were thrown into the canal when a passing motr car struck their sedan. They smashed the windows in the automobile and swam to the shore, and were given surgical attention at the Colbeck Clinic here. Their arms and hands were badly cut with glass, and many stitches were required to close the wounds.

DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND IS MADE KNIGHT OF GARTER

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 26.—The king yesterday appointed the Duke of Northumberland a knight of the garter. The appointment was for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Marquis Curzon of Kedleston.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; fine today and on Wednesday; a little higher temperature.

The trough of low pressure which lay across the southern portion of the great lakes on Saturday morning passed southwards to the middle Atlantic coast and thence northeast.

The high pressure which came in from the north is just now centered in Michigan.

The weather is fine, except in the Maritime provinces.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	46	Clear
Calgary	64	32	Clear
Winnipeg	64	44	Clear
Port Arthur	54	32	Clear
Parry Sound	52	36	Fair
Toronto	52	40	Fair
Kingston	52	40	Fair
Ottawa	60	42	Fair
Montreal	54	44	Clear
Quebec	52	42	Cloudy
Father Point	44	40	Cloudy
St. John	48	40	Cloudy
Halifax	44	40	Rain

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 48; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 53; lowest, 30.

Sun rises at 4:43 a.m., and sets at 7:47 p.m., standard time.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m., 29.34.
Today—8 a.m., 29.44.

LARGEST COCK MAIN SINCE '14

Victoria Day Fight Sees Court Sequel As Eight Pay Fines of $220.

MORE SOUGHT

W. J. Talbot, Farmer, Admits Maintaining Pit—Also Pays $50 Liquor Fine.

The largest cock fight held in this district since 1914 was interrupted at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the farm of W. J. Talbot, concession six, London township, by High Constable Wharton and Provincial Constable Mennie. It was an international affair, with famous birds from Detroit, Buffalo and Port Huron being present with their owners, and although the great majority of the enthusiasts escaped through the Talbot woods, eight were caught and with Mr. Talbot paid a total of $220 into county court this morning.

Thirty birds, valued at $4,000, were landed safely in the county garage at the rear of the jail in their wooden suitcases, with thirty others who had passed to the gamecock heaven during the day.

The crowing gentlemen were all confiscated by the crown this morning and will be sold for a nominal sum to the city hospitals for chicken broth. This decision caused consternation in the ranks of their owners, who had hoped to buy back their pets for a mere song, remembering, no doubt, the auction sale conducted by the then Sergeant Birrell in the police garage eleven years ago. It was a treat to hear Chief Birrell auction the birds off on that occasion.

Pleads Guilty.

Talbot pleaded guilty to maintaining a cockpit and was fined $25 and costs by County Magistrate Hawkshaw. He pleaded not guilty to unlawfully having liquor on his premises, but was found guilty on the evidence of the high constable and Constable Mennie. Talbot was fined $50 and costs, the first to be imposed under the recent amendment to the O. T. A. which went into effect last Thursday. If the affair had been conducted a week ago, the fine would have been $200.

Although only eight men were nabbed by the officers, there were

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MRS. FRANK ANDERSON, who was re-elected president of the Huron W. A. at the opening session this afternoon.

CADETS READY FOR INSPECTION

Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt Will Address Students Tomorrow Afternoon.

WILL PRESENT SHIELD

Arrangements have been completed for the review of the public school cadets of his honor, Col. Harry Cockshutt, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, at Victoria park tomorrow afternoon.

Promptly at 2 o'clock, the cadets, 1,000 strong, will be inspected by Col. Cockshutt and will listen to an address by the distinguished visitor. His honor will be accompanied during the inspection by Col. Alex Fraser, official secretary; Col. H. S. Hill, director of physical training and cadet services, department of national defence, Ottawa; Col. E. C. Dean, A. C. O. M. D., No. 1; Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gillespie, chief cadet officer, M. D. No. 1.

Trustee S. F. Lawrason, chairman of the board of education, will as chairman of the program which will be staged in connection with the ceremony. In addition to the lieutenant-governor's address there will be short addresses by the mayor, J. C. Elliott, K.C., and (Major) Bruce Hunter, M.C.

The Lord Roberts school corps, under F. H. Galpin, will give an exhibi-

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Speedboat Baby Car Beats America's Fastest Train From Albany to New York

Car Wood of Detroit Drives Racing Craft Down Hudson in Record Time.

STANDING START

Arrives in Manhattan 41 Minutes Ahead of Twentieth Century Limited.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, May 26.—Gar Wood, driving his motor speedboat Baby Gar IV., today beat the time of the crack twentieth century limited between Albany and New York city.

Wood's time between the railroad bridge at Albany and the Columbia Yacht club at Eighty-sixth street, Manhattan, was given out by the official observer in the boat as two hours, 58 minutes. The twentieth Century's official time between Albany station and the Grand Central terminal is three hours and ten minutes.

Richard F. Hoyt, who stole a march on Wood by sending his speedboat, The Teaser, over the course, racing against time from Manhattan to Albany last Wednesday, covered the same distance in two hours and twenty minutes.

The day after the Teaser's performance, Wood offered to bet Hoyt $25,000, "or any other sporty amount," that either of his boats could defeat the Teaser over the same course.

Hoyt did not accept the challenge.

The first section of the twentieth century limited arrived in New York at 9:30 o'clock, completing the trip from Albany in three hours and 39 minutes.

Officers of the New York Central issued a statement immediately after Mr. Hoyt's successful race against time to the effect that the twentieth century limited would not enter into a race. The train would adhere to its regular schedule at all times, they said.

The Baby Gar averaged 46½ miles

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O'Leary, V.C., Is Acquitted

Associated Press Despatch.

Rochester, N.Y., May 25.—After two hours' deliberation, a United States district court jury late this afternoon decided that Sergt. Michael O'Leary, war hero and holder of the Victoria Cross, was not guilty of smuggling aliens across the Canadian border. O'Leary's home is in Fort Erie, Ontario.

WHEAT AT WINNIPEG GOES UP 5 1-4 POINTS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, May 26.—Responding to advanced Chicago quotations on Monday while the local exchange was on a holiday, wheat prices here this morning bounded upward, ranging 2 1-4c to 5 1-4c higher than Saturday's close. July led the advance, opening 5 1-4c to 3 1-4c higher, at $1.82 to $1.80; May was 3 1-4c to 2 1-4c higher, at $1.91 to $1.90, and October, 4 7-8c to 3 3-8c up, at $1.48 1-2 to $1.48. During the first hour prices held steady.

BOOTH OWNERS AT PARKS GET 2 1-2 BEER WARNING

Booth owners at the Springbank amusement park and Tecumseh park were warned yesterday by License Inspector Walter Bolton that they could not continue to sell 2½ per cent beer under the recent O. T. A. amendments.

The new amendment states that liquor containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol cannot be sold without a permit, and this includes the lowly 2½ beverage that has fallen by the wayside since his big brother 4.4 came into the limelight.

"What will these men do with their present stock of 2½ per cent?" asked the Advertiser.

"That's up to them," replied the inspector. "They can't sell it, that is one thing sure. I presume that they will have to return it to the breweries or drink it themselves."

EXPLORERS ARE STILL MISSING

Hopes For Safe Return of Amundsen's Party Are Revived.

WEATHER IMPROVES

Serious Fears Will Not Be Entertained For Some Days.

By JAMES B. WHARTON.
Special to The Advertiser and North American Newspaper Alliance.

King's Bay, Spitzbergen, May 26.—(By Radio from steamer Farm.)—Hopes of a safe return for the polar fliers under Amundsen and Ellsworth were revived today by a great improvement in weather conditions. Bright sunshine this morning dispelled the gloom of the past two days. The temperature rose again to the warmth of spring. The somewhat threatening winds of yesterday had died down, and balloons sent up by our meteorologists showed upper air currents blowing from the east-southeast, which is considered a favorable direction. The area of low barometric pressure, which was moving northwards yesterday from Russia and Siberia, is now pressing close against the pole.

At a conference of the members of our base party this morning it was agreed that with the clearing away of all unfavorable weather indications we should give the fliers a full week before we begin to entertain serious fears.

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PREPARE FOR RESCUE.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 26.—Grettir Algarsson, the young British Columbian, who planned to race Capt. Raold Amundsen's expedition to the North Pole, using a "blimp" or non-rigid airship, is quoted by the Daily Express today as declaring that the polar question was entirely changed by Amundsen's continued absence.

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TWENTY NURSES TO GET DIPLOMAS

Presentations To Be Made Tonight by St. Joseph's Training School.

Twenty young women will receive diplomas from the St. Joseph's training school for nurses at the annual graduation exercises to be held tonight in the Catholic club auditorium.

The program will be opened at 8 o'clock by Major A. Murphy. Dr. G. S. Jeffrey will also address the graduates. The valedictory will be read by Miss Anna Pitt, to be followed by the presentation of diplomas and medals and an address from Rt. Rev. Monsignor O'Connor, vicar-general of the diocese of London.

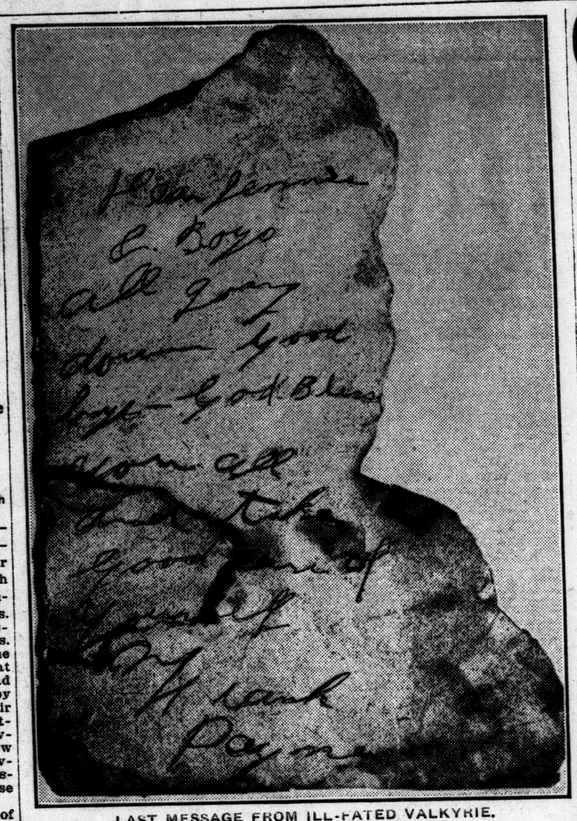
Vocal solos will be contributed by Mr. E. Webster while Miss Olive Guthrie will render two violin solos.

The graduates are Esther A. Howitt, Guelph; Opal R. Foster, Varna; Ruth Mary Coughlin, London; Angela E. Riff, Drayton; Greta Pauline O'Connor, Ridgetown; Marie Antoinette Foley, Detroit; Mary L. Toohey, Lucan; Irene Mary Buller, Ridgetown; Mary Ellen Sullivan, Kerwood; Hazel M. Potts, London; Irene A. Faucher, Woodstock; Antoinette Scanlan, St. Marys; Mary Christine Heffron, Sarnia; Mary P. Orendorff, Ridgetown; Mary E. McLeod, Parkhill; Jessie Margaret McMillan, Thamesford; Mary Moore, Strathroy; Mary Evelyn James, Watford; Anna Pitt, London; Julia Mary Lodato, Woodstock.

WILL RETAIN EMBASSY.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, May 26.—An agreement was reached today between the government and the opposition in the senate whereby the French embassy in the Vatican will be maintained.



LAST MESSAGE FROM ILL-FATED VALKYRIE.

Corked tightly in a bottle found among driftwood on the lake shore near Cleveland a bit of brown and badly-stained paper was found bearing a scribbled last message from Frank Payne of Port Stanley, who, with two others, went to his death in the sinking, several weeks ago, of the launch Valkyrie. The pathetic message was addressed to his wife, and family, who waited in vain for his return. Shown above, the bit of torn paper bears the words: "Dear Jennie and Boys,—All going down. Good-bye. God bless you all, and take care of yourself. Frank Payne." Messages from George Knaggs, formerly of London, and Bert Butcher of Port Stanley, were also found.

PETROLIA WOMAN HEADS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Raithby Is Elected At 52nd Annual Convention Now in Progress.

REPORTS SUBMITTED

Progress Is Shown in Middlesex and Lambton Baptist Churches.

Mrs. Wm. Raithby, Petrolia, was elected as president of the Middlesex and Lambton association of Baptist churches, circles and bands at the 52nd annual meting of the association now being held in Egerton street Baptist church. Mrs. Raithby succeeds Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Sarnia, who is just completing a very successful year as head of the association.

According to the report submitted by Mrs. J. A. Baldwin, London, as director of the circles and bands, there are 1,820 women in the church. Of this number, 1,158 are members of mission circles, which raised the sum of $1,500 for home missions and $2,578 for foreign missions during the year. The total of $4,078 for missions represents an increase of nearly $200 over last year for the same purpose. Mrs. Baldwin reported that the 17 mission bands had raised $231 for home missions and $298 for foreign missions.

Reports Tabled.

Mrs. Taylor presided at the sessions today when representives of the several circles and bands gave their individual reports as to the work accomplished during the year. The president expressed her pleasure with the very satisfactory reports tabled and the splendid achievements of the different societies during the past year.

Committees named were: Nominating, Mrs. E. L. Brown, London; Mrs. J. A. Clement, Sarnia; Mrs. Johnston, Denfield; resolutions, Mrs. McDermid, London; Mrs. A. R. MacKay, Sarnia; Mrs. Thomas Doolittle, Forest.

Mrs. Taylor, as retiring president, presented the newly-elected president, Mrs. Raithby, with a picture of Miss Laura Allen, who as a missionary in Pithapuram, India, is supported by the Middlesex and Lambton association. At the time the presentation was made a letter was read from Miss Allen, who is home on furlough at the present time.

Nominations Submitted.

The report of the nominating committee was as follows: President, Mrs. Wm. Raithby, Petrolia; vice-president, Miss Maude McIntyre, Strathroy; director of the circles, Mrs. J. A. Baldwin, London; assistant director, Mrs. A. W. Greenslade, London; director of the bands, Mrs. C. L. Huffman, Forest.

NEW CITY CLERK.

Not of London, but of the 1925 boys' council. He is Jack Millman, a leader of the Optimates group of First Presbyterian church.

HYDE PARK CHURCH VOTES TO JOIN UNION

Presbyterian Congregation Gives Majority of 31—12 Refuse To Vote.

Special to The Advertiser.

Hyde Park, May 26.—At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation last night, the church voted to enter union by a majority of 31. Seventy members were qualified to vote. Forty-four of these were for union, 13 against, and 12 refused to cast ballots.

Rev. J. Mackillot, the pastor, presided, and Donald McKenzie was poll clerk. C. Srank and T. Ramsey were scrutineers.

DAIRY ACT AMENDMENT IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, May 26—A bill to amend the dairy produce act and to give power to the department of agriculture to refuse to grade butter for export at its discretion, was given third reading and passed final stages in the house of commons yesterday afternoon.

OPEN WAR ON PLANS OF P.U.C.

City Council, Township and Labor Delegates To Wait On Commission.

QUESTION RIGHTS

Believe Charge of Dollar Is Illegal—May Go To Courts.

A co-operative and united delegation representing the city council, all the labor elements in London, and delegates from London township will wait on the commissioners at the next meeting of the public utilities commission to question their right to institute the water service charge.

At a mass meeting of these bodies held on Saturday it was decided to send this delegation to the commission and a strong resolution was passed objecting to the charge. Some of the labor men stated that they had had legal advice that this service charge was illegal and could not be employed if the matter was taken to court.

From London township came a very sturdy objection to the charge and all three parties agreed to hold hands for once and approach the commissioners on a united front at their next meeting. The mayor attended the meeting, representing the city council.

This service charge was introduced by the commission about two months ago and consists of a charge of $1 for every two months. For users of water in London township there is a double charge corresponding to the double water rates. However, township users sign a contract at the time that water is laid that they will pay twice what the city pays for water.

At the time that the extra charge was decided on it was stated by the manager, E. V. Buchanan, that it would be used to cover interest charges on the cost of installation and maintenance and the commissioners agreed. It was either a case of increasing the water rates or the putting on some other charge. The decision was to create a service charge, which was simply following a plan which several other cities have followed in the last few years.

GIRLS SOUGHT ARE ARRESTED

Isabel Prouse and Bessie Carroll Wanted on Charge of Murder.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, May 26.—Isabel Prouse and Bessie Carroll, sought by the police on a charge of murder arising out of the death of Mrs. Margaret A. Mick, matron at the municipal jail farm for women, as a result of injuries she received when assaulted by the girls and a companion, Jeanette McMinn, after which they made their escape from the institution, were arrested by the Oshawa authorities today.

They were taken to the police station where they were handed over to Major W. J. Morrison, superintendent of the jail farm, who brought them back to Toronto.

Jeanette McMinn was arrested yesterday, and together with three young men who gave the girls a ride in their motor car, appeared in court this morning, and were remanded for a week.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, May 26.—The government has under consideration amendments to the income tax act, which would exempt the assets of a taxpayer so as to afford greater security to the purchaser in good faith, it was stated in the house of commons Monday, by Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, acting minister of customs, in answer to a question.

FRENCH ROYALIST SHOT BY UNKNOWN GUNMAN

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, May 26.—M. Berger, treasurer of the French royalist league of action, was today shot through the head, perhaps fatally, in a subway station by an unknown assailant who escaped.

A group of men had followed Berger from the royalist office, and one of them shot him as he was entering the subway station. Royalist leaders said they believed anarchists or communists attempted the assassination.