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Knox Church Celebrates Its Eighty-fifth Anniversary Event

Splendid Services on Sunday When Rev. George Rowland, B. D., of Knox Church, Stratford, was the Speaker—Anniversary Supper on Monday Night was Well Attended and Most Enjoyable Event.

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Which Celebrated Its 85th Anniversary on Sunday and Monday

The eighty-fifth anniversary of Knox Church last Sunday was graced with a beautiful autumn day and splendid congregations attended both the morning and evening services.

The congregation of the United Church joined in the worship at the morning service, and in the evening the Baptist Church was closed and their congregation joined Knox in this anniversary service. Rev. Mr. Jones, of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, assisted in the evening service and numbers of his congregation also attended.

The Church Choir gave splendid music at both services and Mrs. Annie Somerville gave a well rendered solo. In the evening the solo parts in the anthem were rendered by Mrs Somerville and Mr. A. Burton.

The anniversary minister this year was Rev. George Rowland, B. D., pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford. Mr. Rowland has a pleasing method of delivering messages full of thought in a very simple and understandable manner and his sermons on this ocasion were a delight to the congregations who listened to him.

At the morning service he took for his subject, "The Nemisis of Neglect." His text was found in Hebrews, chapter 1, verse 1, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets."

At the evening service Rev. Mr. Rowland took his scripture lesson from the parable of the talents. From this parable the speaker drew a splendid theme, pointing out that our final judgment rested, not on the things we have done, but the things we have neglected to do, and the opportunities which have not been taken advantage of. He singled out the individual who had made no use at all of the one talent he had received. It is not the vices avoided but the virtues embraced that will save us. God wants us to invest our lives so they will be something more. He said the old plan of teaching what not to do was giving place to the Christian plan of finding some good to do. It is not the harm we do but what good do we accomplish. Are we doing with our lives what we ought to do? the speaker pointedly asked. Many of our recreations are only disdipations. Fill the mind and lives with good things and crowd out the evil. We should be faithful in the use of what talents we have.

Splendid anniversary offerings were contributed by the congregations to the special fund for this occasion.

On Monday the Ladies' Aid, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Wm. Johnston, held their annual anniversary supper and concert, which was a decided success. A gathering of over 500 sat down to supper and afterwards listened with a good deal of appreciation to the entertainment provided by the following artists. From Guelph, Mr. Leeson, the organist of Knox Church there, had brought several entertainers, who delighted the audience with their renditions. Miss Barr was a very effective pianist, and Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Callander were singers of marked ability, both in their solo and in their duett numbers. The local artists who took part were all the old favorites with new songs and stories. Mrs. Leishman and Miss Elizabeth Orr sang spendidly together and Mrs. Dessereault was as good as ever, with several new numbers, which seemed to excite the male element of the audience to wild hilarity. This particular number was especially about the ladies and their desire to beat the depression. The Knox Quartette was again effective in old and new numbers. So again a very fine anniversary season was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. The Ladies' Aid are very appreciative of all who helped to make their evening a success, and especially those helping hands of the last—the clearing-up stages of the night.

There are innumerable savings that can be made every week from a perusal of the ads. It pays to advertise and it pays to read the ads.

THE COUNTY HIGHWAYS

The Third Highway Across County Likely to Proceed—The Acton to Milton Link a Dream of the Future

The deputation from the County Council headed by Warden Mason, waited upon the Hon. Mr. Macauley, Minister of Highways, at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto last Wednesday.

In reply to whether the County would be called upon to pay twenty per cent. of the cost of the construction of the third highway across the lower end of Halton, it was ascertained that such had been the intention of the Department. When objection was raised that Halton, as a County, did not require or desire the highway under those conditions, an arrangement was made that if a relief fund from the Dominion Parliament could be applied on this roadway it would be proceeded with. Unless the County's share is reduced to or below 10 per cent., the highway is not to be built. It is estimated that the cost of the new highway would be approximately $800,000, in Halton. There are two high level bridges to be constructed in this plan.

In regard to the link from Milton to Acton, it was learned that it is not the intention of the Department to build the road this year, or next year, and the actual construction time is indefinite. It was said the road will be made a highway and the route will follow very closely the second line or present road allowance. Briefly, it will be a highway, some day.

NOTED EDUCATIONIST PASSES

Mrs. Edith Groves, Member of Toronto Board of Education—Was Sister-in-Law of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mowat

Mrs. Edith L. Groves died as the result of a heart attack, following an operation on Saturday evening in the Orthopaedic Hospital, Toronto.

Internationally known as an educationist, she devoted her life to the cause, especially that phase of it which concerned the handicapped or under-priviliged child. She was noted also as a writer of verse, and much of her child poetry has been translated into many different languages. Born in Cornwall, England, of Huguenot stock, the late Mrs. Groves, formerly Edith Lelean, came to Canada at a very early age. She was educated in the Toronto Public Schools, and graduated from Jarvis Collegiate and the Toronto Normal School. Known throughout her educationist career as "the teacher's friend,' she was a teacher herself, in the old Church Street School, and married the school Principal, W. E. Groves. After her husband's death she devoted her time exclusively to the cause of education.

The chief mourners are Mrs. Groves' two brothers, S. C. Lelean and N. S. Lelean, both of California, and one sister. As they were unable to be present, the family was represented at the funeral by Mrs. L. M. Weir, a very close friend. Among other mourners were Dr. Harold Mowat and the Misses Jessie and Marie Mowat, nieces, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mowat, Acton. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

"Mrs. Groves' activities in education were appreciated by a very wide circle," said the Deputy Minister of Education, A. H. U. Colquhoun, who was greatly shocked at the news of Mrs. Groves' death. "I would just like to say that she was very highly regarded by several successive Ministers of Education during the course of her educational career."

—Under the direction of, Mr. Ernest Warren, of Toronto, a musical and literary entertainment will be held in the Baptist Church, Georgetown, Wednesday, October 28, at 8 p. m. Admission 50c and 25c.

Various Items of Local Interest

Euchre and Dance

The U. F. W. O. and U. F. O. will hold a euchre and dance in the Parish hall on Friday evening, October 23, at 8.30 sharp. Gents 25c—ladies provide lunch.

Stolen Chickens Are Left in Ditch

Last Monday night thieves made their escape with 65 Barred Rock pullets from the farm of John H. Harper on the Dundas Highway at Cooksville. The following morning the owner found them all in five bags in a ditch, about 400 yards from his farm. Half of the birds were dead, and Provincial Officer Joseph Allen is now investigating the affair.

Acton Grown Peanuts

Last Thursday Miss Beth Harrison brought to THE FREE PRESS a bush or root of peanuts that had been grown in her garden in Acton. There was a good crop of nuts on the vine, fully matured. They have been on exhibition in THE FREE PRESS window for the past week and attracted quite a bit of attention.

Anniversary Services

Ballinafad United Church will hold Anniversary Services on Sunday, October 25, with Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Rockwood, as special preacher. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Music by Rockwood Male Quartette. On Monday, October 26, a Hot Supper will be served from 6 to 8 p. m., after which a splendid programme will be given. Admission, adults 35c; children 15c.

Sentenced for Theft

In Police Magistrate J. R. Elliott's court at Milton, Jack Norton, aged 22 years, of Glenwilliams, pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking and entering the warehouse of Joseph Beaumont, Glenwilliams, on the night of September 28 last, and stealing gasoline. He was sentenced to one month in the county jail. It is alleged that the warehouse was destroyed by fire as the result of the carelessness of Norton and two other young men who were with him.

The McCann-Carton Wedding

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Carton, Esquesing Township, on Wednesday of last week, their daughter, Margaret, was united in marriage to Cecil E. McCann, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. McCann, of Omagh. Rev. J. N. McPaul officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was unattended, and wore a gown of peach georgette and lace, and carried butterfly roses. After the ceremony a luncheon was served to the immediate relatives. The bride and groom left by motor for Montreal, Quebec, and points east, the bride travelling in a black georgette dress and coat, trimmed with fur, with hat and shoes to match On their return Mr. and Mrs. McCann will reside at Omagh.

Barn and Crop Lost

Fire of an mysterious origin completely destroyed the large bank barn, season's crop, six pigs and several farm implements, the property of Duncan McDougal, Guelph Road, on Thursday morning last. Mr. McDougal was away at the time, attending to duties connected with road work, and the fire was not noticed until it was too late to salvage anything. The alarm was given by telephone and neighbors and many from the village rushed to the scene, but were unable to do anything, except to see that the fire did not spread. Fortunately the wind was in the right direction to carry the sparks away from the house and other buildings. The loss is partly covered by insurance. We understand Mr. McDougal intends rebuilding at once.—Erin Advocate.

Warden Mason Presented the Children's Shelter with Supply of Underwear

A very interesting meeting of the Board of Management of the Gordon Home was held at the Home in Milton. The property committee reported that a new fire escape had been erected during the summer months and the building has been pronounced up to standard, with regards to fire protection, by the Government inspector. A caretaker has been engaged by the year. During the meeting an enlarged portrait of the late Dr. E. Gowland was presented to the Board by the Halton County Children's Aid Society. Mrs. Gorham, in the absence of L. M. Denyes, President of the Society, made the presentation, and T. W. Duggan, chairman of the Board, replied. The portrait was hung in the Board room. It is handsomely framed and has a brass tablet placed on the lower part of the frame, bearing the following inscription: "Marshall E. Gowland, M. A., M. B., for ten years beloved physician and friend to the children in the Gordon Home. Died April 9, 1931." Dr. Kenneth Stevens has kindly offered his services as physician to the children in the home. Amos Mason, of Acton, Halton County's genial Warden, presented a winter's supply of underwear to the children in the Home. Mr. Duggan presented the Home with roses for Thanksgiving, which were much appreciated. The Board adjourned to meet on January 8, 1932.

The School Board Monthly Meeting

Rev. P. A. Sawyer Appointed the Second Representative on Festival Board—Meaning of Remembrance Day to be Stressed

At the meeting of the School Board last evening, Trustees Mrs. B. M. Wilson, J. M. McDonald, Jas. Hudson, Rev. P. A. Sawyer, W. R. Norton were present, and Mrs. Havill, Chairman, presided.

The ninth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Central Scientific Co., supplies	$34.68
The Geo. M. Hendry Co., Ltd., supplies	25.58
Acton Public Utilities Commission, water and light	15.30
Highway Garage, supplies	5.42
A. H. Bishop, supplies	5.00
Globe Furniture Co., desks	59.80
Beardmore Leathers, Ltd., supplies	8.44
Jas. Symon, repairs	27.31
Storey Glove Co., supplies	.75
	$185.28

The report was adopted.

A letter from Mrs. Anna Mowat made application for the position of supply teacher on the Public School staff. The letter was ordered to be filed.

Trustee Wm. Norton and family acknowledged with sincere appreciation the kind expressions forwarded by the Board at the time of their recent bereavement.

Moved by J. M. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. B. M. Wilson, that on the advice of the Principal, Crawford's Senior Algebra be authorized for use in the Upper School Algebra Class.—Carried.

Moved by J. M. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. B. M. Wilson, that the Principal recommend for supplementary reading such books as may be obtained from the School Library or the Public Library.—Carried.

Mr. McDonald reported that at the opening of school it had been found that seven seats were required in the Primary Room, and these had been secured and installed. A section of plaster ceiling recently put on in one of the rooms had broken and dropped. Arrangements were made to have this repaired and have it redecorated.

Mrs. Wilson gave the report of the Festival meeting in Milton recently, and the new constitution adopted. It was necessary to have another representative from the Board. The annual meeting was to be held in May. The Festival will be held the first Friday in May, continuing all day, with no preliminaries.

The Board agreed to pay the rental of the Parish Hall for the season at a rental of $5.00 for the High School Literary Society.

Rev. Mr. Sawyer was appointed as the Board's second representative on the County Festival Board.

Mr. P. L. Wright, on behalf of the central office of the Legion, asked that school children be given brief instruction on the significance of Remembrance Day, and what the poppy symbolized. The Board was very sympathetic to the proposal and upon motion asked that this matter be put forth to the teachers, with the request that they perpetuate the spirit of Remembrance Day.

The Secretary was instructed to get a report from the Principal on the question of non-resident fees.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Able to Make Another Contribution to Waterworks Debenture Account—Arrears Cause Difficulty

At the Public Utilities Commission meeting on Tuesday evening, Councillor George L. King, Reeve Mason and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department

Bell Telephone Company, accounts	$ 4.40
Standard Underground Cable Co., wire	12.23
Jas. R. Kearney Corporation of Canada, supplies	33.09
Robert Dunbar, labor	24.30
Brown's Transport, express	.62
	$74.64

Waterworks Department

Thos. Holland, labor	$ 6.75
Robt. Bilton, labor	6.75
Hydro Department, September operations	37.43
	$50.93

The Superintendent was instructed to discontinue services where consumers were in arrears and keep a close check up on all accounts.

The Secretary was instructed to transfer $1,000.00 from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the Corporation.

The Superintendent was empowered to buy a transformer of the necessary requirements to have on hand in case of emergency.

—A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong; it is but saying in other words that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday.—William Penn.

News of Acton and the District

Car of Food for West

The congregation of the Acton, Churchill, Limehouse and west side of Ballinafad United Churches have undertaken to load a car of food stuffs for shipment to the West. The shipment will include all vegetables, (except potatoes) honey, canned fruit, apples, etc. Arrangements are now under way, but a definite date on which the car will be loaded has not been set.

Both Thumbs Cut Off

Just before noon to-day Glen Ryder had both his thumbs cut off just near the first joint in the guillotine machine at the plant of Beardmore Leathers Ltd. The thumbs were completely severed and it will be necessary to amputate back to the first joint on each hand. He was attended by a local physician and it was not determined whether it will be necessary to have him removed to the hospital

A Prize Winner

Mr. W. O. Brownridge, who is always among the largest exhibitors at Acton Fair, and usually carries off a lot of prizes with his Berkshire hogs, has had quite a successful year this season. He has won 64 first, 24 second and 3 third prizes on Berkshire hogs, but has not yet made a summary of his total prizes won at the various fairs. He exhibited at fourteen fairs and says that none were better than the Acton Fair of 1931.

U. F. Y. P. O. Meeting

The annual meeting of the U. F. Y. P. O. was held in the Parish Hall on Friday evening. The following officers were elected for the coming season:

Leader—R. L. Davidson.
President—Arthur McKeown.
Vice-President—Aileen Clarridge.
Secretary—Muriel Crossman.
Treasurer—Wm. Johnston.
Executive—Walter Linham, Pearl Foster, Fred Anthony.
Pianist—Margaret Brown.
Assistant Pianist—Margaret Waldie.

Field Crop Contest Winners

The following are the winners in the Standing Field Crop Competition of this year, conducted by Acton Fall Fair. The Dooley potato is the favorite in this district, and each entry except that of Mr. Graff was of that variety. Goldwin Hurt, 94 points; Leslie & Pearen, 92 points; Robert Kerr, 91½ points; A. P. Auld, 91 points; Arthur Swackhamer, 89 points; John Graff, 88 points; R. N. Allan, 87 points. Messrs. Fred Denny and George A. McPhail scored 86 and 85 points respectively, but were not prize winners. Mr. F. D. Shaver, Toronto, was the judge of the competition.

Governments to Assist Relief Work

The announcement, at Brantford last night, that the Governments would match the efforts of the municipalities with $3 for $1 in direct relief work, comes as welcome news to the newly-formed local organization, which is struggling with this problem at present. All expenditures from such moneys must be certified by municipal authorities. The announcement was made by Hon. W. G. Martin. The idea is to endeavor to lighten the burden on the taxpayers. As explained there it would mean that for every dollar expended by the local organization, the Governments will supply two. The wisdom of having a central organization is doubly justified by this latest announcement.

County Festival Constitution

The first constitution of Halton County Public School Musical Festival Association, drafted by a committee appointed at the last annual meeting, was endorsed, with minor changes, at the meeting of the executive held last week, President P. W. Cooke presiding. The main feature, calculated to establish a basis of fair representation, was the decision to name those who will henceforth be members of the Association as: One representative appointed by each rural School Board and two named by the Board in a town or incorporated village; one representative from each branch of the Women's Institute, Home and School Club, I. O. D. E. and Council of Women's and all supervisors of music in Halton schools.

Narrowly Escaped Drowning

On Thursday afternoon last, Mrs. Hugh McCutcheon had a narrow escape from drowning when the top of the cistern, from which she was about to draw water, collapsed, and she was dropped through the covering into ten or twelve feet of water. Her grandson, Jackie Stewart, who with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart, live with Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon, saw her drop into the cistern and his cries attracted his mother's attention, and Mrs. Stewart was able to hold her mother's head out of the water until Jackie could summon his grandfather from the barn, and they were able to get Mrs. McCutcheon from her perilous position. A doctor was summoned and after a day or so rest Mrs. McCutcheon was able to be about again. When rescued she was going down for the third time, and only her arms were visible.

The Acton Relief Committee Makes Plans and Elects Officers

Two Meetings Held the Past Week in Which Plans are Completed for Central Organization—Permit-Holders Must Surrender Their Permits Before Relief is Granted—Committees Will Care for All Phases of Work.

In order that employment and relief measures may be adequately administered in Acton a representative meeting was held in the Council Chamber last Friday evening. The Council, clergy, heads of societies and representative citizens were in attendance and formed an organization which should simplify the work of the year.

Reeve Mason outlined the purpose of the meeting as centralization of the relief work to prevent overlapping of effort.

Upon motion Mr. Mason was appointed Chairman of the meeting, and O. A. Dills, Secretary.

All present expressed themselves as being favorable to the idea of a central community committee handling the work. Reeve Mason outlined the work already done by the Council, and Mrs. P. E. McCleary gave a review of the efforts of the I. O. D. E., of which she is Regent. Mrs. Adamson, and others, made suggestions regarding employment schemes which had been found feasible in other centres.

It was decided that the name of the organization would be The Acton Relief Committee, and the guiding principle the helping of those out of work over a trying period. It was not regarded as charity in any way, but rather just relief in a time of stress.

Officers appointed were:

Chairman—Reeve A. Mason.
Vice-Chairman—Councillor C. Hansen.
Secretary-Treasurer—O. A. Dills.
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—R. M. McDonald.

Committee—Reeve A. Mason, Councillors C. Hansen, C. H. Harrison, Dr. E. J. Nelson, E. T. Thetford, Rev. C. L. Poole, Rev. Father McBride, Rev. P. A. Sawyer, Rev. H. L. Bennie, Rev. W. J. Hamilton, J. M. McDonald, R. M. McDonald, Mrs. P. E. McCleary, Mrs. J. E. Adamson, Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Gordon Smith, W. R. E. Blair, P. Roney, W. J. Gould, Harry Thompson and Chief R. J. McPherson.

In a motion, the thanks of the meeting was extended to the person who had made the suggestion regarding the forming of the Central Committee, and THE FREE PRESS for putting forward the suggestion, the Chairman and Secretary of the meeting.

The first meeting of the Acton Relief Committee was held on Tuesday evening. There was almost a complete attendance of the personnel. Reeve Mason presided and conducted the meeting in which the work was allotted.

In order to complete the necessary committees, it was, upon motion, decided to add the names of Mrs. Wm. Arnold and Mrs. George Benton to the committee.

The following committees, in charge of the various departments of the work, were then duly elected:

Finance Committee—C. H. Harrison, Chairman; Rev. Father McBride, R. M. McDonald, Reeve A. Mason.

Employment Committee — P. Roney, Chairman; J. M. McDonald, R. J. McPherson, Gordon Smith.

Food Committee—Mrs. P. E. McCleary, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Rev. C. L. Poole, C. Hansen.

Clothing Committee—Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. J. Adamson, Mrs. F. Anderson, W. J. Gould.

Fuel Committee—Rev. H. L. Bennie, Rev. P. A. Sawyer, Dr. E. J. Nelson, W. R. E. Blair

Investigation Committee—Rev. W. J. Hamilton, Chairman; R. J. McPherson, E. T. Thetford, Harry Thompson, Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Mrs. George Benton.

It was left in the hands of the Finance Committee to get out the necessary registration cards and other items of the plan.

It was the unanimous decision of the meeting recorded in a motion, that any person applying for relief and the possessor of a liquor permit or motor car, must surrender the permit or license plates of the car to the Chief of Police for retention in his possession until such time as he is able to support him or herself.

The Investigating Committee was also urged to use discretion in cases where luxuries were found in the home that could be dispensed with, and amusements were indulged in by those receiving assistance.

The plan of relief work for the guidance of applicants and citizens appears in another column.

It was pointed out also that each organization was expected and urged to continue their efforts in the raising of funds but all would be put in the hands of the Finance Committee.

—Do not miss the entertainment par excellence, to be given in the Baptist Church, Georgetown on October 28 at 8 o'clock. Mr Ernest Warren and his assistants will render solos duetts and quartettes, and a gifted elocutionist will delight the audience with several readings.

Various Interesting Items of News

Hallowe'en Social

The U. F. Y. P. O. are holding a Hallowe'en Social in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening, October 29. Prizes for best costumes. The U. F. O. and U. F. W. O. and all farm young people are cordially invited. Admission, gents 25; ladies provide lunch.

Hallowe'en Dance

A Hallowe'en Masquerade Dance will be held in the Town Hall, Acton, on Friday evening, October 30. Jack Armstrong and His Melody Serenaders will supply the music and a real treat is promised all who attend. There will be lucky number and novelty dances. The admission is, couple 70c and 5c tax, and extra lady 25c.

Car Crashed Railing

When his car crashed into the railing on a bridge over the defunct Guelph radial line, just west of Summerville, at noon Sunday, Peter Barger, Riverside Drive, Toronto, faced a 40-foot drop as both front wheels were hanging over the bridge. The car crashed into the railing after a tire blew out. Mr. Barger and a passenger were able to get out of the car unharmed. Traffic Officer Palmer investigated.

Midsummer Entrance Exams to Go

Announcement has been made this week of the trial of a new plan in regard to Entrance pupils in Halton County. The plan will be tried out this year, when the pupils will be passed on the recommendation of their teachers, or the performance throughout the term. At each centre, however, at least two pupils must write on the examinations. This method has been tried out in the cities for some time, but Halton is the first County to give it a trial.

United Church Young People's

At the meeting of the United Church Young People's on Monday evening, Miss Stephenson, the new President, was in charge. Items on the musical part of the programme included community singing, conducted by Messrs. D. Taylor and Grenville Masales; a piano duett by the Misses Mason, and selections by the seven-piece orchestra. Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Miss Odbert gave elocutionary numbers. The meeting next week will be a masquerade party.

Chinguacousy Barn Destroyed

A large bank barn on the farm of Clarence Dolson, of the fourth line west, Chinguacousy, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night, together with a cow, two calves, all of the season's crops, a driving shed, a binder and some other implements. Mr. and Mrs. Dolson were milking at the time, when Mrs. Dolson first discovered the blaze, which started in the roof of the building. Neighbors rallied to the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Dolson, and a quantity of implements in a driving shed adjacent to the barn was removed. The driving shed took fire while the volunteers were removing the contents, and was also razed. The only cause of the fire put forward was that of defective wiring. Losses will amount to $15,000.

Gasoline Thieves Given Sentences at Guelph

Wilfred Hockney and Charles McCombs, two Peel Township men, who pleaded guilty a week ago to stealing gasoline from farmers in the vicinity of Drayton, were on Tuesday sentenced to indeterminate terms of three to six months in the Ontario Reformatory. William Moore, arrested along with Hockney and McCombs, by Provincial Constable Harry Noble, of Palmerston, was convicted of receiving stolen goods, and was given 15 days in the county jail. With the sentencing of the trio, the provincial authorities believe an epidemic of gasoline thefts going on in the northern part of the County of Wellington for some time has been cleared up.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

A good many jokes have been written about the "call" men sometimes say they have for this or that kind of work. Apropos, this dialogue has been reported:

"What yo' loafin' around heah for, Sam? Didn't yo' say yo' had a call from de Lawd to preach?"

"Yessah. I done had dat call, but de Lawd didn't send no plug hat an' white vest wid it. It's plumb onpossible to preach widout dem utensils."

"Huh! Dat was no call; dat was jes' de echo of yo' own hanker."