

instances of the chief preferring charges at all, after stolen property had been recovered and identified. Lack of arrests for traffic violations also irked the mayor.

He read from several police reports showing numerous warnings for traffic violations, but no arrests, and remarked:

"You gentlemen can see there seems to be a lot of warnings going on but no action."

A large audience in the council chambers applauded Chief Taylor when he defended himself against the mayor's accusations. Hand clapping broke out each time a member of the council landed his work.

#### MOTION PRESENTED

Following Chief Taylor's explanation to the council, Councillor Down presented a motion to the effect that the council is thoroughly satisfied with the chief's work and that the police committee report of last Wednesday be dropped. The motion was seconded by Reeve Bertrand and carried.

Councillors H. E. Hamilton and L. L. Knapp refrained from voting.

"I believe your police committee has been putting forth every effort to have the laws carried out in Amherstburg," asserted the mayor. "But we are not very well satisfied. We discussed this matter with the chief at least three times and tried to give him assistance, but as yet we haven't had any fruits from it."

"I think I can speak for all the members of the committee when I say the chief hasn't been doing his duty. That is the reason why we talked to him about it. There is plenty of evidence that was not recorded in the minutes, but I think the evidence we have will speak for itself."

"We tried to co-operate with him but have received nothing in return."

At this point the mayor began quoting from several of Chief Taylor's police reports but before he got very far Councillor H. L. Hamilton interrupted to ask if it was the wish of the council to air the situation in public.

"We had enough smell over this during the past year and I believe we should go into committee of the whole to discuss this matter," he contended.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Councillor Collison, that the council go into committee of the whole for further discussion. The motion was voted down with Mayor McGee, Deputy Reeve Sinasac and Councillors Down, Sinasac and H. E. Hamilton opposing it.

#### ADMITTS SPEEDING

"There seems to be a lot of warning going on, but no action. I have probably violated the law as well as anybody else," said the mayor. "I have speeded, but I don't think I would object if I were fined and I don't think anybody else would object."

Mayor McGee stated he had explained the situation to a man who knows police work, and was informed that Chief Taylor had served his usefulness.

"I understand that a place was searched, stolen goods found and identified but no action was taken. In another case stolen goods were found, elapsed before anything was done about it. At one of the police committee meetings the chief told us this wasn't so. But when we brought it to his attention he went off and got a piece of paper which showed the goods were recovered on the 19th, identified on the 20th, and the arrest made on the 27th."

Mayor McGee asked the chief to explain his action regarding the recent recovery of some stolen goods.

"I presume you have reference to a suit of clothes originally belonging to Doug Stevenson," answered Chief Taylor. "This matter was taken up with the crown attorney and Magistrate Hanrahan, and they said no charges could be laid."

#### CONSULTED CROWN

"I presume you gentlemen know in the final analysis the Crown and magistrate have the last say as to whether charges are to be pressed," said the chief. "I called the Crown on this matter and told him and he asked me if there were any marks on the suit and for this reason he was advised not to lay any charge, because it would be extremely hard to identify it in a court of law."

Referring to traffic warnings the chief said:

"I might say that no person is

"I want to have this meeting so no man can point a finger of scorn at me," said the chief.

"I have tried to do my duty. I don't care who you would get in my place, he won't do any better. "These meetings have a tendency to lessen my prestige and people are pointing their fingers at me and saying his job is just hanging by a thread. Do you think that's any good?"

Mayor McGee wanted to know why a young man of 18 convicted of stealing gas, wasn't sentenced. Chief Taylor told him that he consulted with the Crown in this case and they decided it would be best if his sentence was suspended and he report each week to Father G. W. Todd, parish priest of St. John the Baptist Church here.

"I am happy to announce," said the chief, "that this boy went to church last week."

The mayor asked about an alleged gunman supposed to have been frequenting Amherstburg.

The chief said he had been told by two persons in Amherstburg at one time carrying two guns, but that his attempts to find the gunman's identity proved futile.

#### READY FOR ACTION

Mayor McGee said the word he got was that Chief Taylor was reluctant to arrest the man because no one would provide for his family in the event of an accident.

"I am well prepared to take care of myself," remarked the chief. "And don't you think I am not prepared to use it," he said in referring to the gun he carries.

Even one of the councillors suggested we take insurance out of the strength of this," said the mayor.

## Conant Wants Legislative Assembly Act Changed

From Toronto Bureau of The Windsor Star

TORONTO, Ont., June 28.—Revision of the Legislative Assembly Act to provide more specific rules of procedure for special committees of the House has been suggested by Attorney-General Gordon Conant as a result of his recent experience as chairman of the legislative committee which investigated Hydro affairs.

Mr. Conant said today that when he became chairman of the special committee, he found that no practice had been set down nor had any rules of procedure or evidence been established by the committee, which left some rules of evidence," said the attorney-general, referring evidently to the wide latitude allowed witnesses at the recent inquiry. "Perhaps such rules should not be as rigorous as in a court of law, but there should be some restrictions."

Mr. Conant referred also to the ambiguous section of the Legislative Assembly Act which left some doubt as to whether all the members of the committee could claim a \$15 per diem allowance for their attendance. Major Alex Lewis, clerk of the House, has reported that the Act provides only for the payment of those members "absent from their homes." The attorney-general is studying the question of whether these members who reside in Toronto can be regarded as being "absent from their homes." He has not yet made a decision but it is understood that it is the government's intention to provide the extra pay for all the members of the committee.

result. They do not believe that the boys could have made it far in the time they had. The fact that Dicky (Whitmer) wore sneakers instead of climbing shoes also indicates they did not intend to go to the top.

"Therefore, we will try the theory that Johnny (McCormick) is some place below where Dicky was found. A party of skilled climbers, headed by C. M. Froelicher of Colorado Springs, set out into the more dangerous area immediately below the "shield." CCC enrollees, in parties of five, moved slowly down through the lower canyons leading to the Rio Grande valley.

Most of the mountain veterans who have scaled the cliff are convinced that young McCormick is not on it, although some still believed that he might be there. Nearly all were of the opinion that the boys, setting out about noon last Wednesday, could not have scaled more than 75 feet of the face.

#### FIND NO ROPE BURNS

Examination of Whitmer's body disclosed no rope burns. There was no evidence that the youths had been roped together. Mrs. Barnes said that Whitmer nearly always went ahead in the many times the boys had climbed together.

Searchers, considering the theory both might have fallen together, were baffled by the fact that McCormick could be found nowhere near where Whitmer's body was discovered. Had Whitmer been in the lead when he fell, the probability was that he would have dislodged his companion.

McCormick's distraught mother, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, has been at the search scene constantly, personally directing climbers seeking her son.

# Again "FOUR" TAKE IT

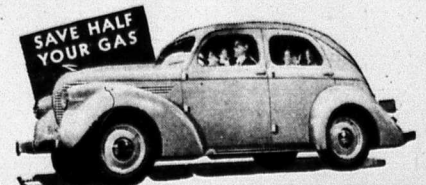
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