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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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Our Salts Plush Coats are beautifully lined, the newest cut, fine silky finish.—Swift's.

The Dominion Board of Commerce is no more, the three members having resigned. Requisite in pace. Please omit flowers.

The Presidential election in the United States will be held next Tuesday. The newspaper dopes generally point to a Republican landslide.

Gasoline is dangerous. It is one of the most rapidly volatilizing fluids. One pint of gasoline will impregnate 200 feet of air and make it explosive.

October 31st will be observed as Home Religion Sunday in Canadian churches as part of the continuation program of the Forward Movement.

The Labor party in Ontario has decided to make a demand upon the Legislature for eight-hour day legislation at the next session of parliament.

A Simcoe mother with four children receives \$100 a month war pension and is applying for help under the Mothers' Compensation Act. Some people are never satisfied.

"Mamma, why has papa no hair?" "Because he thinks so much, my dear." "But why have you so much?" "Because—go away and do your lessons, you naughty boy."

The weather we have enjoyed during October puts the Florida brand in the background. Flowers still bloom on the lawns and a myriad of colors are still on the trees.

"Ah, me," exclaimed a pious old lady, "our minister was a powerful preacher. For the short time he ministered the word of God among us he banged the in'ards out of five Bibles."

Construction work on the Waterworks System is being pushed forward. The excavation for the reservoir is completed, cement work under way, and some of the piping strung along the streets near the park.

We are selling a fine Coat, sizes 16 and 18 also 26 and 28, for High School Girls—the price \$22.00 to \$25.00.—Swift's.

Licenses have been issued for 153,000 motor cars in Ontario this year. Some idea of the growth in the number of autos in Ontario may be gathered from the fact that in 1903 there were but 220 motor licenses issued in the province.

Merchant tailors have been classified as manufacturers by a recent ruling of the Commissioner of Taxation at Ottawa. This means in effect that tailors are now compelled to collect a 2 per cent. sales tax, in addition to the "luxury" tax.

Of fifteen newspapers in Lambton county five years ago there are but six left. Forest is now the only town in the county with two papers. The high cost of paper and other materials, coupled with the high cost of living, has been exceptionally hard on the publishing business.

When dining at a restaurant if your check amounts to more than the price on the bill-of-fare would lead you to expect, keep your mouth shut and don't show your ignorance. It simply means that the prices have been raised between the time your order was taken and the moment your check was made out.

One day about seven weeks ago there was a great hustle putting up stoves. The next day the weather turned warm and the stoves so far have not been needed, either at early morn or late evening. If Kipling had spent this October in Ontario the "Lady of the Snows" would not likely have been written. The temperature has ranged between 45 and 79 during the entire month.

An exchange says:—A late fall and mild weather is predicted by numbers of amateur observers of celestial phenomena that have never yet made a mistake in their calculations. They assert, almost to a man, that the fall and winter season of 1920-21 will be one of the mildest ever recorded. Incidentally, weather observers state the coming mild weather will put a severe dent in the price of coal.

At a meeting of the Methodist church board in Toronto it was decided that an increase of twenty per cent. will be made in the annuities of the superannuated ministers of the Methodist church. The increase is from \$15 for each year of service to \$18. A superannuated minister having served 40 years will now receive an annual allowance of \$720. A Methodist minister's widow will receive two-thirds of that amount.

You can buy a fine warm Coats for girls 10 to 14 at Swift's, navy, brown and green, price \$10.00 to \$15.00.

Read the Guide-Advocate "Wants."

Service will be held in the Watford Baptist church at 11 a.m. Sunday, October 31st, instead of in the evening.

Watford Dancing Academy will meet every Thursday evening instead of Wednesday. Lyceum Hall, at 8 o'clock. 029-4

The prize list of the Brooke and Alvinston fair will be found on pages 2, 5, and 6 of this issue, also the list of prizewinners at the school fair held in connection.

The tax collector, S. W. Louks, will be at home after two o'clock in the afternoon to receive taxes. Call and get your receipt. There are heavy demands to meet and the town needs the money.

Returns in the referendum in Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan held Monday, show that the people of those provinces decided to ban the importation of intoxicating liquors. B.C. voted last week for government control of liquor.

Second crop berries are plentiful this season in this district, some people gathering enough for table use. Mrs. A. D. Hone, St. Clair st., has some raspberries dead ripe and of fine flavor, the leaves on the bushes being as green as in the springtime.

The sisters of the L.O.B.A. and the brethren of L.O.L. 505 will hold a social evening in the Orange Hall, Watford, on Friday, November 5th, at 8 o'clock. Good program. Admission 25c. Come.

The next regular meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I.O.O.F. is to be held at the residence of Mrs. Tyne next Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 2nd, at the usual time. Every member is kindly requested to be present. Quotations on Hallowe'en.

On Friday afternoon last, at the public school, the prizes won by the children competing at the recent school fair held under the auspices of the Women's Institute were paid to the winners. Six of the ladies of the Institute were present for the distribution, also the local Presbyterian, Methodist and Cong'l ministers. The amount of prize money paid totalled \$62.30.

At the last meeting of Presbyterian General Assembly it was recommended that a "Woman's Sunday" be held in each congregation annually. Accordingly, on Sunday, October 31st, Mrs. Stirrett, of Petrolia, President of Sarnia Presbyterian, will give an address in the Presbyterian church building, at the morning service. Her subject will be "The Workers of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church." The annual thankoffering will be received at that service. All will be welcome.

A Western paper asks: "What has become of the old-fashioned church supper, where some folks got away with a dollar's worth of food for twenty-five cents and at the same time felt serene in the belief that they were a great help to the Lord?" The answer of the Owen Sound Advertiser is: "Just a question of comparative values. Now they eat two dollars' worth for fifty cents. And feel, of course, that they're helping just twice as much."

The Act respecting dog tax and sheep protection which comes into effect on April 1st next, makes it compulsory for all owners of dogs to procure numbered tags, to be supplied by the council, and for killing dogs without tags. The minimum penalty for not procuring a tag is \$10. County councils are authorized to pass bylaws requiring all dog tax and license fees collected after 1920 to be paid to the county treasurer and form a sheep protection fund, all claims to be paid by the county, for which purpose valuers are to be appointed. Sheep are certainly of more value to any community than dogs and should be protected.

The credit of naming the city of Sarnia is given to Sir John Colborne, first Baron Seaton, who was appointed governor of Upper Canada in 1828. In 1821 Colborne was appointed governor of Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands, the Roman name of which was Sarnia. The same year what are now the townships of Moore and Sarnia were named by Sir John Colborne "Sarnia" from the Roman name of Guernsey and "Moore" after his lamented chief, Sir John Moore. At a meeting of the residents held January 4th, 1836, Capt. R. E. Vidal, R.N., in the chair, the name of "Port Sarnia" was formally adopted. There were then 44 inhabitants. They were divided in opinion. Some favored "Buenos Aires" and others "New Glasgow" when Sir John Colborne suggested "Port Sarnia." Prior to that time what is now the city of Sarnia was known as "The Rapids."

LAING—CLOTHIER

A very pretty wedding took place at the Brooke Parsonage, on Wednesday, October 27th, when Miss Ella Mae Morley Laing, the happy couple left on the evening train for Detroit. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. A. Steadman.

PERSONAL

Basil Richardson was in Sarnia this week serving on the jury.

Miss Saunders of Shiloh, O., is visiting relatives here at present. Miss Evelyn Dadds, London, spent the week end at her home here.

Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Shirley Fletcher, Sarnia, were in town over Sunday.

W. D. Lamb, Sarnia, spent a few days in town with old friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor are visiting friends in Forest and vicinity this week.

Miss Minnie Dobbly, London, spent the Thanksgiving week end with Miss Louise Dodds.

Claude Newell and Glen Nichol are on their way to Australia, the first lap of a trip around the world.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dennis and two daughters, Guelph, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harper.

Mr. C. F. Abbott and daughter, Lillian, St. Charles, Ill., are visiting at C. Howden's. They will spend the winter in town.

Mrs. F. O. McIlveen was here this week looking after the removal of her household goods to her new home in Arnprior, where Mr. McIlveen has been appointed local manager of the Merchants Bank.

Miss E. A. Cosens, who has spent the past few months visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Tiffin, left last week for her home in Burham. She and her father, Mr. Chas. Cosens, purpose going to Ottawa in a few weeks to spend the winter with Mr. Cosens' son, Rev. T. W. Cosens.

WARWICK

When you buy Salts Plush Coat you get the best, size 36 to 46 at Swift's.

Mr. C. R. Williams, Main Road, returned home Saturday after spending a couple of weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Jas. H. Smith, London.

Mr. and Mrs. John Poole and her brother, Stephen Lester, all of Forest River, N. D., arrived here this week, on a visit to their brothers, Geo. Lester, Bosanquet, and Wm. Lester, Warwick, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Stirrett of Petrolia, president of Sarnia Presbyterian of the W. M. S., will give an address at Knox Church, Warwick, on Sabbath, Oct. 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Her subject will be "The Work of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church." All are invited.

Anniversary services were held in the Calvary Baptist church on Sunday, Oct. 17th. These services were attended by large crowds. Rev. J. G. Brown, D. D. of Toronto, preached the anniversary sermons. The thankoffering taken at these services amounted to seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The Zion Methodist church recently, at considerable expense, redecorated their auditorium and have set aside next Sunday as the day of their anniversary. Rev. C. J. Moorehouse of Kerwood is the preacher for the occasion. He will preach at 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The recently organized choir under the leadership of Mr. Gerald Robertson will supply the music for the occasion. Come and enjoy these services.

Mrs. George Graham and son, Glen, moved to Watford on Friday last, where they will reside in future. On the eve of their departure about seventy of their friends and neighbors gathered at their home, on the 4th con. N.E.R., to spend a social hour with them and to wish them prosperity and happiness. Mr. John F. Smith, on behalf of the Bible Class of Bethel church, presented Glen with an address, set of brushes and pair of cuff links.

Last Sunday afternoon at an appropriate period in the service of the Zion Methodist church, Miss Florence E. Edwards, president of the Epworth League, came forward and on behalf of that society presented the church with a beautiful leather-bound Pulpit Bible. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Tiffin, received the gift on behalf of the officials and the congregation and in a few words returned thanks and made suitable reply to the appropriate remarks accompanying the presentation.

The Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute held their regular meeting in the Town Hall on October 14th, at 2.30 p.m., with an attendance of 15. The meeting opened with the "Maple Leaf" and the "Lord's Prayer." After the general business had been dispensed with Mrs. F. Auld gave a reading "Greetings to the I.O.O.F.," which was very interesting and Miss Annie Barnes gave a reading on "Thanksgiving" which was much enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Next meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, November 11th, at 8 p.m., when the young ladies will take charge of the program.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at Zion Cong'l church on Sunday, and a special fellowship offering will be taken on behalf of the missionaries in distress. The pastor, Rev. T. D. Rayner, will preach on "The Divine Forgiveness."

The Strathroy Furniture Co. will erect a saw mill on their property.

HALLOWE'EN DANCE

On Monday evening, November 1, there will be a masked dance in the Armory under the auspices of Lambton's 149 Chapter, I. O. D. E. The Alexandria orchestra, of Sarnia, will supply the music. Mr. Dalziel, the leader, needs no introduction to the people of Watford, as he had charge of the music at the opening of the armory. Costumes optional. Tickets \$1.50 a couple.

BROOKE

Mr. Hugh McLachlin attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. (Capt.) Geo. McCallum at Detroit last week.

The fowl supper given by the ladies of St. James' church in the church shed on Friday evening was a big success, socially and financially. A very large crowd swelled the receipts to \$275.00. The program was an excellent one, all the advertised talent, with one exception, being on hand to entertain. All present praise the excellent spread of viands and the quality of the intellectual feast.

Miss Florence Bowie, aged 17, daughter of Mr. John Bowie, 6th con., was killed about 4.30 on Tuesday when an auto she was driving was struck by a Grand Trunk eastbound train at the level crossing on the 7th concession near Alvinston. Her skull was fractured and death was instantaneous. Miss Bowie was motoring home from town and had picked up two school children, Oliver and Ann Wallis, neighbors of hers, who were also returning home from Alvinston. Both the children were injured but not seriously, the girl receiving nasty cuts on head and limbs. The train was in charge of Conductor Blackstone. Dr. Martyn, coroner, has ordered an inquest to be held.

D.D.G.M. PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT

Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. H. Hunt, of Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, D. D. G. M. St. Clair District No. 2, A.F. & A.M., paid his official visit to Havelock Lodge, Watford, on Tuesday evening last. Seventy-five brethren assembled in the lodge room, including visitors from Alvinston, Arkona, Petrolia, Strathroy, Wyoming, Napier and Sarnia. A candidate received his third degree, the work being correctly and most impressively exemplified by Wor. Bro. Rich. Williamson, Master of the lodge, and his officers.

After the labors of the evening were ended the brethren partook of a tasty and satisfying lunch served under the supervision of the Junior Warden and catered by Bro. Ben Cowan. A short toast list was then given presided over by Wor. Bro. Williamson and a most pleasant hour and a half spent in speech-making.

LAMBTON COUNTY FLOWING MATCH

Inwood, October 26.—James Smillie, of Inwood, was awarded first place for plowing in stubble at the matches held on McCabe Brothers' farm today by the Lambton County branch of the Ontario Plowmen's Association. He also took three special prizes. Results in the various classes follow:

Class 1, plowing in sod — J. H. Johnston, James Clark, J. Welch.

Class 2, stubble — James Smillie, C. Woods.

Class 4, stubble — Plowmen under 12.—D. Gibbs.

Class 8, sod, for tractors — R. J. Gardner, S. Capes, W. Bridges.

Class 9, stubble tractors — A. Dowling, J. R. McVicar, G. Risk.

Specials in the team classes resulted as below:

Best crown in sod — J. Welch, of Forest; best finish in sod, J. Welch;

best team and equipment, C. Woods;

best crown in stubble, best finish in stubble, and best plowed land, J. Smillie.

Judges—John McCormick, Warwick; John Dodge, Euphemia; John Thomas, Watford.

LAMBTON COUNTY CORN TO IMPROVE GRADE OF CORN NOW GROWING IN NEW MEXICO

Petrolia, October 23.—The box of corn shipped by W. P. Macdonald, Secretary of the Lambton County Corn Growers' Association, to the Corn Show open to the world, held at Albuquerque, New Mexico, was delayed in transit. The corn arrived shortly after the judging was completed.

H. B. Watkins, Secretary of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, has written Mr. Macdonald asking that he be allowed "to retain the corn and distribute it to their fellow farmers in order to improve the grade of corn that they are now growing."

The Albuquerque Herald, commenting on this shipment of corn, states:—"A fine exhibit of Canadian corn sent by W. P. Macdonald, of Petrolia, Ontario, was declared by the judges to be the best general exhibit, but it arrived on the third day of the Festival."

CHOP STUFF

John Berdan, a veteran citizen of Strathroy, died while dressing one morning recently.

Burial plots in the Hilldale cemetery, Petrolia, now sell at \$50 instead of \$25. A lot may be perpetually maintained by the owner paying an additional \$50.

Seven year old Freda Coudon, of Strathroy, lost the sight of one eye while playing with her brother, who threw a stick with a nail in it, the nail piercing the eye.

The new nurses' home at Petrolia was opened with due ceremony on Friday. The building, with furnishings, is the gift of Mr. J. L. Englehart, founder of the hospital.

Wm. Bright, 8th con., Bosanquet, while working on the roof of James Culley's residence, same concession, last Wednesday, slipped and fell to the ground. He was badly shaken up but no bones were broken.

Two Watford men have invented a luminous auto license plate that can be readily read on the darkest night at a distance of 200 feet, that will assist in preventing speeding and theft.

It now costs \$8 to get into the United States and \$10 to get out. The theory over there appears to be that a man will be willing to pay more to get out of the country than to get into it.

The St. Marys Argus has been purchased by the Journal of that town and ceased publication this week. Thus St. Marys is added to the one paper towns. The Argus has been published 60 years.

Hamilton Herald.—A member of the Calgary Trades and Labor Council wisely says that education should be a fifty-fifty affair—half in the school and half in the home. In too many homes, however, the proportion contributed is somewhat less than the proportion of alcoholic content in the near-beer of commerce.

A clergyman in Toronto lost his hat one evening recently and was obliged to wear home a shabbier one which had been left in its place. Next day the hat was returned by the penitent appropriator, who thus apologized: "I'll never take a minister's hat again. You cannot think what queer things I've had running through my head ever since I put on that hat."

Wilfred, the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slaughter, Bosanquet, had a leg broken in a very strange way the other day. He was in the mow assisting his father to unload clover, when the trip rope failed to work properly and the lad was struck and knocked over by a bunch of hay. In some way one leg was broken above the knee. He is progressing favorably.

Lilly May Cope, aged 5, and her brother, Albert, aged 9, children of Henry Cope, Petrolia, were badly scalded on Saturday night. They were sitting near the stove on which was a pot of boiling water, while their mother was hanging out some clothes. In an effort to take off the pot they upset it. The little girl was so badly scalded that she was taken to the hospital. The boy fared better his burns not being of such a serious nature.

Mr. Wm. Stevens, proprietor of the C. P. R. stables, Strathroy, takes much pride in his drivers. He has one pony whose only weakness is the love of tobacco. If a stranger shows any affection for her by patting or petting and he attempts to leave the stall without treating her to a chew, she at once resents the oversight, and he finds it utterly impossible to escape her heels, unless he produces the tobacco, or someone comes to his rescue.

A large McLaughlin touring car owned and driven by Mr. Fred Lampman, 2nd line of Plympton, was badly wrecked and its occupants all more or less injured when it turned turtle on the 2nd line on Monday. In the car at the time were Mr. Lampman, his son and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Lampman, daughter-in-law, Miss Myrtle Wark and Mr. Fred Stacey. It was at first feared that Mr. Lampman's daughters had been fatally injured, but fortunately the doctor has pronounced them to be out of danger. No one appears to know what caused the accident.

A single issue of a certain popular journal in the United States would supply enough paper for all the books bought by all the United States public libraries in a year two or three times over. Three periodicals combined use enough paper in the course of a twelve-month to Kindle the earth with a page-wide strip 148 times, while the ink used amounts to 3,600,000 barrels. The quantity of string used annually in tying up parcels for delivery is estimated to reach 13,000 miles. In view of these figures, it is scarcely surprising that a paper merchant should declare that America is using more newsprint than her mills can produce, and that prices are still rising.