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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

"Dollar Day" at McCormick & Paul's on Friday and Saturday of this week. Study their ad. on page eight.

Quantity of Men's Caps, values up to \$2.50. Sale price \$1.00 each.—Swift's.

Service at Calvary Baptist church next Sunday at 3.00 p.m., and at Watford at 7.00 p.m. Subject "The Heavenly Pilot." L. J. Stones, pastor.

The meeting of the directors of the East Lambton Agricultural Society on Friday last did not materialize and was again postponed until Friday of this week.

The regular meeting of Lambton's 149 I.O.E. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12th, at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. W. Savers. Annual meeting.

Our sets bring in stations in Great Britain, Mexico, etc. Hearing Loe Angeles, Calif., which is farther than Atlanta, Georgia, and stations nearer is a daily performance.—C. M. Fitzgerald, Watford.

Quantity of Men's fine Shirts, values up to \$2.50, sale price \$1.50 each.—Swift's.

The annual meeting of the policy holders and directors of the Lambton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held in their office here on Thursday afternoon last. A full report for 1923 will be found on page two.

Alice Brady will be featured at the Lyceum tonight in "The Dawn of the East" a story of a beautiful Russian noblewoman who escaped the revolution and her thrilling experiences in China and America.

The regular meeting of Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 13th, at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Hicks. Mrs. W. Shugg, District President, will make her official visit at this meeting. Roll call "Cheerfulness."

The weather on Thursday last was mild enough to make the Masquerade Carnival in the Arena enjoyable to the spectators but spelled "slush" for the skaters. If our winter weather returns by the end of the month, the rink directors promise another one.

Quantity of ladies' fleeced underwear values up to \$1.25, per garment sale price fifty-nine cents.—Swift's.

Citizens interested in the Old Boys Reunion will meet in the Library tonight (Friday) to receive the report of the canvassing committee appointed at the last meeting and to decide whether it is advisable to go ahead with the plans. Every citizen's suggestions and information should be placed before these meetings.

Special school children's matinee at the Lyceum next Thursday, Feb. 14th, at 4.15. Special attraction for the younger set—Douglas Fairbanks Jr. in his first picture, "Stephen Steps Out." Usual low prices.

"Dorothy" said the mistress of the establishment, happening in just as the gardener went out, "who is that man?" "Only a hoe beau, ma'am," replied the kitchen maid, blushing rosily.

Kenneth Rayner, youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. T.D. Rayner, met with an accident in the basement of the public school on Friday afternoon. During recess he slipped while running across the cement floor and fell, suffering a fracture of the right arm just above the wrist. Principal Doolittle at once called an older brother, Gordon, who took him to his home near by, and Dr. Newell set the broken arm.

Great news for the kiddies! Douglas Fairbanks Jr. in his first picture "Stephen Steps Out" at the Lyceum next Thursday, Feb. 14th. He is a clean breezy typical boy and you will like him.

Quantity of ladies' old skirts to go out at \$2.50 each.—Swift's Sale.

St. Thomas has the latest horticultural society in America. The St. Thomas body, planning its annual membership drive, expects to have 4,000 names on its list this season. This shows what can be done when a whole community gets solidly behind a good proposition. Watford has a live horticultural society too, which has just been reorganized with a live set of officers, who are hoping to secure the co-operation of the whole town in their efforts to make Watford a real beauty spot this season.

Mr. William Lamb Sr., is very ill at his home on Victoria street.

Look who is coming! Douglas Fairbanks Jr. the new star, in his first picture, "Stephen Steps Out." He is a chip off the old block. Don't forget to step out and see him at the Lyceum next Thursday. The cast includes Theodore Roberts.

Study the ads in this week's paper—most of them contain as much information as the news columns.

Watford citizens were called by the fire alarm at midnight on Friday last to a blaze in Mrs. James Brush's residence, corner Simcoe and McGregor streets. Kindling wood drying in the oven of the kitchen range apparently got overheated before the stove fire burned out, and after burning briskly in the oven, the heat set fire to the wall. Prompt response and a deluge of water soon extinguished the fire. The damage will not amount to \$100. The house is owned by Mr. J. A. Letherland of Seaford, who prior to his removal from Watford a few years ago was employed as Swift's tailor.

The musical entertainment given in the Lyceum on Wednesday evening by Professor Helmer Soderberg-Nielsen, violinist, and Madame Conkey, piano, proved a rare treat to all who attended. A very good audience greeted these two celebrities, but as is usually the case, good entertainment draws only a few while cheap comedy and sensational melodrama appeals to the multitude.

About fifty men's suits, we will sell at walk away prices—ten suits sizes 34 and 35 at \$10.00 a suit, others in large size \$12.50, \$16.00 and \$18.00.—Swift's.

The regular meeting of the W. M. S. of the Methodist church was held on Jan. 8th at the home of Mrs. (Rev.) J. K. Hager. There were 12 members present and Mrs. D. Maxwell presided. Miss Waugh was appointed assistant recording secretary. It was decided to take the collection for the "Rest Fund" for returned single missionaries in February. Mrs. C. Hone, who was the herald for China gave a most interesting report. Mrs. Hagle read the scripture lesson and Mrs. White led a review of the study book, "Building the Nation", laying emphasis on the ambition of the newly-arrived Slaves in the West, to become full-fledged Canadians. Although they are ignorant and superstitious they hunger for sociability and it is part of Canada's debt to see that they get it.

We should as a nation and especially as a Christian organization see that they get it. It is up to us to take more personal interest in our foreign population. Collection was taken and amounted to 75c. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Hone.

Mrs. C. C. Leigh of Guelph, is the guest of Mrs. Frank Pritchett.

W. E. Fitzgerald was in Toronto on Tuesday attending Court at Osgoode Hall.

Mr. Barrie Vail has been transferred from Copetown to Port Colborne, on the C.N.R.

Miss Gertrude Holmes and Miss Rene Gilbert spent the weekend with friends in Sarnia and Port Huron.

Mrs. Jas. R. Harrison of Petrolia spent the weekend with her daughters, Mrs. W. C. Aylesworth and Charles M. Fitzgerald returned home last week from Meaford and Markdale where he was installing radiophones.

Donald Vail is confined to bed, as a result of injuries received during a recent hockey game. Dr. Newell is in attendance.

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DEATH OF DR. HARRY ABBOTT

Mrs. C. W. Howden received word on Wednesday that her brother, Dr. Harry Abbott, had passed away on Tuesday at his home in Sheppard, Mich. Dr. Abbott was stricken with dilatation of the heart about two weeks ago while shovelling snow. He leaves, his widow and one son, who is attending medical college in Ann Arbor; two sisters, Miss Lily, Chicago; Mrs. C. W. Howden, Watford; and two brothers, Dr. Gordon, Chicago, and Dr. Clifford, Holland Mich.

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MASQUERADE CARNIVAL

Although the temperature was mild last Thursday evening and the ice soft the Watford Skating Rink company staged one of the most successful carnivals ever given in town.

The building was filled with a gay crowd of costumed skaters and interested spectators. The costumes on both boys and girls were well gotten up and very representative and the judges had a difficult task to decide on the three winners in each of the various classes.

Shy little squaws, coy Turkish ladies and flirtatious Spanish beauties glided gracefully around the Arena with funny big clowns and bold big soldiers, while the music provided by the Arkona band delighted the whole company. Jiggs and Maggie wore their comic costumes well and amused the onlookers with typical character pranks. Even the vegetable and animal worlds sent delegates for a masked Irish potato, a luscious-looking California tomato and a wicked bat joined the merry makers before the sport was over.

The judges for the men's costumes and races were Dr. McGillicuddy, Mr. H. Nixon and Mr. F. Mahony, and for the ladies Mrs. Class, Mrs. Adams and Miss Logan.

The end of February the Committee purposes holding a second carnival. Start to make your costume now!

Married ladies costume—Mrs. H. W. Nixon, Mrs. W. G. Connolly, Mrs. J. W. McLaren.

Single ladies' costume—M. Prentis, J. Rapson, L. McCormick.

Girls' costume, 12 to 16 years—Edith Weight, Edna McIntosh, E. McIntosh.

Girls' costume, under 12 years—Jean McLaren, M. Nixon, D. Howden.

Men's costume—John Staunton, J. Franklin, W. Aylesworth.

Boys' costume, 12 to 16 years—G. Rayner, A. Dodds, Ivan Cayley.

Boys' costume, under 12—E. McIntosh, Glen Siddall, Clare McIntosh.

Oldest man in costume—J. Staunton, 44.

Youngest child in costume—Margaret Nixon, 4.

Races, open—Harry Cook, Billie Vail.

Boys' race, under 16—Carman Spalding, A. Dodds.

Boys' race, under 12—Keith Hollingsworth, Jack Cayley.

Girls' race, 16—M. Bailey, B. Durstan.

Girls' race, 12—D. Howden, Mary Hay.

Girls' race, open—R. Dodds, B. Durstan.

The following merchants whose names did not appear on the bill, donated prizes, B. Cowan, F. Lovell, E. D. Swift, W. Harper, W. McCrae.

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BROOKE

Helena Bowie spent the weekend with Mrs. Jack Higgins, 6 line, west.

The January meeting of the St. James' Guild and W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. H. Lucas. After the business part of the meeting Rev. J. H. Hosford gave an interesting address, his topic being "The Life of Bishop John Strachan." After the quilt was finished the hostess served a dainty lunch. Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Clifford Lucas, February 27th.

The death occurred in California Jan. 18th, of Jacob Zimmerman, aged 68 years. Mr. Zimmerman lived in Enniskillen until the death of his wife about 20 years ago, when he moved to California with his five children, Berton, Freddie, Arnold, Sophia and Flossie of whom all survive. The remains were expressed to Watford to be laid by that of his wife in St. James' cemetery. The funeral was held from Harper Bros' Undertaking Rooms on Saturday, January 26th, service being conducted by Rev. J. H. Hosford.

The annual oyster supper of the Hillsdale Farmers' Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Woods on Friday evening, Feb. 1st. After doing justice to the oysters and other good things provided, a splendid program, consisting of music, speeches and stories, helped to make the evening a success. When the program had been brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Woods, the young people engaged in contests and games.

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"SQUIBS" BY "DAD"

A Denver paper suggests that Uncle Sam disarm Hollywood before arming Mexico.

These are stirring times in Japan. Two earthquakes and a royal wedding within a few weeks.

Believing in conserving the fat of the land, France has placed an embargo on the export of butter.

"Cutting estimates to the bone" is one of the rarest operations ever performed by political surgeons.

When politics interfere with farming, organized Saskatchewan farmers have decided to cut out politics.

The proposed reduction of the immigration quota in the United States leaves the percentage about the same as American beer.

By the way General Butler is shaking up the Philadelphia police force he seems to regard it as a cocktail.

A St. Louis paper proudly proclaims that the eggs produced in Missouri are worth more than California's orange crop.

Having heard of the closed season for frogs in France, an Oregon hop-grower is anxious to know if it applies to his product.

Volstead laws do not cut any ice with the rum-runners on the Michigan border who transport their wares across the river on skates.

As a result of the police drive in New York against the criminal element a considerable increase in the population of Hoboken, N.J., is reported.

The United States secretary of the navy is reported to be implicated in the oil scandal now being investigated by Congress. Oil and water never did mix.

The turkey breeders in an Oregon district have organized a "Gobblers' Club". Members who also belong to the Ku Klux Klan may have to dye their hoods red.

It may be a little early to make a survey of the spring garden outlook for 1924, but the new seed catalogues provide material for contemplation and expectation.

After a prolonged drought California has been blessed with copious rains. This being election year both Republicans and Democrats claim credit for the timely moisture.

The wholesale value of the ice cream consumed in British Columbia last year is estimated at \$600,000. In financial circles this would be classed as a "frozen asset."

The investigation of the Tae Pot Dome oil deal in the United States has developed into something more serious than a tempest in a teapot. The reputations of several prominent politicians are liable to go up the spout.

"Columbus changed the world from a pancake to a cylinder and aerial exploration of the Arctic will change it from a cylinder to a sphere, as it is in reality," declares Stefansson, the noted Arctic explorer.

The University of Washington is offering correspondence courses in the handling of babies. Any instructions that would reduce the mileage of the midnight patrol would be welcomed by thousands of fond parents.

A party of Egyptians interested in railway construction and management, have arrived to study the system in vogue in America. Local experts could give the delegates some valuable information concerning freight rates, mountain hauls and equalization of tariffs.

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