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## Local Happenings

### Holiday Visitors in Their Old Home Town

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Kersey, Georgetown.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Styles, Sarnia.  
Chas. Haskett, Sarnia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Jacklin, Windsor.  
Edgar Prentis, Toronto.

Decorations Day at Bethel Cemetery on Monday, June 1st.

The Misses Watt of Toronto, visited their cousin, D. Watt, this week.  
Rev. W. K. and Mrs. Hagar, of Dresden, were the guests of Mr. D. Watt this week.

H. G. Taylor of Wallaceburg spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor spent Conference week in London.  
Miss Aleta Mahon, Port Stanley, spent the weekend with Miss Eleanor McIntosh and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon White spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nash.

Miss Marguerita Thompson spent the weekend holiday with old friends in Dorchester.

Mrs. S. J. Thompson is a delegate to the Branch meeting of the W. M. S., at Sarnia this week.

Encourage Watford's local dramatic talent by attending "Peg O' My Heart" at the Lyceum. Last time tonight (Saturday).

Mrs. Baker returned to her home here on Thursday last, after spending the past winter with relatives in Toronto.

Services in the Congregational Church as usual on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, will preach at both services.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrison Jr., and children, of Petrolia, spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. W. C. Aylesworth.

Watford Baptist Church, Sunday, 11 a.m., "Palace of Grace. Breaking of Bread with all who love the Lord." 3 p.m., Bible School, subject for pastor's class "The Man under the sun." 7 p.m., "Reasons why men and women do not accept Christ." Ben Wilson, Pastor.

Rev. S. J. Thompson returned on Tuesday evening from attendance at the London Conference of the Methodist Church, and will take the services of his own charge next Sunday at Watford and Zion churches at the usual hours. The parishioners are much pleased that Mr. Thompson has been returned to the pastorate for another year.

The regular meeting of Trinity Church Guild and W.A. will be held in the church schoolroom, on Thursday afternoon, June 4th, at three o'clock. The report of the W.A. convention, being held in London this week, will be given, and the ladies of the congregation and friends are cordially invited to attend. A program will also be given.

"Did you miss 'Peg O' My Heart' last night? Saturday night is your last chance! Reserves at Cook's Drug Store.

Soft Ball enthusiasts got away to a good start on Tuesday evening at the Public School playgrounds when the young men trimmed the married men. The game promises to develop into an enjoyable summer's pastime, and if the first night's attendance holds good throughout the season, some of our local business men will be taking more physical exercise than for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gaetz, of Moose Jaw, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harper, and visiting other relatives and friends in this vicinity before leaving for their home about the middle of June. Mrs. Gaetz is a former Arkona girl, where her mother, Mrs. Peter Bearss, still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Gaetz have been on an extended tour since they left their home city in January, proceeding across the Rockies to Victoria, up the B. C. coast to Prince Rupert and back; thence down the Pacific coast, visiting Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, then down to South America, back up through the Panama Canal, spending some time in Florida, Cuba and the Bahamas, before sailing for New York, from whence they made their way to Western Ontario points. Their present plan is to motor back the balance of their journey, if they can get in touch with someone in this district going West who could drive part time and thus relieve Mr. Gaetz at the wheel. They have many interesting stories of their travels around North America, and although both are experienced sailors, they have had sufficient sea adventures for a time. At the same time of the terrible cyclone in the Central States at the end of March, they encountered a wild storm while coming from Havana to New York. The steamer was obliged to lay to and fight the storm for two days, before they were able to proceed.

I have planted cabbages, Turnips and carrots, Parsnips and onions, Lettuce by the score. Come June, I'll pick cabbages, Turnips and carrots, Parsnips and onions, At the corner store!

W.H.S. First Form Girls will play soft ball with Kerwood at the opening of Kerwood's recreation park on Wednesday next, June 3rd.

The following is the slate of the stationing committee of the Methodist Conference for Strathroy district:—Strathroy, George T. Watts, B.D.; Petrolia, A. M. Stuart, B.A.; Cairngorm, (Strathroy), S. V. R. Pentland; Kerwood, R. A. Brook; Watford, S. J. Thompson; Warwick, S. M. Sweetman; Arkona, E. J. Roulestin; Brookton (Watford), F. J. Rutherford, B.A.; Appin, A. Clair Motyer, M.A.; Mount Brydges, Henry B. Farney, Ph. B.; Melbourne, J. Morley Colling; Alvinston, A. L. Spracklin; Oil City, to be supplied; Oil Springs, James W. Penrose. In connection with other appointments of interest to this district are the following:—Rev. T. A. Steadman, Westminster to Byron; Rev. Max Parr, Tilbury, to Westminster; Rev. A. C. Triffin, Elyth, to Wheatley; Rev. J. L. Foster, Brooke, to Kirkton; Rev. A. Roy Johnston, Warwick, to Wellburn.

The Kingston Whig and the Standard on Monday morning devoted nearly two columns to a report of the 51st anniversary of Bethel Congregational church, at which Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, of Watford, a former pastor of the church, participated.

The following extracts are taken therefrom:—"The fifty-first anniversary of Bethel Congregational church was held Sunday, with large congregations at both services, chairs having to be brought for the evening service. Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, of Watford, a former pastor, was the preacher for the day, and gave two very forceful and helpful sermons. He was assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Miller." "The illustrated lecture entitled 'Heroes of the Cross,' given in Bethel Congregational church on Monday evening, by Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, of Watford, was indeed all that was claimed for it, and for two hours the audience sat spell bound as he related the story of the early Christians, which was illustrated by over fifty lantern views."

### RACES AT WATFORD JUNE 24th

Trials of speed for the 2.15, 2.20 and 2.25 classes, with purses of \$400 each, will be staged in Watford, under the auspices of the E. L. Agricultural Society, on Wednesday afternoon, June 24th.

With Strathroy and Petrolia holding races the following week, the best horses in the district will come to Watford for this meet, and a most successful race bill is anticipated. Remember the date—Wednesday, June 24th.

### WATFORD FAIR DATES CHANGED

Owing to Western Fair at London being held one week later this year, Sept. 14-19, it has been necessary to change Watford Fair dates from Sept. 17-18 to Sept. 29-30.

Strathroy steps up to the week previous to London, being held on Sept. 8-9-10.

**Directors Meeting**  
A meeting of the officers and directors of the E.L.A.S. will be held in the Council Chamber on Saturday, June 6th, at three o'clock, to revise the prize list and other business in connection with the fall fair.

### VICTORIA DAY ONE OF COLDEST IN LOCAL HISTORY

Snowflurries, Frigid Winds, Mar Observance of Week End Holiday

Snow flurries on Saturday night and near freezing weather on Sunday and Monday was the unprecedented offering of the weather man for the annual celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday here.

**Late Snowfall.**  
Snow on the twenty-fourth of May is the latest date in the memory of some of the older residents that such unseasonable tactics have been employed by the arbiter of atmospheric conditions. There has been snow at later dates but not accompanied by frost and a continuance of a chilling wind for three days. The downfall was of sufficient duration to leave traces on the eaves of houses the following morning.

Some damage to flowers and tomato plants was reported in this district and householders with flowers set out took precautions to cover them up. Newspapers and cloth were employed to keep Jack Frost away.

**Sports Handicapped.**  
Holiday travel, particularly on motor highways, was hard hit by the cold, and many prospective holiday activities were curtailed.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rankin of Forest, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Irene, to J. Cecil McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick. The wedding to take place quietly in June.

### BRYSON—AUGUSTINE

The wedding took place on Wednesday, May 20th, in the Anglican Church, Manor Park, London, when Miss Mildred Augustine, R.N., formerly of C. E. Englehart Hospital, Petrolia, became the bride of Mr. Will Bryson of Warwick. The Rev. W. M. Shore officiated. The bride was supported by Miss Elva Mathews of Dorchester, while Mr. Bryan Mathews acted as best man. Mid showers of confetti the happy couple left on an extended trip to Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm, five miles north-east of Watford.

### BIG ODDFELLOW GATHERING IN WATFORD NEXT THURSDAY

Thebes Sanatorium Members, from London, to Prepare Candidates Here

Thursday evening next, June 4th, will be a red letter night in Peabody Lodge rooms when about 100 members of Thebes Sanatorium, of London, will visit Watford to prepare candidates for the final degree of the Oriental Order of Humility and Perfection, which will be conferred upon candidates from all parts of Canada and United States at the big ceremonial in London on Wednesday, July 1st.

### CAR COLLIDES WITH TELEPHONE POST TO AVOID HITTING CYCLIST

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collister, of Watford in Crash—Latter is Badly Hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collister while enroute to London, Sunday afternoon, met with an accident at the bend in the road at Mount Carmel church, between Strathroy and Mt. Brydges. A young man riding a bicycle turned in front of them and to avoid hitting him, Mr. Collister turned his car and collided with a telephone pole. The pole was broken off and with the wires it fell in the opposite direction missing the car. Mrs. Collister was thrown against the windshield, sustaining severe facial cuts and bruises and badly shaken up. A heavy bumper absorbed the most of the blow and preserved the car and its occupants from more serious injuries.

Mrs. Collister received treatment at Strathroy hospital and was able to return to her home here, where she is now recovering favorably.

### Board of Education

A regular meeting of the Watford Board of Education was held in the Library board room on Tuesday evening, May 26th, with the following members present:— chairman, Dr. J. McGillicuddy; J. McKecher, A. D. Elliot, E. D. Swift, Geo. O. Stephenson and W. E. Fitzgerald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following accounts were examined and payment recommended:—

W. O. Erb, for cadet supplies paid for by him ..... \$ 67.61  
Public School  
Chambers Est., posts and lumber ..... \$ 14.90  
Cameron & Co., o'cedar oil ..... .50  
J. R. McCormick, supplies ..... 1.02  
P. Dods & Son, supplies ..... 13.18  
Jas. Creasey, repairing fence 9.00  
P. U. Com., 2 tanks water ..... 2.00  
High School  
P. Dods & Son, supplies ..... \$ 44.91  
Cameron & Co., supplies ..... 2.75  
J. R. McCormick, glass ..... .20

Farmers Advocate, subscription for Agriculture class. 1.00  
Wat-Ford Garage, dry cells ..... 6.60

A communication was received from Miss Jean Minore, tendering her resignation as teacher on the H. S. staff.

Elliot—Swift, that we accept Miss Minore's resignation with regret, it to take effect at the end of the present term.—Carried.

Fitzgerald—McKercher, that we advertise in Toronto Globe for one week for an assistant teacher in the H. S. to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Minore.—Carried.

Swift—McKercher, that we ask our Municipal Council for \$550. for P. S. purposes; \$50 to be used immediately and \$500 to be available at the end of June.—Carried.  
Board adjourned.

### BORN

In Warwick, on Thursday, May 21st, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Spalding, a son.

## LAWN SOCIAL DATES

R. J. Lucas lawn, 12 sideroad, Brooke, Friday, June 12th, auspices of St. James' Church.

Chalmers' Church lawn, Navoo Road, Friday, June 19th.

### "PEG O' MY HEART" LAST TIME SATURDAY AT THE LYCEUM

If you did not see Miss Sara Gibney and her "Little Theatre Company" of Watford Players, in their appearance at the Lyceum on Friday evening, do not miss attending Saturday evening.

The play, is without doubt, the most successfully staged ever attempted here and will be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

A complete resume of the play will appear next week.

## PLYMPTON

Miss Margaret Grieve spent the weekend at the home of her uncle, Mr. Jno. D. Grieve.

Kerch School Section held their annual field-day on Saturday, May 25th, on the athletic grounds at Jas. Cochrane's. In spite of the cold weather a large crowd assembled to enjoy the sports. The married men won from the single men at baseball.

Mr. Frank Wheeler, Pontiac, Mich. spent the weekend with friends on the London Road.

Messrs. Les, Bryson, Jerome Dunn, Kenneth McCormick and Barrett Forbes motored to Niagara on Saturday and returned on Monday.

Miss Donna Clements, Sarnia, visited at the home of her grandfather, Mr. John McDougall.

## WANSTEAD

Joseph Randall has finished his work on the Davis barn and Mr. Kirkpatrick will be at the cement work soon.

The portable sawmill on James Jackson's farm has about completed the custom work and the work for Mr. Jackson's barn. Now the masons are busy with the cement work and the raising of this barn will complete one of the finest buildings in the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson, Mr. Sussex and Mrs. Noble of Wanstead, also Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Capes of Hillside farm, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Capes of "Peachgrove" farm attended the London conference on Sunday.

George Bridebirk lost his fine barn on Saturday afternoon by fire, while working nearby. One horse, a number of pigs and a lot of grain were lost. The second barn burned here lately, J. Jackson, a neighbor, lost the other.

## CHOP STUFF

Frost for several nights recently did more or less damage to tender vegetation in the gardens.

The old-timer who opined that this was to be a cold dry moon, was not far from the mark.

Think of the dull evenings Adam and Eve must have spent when there were no neighbors to knock.

Miss Wilhelmina Munro, who has been organist of Burns' Church, Mosa, for the past few years, has tendered her resignation.

Coal man dropped in today looking for next winter's business. There is not much chance of enjoying undisturbed the six weeks of summer.

Before a young swain can marry, according to a new law just passed, the license must be obtained three days before the ceremony, and the young lady's birth certificate must be presented as well.

Mr. George Cull, Strathroy, who is proving himself to be a regular wizard in the science of radio, has invented and perfected an A and B battery eliminator for radio sets. The device is simply connected to the hydro and does away with all batteries. Mr. Cull intends to demonstrate his eliminator at the fair this fall.

The chief Liberal whip, Mr. George W. Kyte, in a speech at Windsor a few days ago, spiked rumors current that the King government would go to the people at an early date. Mr. Kyte stated that the government was not contemplating an early election and that the present administration will, in all probability live out its natural term. He asserted that, as far as he could judge, there would be no general election this year. One reason for this, he stated, was the recent government majority on the budget.

We are always pleased to receive school reports from teachers. These published reports encourage the pupils. Place the report in an unsealed envelope marked "Printer's Copy," and a one-cent stamp will carry it.

## BROOKE

A garden party with strawberries and plenty of other good things to eat, also an excellent program, will be held Friday evening, June 12th, on the lawn of R. J. Lucas, 12 sideroad, under the auspices of St. James' Church, Brooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Saunders and Master Earl, and Miss Alma Saunders, Corunna, visited with Mrs. Jacob Saunders and other friends last weekend.

Mr. Frank E. Holbrook, Toronto, spent the holiday with his mother, Mrs. E. Holbrook and sister Mrs. Jacob Saunders, "Maple Leaf Farm," Remember Chalmers Church Garden Party, Friday, June 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Krehl and four children of Detroit, spent the weekend with the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lucas, 6th line.

Mrs. Henry Knight, of Grosse Ile, Mich., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lucas.

## WARWICK

Decorations Day at Bethel Cemetery on Monday, June 1st.

The Kingscourt Zenana Missionary Society met on May 16th, at the home of Mrs. F. Birchard and packed the yearly bale, consisting of the following articles: 31 pillow slips, 5 children's suits, 8 petticoats, 12 night gowns, 2 quilts, valued at \$60 and a shower of Christmas gifts, for Indian children, given by the members of the D.O.B. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. S. B. Chambers.

Gordon Vance and family motored to Sarnia for the weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luckham and daughter, Amy, motored to St. Williams on Saturday, where they visited at the home of their son, C. F. Luckham at the Norfolk Specialty Farms, returning Tuesday.

Fred Kenzie, medical student, London, is home for the holidays.

The Bethel Ladies' Aid met at the home of the president, Mrs. Dan Thompson, last Thursday afternoon, with an attendance of sixteen.

Mrs. Ezekiel Vance, who has been in poor health for some time is slowly improving.

Mr. J. Scott Luckham and Mrs. Luckham, Port Elgin, spent the weekend at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luckham.

Mr. Lloyd Darling, Detroit, Mrs. Luckham's brother, joined them for the holiday.

The 90th Anniversary Services of St. Mary's Anglican church, Warwick will be held on June 7th. Special speakers both morning and evening. Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and regular morning service at 7.30. Special speaker, Monday, June 8th, 7.30 p.m.; Memorial service, Ven. Arch-Deacon Fotheringham M.A., of Watford, will be the speaker. 6 p.m., Anniversary Dinner; 8.15 p.m., Concert and good program. Dinner and Concert, Adults 50c, Children 25c. m29-2t

The Warwick Women's Institute held their annual meeting in the Town Hall, on the afternoon of May 14th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Lloyd Cook; vice president, Mrs. David Falloon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John Archer; district director, Mrs. John Robinson; pianist, Miss Dora Robinson; asst. pianist, Miss Grace Thomson; district representative, Mrs. Lloyd Cook; sick committee, Mrs. J. Robinson, west; Mrs. D. Auld, east; Mrs. J. Smith, village. The program committee consists of twelve of the members, each to be responsible for the program for the month allotted to her, each to choose her helper out of the remaining members. The meeting was opened in the usual way, the president, Mrs. Falloon, taking charge of the meeting.

The secretary-treasurer gave a detailed report of the business done in the past year, also the financial standing, showing a balance of \$24.81 remaining. A reading on the annual meeting by Mrs. Falloon was very interesting. Next meeting to be held on the evening of the second Thursday of July. Ladies always welcome.

The opening game of the baseball season was played on Tuesday night, between the Warwick Village Sports and the Warwick Village Suburb Cracks. The game was fast and furious from the start, both pitchers being in fine form. Jack Main, pitcher for the Suburb Cracks, was nipped for 10 runs, while the opposing pitcher for 17. This was the official score to the sixth inning; after that the run counter lost track. From then on it was anybody's game. This was their first appearance on the new diamond. Cameron McKenzie, star catcher for the Suburb Cracks, made a name for himself by connecting with the old pill for two homers. Fred McIntosh surprised himself and everybody by knocking a 4-base hit. Walter Turner, manager of the Village Sports, has his men out practicing and says he will give Harold Barnes' team a surprise next time.

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