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Local Happenings

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Renew!
A Happy New Year to all our readers.
May the New Year be more Prosperous to us all.
Make your New Year Resolutions, then Keep Them!
Our Thanks are due all those good subscribers who have already renewed for 1925. Are you one of them? If not, we have a new pink receipt all ready for you!
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Collins and daughter, spent Christmas with relatives in Toronto.
Mrs. Paul Kingston will spend New Years week with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Campbell, Brantford.
Mr. Gordon Willoughby, Port Huron, spent Christmas Day at his home here.
Evening service only in Trinity Church on Sunday at 7. Christ church Sutorville, 3 p.m., St. James' 11 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cook and children of Toronto, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. Wm. McLeay.
Special in Boys' Overcoats, 1/2 less than regular for Saturday.—Swift's.
Dr. E. D. Hicks, Wallaceburg, was the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. George Hicks.
Mrs. Vera Fuller and son Clayton, Toronto, were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Swift.
Mr. R. Clark, representing the Bradley Company, dealers in lumber, of Hamilton, was home for Christmas week.
Watford Postoffice will be closed New Year's Day at 10 a.m., immediately after the delivery of the morning mail.
Special Saturday Bargains, Men's overcoats—26 to 42 in three lots \$10.50, \$13.50, \$16.50 big saving.—Swift's.
The local branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society has forwarded \$252.75 to the head office, being the amount collected by the canvassers in Watford and vicinity.
Regular monthly meeting of Trinity Church Guild and W. A. will be held at the home of Mrs. B. J. Dodds on Thursday, January 8th, at three p.m. sharp.
Do you want to have the latest information on how to make the people of this Province healthier and happier? If you do, be sure to attend the meetings of the Sarnia Health Week from January 10th to 24th.
The Methodist Church extends to all its members, adherents and friends a most cordial wish and prayer for a happy New Year. The pastor invites you to make a good beginning by coming to all the services next Sunday.
Gordon Lapp, of Brighton, was elected Premier of the Fourth Boys' Parliament of Ontario on Friday. He is 20 years of age and for two years has been editor of the Brighton Ensign. The Guide-Advocate joins with the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association in extending congratulations.
In the Congregational church next Sunday special New Year's services will be held, when the pastor, Rev. T. DeCourcey Rayner, will deliver appropriate messages both morning and evening. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will follow the morning service. Begin the New Year well by attending each service in the House of Prayer. Begin the New Year with God.
Big Bargain in Men's Gloves, sizes 8 to 10, tan and grey, \$1.40, Saturday.—Swift's.
The Methodist Y. P. L. met on Monday evening and a most interesting program was put on by Miss Harper, the president. The devotional topic was "Looking to Jesus for 1925" and was presented by the pastor, in a 20 minute address full of encouragement to the young people. Miss Mansfield gave a review of 1924, pointing out the successes and failures from the standpoint of the League. Miss Ida Cook, Miss Hayward, Miss Stapleford and Frank Roberts outlined their plans for 1925 for the Christian Fellowship, Missionary, social and citizenship department. Miss Rapson sang very sweetly "My Task". All joined in the hymn of dedication for the coming year's work. Announcement was made that in the meeting next Monday each member should be ready to recite the League watchword and "The Ideal".
Boys' tweed lined bloomer trousers in brown and blue grey, sizes 26 to 35, at \$1.75 and \$1.95. See them at Swift's.

Boys' Heavy Combinations.

Don't miss the big Hockey Games in Watford Arena tonight (Friday) and Tuesday next. Sarnia and St. Thomas are two big teams—get your rooster tuned up!
Watford Hockey Club will not broadcast the big games in Watford Arena this winter. Radio fans must come and see them instead of listening in.
The Hockey Club Dance on Monday evening in the Armory was a most enjoyable affair. The I. O. D. E. served lunch and Ronnie Hart's orchestra, of London, supplied choice music.
A meeting of the Directors of the Lambton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held in their office, Main St., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to wind up business for the year and to pay the following claims:—H. A. Gilroy, Brooke, barns and contents, \$5,056; Mrs. Jean Purvis, Sarnia Tp., house and contents, \$1,500 (this was the fire in which Mr. J. B. Purvis lost his life, due to gasoline being mixed in the coal oil used for starting stove fire.); H. Leckie, Moore, barn, \$400; Samuel McTaggart, Dawn, school house and contents, \$1,450; other small losses approved and paid amounting to \$141. The annual meeting of the policyholders will be held in the Co's office, Watford, on Thursday, January 29th, 1925.

Watford Public School

REPORT FOR NOV. AND DEC.

Library Room
Class I—Honors: Billy Richardson, La Verne Earley, Carman Hollingsworth, Jack Colburn.
Pass: George Roberts, Verene Routly, Gladys Dickson, Ross Hay, Clarence Jackson.
Class II and III—Honors: Mary Carson, Alex Webb, Marjorie McConkey, Billy Laird, Jack Coupland, Margaret Nixon, (Clair Cooke, Arthur Stapleford,) equal, Mary Kersey, Lillian Elliott.
Pass: Dorothy Luckham, Earnest Prangley, Grace Cooke.
M. Reid, Teacher.

First Book
Sr. Class—Honors: Verne Williams, Anna Jean McLaren.
Pass: Jessie Delmage, Donald Aylesworth, Sidney Welsh, Margaret Elliot, Everett Doan, Edith Callahan, Grant Earley, Melvin Foster.
Jr. Class—Honors: Genevieve Johnston, Ruth Rayner, Beulah Fulcher.
Pass: James Moon, Verne Kersey, Kenneth Cooke, Alma Fulcher.
Lotta M. Cameron, Teacher.

Second Class
Honors: Margaret Jackson, Edith Sawers, Phyllis Lovell, Catherine Howden, Margaret Aylesworth, Mary Pearce, Vera Moore, Frede Moon, Frank Prangley.
Pass: Jack Rogers, Dorothy Willoughby, Bruce Hay, Florence McKay, Keith Aylesworth, Doris Kersey, Roy Roberts, Donald Harper.
J. L. Hume, Teacher.

Third Class
Sr.—Honors: Keith Hollingsworth, Marion Roberts.
Pass: Margaret Sharpe, Calvin Foster, Ivan, Caley, Kenneth Rayner, Ernest Phair, Kenneth Webb, Vera Routley, George Powell.
Jr.—Honors: Alexander McLaren.
Pass: Patty Millar, George Kingston, Earl James, Ruth Sawers, Donald Tait, Jessie Prangley, Lorne Hay, Jack Caley, Mable Spalding, Mons Stapleford, Lloyd Roberts, Fred Kelly, Foster Thompson, Beatrice Spalding.
E. Hume, Teacher.

Fourth Class
Sr. IV—Honors: Doris Howden, Gordon Rayner, Robert Bruce, Lizzie Watson.
Pass: Margaret Edwards, Carman Spalding, Hanley Millar, Lyle Mcintosh, Ariel Routley, Gordon Sergeant, Avery Dodds, Bernice Brown, Mark McTaggart.
Jr. IV—Honors: Herbert Tait, (John Hollingsworth, Allan Brown,) equal.
Pass: Laird Stapleford, Helen Nixon, Grant Lovell, Irene James, Margery Hicks, Bert Kersey.
Absent: Mary Hay, Elmer Doan.
Alma Doolittle, Principal.

Ladies white pullovers in three good qualities, just the sweater for skating, \$3.89, \$4.89, and \$5.89.—Swift's.

Warwick Noninations

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF RATEPAYERS

"Statute Labor" Problem Chief Topic for Discussion.

Nominations for the offices of Reeve and Councillors of the Township of Warwick were received at the Township Hall, Warwick Village, on Monday, Dec. 29th, between the hours of twelve and one.
The names of those nominated for either office, together with their mover and seconder, were as follows:—
Reeve
Ben F. Muma by Walter Percy and John McClelland, Adam Higgins by Chas. W. Stewart and Orval Richardson, Ben Dann by Ed. Caughlin and Robert Harper, W. E. Parker by B. F. Muma and J. McClelland.
Councillors
Walter Percy by J. McClelland and Alfred Smith. John McClelland by Alfred Smith and Robert Harper. Henry Mansfield by Ed. Caughlin and H. K. Laird. S. B. Chambers by Walter Percy and N. Herbert. Ezra Sessions by H. K. Laird and Henry Mansfield. John McClelland by Walter Kelly and S. B. Chambers. Melvin J. Kelly by Adam Higgins and James Sayers. C. E. Lester by C. E. James and Adam Higgins. John Kernohan by C. E. James and Adam Higgins. Jos. Butler by S. B. Chambers and Walter Percy. W. A. Smith by Henry Mansfield and H. K. Laird. W. E. Parker by Adam Higgins and B. F. Muma.
J. Elmer Collier was appointed Chairman and called upon the retiring Reeve and Council to make any reports deemed necessary on the year's work.
Reeve B. F. Muma gave an exhaustive resume of his stewardship as Reeve also much interesting information on County Council business, touching upon County expenditures on roads and bridges, House of Refuge, etc.
S. B. CHAMBERS, Div. No. 1 gave a detailed statement of the expenditures in his division and was satisfied that he had kept under the appropriation. A little less than \$500 had been spent in his ward, chiefly on roads.
HENRY MANSFIELD, Div. No. 2, also presented the figures for all the expenditures in his Ward; \$622.59 in total.
JOHN MCCLELLAND, Div. No. 3, also followed his predecessors in giving an explanation of where and how each cent of his appropriation had been expended, \$927.25. He admitted overrunning his appropriation but he was sure the results obtained more than offset the extra expense.
WALTER PERCY, Div. No. 4, \$729.04 in total. He had paid a few accounts on the T. L. N. that should have been paid by the Reeve, so that his actual expenditure on his own Ward would be less than \$700.
After hearing the retiring Council and before proceeding with the nominees, Chairman Collier discovered Reeve W. G. Connolly of Watford in the audience and called upon him for a few remarks.
The Watford Reeve explained that he was not there in any official capacity, whatever but as the most of his property was situated in the Township of Warwick and as one of the taxpayers he was even more vitally interested in Township affairs than in the village. He had sat beside Reeve Muma at County Council and they had invariably voted as one as any proposal that affected the Township of Warwick would similarly affect the Village of Watford, and he was sure Warwick had had a very efficient and dependable representative at County Council in Reeve Muma. They had stood together on the good roads policy and although he had received considerable criticism, he would continue to fight for all the good roads we could get in the northern part of the County as well as assist the more unfortunate southern section where the building of good roads was more difficult. Just so long as the Provincial Government was ready to assist in the payment of highway maintenance, we should secure all the assistance possible or the central counties would secure it all. Lambton Co. has paid in consistently to the Dept. for many years and now we have a chance to regain it. He contended that the same argument applied to the new system of abolishing statute labor. It was not for him to criticize the present Act of the Government

as recently amended; as a matter of fact it would be decidedly bad form to bring provincial politics into a municipal meeting. Whether the Govt. policy is right or wrong has no bearing on the matter; when all the other townships fall in line with the new system Warwick will naturally lose the grant by not falling in line.
W. E. PARKER, an ex-Reeve of the Tp. for many years, assured the ratepayers that he was not a candidate for Reeve, for the coming year but he was keenly interested in securing information regarding the statute labor problem. He believed the Tp. would lose considerable money if it did not adopt the Govt. plan.
BEN DANN, also a former member, thought the road work system the principal topic. It is going to cost us too much money? He thought Warwick stands to lose about \$3,000 a year. It looked to him that a Council would eventually be unnecessary; the Govt. would usurp all powers and responsibilities. He was a candidate for Reeve and asked the ratepayers for their support.
ADAM HIGGINS, was pleased to be here and had been here a good many times. Had been elected and defeated, but was grateful for all support he had been given. He was not a candidate. Abolishing statute labor seemed to be the chief topic. He was entirely in favor of the by-law. Criticized the council for not assuming responsibility when they should have been in possession of all the facts and information. Many electors would go to the poll without proper information. Pathmasters do not work uniformly and certain favors were granted to various ratepayers.
All statute labor would amount to approx. \$7000 at rate of \$2 day. I believe same work can be done and place the same no. of yards in township for \$5000. If Warwick stays out it will be the only one around us that does. Shall they allow the work on the Townships to be done the same as Warwick does?
I would stand on the new system if I was a candidate for office, and the candidates who do stand should explain here this afternoon which side they stand on.
REEVE B. F. MUMA explained the organization of the County Roads and the County Provincial Roads in 1924 the Highway Improvement Act increased the grant of 20% to 30% and 50% of the salary of the superintendent of tp. roads. Warwick was the only tp. giving the ratepayers an opportunity of voicing their opinion. He did not think very much of the new plan under present information available, but admitted if all other tps went in, Warwick would be a loser. I am again before you as a candidate for Reeve. You have used me well, I have no axe to grind. I squeezed in the first election 2nd head of the poll, I am not in favor of the new system.
W. E. PARKER—Our road expenditure has amounted to \$20,000 are we going to throw away \$6000 grant? Just leave my name for the present.
WM. A. SMITH—This statute labor question has consumed most of the time but I would like to ask. If this question is turned down by the ratepayers would it not be possible for the new council to pass it over their head? Am undecided as yet whether I will be a candidate.
JOHN KERNOHAN was not present.
C. E. LESTER was not a candidate.
M. J. KELLY touching on statute labor, there was some who thought that the supt. would run away with the Council. He was quite in favor of the present system. He thought possibly he would stand as a candidate for Councillor and would ask the ratepayers for their support.
JOS. BUTLER favored abolishing statute labor and would leave his name for the present. (Mr. Butler afterwards withdrew).
EZRA SESSIONS—As far as statute labor is concerned, he was not aware what the Govt. intended to do and as he seen it, it was an experiment. He thought the ratepayers should elect a Council that would serve the will of the people. He was not in favor of abolishing statute labor and would remain a candidate.
HENRY MANSFIELD thanked a mover and seconder, but was not a candidate. Regarding statute labor, he could not favor it.
WALTER PERCY was present. Every time I ask for statute labor, granted. Refused to do anything else Warwick can do with all other tps.

Township business is fast slipping away to Toronto. He would prefer the old order of things but when the Govt. overrides you, you must fall in line to prevent considerable loss.
S. B. CHAMBERS was in the field for another year. As the matter stands at present we can hardly do anything else but fall in line with the Govt. If elected, he would see to it that Supt. did not run away with council or if he did it would be hard going.
JOHN MCCLELLAND was in favor of the old system of road work and was in the field for councillor.
Clerk N. Herbert explained that each man nominated must sign his declaration before Tuesday evening. This completed the meeting, at which a large number of ratepayers was present.

THE BALLOT

Municipal Slate for Election in Surrounding Townships on Monday

Warwick Township
For Reeve:—
B. B. Dann
B. F. Muma.
For Councillor (4 to be elected):—
S. B. Chambers.
Melvin J. Kelly.
John McClelland.
Ezra Sessions.
Wm. A. Smith.
By-law—To Abolish Statute Labor and Adopt Govt. Road System.

BROOKE TOWNSHIP
Reeve—A. E. Loosmore, (accl.); Wm. Annett and L. Lindsay, withdrew.
Deputy Reeve—Dugald M. Campbell and Jas. H. Johnston.
Councillors—Sherman Hair, Herbert Holbrook, Donald McKinlay, Nevin McVicar, Jas. E. Wallis, Harry Wilcocks.

PLYMPTON TOWNSHIP
Reeve—Thos. Burnley, (accl.)
Deputy Reeve—A. J. Gammon (accl.)
Councillors—(3 to be elected)—
John Ferguson, Ernest Helps, (for re-election), Silas Smale, David Watson (for re-election).

O. H. A. HOCKEY

TWO BIG GAMES AT WATFORD

Sarnia Here Friday; St. Thomas Here Tuesday

Watford O.H.A. Intermediates open the season at home tonight (Friday) when they meet their old opponents of the district title, Sarnia, and the usual big crowd will no doubt be on hand to witness the re-opening of the struggle for district honors. Sarnia is apparently lost this year on account of the absence of Russ McAllister in goal, but most of the old team is still in harness and after their new goal tenders are broken in, will no doubt give hard battle to the opposing teams.
St. Thomas is a new Watford and fans of this team in not.
Be on hand as each starts. Admission for children 50c. Tax included. Call the home team.

At field Hill, Dec. 11, 1924, BORN Alberta, on 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jan Sunday, Dec 7, and Mrs. M. A. Brier. Misses: Ethel, strong, to William, instructor at the Toronto Schools, Danse, Alvin, at the Presbytery, 27th, 1924 on Saturday afternoon, Cath Rev. W. daughter of Mr. Isabel, of Alvin, McMan J. McIntyre, Brooke, on Friday, December 1924; Anis McCabe, wife late Wm. Brownlee, year. In Winnipeg on Dec. General Hospital, less, late of Alvin, right, aged eight months. Funeral Sunday afternoon. Interment cemetery.