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## Local Happenings

Miss Louise Aitken visited Rev. and Mrs. W.K. Hagar in Dresden over the week end.

Aberley All Wool Jerseys for boys \$1.65 and \$1.75.—A. Brown & Co.

Remember the sale of home-made baking by Women's Institute on Saturday, April 25th, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Mrs. Collins (nee Florence Johnston) and little daughter, of Detroit, is visiting her father, Mr. Robt. E. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Miniely of Demaine, Sask., are visiting the former's grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Rogers.

Lyceum next Thursday, Barbara LeMarr in "The White Moth". A story of Paris, France, also special comedy "Dizzy Daisy."

Services in Watford Baptist church at 11 a.m., "Faith's Far Flung Vision," 7 p.m., "The Crucifixion," Ben Wilson, Pastor.

Dance in the Music Hall, Watford, this (Friday) evening. Thompson's Orchestra of Sarnia. \$1.00 per couple.—Orville Jones.

An Arkansas woman has cremated her third husband. It seems unfair that some should be old maids, while others have husbands to burn.

Mr. Phillip McKaig, son of Mrs. Mary McKaig, returned to Honolulu Monday after spending a week with his mother and friends here.

New Subscriptions to the Family Herald and Weekly Star will be accepted at \$1.00 for the balance of the year 1925.

Brooke Telephone Subscribers connecting at Watford can now receive April Directories by calling at Central.—Wm. McLeay, Local Mgr.

The new bridge over the Aux Sauble at the entrance of the Pinery road on the route to Grand Bend will be ready for traffic about May 5th. It is a steel bridge with concrete floor.

Our Suits made to your measure at \$22.50 and \$24.00 are wonders.—A. Brown & Co.

Mrs. J.L. Brown and daughter, Marion, of Froomfield, spent last week with Mrs. J.D. Brown, Watford, and her sister, Mrs. Clare Fuller, second line.

An oratorical contest will be given in the Lyceum on May 5th, by the Young People of Watford. This will be one of the best events of the season. Don't miss it.

A song service will be the special feature next Sunday night at 7 p.m. in the Methodist church. The choir will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Sandy and Mrs. B.A. Rivers, who will be guests at the Parsonage over the weekend.

First appearance here of beautiful Barbara LeMarr in "The White Moth", Lyceum, next Thursday.

Scientists have unearthed five glyptodonts, not to mention a scelidotherium, on the Argentine pampas. That probably marks the spot where the aboriginal Patagonians threw away their old cross-word puzzles.

For Saturday—Another lot Curtain Muslins, Scrims and Fancy Marquises at 25c.—A. Brown & Co.

The U.S. has 1,900 prohibition agents to keep that country dry, and even with that number the Star-Spangled land is not drying up as fast as the Great Lakes.

Good farm horses are scarce and in strong demand, which means higher prices. Hogs have also taken an advance and are now at the highest price in recent years. The farmer seems to be coming into his own again.

A newspaper points out how astonishing it is to find that a substance so minute as to be incalculable, is capable of raising man from decrepitude to robust strength. Are they speaking of the alcohol in the new 44.

Thos. Searson held a very successful auction sale on Friday last and will move into Watford on May 1st, into the home he recently purchased from H. Kersey on Front st. Mr. Kersey is this week moving his family into the house on Erie and Warwick streets owned and recently vacated by Mr. Ben Doan.

Dresden Times:—Mrs. Bruce D. Marwick, who has been in Dawn for the past month nursing her aunt, the late Mrs. Rupert, left on Tuesday with little Billie to attend the graduating exercises at Queen's University where Mr. Marwick is graduating as a science specialist.

Now is the time when, with a seed catalogue that costs nothing, seeds that cost 25 cents, personal labor that seems worth \$20 when it's over, and a 25-cent bottle of liniment, the back yard gardener begins to wait the fifteen cents worth of produce.

Business is good in Watford. We'll soon have to widen the streets for the week-end deluge of cars, if this town continues to grow in popularity with the purchasing public of the surrounding district. Automobiles have greatly increased the trading area for Watford and crowds are coming from greater distances than ever before.

Lyceum next Thursday, Barbara LeMarr in "The White Moth". A story of Paris, France, also special comedy "Dizzy Daisy."

Can you imagine a town nearly three times the size of Watford refusing to own its local hydro system? The following comment is lifted from the Amherstburg Echo:—"Towns that own their own Hydro systems are pleased with the results. The Hydro Commission has informed the Town of Essex that the net surplus for the town system was \$9,979.43 in addition to a provision for depreciation of \$785. The actual cost of power was \$1923.42 less than the amount of the interim bills, which is standing to the town's credit on the books. It looks as if Amherstburg made a mistake when it voted against the Hydro purchase by-law."

The comedy drama entitled "The Path Across the Hill" given by the Young People's Board of Sarnia, in the Lyceum, Tuesday evening was well attended, and much enjoyed by all present. Each role was well acted and the presence of Susu and Salamander, two colored characters, added much to the humor of the plot. The Tuxis Boys Orchestra, humorous monologue and readings took the place of the boy whistler who was unable to fill his engagement. After the play the Sarnia young people, together with the Councils of the Zion and Watford Y.P.C., met in the S.S. room of the Methodist church where luncheon was served.

For Saturday—Ladies' fine quality cotton hose in camel or black 25c. Art Silk Hose (firsts) all shades 48c.—A. Brown & Co.

The tourist trade is regarded as one of our most profitable national resources. What's the use of conducting our wealthy cousins from across the border (bent upon having a good holiday in Canada) along a long lone country highway, where there is no opportunity to spend their money. Bring them down the 4th line, where they will have every facility for rest and refreshment, and meet every inducement to part with their greenbacks at Wyoming, Watford, Kerwood and Strathroy. And then Mt. Brydges and Delaware villages would like to have at least a good look at them before they get into London. The Ontario Government will be well advised to designate the 4th line to Strathroy as the route of the new Sarnia-London highway.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting at the Manse, on Monday evening, April 20th. Twelve members were present and the president, Miss Anna Cran, presided. A hymn followed by the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison, opened the meeting. The treasurer reported that \$28.60 had been remitted to the Presbyterian Treasurer for the first quarter of 1925. Miss Cran and Mrs. Workman were appointed delegates to the Sarnia Presbyterian to be held in Alvinston on April 28 and 29th, and to the Provincial to be held in London in May. Miss Esther McKercher read a paper entitled "Japanese Christianity in Action." A hymn and prayer brought the meeting to a close, after which tea was served.

Prince Suits for boys—the better kind, with two bloomers.—A. Brown & Co.

The regular meeting of Lambtons Chapter 149 I.O.O.F. was held at the home of Mrs. T. A. Adams, on Tuesday, April 21st, at three o'clock with Mrs. Pritchett, first vice-regent in the chair. There were ten members and two visitors present. A letter of thanks was read from Secretary of Library Board for picture "Canadian Artillery in Action," presented to the Library by the Chapter. After the business part of the meeting a social hour was spent. Miss Dorothy Fowler gave a splendid talk on "Nobility," and Mrs. R. Brown gave a humorous reading. Both numbers were greatly enjoyed by the Chapter. The meeting closed with "God Save The King," after which the hostess served dainty refreshments. Mrs. Connolly invited the ladies to her place for May meeting.

The Missionary Mock Trial which formed a very interesting and profitable entertainment in the Methodist church on Monday, was put on by the Y.P. League and was well attended. The Pastor presided and conducted a devotional period before the Trial took place. The Prisoner (Mr. Ivan Parker), representing the Christian Church, was accused of gross neglect in the carrying out of the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Miss Fowler, acting as judge, presided over the court with dignity and fairness. Miss Reginae Stapleford as Crown Attorney presented the charge and examined the witnesses, viz: The New Canadian (Miss Laura Edwards); Japan, Miss Ila Cook; Africa, Miss W. Harper; The Red Indian, Gladys Jones; The Near East, Miss A. Lovell; India, Frank Roberts, The Constable in charge of the prisoner, T.J. Kersey. Miss Florence Lovell represented the Missionary Commission. All these young people very ably took their parts.

## WEDNESDAY CLOSING COMMENCES MAY 6th

Wednesday half-holidays in Watford will commence on May 6th according to the following agreement signed by the merchants listed below:

We, the undersigned Retail Merchants of Watford hereby agree to close our places of business at twelve o'clock noon, every Wednesday from May 1st, to October 1st, except when a holiday comes the day preceding or the day following.

The Watford Dry Goods Co., Clothing, etc.

Dr. George Hicks, Dentist.

F. J. Dodds, hardware, groceries.

B. P. Cook, druggist.

Carl A. Class, optician.

F. W. Rogers, grocer.

Watford Farmers' Store.

Cameron & Co., groceries.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.

Postoffice.

Harper Bros, furniture.

J. Mathews, grocer.

D. Richardson, barber.

J. Coupland, harness, etc.

J. W. McConkey, men's wear.

W. Cook, Sr., butcher.

A. E. Johnston, barber.

Basil Richardson, barber.

Ladies Fashion Shoppe.

Trenouth & Co., flour and fed.

R. E. Prentiss, tailor.

Miss E. Miniely, milliner.

Edwards Bros., butchers.

J. R. McCormick, groceries and hardware.

Dr. Howden, dentist.

E. A. Brown, clothing, etc.

## LOCAL ASSESSMENT STATISTICS

Assessor W.H. Shrapnell has completed his work for this year and from his records the following information is taken, which will be of interest to many of our readers:—

Land Assessment ..... \$ 71,750

Building Assessment ..... 385,150

Business Assessment ..... 27,850

Income Assessment ..... 10,840

Total ..... 495,590

Value of non-assessable property

Schools and library 26900

Municipal ..... 2560

Government ..... 12200

Churches ..... 26500—67260

Population, 1925 ..... 1010

Population, 1924 ..... 1029

Number of dogs ..... 42

Four Nonagenarians

Number of persons between 70 and 80 years of age... 70

Number of persons between 80 and 90 years of age... 18

Number of persons over 90 years of age... 4

Mrs. Mary Jane Stapleford is the oldest citizen, being 99 years of age, and if she lives, will reach the century mark in August of this year.

The remaining three citizens who have passed their 90th milestone and are now on their way to the century mark are Messrs. E. McGillicuddy, Erie st, 93; George Zavitz, Huron st, 91; and David M. Ross, Simcoe st., 91.

We reserve the names of those 18 citizens who have passed their four-score years as the most of them are yet mere boys and girls in vigor and can still teach the younger generation what constitutes a good day's labor.

As for those who have attained their allotted span of three-score ten, "Their name is legion," totaling 70 in all, and ranging from 70 years to 80.

## BROOKE

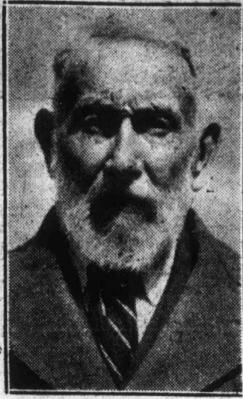
Miss Sadie McEachern, of Port Huron, visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Lucas, over the weekend, prior to leaving on an extended trip to California and Colorado.

The Box Social, under the auspices of Christ Church Women's Guild, which was previously postponed, will be held on Friday evening, April 24th in the school house at S.S. No. 17, 12th line Brooke. W.H.S. Orchestra in attendance. Good program. Ladies please bring your box.

The April meeting of the W.M.S. of Chalmers church was held at the home of Mrs. A.C. Walker. The meeting opened by singing and the reading of the scripture lesson. The minutes were then read and adopted, after which roll call was answered by a verse containing the word "Faith." Roll call at next meeting to be answered by a verse containing the word "Power." The following papers were then given: "Planting of the Faith" by Miss Margaret MacIntyre; "God is our refuge and our strength" by Mrs. J. Gilroy, and "Beautiful things I see in Nature," by Mrs. D. Campbell. The meeting was brought to a close by singing a hymn and repeating the Lord's Prayer. The hostess then served a dainty lunch and a social hour was spent by all present. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Macdonald.

First appearance here of beautiful Barbara LeMarr in "The White Moth", Lyceum, next Thursday.

Next Sunday at Walnut at 2.30 and Bethesda at 7.30. Rev. J. L. Foster will conduct Baptismal and Reception Services for any wishing to be received into the church. Also Baptismal of infants at each service.



MR. GEORGE ZAVITZ, one of Watford's nonagenarians who carries his 91 years as lightly as the average man a score of years younger. Mr. Zavitz was one of the old "original" pioneers of Brooke. He resides on Huron st., with his daughter, Mrs. Marwick.

## HYDRO COMMISSION HAS NICE SURPLUS

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in basement of Public Library.

Present: W.G. Connolly, chairman; J. R. McCormick and J. T. Kersey. Minutes of March meeting and special meetings were read and approved.

A communication from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario was read dealing with the Balance Sheet and Operating Report for our Hydro System for 1924. This report shows a net surplus for 1924 of \$2334.25, in addition to a provision for local depreciation of \$444.00. Attention is also called in the report to the equity in the development and transmission system operated by this commission which we have acquired through the medium of our power bills and which at the first of the year amounted to \$1942.02. This report should be very gratifying to all concerned.

Another communication from the H.E.P. Com. was read asking for information relative to size, cost, location, etc., of all Transformers which we have in place or in stock.

The following bills were presented and on motion of J. T. Kersey and J.R. McCormick ordered to be paid:

Waterworks:—

Babeock, Wilson and Goldie McCulloch, services ... \$ 68.60

Absolom Lucas, labor and materials ..... 3.60

March Power bill ..... 20.46

R. Morningstar, charging battery ..... 2.50

Hydro:—

A. Harrower, labor ..... \$ 8.40

S. Jones, freight, cartage... 12.78

F. H. Just, wiring supplies. 89.17

Can. Gen. Electric, ditto. 37.62

W.H. Shrapnell, March sal. 37.50

W.H. Shrapnell, postage and express ..... 9.16

H.E.P. Com. of Ont. supplies 13.71

Meeting adjourned.

W. H. Shrapnell, Sec. Comparative Summary Hydro Electric Dept.

Depreciation, Dec. 31, 1923. \$400.00

Depreciation Dec. 31, 1924. 444.00

Equity, Dec. 31st, 1923. 656.18

Equity, Dec. 31st, 1924. 1942.02

An increase in the Reserve Fund of ..... 1285.84

Net surplus, 1923 ..... 4552.76

Net surplus, 1924 ..... 2334.25

Revenue 1924 1923

Domestic light .. \$4158.80 \$3740.23

Commercial light 2960.33 2856.12

Commercial power 2103.19 2727.08

284.20

Street lighting .. 1102.50 1365.00

\$10324.82 10972.63

Total expenses.. 7990.57 6419.87

\$2334.25 4552.76

## HICKSON—BRYCE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage on Wednesday afternoon when Mabel Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mrs. Wesley Bryce of Warwick, was united in marriage to Robert Hicks of the same village, Rev. L. J. Stones officiating.

## KERNOHAN—DODGE

The Methodist parsonage, Forest, was the scene of a quiet wedding at noon Wednesday, April 15th, when Freida Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mrs. Ida Dodge of Forest, became the bride of D. Basil Kernohan, third son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kernohan of Warwick township. The bride wore her travelling suit of navy turtleneck with pearl grey blouse matching a large grey hat. She carried a bouquet of roses and ferns. The young couple left for a honeymoon trip to Hamilton and Toronto. On their return they will reside on the 6th line, Warwick township.

## WARWICK

The April meeting of the Warwick Women's Institute was held in the Town Hall, Warwick, on the afternoon of April 9th. The president, Mrs. D. Falloon, presided. After the opening exercises roll call was responded to by a verse on Easter. Mrs. D. Falloon read a paper entitled "Women's Institutes." Mrs. John Archer read a poem "The Perfect Day", both being exceptionally good. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. The members are requested to be all present at the business meeting to be held in May. Roll call to be answered by paying fees. Ladies always welcome.

The annual meeting of the Zion Methodist W.M.S. was held in the church last night and reports submitted showed a successful year.

Miss Linda McIntosh of Port Huron, Mich., returned last week after a five weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McIntosh.

Mrs. Arthur Fisher and daughter, Maxine, of Mt. Brydges, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly.

Service next Sunday at Calvary Baptist church at 3 o'clock. The subject will be "Sowing the Seed."

Mr. Inglehart, of Regina, is visiting his niece, Mrs. George Brent, 12 sideroad, this week.

Mrs. A. Hagle, 4th line, is spending a couple of weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morrison.

Claird Richardson, of Windsor, is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.N. Richardson, 4th line, having blood poison in his hand.

Rev. Mr. Haggard, of Fenton, Mich., and Rural Dean Newton, both former rectors at Warwick village, visited old friends in that locality last week.

Mrs. Clifford Richardson and two children of Windsor, spent Easter week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coffin, 4th line, and other friends around Bethel.

Mrs. George Brent, 12 sideroad, has returned home after spending last week with her sister, Mrs. J. Doan, of Dorchester, who has been seriously ill, but is now recovering nicely.

The Ladies' Aid of Bethel met at the home of Mrs. Fred Graham, on Thursday, April 16th. There were over 50 in attendance and the afternoon was spent in sewing and knitting. A fifteen cent tea was held and all enjoyed themselves. The proceeds amounted to \$9.00.

## AT THE IROQUOIS THEATRE PETROLIA

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends for the support that they gave "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

This Friday and Saturday with special Saturday Matinee at 2.30, the feature attraction is "Revelation" adapted from Mabel Wagnall's immortal story "The Rosebush of a Thousand Years." A two-reel comedy featuring the famous comedien, Harold Lloyd, completes the bill.

Monday and Tuesday, Louis B. Mayer presents Mae Busch and Monte Blue in "Bread" adapted from the novel "Modern Marriage." Fox News Weekly and Comedy completes the bill.

Wednesday and Thursday, First National Pictures present Claire Windsor and Adolphe Menjou in a stirring drama of American Society of the upper strata, entitled "For Sale"; usual added attractions complete the bill.

See ad. elsewhere in this issue.

## BORN

In Warwick, on Thursday, April 16, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hall, a son—Ross Lampman.

In Brooke, on Sunday, April 19th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Taylor 10th line, a son.—John Russell.

## MARRIED

At the Manse, Mandamun, on Friday April 17th., by the Rev. A. Earle Waghome, Gertrude Irene, eldest daughter of Mr. Jos. Fuchs, to Mr. Melvin Lucas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Absolom Lucas, all of Watford.

In Wyoming, on Wednesday, April 15 1925, by Rev. L. J. Stones, Mabel Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mrs. Wesley Bryce, to Mr. Robert Hicks, both of Warwick.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballard, 9729 106th street, Edmonton, on Saturday, April 18th, their eldest daughter, Marjorie, to Harry Neil, the second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Thomas Elston, of Exeter, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Elston left enroute to San Mateo, Calif., where they will make their home.

## Mere Worms

Mrs. Deekledge—"My husband spends all his time in the library. He's a real book worm."

Mrs. Stockson-Bonds—"And mine spends his time over the stock ticker, reading the tape. He's a veritable tapeworm."