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## Local Happenings

Spring is here to stay. And now for Housecleaning! If you have the blues see "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" in the Lyceum, March 31st. Mrs. M. Sandford was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McCausland over the weekend. Don't miss "The Galloping Fish", a real good comedy at the Lyceum next Thursday. Mrs. George Landreth of Galt is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Ontario street. The members of St. James' Guild and W. A. purpose holding a sale of homemade baking in Watford on Saturday, April 11th. Mr. and Mrs. William McCausland and children, Jean and Helen, spent the past week at the home of his parents here. Men if you want to save money when buying your spring suit or overcoat we advise you to go to The Watford Dry Goods Co.'s Whale of a Sale. Miss Ethel Dunham, Arkona, has returned home after spending ten days with her cousins, Mrs. H. Y. Williams and Miss Elsie Brown. Another famous comedy "The Galloping Fish" with Louise Fazenda, Sydney Chaplin and trained seals, at the Lyceum next Thursday. The Horticultural Society is taking advantage of the fine days this week and placing the flower beds on Federal Square in fit shape. Homemade Baking and Candy Sale Friday, March 27th, in the store under Dr. Hick's office, 4.30 p.m. Sunday Class, Congregational Church. Services in the Methodist Church at the usual hours, morning subject: "The Young Christian and his Bible" evening subject: "Forgive us our trespasses". "Business is good" at the Watford Dry Goods Co.'s store; of course this firm draws the crowd with genuine bargains. The Guild and W. A. of Trinity Church will meet at the home of Mrs. R. P. Brown on Thursday, April 2nd, at three p.m. Rev. J. H. Hofsford will address the ladies on "Early Church History". A meeting of all those interested in Lawn Tennis will be held in the basement of the Library on Monday, March 30th, at 8 p.m., to consider organizing for 1925. A full attendance is requested. Friday, April 3rd "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" will be presented at the Lyceum with special musical prologue. Watford Presbyterian Ladies' Aid have abandoned the Tea, as advertised previously and will substitute a Homemade Cooking Sale, which will be held in the vacant store next Cowan's bakery on Saturday, April 4th, opening at 4 o'clock. Bound copies of the "Guide-Advocate" of 1923 and 1924 have recently been placed in the Public Library. The Library Board takes pleasure in again tendering its thanks for these volumes, which have many times proved valuable for reference. Talking about "a busy store" if you want to see a crowd of buyers go to The Watford Dry Goods Co.'s Whale of a Sale. "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" is a scream from rise of curtain to drop. See it Tuesday, March 31. Canada's post office is taking stock. It is a great undertaking. Every letter and piece of mail matter handled in this country between March 1 and April 1 is being closely scrutinized, counted, weighed and the amount of stamps it bears recorded. This is being done on the rural routes, on all railway trains and at all post offices. The duty is an onerous one, but it is being performed cheerfully by the staff. "Packing Pork to Pay Expenses" a true story, will be the special topic on which Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner will preach in the Congregational Church on Sunday morning. His evening topic will be "Living on Straight Street." These are live and practical messages for modern Christians, and you are invited to hear them. Everybody welcome. Sunday School at 10 a.m. with special program and a few lantern pictures. Join the Horticultural Society and "Make Watford Beautiful." A congregational meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for the taking of a vote on church union, after which voting will commence and continue each day until the Monday after Easter, April 13th.

"One little fib produces millions". Just see it proved out. Tuesday, March 31st, in the Lyceum.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Doan and family left on Wednesday for Biggar, Sask, where they will make their home.

Mr. Gordon Doan, who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity, returned to his home in the West on Thursday.

Do not miss this comedy "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," under the auspices of a group of Lambton's I.O.D. E. Admission 25c and 35c, plus tax. Mr. A. Rumford is holding a clearing sale of his entire stock of footwear this week, and will return to Georgetown where he previously conducted a shoe store.

Inspector Murphy, of London District, visited Watford Postoffice on Friday on his annual inspection. He congratulated Postmaster Luckham on the efficient handling of all details.

Mrs. Nelson Hawn was taken to a London hospital on Saturday evening to undergo an operation, which proved highly successful. It will be some weeks, however, before her complete recovery.

Little Jean Johnston, the eight-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnston, who was hurriedly removed to a London hospital last week and underwent an operation for appendicitis, is now making a very satisfactory recovery and will be able to be removed to her home shortly.

The University of Western Ontario Extension Department is putting on a lecture in Watford High School on Wednesday evening, April 8th, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of Lambton 149, I. O. D. E. Dr. K. P. R. Neville, Registrar of the University, will be the speaker. His subject is "King Tut". Everyone is cordially invited. Admission 25c.

Another big crowd attended the "Whale of a Sale" last Saturday at The Watford Dry Goods Co., successors to Swift, Sons & Co.

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" the big screen version of Victor Hugo's dramatic masterpiece, is now playing to capacity houses in London. This big feature will be shown in the Lyceum with special music on Friday evening, April 3rd.

Don't attempt to do your Spring Cleaning without an Electric Washer. Get one that will take your heavy woollen blankets, comforters, quilts, floor mats, curtains, sheets, etc. Anything in the household that can be washed. The heaviest washings will not add more than five cents to your hydro bill. Don't try to do without any longer. Ask your neighbor who has one; then come and let us show you the "White Cap."—J. R. McCormick.

At the request of so many of our customers we have decided to continue "The Whale of a Sale" until Saturday, April 11th, at The Watford Dry Goods Co., successors to Swift, Sons & Co.

The regular meeting of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church was held at the Manse on Monday evening, March 23rd. There were nine members present, and the president, Miss Anna Cran, presided. After the opening devotional exercises Miss Reta Stephenson read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Workman read a portion of the Study Book, "Japan, and the Upward Trail." Mrs. Luckham and Miss Anna Cran were appointed a committee to visit the sick for the following month. A hymn and prayer brought the meeting to a close, after which Mrs. Workman served tea.

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" farce in 3 acts, by St. John's Dramatic Club, under the auspices of a group of Lambton's I.O.D.E. in the Lyceum, March 31st. Admission 25c and 35c, plus tax.

A public meeting will be held in the Armory this (Friday) evening at eight o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Rifle Association in Watford and everyone interested in the formation of such a club is requested to be present. The Association will be formed under Government military regulations in order to receive the grant of money for maintenance. A very flourishing Rifle Club was in evidence in Watford several years ago and it is hoped that the spirit may be revived. Every man interested in target practice is urged to be present at this meeting.

Coming to the Lyceum, Friday, April 3rd, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". This fine production is drawing record breaking crowds. Don't miss it.

## OBITUARY

### ROBERT LONG

Another of the oldest residents of this district passed away on Sunday evening, March 22nd, in the person of Robert Long, who was in his eighty-first year. The late Mr. Long was stricken through weakness of the heart, in August of last year, while engaged in the work of his farm on the sixth line, south, east of Watford. Since then he has been confined to his bed, excepting for the period of a few weeks last fall, during which time he went to visit at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Freeman Birchard, on the fourth line west, Warwick, where he was again compelled through serious illness to remain in bed, until the time of his death.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. Birchard at whose home he passed away, he is survived by his wife, and his son Russel at home; Mrs. Anderson of Petrolia; Frank of Elbow, Sask; and Earl of Sarnia. With the exception of Frank, all of the surviving members of the family were able to be present at the funeral, which was held on Tuesday afternoon from the home of Mr. Birchard to the Watford cemetery and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. V. Workman, of the Watford Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was at the time of his death, the eldest member of the Session.

The pallbearers were six old neighbors on the sixth line: Chas. and Daniel Kelly, Bert King, William Logan, William Greer, and Ben Richardson.

Mr. Long was a pioneer in this district. He was an industrious, earnest Christian man, who had a wide circle of friends in Watford and vicinity.

### MRS. ANDREW CARSON

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Dewar Carson, wife of Andrew Carson, mention of whose death was made last week, was held Friday afternoon from the family residence, 242 Christina street south, Sarnia. The service conducted by Rev. F. G. Newton of St. John's Anglican church was very largely attended by friends from the city and county and there were very many flowers. Interment was made in Lakeview cemetery. The pallbearers were Harry and Sam Carson, Wm. Armstrong, Daniel Ross Marsden Whitely and John Milligan.

### FAREWELL PARTY FOR BEN DOAN AND FAMILY

A number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Doan on Monday evening, March 23rd, to bid them farewell before leaving for their new home in Biggar.

An address was read by Mrs. Melville Buchner, and the presentation made by Mrs. Earl Roberts, of a handsome club bag, to which Mr. Doan made a suitable reply.

The evening was spent in games and dancing. A dainty lunch was served at mid-night by the hostess. To Mr. and Mrs. Doan and Family: We the friends and neighbors of the community have gathered together to bid you farewell, before leaving for your new home in the West, which we hope will bring as many good friends as you have left behind, and that our loss will be their gain.

The residents of Watford and vicinity join together in presenting you this small present as a token of our esteem, and regret at your departure. We all join together in hoping your new home will bring happiness and success to you and your family. Signed on behalf of the community: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Buchner.

## DIED

In Warwick, on Sunday, March 22nd 1925, Robert Long, in his 81st year

## BORN

In Warwick, on Tuesday, March 17, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, a son.

In Warwick, on Wednesday, March 25, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gavigan, a son.

In Watford on Wednesday, March 18th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McClung, (nee Gertrude Mitchell) a daughter—Evelyn Ileen.

## WARWICK

Last regular meeting of Maple Leaf Community Club was held in S. S. No. 11 school on Friday evening last. A good crowd was in attendance which shows the interest which has been taken in the meetings throughout the winter months.

Don't forget the Box Social in S. S. No. 11 school house, 2nd line, S. E. R., on (this) Friday evening, under the auspices of the Maple Leaf Community Club. Everybody is welcome to come and join in making the final evening a real success. Ladies are requested to bring their box.

While at work in John Grieve's sugar bush, Will Grieve was struck in the eye by a breaking bough. A tiny piece of a bud penetrated the eyeball, causing a painful wound. The sight of the eye was saved by prompt treatment by a London specialist.

The annual meeting of the Kingscourt Zenana Missionary Society was held on March 17th, at the home of Miss Ada Lambert. The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, after which the following members were elected for the coming year. President, Mrs. McCormick; vice-pres., Mrs. Rivers; treasurer, Mrs. Birchard; secretary, Mrs. A. Bryce; cor. secretary, Mrs. Smith; instructor, Mrs. Sayers, with Mrs. Thompson assisting; pianist, Miss Ada Lambert. After the business part of the meeting the remainder of the afternoon was spent in social games, Irish songs, jokes and conundrums, the winning side having the pleasure of meeting Pat and his relations. Mrs. Hume gave a much enjoyed reading on the life of St. Patrick, after which a dainty lunch was served and the meeting closed, with a collection of six dollars and eighty cents. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. George Garside.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Warwick Village, who has been ill for about a month with nervous trouble, was moved to Strathroy hospital on Wednesday for further treatment.

### Second Line School Burns

The fine public school building of school section No. 17, Warwick, Miss Dorothy Wordsworth, teacher, on the second line south was totally destroyed by fire Monday morning, shortly before the opening of school. One of the older pupils, Chester Bartley, who acted as janitor, had lit the fire in the stove at the usual hour and had gone out to the woodshed to split wood. On his return he discovered the interior of the school house ablaze. The alarm was immediately given, and the men from the nearby farms hurried to give assistance, but it was impossible for any to enter the school house. A window was smashed, and a few books, together with one map, were the only things saved. The building was of frame, veneered with white brick, and the brick veneer is the only part of the school which remains, and part of that is destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown. The estimated loss of building and equipment is about \$2,500, with insurance of only \$850. At a meeting of the ratepayers of the section held on Tuesday evening it was decided to place a temporary building on the school property to be used until midsummer, when a new schoolhouse will be erected.

### Postal Information

The following information gleaned from the report of the Postmaster General for the year ending March 31st, 1924, may be of interest. The figures below represent the Gross Postal Revenue in the offices named:

Alvinston	\$ 3859.71
Arkona	1826.93
Bridgen	2962.12
Camlachie	1015.86
Courtright	1949.86
Forest	6749.41
Glencoe	5628.51
Grand Bend	702.02
Inwood	1741.62
Kerwood	1328.36
Mandaumin	593.08
Oil Springs	1993.80
Petrolia	13,429.30
Pt. Lambton	1356.91
Sarnia	65,544.31
Strathroy	12,182.60
Stedford	3,158.24
Wanstead	830.69
Warwick	263.76
WATFORD	6,628.91
Wyoming	3166.90

Fifteen years from now the farmer's woodlot planted this year with trees that can be had for the asking will be worth a tidy sum of money.

## Strathroy Minstrels

### Make Big Hit

Wholesome Entertainment Provided by Junior Athletic Club's Creations of Talent, in Darkey Melodies, Comic Songs, Rare Jokes, Athletic Exercises and Varied Specialties.

The members of the Strathroy Junior Athletic Club proved themselves splendid entertainers behind the footlights of the Lyceum on Friday evening, when they made their initial theatrical bow to a Watford audience and tried their hand at minstrelsy. Their performance was up to a very high standard and in this club of about one hundred members, there appears to be abundance of ability, not only in athletics, but also as entertainers. The large audience which left no vacant chairs in the theatre, was charmed with the clean, clever production given by the boys, some of whom performed with the ease and grace of more experienced artists. The first part comprised the usual circle, with the president of the club, Dr. G. F. McFadden, in the interlocutor's chair, surrounded by his company, arrayed in white with the club colors in the form of a sash, and six lively 'coons' as fun makers "on the ends." The solos and choral work was admirable and inlaid with volleys of new and crisp jokes many of local color and application, the audience was easily kept in wrapt attention and pleasure. Dr. McFadden could not easily be surpassed as an interpreter of his loquacious end-men. The sentimental solos, "Sunrise and You," by Robt. Freele; "Can't You Heah Me Call'n', Carolin'" by Mack Collins; the very appropriate number for St. Patrick's Day, "Mother in Ireland," by John Warner, and "The Big Bass Viol," by Arthur Greenwood, were all creditably given in good voice and style. The end songs, "How Do You Do?" by Douglas Fortner; "Oh, Min," by Walter Moran; "Why Did I Kiss That Girl," by Louis Keek, and "Down Where the Big Bananas Grow," by Allan Gill, were interpreted in true minstrel style and with such a dash and finish that encores were oft demanded. The second part specialties comprised a realistic "black and white" boxing bout between J. Warner and S. Limon, and a series of gymnastics "on the horse" by F. Eagleden, D. Fortner, L. Enwright, George Eagleden, R. Moore and O. Kelliher, showing the physical training side of the club's varied activities. The club instructor is Wm. Ingham, who is succeeding in turning out some excellent athletes among the members. Allan Gill acted as clown during these exercises, and in the opinion of the majority, made the best all-around representative of the real "darkey." F. Mackin was right at home in his monologue and buck and wing dancing, his clever sketches evidencing marked ability. One of the best features of the evening was undoubtedly the original and clever interpretation of the "Bells of St. Marys." A Greenwood acting as the sedate minister, Frank Butler as the handsome groom, and Robert Freele as the blushing bride. The latter left little to be desired as a female impersonator, and looked lovely in her elaborate white array with flowing veil. This was one of the real hits of the evening. There were also "the funny four" coon soldiers, D. Fortner, H. Frank, Mack Collins and L. Keek, in a rollicking song sketch, and the cotton pickers down in old Alabama, who introduced some of the old-time melodies and clog steps, the show closing with the appearance of the "ebony belles" and a rousing old-fashioned square dance. J. A. Allum directed the choral work; Mrs. Conkey presided at the piano, and the "S. J. A. C." orchestra filled in the intervals and played admirable accompaniments. The members of the latter were: Richard Statham, H. Sullivan, W. Willmott, violins; L. Galloway, clarinet; R. Gibson, cornet; C. Down, bass viol; drums, G. Marshall; piano, Stewart Milne. The boys deserved good patronage, and they got it.

### MORRISON—SHEPPARD

An interesting wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage, Wyoming, on Saturday, when Miss Bessie Sheppard was married to W. Gordon Morrison, both of Forest. The pastor, Rev. J. Jones, officiated. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Morrison left by motor to spend their honeymoon with friends at Eastern points.