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## Local Happenings

No, "Humpty," after surveying you as "Snowball" the girls are quite decided they prefer you as "Jiggs."

Read our ad and buy your overalls now, \$1.60 a pair.—Swifts.

Big Masquerade Carnival in Watford Arena next Monday evening. Get your costume ready. See bills and ad.

So there is to be another Masquerade at the Arena on Monday. Now, girls, don't all go as Cross-Word-Puzzles!

Mr. Thos. J. Oakes, was in Crosswell, Mich., on Tuesday, attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Ellen Holbrook.

The Delineator, \$1.20 a year. Get your name on the list right now.—Swifts Pattern Department.

"Changing Husbands," is a story of a gay young wife who changed her old fashioned model husband for a snappy sport "runabout." Laughs? Nothing but laughs at the Lyceum next Thursday.

Calvary and Watford Baptist church, next Sunday, Jan 25th. Calvary 3 p.m., Watford 7 p.m. Subject: "Marks of a Christian." L. J. Stones, Pastor.

Sale of Dress Goods at Swifts, half price, 39 and 69, about 20 pieces.

Dr. Sawers made a professional call in Warwick last Friday in the Snowmobile. Its gas consumption is probably a little higher than the ordinary flivver, the Dr. enjoyed its sturdy surmounting of all obstacles.

Frank Pritchett, local manager of Silverwoods, Ltd., has had a bad case of blood poisoning in his left hand for the past week, caused by fowl picks. Although the hand is now practically back to normal, he suffered considerable pain and much difficulty in getting it checked.

Watford girls are organizing a Hockey Team and are preparing to meet Alvinston and Petrolia in the near future. They intended to play Alvinston last Thursday evening before the H. S. game, but Alvinston girls did not appear.

"The Eclipse of the sun—Total or partial for you!" This will be the evening topic of Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner in the Congregational church on Sunday at 7 p.m. The morning topic will be "The Splendour of Self-Control. You are invited to hear these messages of interest and helpfulness for modern men and women. A cordial welcome to everyone.

20 ends of real Scotch Tweeds, made to order, \$35.00 a suit.—At Swifts Sale.

Dr. G. N. Urie, who has been in Strathroy hospital with a bad case of blood poisoning in his left hand, is now out of danger, but it will be necessary for him to remain in the hospital for some time yet. During his temporary absence, his office and practice is being looked after by Dr. MacDonald, of Appin.

Last call to settle 1924 bill at Swifts. Pay Saturday.

The regular meeting of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. Ross Luckham on Monday evening, January 19th. There were fifteen members and two visitors present, and the president, Miss Anna Cran, presided. After the opening devotional exercises, Misses Maxine Rogers and Mary Connolly, very ably rendered the instrumental duet, "Poet and Peasant." Miss Nellie Hawn read an interesting paper entitled, "The Skipper and His Ship," dealing with missionary endeavors in Japan. It was decided to hold a "Valentine Tea" at the home of Mrs. Arthur McKecher, on Friday, February 13th. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a dainty lunch. The February meeting will be held at the home of Miss Kathleen Elliot.

The January meeting of the W. I. was held at the home of Miss A. Morgan, with an attendance of eighteen members and visitors. In answer to roll call on "Using Up Odds and Ends," very many practical hints were given. An apron contest brought forth an assortment, varied in style and colour. An interesting program followed the regular business. Mrs. J. Thomas gave a very fine talk on "Womans' Part in Canadian Progress," and Miss Evelyn Hastings gave two readings, "Powder on Her Nose," and "We Were Born in Canada Beneath the British Flag." Both those ladies gave splendid and wonderful talks and were much enjoyed by all who heard them. Meeting closed with singing "God Save the King," after which a social half hour was spent together.

## COMING EVENTS

The Young Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will hold a Valentine Tea at the home of Mrs. Arthur McKecher on Friday, February 13th.

A special meeting of the Women's Institute is called for on Friday evening at 7:30, Jan. 23rd, at the home of the President, Mrs. H. Humphries. Each member is urged to attend.

Cecil B. DeMille's new matrimonial comedy mix up, "Changing Husbands" featuring Leatrice Joy, and leading paramount cast at the Lyceum next Thursday.

All members of Watford Council of Chosen Friends, are requested to be present at their next regular meeting to be held in their hall here on Tuesday evening next, January 27th, at 8 p.m. Election of officers and other important business.

## E. L. Fair Board Meet

To Hold School Fair in Connection This Year, under Supervision of County Representative.

The annual meeting of the directors of East Lambton Agricultural Society was held in the Library on Wednesday afternoon. Reports were given by the Secretary-Treasurer, showing a heavy deficit last year, due no doubt to the Fair following too closely on Watford's Old Home Week.

No Spring Horse Show will be held this year, but it was decided to have a School Exhibit in connection with the Fall Fair, open to the Township of Warwick and under the supervision of W. P. Macdonald, the county agricultural representative.

The Standing Field Crop competition will be continued this summer, and it is also hoped to have a Race Meet in Watford sometime in June, when good purses will be hung up to draw the best of horses from all over Western Ontario. It has been found in the past, that race meets were profitable, providing the purses were sufficient to draw the best horses.

The Sec.-Treas., J. R. McCormick and 1st Vice-Pres., J. F. Elliot, were delegated a committee to attend the district association meeting in Petrolia today (Thursday).

Election of officers resulted as follows:—

Hon. President—John Farrell, "the Father of the Fair."  
President—Dr. J. McGillicuddy.  
1st Vice-Pres.—J. F. Elliot.  
2nd Vice-Pres.—S. W. Edwards.  
Sec.-Treas.—J. Russel McCormick.  
Directors—Messrs. C. E. Jones, W. G. Connolly, E. A. Edwards, Sherman Hair, John Gilliland, Robert Leach, Walter Annett, John Manders, Wm. E. Parker, A. G. Brown, W. H. Harper, Dan Cameron, John Zavitz, James B. Parker, S. B. Chambers, Thomas L. McCormick, T. W. Collier and H. W. Nixon.

## Young Watford Robin Gets Front Page Position

Thursday morning's daily newspapers carried the impressive news that the first robin of the year had been seen and captured in the little village of Watford on Wednesday morning and no doubt for the balance of the winter our town will be featured up and down the land as the first stopping-off place of the harbingers of spring in their long flight from Miami to Brights' Grove or Kettle Point.

Probably this particularly progressive creature was imbued with so much enthusiasms to "See Canada First" that his wing was badly injured in flight and he made a forced landing on the Public Library grounds, where he was immediately set upon by a bandit gang of chirping sparrows. However, like the thrilling melodrama of the screen, he was rescued just in the nick of time by Walter Cook, Jr., who, in the rear room of the butcher shop, is now coaxing him back to health and wisdom on a diet of calves' liver and soup bones.

It is perhaps as well for the world at large to be so informed of the first spring robin appearing at Watford, but a casual inspection of the bird would convince that the poor boy climbed out of the nest too late in the fall for the long southern hike and has no doubt survived the severe zero weather in some warm barn or stable.

## Watford Council

Last Year's Municipal Officers Re-appointed at Inaugural Meeting of New Council.—Plans for Season's Work Discussed, But "Economy" to be Continued as Watchword.

Watford, January 12, 1925  
Members of Council elect met at Council Chamber at 11 a. m., having previously subscribed to declarations of qualifications of office before the Clerk, who declared the first meeting of the year open for business. Present—Councillors, Hollingsworth, Doar, Hawn and Saunders, Reeve Connolly being absent.

Doar—Hawn, that in the absence of the Reeve, Mr. Hollingsworth take the chair.—Carried.

Hawn—Saunders, that we adjourn until Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for regular business.—Carried.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 1925.  
Council met pursuant to adjournment, for general business. Present—Reeve Connolly, Councillors Harry Hollingsworth, John Doar, Basil Saunders and Nelson Hawn.

Finance Committee appointed:—John Doar, chairman; Messrs. Hollingsworth and Saunders.

Hollingsworth—Doar, that Commissioners' Divisions be composed as follows:—Reeve, Main St.; Hollingsworth, west of Main st. and south of Erie to Southerly limit; Doar, west of Main from Erie to Northerly limit; Saunders, east of Main and north of Ontario to Northerly limit; Hawn, east of Main from Ontario to Southerly limit.

By law No. 1, 1925, to appoint various municipal officers was read, filled in and finally passed, as follows:—

Auditors—Misses Leila A. Fuller and Esther Hume, salary \$20 each.

Treasurer—Wm. McLeay, salary \$75, including financial statement.

Clerk—W. S. Fuller, salary \$200.  
Solicitor—John Cowan K. C.

Assessor—W. H. Shrapnell, salary \$50.

Collector—(to be appointed later) Board of Health—Dr. James Newell, Joshua Saunders and J. C. Trenouth, secretary.

Public Library Board—Mrs. T. G. Mitchell.

Poundkeeper—Thomas Roche.

Fenceviewers—J. F. Elliot, John McGillicuddy and Robt. Auld.

Finance Committee examined accounts and recommended payment as follows:—

J. W. McLaren, fumigator for P. S. . . . . \$ 3.25

Hydro Lights, Council Chamber . . . . . 1.00

Street lighting for Dec. . . . . 90.00

E. Clarke, shovelling snow . . . . . 1.00

Wm. Field, shovelling snow . . . . . 3.10

Messrs. H. W. Nixon and T. W. Collier were present, representing the Standard Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal, respectively, and each set forth just reasons for soliciting that the municipal account be placed with their respective institutions for the coming year.

Full open discussion was indulged in by the Council, each member setting forth that both institutions had always rendered the very best of service to the town and the only fair way of disposing of the matter would be to alternate to each bank.

Doar—Saunders, that the Corporation account be placed with the Bank of Montreal for 1925 and that we recommend the alternating of the account with the Standard Bank in future years.—Carried.

Hawn—Saunders, that this Council meet on the 1st Monday of each month, except on legal holidays, when meeting shall be one week later.—Carried.

Doar—Hollingsworth, that we now adjourn.—Carried.

W. S. Fuller, Clerk.

See our 5—and 10—cent counter! Many useful household articles gathered together and marked down to clearing out prices.—See them the first time you're in.—P. Dodds & Son.

Burglars failed to blow open the inner door of the vault of C. C. Peck & Co. private bank, at Goodells, 12 miles west of Port Huron. The outer door of the vault was blown off with an explosive. About the same time the explosion was heard the lights of the village came on and are believed to have frightened the robbers away. The money vault remained intact. Tools stolen from a blacksmith shop nearby were used on the job.

## Ford Snowmobile Wins Approval

E. O. SITTER PRESENTED WITH FORDSON TRACTOR

The exhibition of Ford products and the presentation of a Fordson Tractor to E. O. Sitter as the second prize winner in the Western Ontario Ford owners contest, drew a large crowd to Watford last Friday afternoon from all over the surrounding district.

Snowmobile Created Interest  
The Ford car equipped as a Snowmobile and demonstrated by Ford officials on Main St. and in surrounding country monopolised everyone's interest and won the approval of all. Some inventive genius has transformed the "flivver" into a snow-drift climber by substituting a pair of wide sleigh runners in front, which are steered in the ordinary way at the wheel, and moving the front wheels back to within two feet or so of the rear wheels and a caterpillar gear covering each. The standard gauge runners in front slip along as a bobsled and the caterpillar tread behind will lift itself over three foot drifts without difficulty.

Mr. Sitter, who won the second prize in the district of Western Ontario, all counties west of Brant, had a total of 99,168 points, selling 23 cars, one truck and two tractors. He worked under Ray Morningstar, Ford dealer for Watford.

The presentation was made by W. G. Connolly, reeve of Watford, and it was attended by representatives of the Ford Motor Company from London and Windsor. Rev. T. D. Rayner, of Watford, acted as chairman, and Reeve Connolly, in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation. Mr. Sitter making a suitable reply.

Following the presentation a short address was given by A. Gort, of the Ford Motor Company, London, and a fine display of educational moving pictures was given under the direction of R. Gregg, of Windsor. Instrumental music was supplied by the Watford Orchestra.

Prior to the presentation there was a parade along Main Street, in which the special features, in addition to the prize tractor, were a snowmobile and Spark Plug and Sunshine, the horse bearing the legend, "My Working Days Are Over, My Master Has Bought a Fordson."

## Masquerade Carnival

WATFORD SKATING RINK MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1925

Band—Masquerade—Skating

Valuable Prizes Being Arranged For: See Prizes Exhibit in A. Brown & Co.'s Window

Lady, best representing any Country or Nationality.

Girl, under 16, best representing any Movie Star in character.

Girl, under 16, in best other Fancy Costume.

Youngest Girl in any costume.

Races

Ladies' Race, Open.

Girls' Race, under 16 years.

Boys' Race, under 12 years.

Man, comic, best representing any Country or Nationality.

Man in best other Fancy Costume.

Boy, under 16, in best comic of Movie Actor in character.

Boy, under 16, in best Fancy Costume.

Boy, under 12, in Best Fancy Costume.

Youngest Boy in any Costume.

Races

Men's Race, Open.

Boys' Race, under 16 years.

Boys' Race, under 12 years.

One Skate and One Shoe Race, Boys' under 15 years.

Judging starts promptly at 8 o'clock. Skating 9 to 11 o'clock.

ADMISSION TO ALL—25 CENTS.

Come!—Good Band Music—Wyoming Band.—Come!

Lambton County Council will hold its inaugural meeting next Tuesday afternoon. Four candidates for Warden are definitely in the field and close balloting is anticipated. The aspirants are Reeve James Kerr, of Courtwright; Reeve F. R. Rilett, of Alvinston; Reeve Joseph Hackett, of Enniskillen, and Reeve Ed. Armitage of Somers.

## THUMBS UP?

IN the days of the gladiators when men fought for the pleasure of a public which demanded excitement, women turned their thumbs down, indicating that the victorious gladiator must kill his vanquished opponent. Modern women turn their thumbs down, not to indicate that a man shall die, before their eyes, but to indicate that a town shall die, that a business shall die, that men who have fought and striven to make a success of their lives, shall lose hope, and have to stand by and see that to which they gave the best that was in them, perish. Modern women spend 90 per cent. of all the money spent in stores and so at the door of modern women must be laid the gradual decay to the wall of the small town merchant. The modern woman spends her money elsewhere.

The modern woman says that she is loyal to her country. She cheerfully made sacrifices when her country called for her help. She is proud of her country. She likes her home town. She has many dear friends; and yet, the loyalty which she bears to one and all of these stops before she opens her pocket-book.

Does she ever pause to think that those who do business in a town pay the most towards its schools, towards its churches, towards its sidewalks, its roads, its lights, its waterworks, its charities, its different enterprises. Does she not often say, "I am sure the merchants will help." But, does she help them to help? Or does she make that day nearer when a town like Watford cannot support a High School, cannot increase its public utilities, cannot be an ideal place in which to live and raise a family, cannot provide a market for the produce from surrounding farms and cannot retain its status as a town.

That day is coming and modern women are selling their home town for a few paltry pence: and the woman who does this is not even grateful to the hand that feeds her. If she gets her living from a town then she should let others in the town get their living also in so far as lies in her power. How can we expect the loyalty of others, if we give not loyalty in return? How can we be a friend if we turn our thumbs down against our friend's business. How can we be honorable and four square if we expect to get from our town and to give elsewhere? How can we calmly look into the future and see the town store follow the carriage factory the woollen mill, the grist mill and many other industries into extinction? We know that the advantages which children and citizen now enjoy in a small town must also disappear. The small town is to-day fighting for existence. Thumbs up? Thumbs down? Which? Being turned down hard has its disadvantages; but we should always remember that the harder we fall the higher we bounce.

## International Harvester Co. New Watford Agent

H. Booth & Son, of Sarnia, Have Leased Warehouse and Will Establish a new International Harvester Co. Agency in Watford About March 1st.

It was announced this week that H. Booth & Son, of Sarnia, have taken over the International Harvester Co. agency here, for many years carried by Mr. Robert E. Johnston and will open their warehouse here about March 1st in Dr. McGillicuddy's building recently vacated by the Massey-Harris agency.

Mr. Booth Sr., with whom his son will grow up in the business, is a man who has spent his entire life with agricultural machinery and in coming to Watford, he possesses that thorough knowledge which will greatly assist him to efficiently serve the agricultural machinery problems in East Lambton district.

A complete Repair Service will be carried in the McCormick International and Deering lines for the benefit of those farmers already using these familiar lines and to those who require new machinery of any kind, the same prompt and painstaking service will be extended.

Sale of mens sox, wool, lisle, silk and wool, and silk, 1/2 off.—Swifts.

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