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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone #1, send by mail or drop item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letterbox.

**NEXT Sunday is Whit Sunday.**  
**LONG gloves in silk and lisle.—SWIFTS'.**  
**SOFT collars and ties 25 to 35 cents.—SWIFTS'.**  
**THERE were 162 excursion tickets sold at the G. T. R. station here for the Victoria Day holiday.**

**SOME women marry for money, some for love, and some for a home. It is not known why men marry.**

**J. McMANUS' mare, Lady Taterbars, won the 2.50 trot at the Sarnia race meet on Monday. A large crowd attended the sports.**

**A CHICAGO MINISTER says women waste 10 per cent of the food they cook. So it is evident that not everything gets into the hash.**

**FINE range of chip split straw and Panama Hats.—SWIFTS'.**

**MR. CHRIS. WILLOUGHBY who has been laid up with a broken rib the result of a fall, is much better and expects soon to be as well as ever.**

**The mid-week half holiday commences Wednesday next. All stores will close at 12 o'clock that day and every Wednesday during June, July and August.**

**PERHAPS when women get the ballot married men will not dare take their wives to the theater for fear of being arrested for trying to buy their votes.**

**WITHOUT the advertising, the newspapers would lose half of their women readers. Incidentally, local merchants would lose more than half of their business.**

**A SPECIAL meeting is called for Monday night in the rest room for the Women's Institute. Members to arrange for the convention. All are requested to be present.—Sec.**

**ALDERMAN Thomas Doherty and Mrs. Doherty, of Sarnia, were the recipients of a handsome bouquet of flowers Monday by the members of the city council in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.**

**WHY not have a slogan for Watford? It would be money well spent for the Council or Board of Trade to offer a small cash prize for the best one, and after the selection make good use of the phrase.**

**GEO. L. HARPER was kept busy Monday treating his friends to ice-cream.**

**THE council of the town of Kingsville believe in publishing the assessment roll which is done in many progressive municipalities. It tends to give everyone a square deal and has worked most successfully in that town.**

**ALL Sunday School and day school teachers are asked to give their boy pupils a good strong talk on the robbing of birds' nests and destroying the eggs. A boy who attends Sunday school and robs the nests of birds, needs special attention.**

**You can't beat some of the patent medicines. A fellow said the other day: "A year ago my wife was so weak that she could hardly bear to have me put my arm around her. She took three bottles of Dr. Spanker's nerve tonic and now anybody can put his arm around her."**

**SMALL mats and rugs, the price will surprise you.—SWIFTS'.**

**WORK is progressing nicely on the new lock up, the brickwork being completed. The new steel cells are being furnished by The Dennis Iron and Wire Co., of London, and are expected to be delivered in a day or two. The building committee are well satisfied with the care and interest taken in the work by Chief Chatterton, who was appointed by the Council to superintend the work.**

**THE ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION of East Lambton Women's Institutes will be held in the Congregational church on Thursday, June 4th, delegates from the different branches will be present. The Watford Institute will give lunch in the basement of the church for the delegates and anyone who cares to stay, for 25 cents. Members please remember the date. Visitors welcome.—Secretary.**

**SPECIAL counter bargains Wednesday forenoons.—SWIFTS'.**

**LOCAL POULTRY RAISERS have experienced many difficulties this spring, a shortage in the number of early birds being the result. Infertility of eggs in early settings, combined with the number of chickens dying, just previous to the shells breaking open, has caused a heavy loss. The weather, too, for the early hatches was cold, so that more or less were lost owing to that cause.**

**LIEUT.-COL. McCORMICK, of London, was here Wednesday morning and inspected the High School cadets on the school grounds. The Colonel came unexpectedly or notice would have been given the public to be present at the inspection. Representatives from the Board of Education and Lieut.-Col. Kelly were on hand to hear the criticism and advice given by the inspecting officer, who expressed himself as being pleased with the start made and gave some suggestions regarding uniforms, etc.**

**SPECIAL sale of ladies' suits, see window display and price tickets.—SWIFTS'.**

**85 in the shade on Tuesday.**  
**BUY your carpets and rugs at SWIFTS'.**  
**PETROLEA streets are sprinkled on Sunday.**

**A FURTHER advance of ten cents per hundred on all grades of refined sugar is announced.**

**THE daring man these days is the chap who has the nerve to trot out his last summer's straw hat.**

**It is seldom that a man in an automobile is in such a hurry to get to church that he runs over somebody.**

**In calling on your best girl it is perhaps better to be an every-day sort of a fellow than one of the once-a-week kind.**

**It is surmised that as a tribute to the age some of the questions to appear on the next entrance examination papers will be catch questions.**

**SHOP Wednesday forenoons, closing at 12 o'clock.—SWIFTS'.**

**AN amendment has been made to the sales act passed the Commons last week. It makes a "bag" of potatoes or other vegetables a bushel and a half.**

**THE Irish Home Rule Bill passed the British House of Parliament on Monday with a majority of 77. An amending bill will be introduced in the Lords.**

**EPWORTH League services in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Leader, Miss M. Richardson; topic, "Giving to God's Cause."**

**PETROLEA HOSPITAL has received a dictionary from J. L. Englehart. It will be useful for finding the meaning of some of the technical terms used by the doctors, but dull reading for the convalescents.**

**THE ice man is on the road again. Mr. Williamson started to deliver last week and reports that the demand for ice will be greater this year than heretofore. The ice pack last winter was one of the best ever put up.**

**GET your work shirts and overalls at SWIFTS'. They fit and wear.**

**THE DUNDURN, SASK., Enterprise says:—"Mrs. F. E. Livingstone was taken to Saskatoon on Tuesday, where she underwent a further operation in St. Paul's Hospital. The doctor is informed that she is progressing favorably."**

**THE local merchant can do business on a smaller margin of profit than the mail order house, as his expenses are less. He does not need to carry such a large stock as he knows his people and their desires, and he knows and can prove that he can sell better goods for the money than the other fellow.**

**AMONG the amounts approved for public building in the Commons estimates on Saturday, appears \$20,000 for Watford post office. The sooner the work is started the better pleased the public will be. The local postoffice staff are greatly inconvenienced by lack of space in the present premises.**

**VICTORIA DAY passed off very quietly in town. The heat was intense and many people were glad to stay indoors. The railway carried a large number to Sarnia and also to points east, while the lake-side and a day's fishing had a fair number of devotees. The home guard did good work about the gardens and premises, helping to keep the town the neatest one in the county.**

**BUY your shirts, collars and hose in quarter dozens, it pays.—SWIFTS'.**

**P. T. BARNUM once said: "If you have \$19 to put to use, pay \$10 for the article and \$9 for the advertising. I can out-talk any man but a printer. The man who publishes a paper every week talks to a thousand men while I am talking to one, is the man I am afraid of, and I want to be his friend. The business man who does not advertise is a poor stick. Trade with men who advertise if you want to get bargains and the worth of your money."**

**WHEN the new steamer Noronic of the Northern Navigation Company goes into commission on June 3rd she will be the best lighted boat on the Great Lakes. There are over 3,500 electric lights on the Noronic for which forty five miles of electric wiring is required. The steamer requires more dynamo power and more "juice" to light it than a city of 10,000 people. This is only one striking feature of the bigness and luxury of the new steamship "Noronic."**

**MRS. MATILDA M. SMITH, mother of Miss Smith of the High School staff, passed away at the family residence, Ontario street, on Sunday evening, after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Smith was the widow of the late Charles A. Smith of the Gore of London, and daughter of the late Henry Roots, and was in her 67th year. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at the G. T. R. station and was conducted by Rev. S. P. Irwin, rector of Trinity church. The remains were interred in Woodland cemetery, London. Deceased leaves three daughters and two sons.**

**COLONEL KENWARD took Messrs. A. G. Brown, T. A. Adams and the editor to Theford in his auto on Sunday to attend the dedication of the new St. Paul's church by the Bishop. It will be remembered that the old building was demolished by the big storm on Good Friday of last year. The new church is a handsome and comfortable building with basement school room, and its erection reflects much credit on the Anglicans of that town and district. The three services on Sunday were well attended and liberal collections taken up. The building is nearly free of debt.**

**COUNCIL MEETING next Monday.**  
**BUTTER 18c., eggs 19c. No change in grain prices.**

**WATFORD COURT OF REVISION to-day, (Friday) at 11 a.m.**

**If the quantity of apple blossoms is any indication of the size of the crop the yield this year will be enormous.**

**A KICKING HORSE caused some little excitement on Main St. Monday afternoon. The two young ladies in the rig were badly frightened.**

**A CLEARING sale of all hats at reduced prices at Miss Williams' for one month beginning Friday, May 29. Don't miss this opportunity to get your hat.**

**THE regular meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I. O. O. E. will be held at the home of Mrs. N. B. Howden on Tuesday, June 2nd. Quotations on character.**

**AFTER convention business is finished on Friday, the Hon. W. J. Hanna will address the meeting, which will be thrown open to the public. All are welcome. Ladies also invited.**

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**THE Watford Choral Society will give a sacred concert in the armory Sunday, May 31st, at 3.30 p.m. A silver collection will be taken for benefit of the Society. This will be the last sacred concert of the season on account of the hot weather. The series will be resumed in the fall.—Sec'y.**

**In the case of Alexander Laird and Edward O. Herbert against Francis Restorick on Wednesday, at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Chancellor Boyd continued for three weeks longer the injunction granted by Judge MacWatt on May 19th. At the expiration of said time matter is to come up for final disposition. W. E. Fitzgerald of Watford, appeared for plaintiff and F. Aylesworth, of Toronto, for defendant.**

**THERE are evidently a lot of silly people in Watford and vicinity. Some of them at any rate are gullible enough to be terrified by the injunctions of a supposed ancient prayer that is passed through the mails. They are asked to make nine copies which are to be mailed to their friends. This humbug has been in operation for years, and in spite of the efforts of all sensible people the foolish notion still survives. If you get a copy burn it without fear. Nothing out of the ordinary will happen.**

**A CIRCULAR has been issued by the Postoffice department informing the public that the people of Alberta object to the contraction "Alta." on the mail matter addressed to places in that province. The circular says the Albertans are very touchy on the subject and wish to have the name of the province spelled out in its entirety. To meet their wishes the department has given instruction to the service generally to use the name in full and request that the public will as far as possible comply with the new regulation.**

**HON. ROBERT ROGERS is sending an engineer into Western Ontario this week who will make an inquiry into the proposition put forward by J. E. Armstrong, M. P. for supplying Western Ontario municipalities with gravel from the mouth of the St. Clair River. The departmental engineer will visit Point Edward, Windsor and other points on the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers and will also go to Chatham, Petrolia, London and other places which are interested in the plan for securing a cheap and abundant supply of gravel for roadmaking and other municipal purposes.**

**ARTHUR JAMES, son of Dr. James, and Capt. Phillip Robinson, of Sarnia, appointed by the Canadian Rifle League to represent the Sarnia Civilian Rifle Association in the International Competition for the Sir Thomas Dewar Trophy, fired their respective totals of fifty shots at Watford on Wednesday evening. The departmental engineer will visit Point Edward, Windsor and other points on the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers and will also go to Chatham, Petrolia, London and other places which are interested in the plan for securing a cheap and abundant supply of gravel for roadmaking and other municipal purposes.**

**Go to P. Dodds and Son for women's white shoes and slippers, at \$1.00 a pair.**

## Merchants' Bank

In keeping with the other banks, the Merchants Bank of Canada has just concluded a very satisfactory year with net profits amounting to \$1,218,694. This is equivalent to 17.80 per cent on the average paid-up capital which, in view of the somewhat uncertain business conditions prevailing during the year, must be regarded as satisfactory. Comparisons with previous years are made somewhat difficult owing to the fact that in 1912 the fiscal year was changed from November 30th to April 30th, and last year's report covered a period of only five months. Comparing the figures of the year which has just closed with those of April 30th, 1913, there have been increases in capital stock, in the rest account, in the savings deposits, in the bank's coin and bullion, call loans abroad, current loans in Canada and in

total assets. The latter now stands at \$83,120,741 as compared with \$80,573,899 a year ago. A further examination of the Bank's statement shows that dividend requirements for the year absorbed \$686,000, bank premises account \$100,000, depreciation in investments \$185,000 and Officers' Pension Fund \$50,000. The capital and reserve are now each \$7,000,000, making the Merchants Bank rank both in the matter of paid-up capital, rest and total assets as one of our largest financial institutions.

## PERSONAL.

**Mr. Ernest Lawrence, Toronto, is home this week.**  
**Mr. and Mrs. F. Kersey spent the holiday in Sarnia.**

**Mr. Donald E. Williamson spent the 24th at B. Craig's.**

**Mrs. David Lambert, Oil Springs, is visiting friends in Watford.**  
**Mr. John Upton, of London, spent 24th with his brother, Ed. Upton.**

**Mr. John Bambridge, Dutton, spent the holiday at his home here.**  
**W. E. Fitzgerald was in Toronto on Wednesday on legal business.**

**Mr. Goodburn, Toronto, was a guest at Mrs. M. Morgan's over Sunday.**

**Mrs. Margaret Upton is visiting her son, Mr. Ed. Upton, Erie street.**

**Mrs. Jas. Hamilton and daughter, Minnie, spent the holiday in Belmont.**

**Mr. Jas. Payton, of London, spent the holiday at the home of Mr. Ed. Upton.**

**Mrs. Harris and daughter Kate, spent the holiday with her sister in St. Thomas.**

**Miss S. C. McKenzie spent Victoria Day at her home in Adelaide Township.**

**Mr. Reuben Upton and sister, Miss Katie Upton, visited in town on the 24th.**

**Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Nash, London, spent the week end with Watford relatives.**

**Miss Ivah McCubbin, Strathroy, spent the holiday with her friend, Gladys Craig.**

**Mr. W. McDonald, Toronto, spent over Sunday at the home of Mr. Thos. Dodds.**

**Mrs. Margaret Harrower, Sarnia, spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Kerton.**

**Mr. John Farrell returned from England this week, landing at Quebec on Sunday.**

**Mr. Thos. Fortune left Tuesday for Biggar, Sask., where he will spend the summer.**

**Misses A. Lingelbach, M. Brown and G. Auld were Port Huron visitors on Monday.**

**Mrs. Summers, Villa Nova, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. S. B. Howden.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stuart, London, spent the week end with Mrs. S. Harper, Huron St.**

**Mr. Bertram Mitchell, student at the Toronto School of Medicine, is home for the vacation.**

**Mrs. Henry Conn and two daughters, Sarnia, spent Monday at Rose Lawn with Mrs. Swift.**

**Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Purdy and daughter, Jean, Stratford, spent the holidays at Mrs. Tye's.**

**Miss Eckert and Mr. Robt. Orr, London, visited Watford relatives and friends this week.**

**Master Willie and Eddie Brennan, of London, were guests of their uncle, Ed. Upton, for the 24th.**

**Miss Helen Hume leaves in a few days for Ottawa where she will spend the summer with relatives.**

**Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and family, Detroit, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vail over Sunday.**

**Miss Porter, Toronto, and Mr. Munsey, Woodbridge, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Prentis.**

**Mr. and Mrs. F. Fitzgerald and daughter Sarah, of London, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald.**

**Miss Vera Swift is in Toronto attending the annual meeting of the Bishop Strachan School Old Girls' Association.**

**Mr. N. J. Harper, Toronto, spent the holidays with his mother previous to his going West, where he has accepted a position.**

**Miss Jean Hay, Mrs. John McCormick and Miss Jean McCormick attended the C. C. W. B. M. Convention in the Southern Congregational church, London, last Friday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Howden, Mrs. Eckert and Miss Essa Howden, London, motored here on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howden and other relatives.**

**Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Willoughby and son Tom, Leamington, motored to Watford and spent the holiday with Mr. Willoughby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Willoughby, Front St.**

**Dr. J. Newell left for Toronto on Monday to attend the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association. He is to give a clinic at the Children's Free Hospital, Wednesday morning, on "Diseases of Children."**

## MARRIED.

**In Parkhill, Wednesday, May 20th, 1914, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. T. Charlesworth, Mr. Fred V. Laughton, reeve of Parkhill, to Miss Myra Elvira, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, of Parkhill.**

## WARWICK.

**Mrs. Peter Kingston spent the holiday with her son at Lord City.**

**Miss Lella Fuller and Mrs. J. E. Collier will conduct the topic at the Zion Methodist church League next Sunday night.**

**Miss Margaret Bryson, of Wisbeach, spent the holidays with her friend, Miss Hilda Bowie. They both report having a good time at Napier and Springfield picnics.**

**Mr. Geo. Westgate has purchased from Ray Morningstar a Ford Touring car. Mr. Westgate has recently returned from Altus, Oklahoma, where he was spending the winter with his sister Mrs. Frazel.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Baird, Holme Farm, entertained a house party over the holidays, Mrs. Oliver Tanner, Warwick, Miss Mina Compass, Miss Deadman, Miss Helena Taylor, Miss McLaughlin, Miss Laura McLaughlin, Miss Netty Hart, Miss Daisy Hart, all of London, Mr. and Mrs. Baird entertained for their guests on Saturday evening.**

**Wm. Street, a native of Lincolnshire, England, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oliver Tanner, Warwick, Thursday of last week. Deceased was born in 1843, and in 1854 he came to Canada, settling near Warwick, where he remained until 1868, and then bought a farm in Warwick township. He was married to Mary Scoffin, a native of Hibaldstowe, Eng. In 1866 they retired from active work on the farm, and moved to Forest, where Mrs. Streets died on the 7th of September, 1907. Mr. Streets remained in Forest until about two years ago, when being in poor health he went back to Warwick and has since lived with his daughters. Three daughters survive him—Mrs. Robt. Tanner and Mrs. Oliver Tanner of Warwick, and Mrs. Albert Duncan of Omaha, Neb., also one brother and one sister, Geo. Streets of Forest, and Mrs. Huntley, of Tilsonburg, Ont.**

**Another of Warwick's highly respected residents passed away on Friday of last week in the person of George Graham, at his late residence, 4th con., N. E.R. Deceased had been in failing health for the past year, but death came more quickly than was expected. Mr. Graham was a son of the late Peter Graham, ex-M.P. of East Lambton. On June 23rd, 1881, he was married to Mary Lee, daughter of the late T. D. Lee, who survives him, and by this union were born four children, viz., Mrs. Norman Thomas, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Glen, student at the Brantford Institute for the Blind, and Harold and Fred at home.**

**The funeral service, which was quite largely attended, was held on Sunday afternoon in Bethel church, conducted by Rev. H. J. Fair, pastor of the church, interment being made in Bethel cemetery. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mrs. N. Thomas, of Grand Rapids; Mr. Thos. Coulter, Detroit; Mrs. Freeman Bowslaugh, Grimsby; and Mrs. A. H. Gillett, of London.**

**THE STATEMENT OF THE Sterling Bank of Canada for the year ending April 30th, 1914, sent out by Mr. A. H. Walker, the general manager, indicates conservative management but a steady and substantial growth through a rather trying period in Canadian affairs. During the year the bank materially improved its position, expanding both its loans and its deposits, paid a dividend of six per cent. to its proprietors, and made liberal provision in contingent account for bank premises, etc., and carried forward a satisfactory balance. The earnings for the year were \$114,200, which represents some 9.90 per cent. on the average paid up stock. Earnings in the previous year were \$113,400, or at the rate of 10.15 per cent. Of the total assets of the bank, amounting to \$9,395,000, over one third, or \$3,355,673, is in immediately available form, such as cash, cheques on hand and balances due from other banks and readily marketable securities. This portion of the assets represents over forty-three per cent. of the bank's total liabilities to the public. The remainder of the assets consist principally of \$5,034,000 of discounts, \$320,619 of bank premises, which appear in the statement at no more than the cost, less amounts written off. The statement is an excellent one and proves that the Sterling Bank is not sacrificing stability to promote growth.**

**BORN.**  
**In Watford, on Monday, May 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Harper, a daughter.**  
**In Warwick, on Saturday, May 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Kilmer, a son.**

**DIED.**  
**In Warwick, on Friday, May 22nd, 1914, George Graham, in his 63rd year.**  
**In Watford, on Sunday, May 24th, 1914, Matilda M., relict of the late Chas. A. Smith, in her 64th year.**  
**In Brooke, on Tuesday, May 26th, 1914, Sarah M., beloved wife of Donald McRachern, aged 55 years, 11 months, 15 days.**  
**In Forest, Saturday, May 17th, Mary Jane, wife of George Streets, in her 37th year.**  
**In Oil Springs, on Tuesday, May 19th, Gladys Helen, beloved daughter of George and Florence Denn, aged 1 year, 1 month and 16 days.**  
**In Parkhill, on Thursday, May 14th, 1914, Mr. Arthur O'Leary, aged 25 years, 3 months.**  
**In Forest, on Tuesday, May 19th, Mr. David Newton, in his 64th year.**