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Local Happenings

The groundhog saw his shadow on Candlemas Day.

Buy your Silk Sox now, specially priced 69c.—Swift's.

Mrs. R. Kells has left for St. Catharines where she will spend some time with her son.

Fabric Tires \$5.75, Cord \$7.75. Storage Batteries equally as low priced.—R. Morningstar. f6-3t

Mrs. F. W. Everett has returned to Brantford after spending a few days with her mother here.

Six weeks more of winter, says the legend; which is probably true—groundhog or no groundhog.

Ladies' Wool Skating Sweaters in white and tan only, a wonderful bargain at \$4.75.—Swift's.

"The Side Show of Life" is a fine story of a great fun maker, who becomes a military genius. It is the most unusual picture ever put on the screen. Showing at the Lyceum next Thursday.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist Church will be held at the Parsonage on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, at three o'clock p.m. Every member expected to be present.

The Trustees of the Methodist Church have secured the services of Rev. Perry S. Dobson D.D., principal of Alma College, as the Anniversary preacher on March 15th.

All Rubbers reduced to cost to clear. Get yours now.—P. Dodds & Son.

"The Side Show of Life" a strong two-worlds circus and society moulded into a fascinating picture of love, fun and thrills with Ernest Torrence and Anna Q. Nilsson, showing at the Lyceum next Thursday.

Big Table Remnants priced about half. Help yourself—the after effects of stock-taking.—Swift's.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, February 11th at the home of Mrs. T. G. Mitchell. Roll call "My First Valentine."

The regular meeting of Lambtons 149 Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Miss Evelyn Dodds on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, at three o'clock.

Mrs. Harry Pearce and son George have returned home after visiting two months with her son, Walter, of Detroit.

Dance in the Music Hall, Thursday, February 12th. Phillips Orchestra, Sarnia. Tickets \$1.00, ladies free.

Watford's faithful bell-ringer, Mr. Walter Scott, has tendered his resignation, being forced by ill health to give up some of his duties. His place has been filled by Mr. Duncan Gillies.

Another interesting bit of news is the fortunes made by speculation in wheat which has topped the \$2.20 mark in Winnipeg. "Getting ready for the shearing" is the way the insiders view the rush of the lambs into the pit.

Watch Him Swell—"Where are you going with that goat, little boy?" "Down to the lake. Come on if you want to see some fun. This goat just ate a crate of sponges, and I'm going down to let him drink."

The Communion service in the Methodist Church was well attended and of great interest to all present. Four persons were received into membership. The Pastor gave the pre-communion address on the necessity of repentance for sin as preparation for Communion.

Wall Paper—Special Prices for the month of February. See our new patterns now.—P. Dodds & Son.

A visit is expected from Miss Duff of the Provincial Staff of the W.C.T.U., in the position of Field Secretary for Young Peoples Work. Her date for Watford is Feb. 23rd, arrangements are being made for a mass meeting of the young people of Watford churches.

The subjects for next Sunday in the Methodist Church will be "A Gospel for a Bankrupt World", at the morning service. In the evening "Some Remarkable Conversions on the Home Missions of B. C." being personal experiences of a Home Missionary. You are cordially invited.

Miss Regina Kennedy, well known to many in Western Ontario under the literary name of Cynthia Grey in the London Advertiser, died in a New York Hospital on Saturday last from blood poisoning developing from an infected tooth. Miss Kennedy was a native of Guelph, where burial took place on Tuesday. She was well known locally by many of the younger people and had visited in Watford several times during her career in London.

St. Valentine's Day, Saturday next, February 14th.

If you want to save one-third—buy your overcoat at Swift's now.

Valentine Skating Party in Watford Arena on Saturday, February 14th. Band in attendance. The outstanding feature of the evening will be Norman A. Falkner of Toronto, a one-legged skater, who will give an exhibition of fancy skating. Reserve the date.

Mrs. W. C. Aylesworth and little daughter, Phyllis, are visiting her parents in Petrolia this week.

The 1925 license markers are now in order on all cars. If you have not already secured yours, leave the car in the barn or the Chief will get you. This year's colors are just the reverse of last year, being a black background with yellow figures and are a strong contrast with last year's black figures on a yellow ground. Application forms for licenses may be secured at any garage.

Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner has just received a copy of the Premium Sermon Book, containing the fifteen prize-winning sermons in the recent contest. His sermon, "Other Little Ships," which won the first prize in the contest, is given the place of honour in the book. The volume is published by The Pastors' Ideal Book Company, Indiana, and sells for about two dollars a copy.

Yes, the bear, the groundhog, and all the rest of us animals who winter in Canada saw our shadows on Candlemas Day last Monday. The sky was clear until noon. Therefore speak pleasantly to the coal man next time you meet him, as you will probably be forced to beg him to give you more fuel to combat the zero breath of Boreas for another six weeks at least.

Watford Presbyterian church has lost three of its most valued members this week in the removal by death on Monday of Miss Jessie MacIvor and on Wednesday morning of Mrs. James F. Elliot and Rev. E. H. Sawers. Both Miss MacIvor and Mrs. Elliot have been members of long standing who have given much of their lives to the various church activities and since his retirement from active ministry and his moving to Watford Rev. Sawers has endeared himself to the community; his quiet, kindly solicitations struck a responsive chord and his life stands out as a mark of inspiration to all who knew him.

Mr. Robert A. Paul who withdrew from partnership with Mr. J. R. McCormick a few weeks ago, is leaving in a couple of weeks' time for California, where he has the opportunity of buying out a well-established hardware business in Glendale, a seacoast town of about 60,000, between Los Angeles and Long Beach. "Bob," as he is known to all (although when he came to Watford three years ago, knew no one) has made many friends throughout the surrounding district, who will indeed envy his excellent opportunity of settling down in the Golden State, and it is to be hoped that he will remember them all with oranges next winter while we throw snowballs for him.

Fire Protection is Good

Fire Underwriters' Inspector Pleased; Admits that Watford's Fire Protection Much Better Than Previously.

Mr. Walker, inspector for the Fire Underwriters' Association, surprised the local Fire Company on Friday morning when he dropped off, the morning train and sounded the fire alarm for a test run. Hose were coupled and attached to the hydrant at the post office corner and the stand pipe's 30 lb. pressure was throwing a good stream in double-quick order.

Some measure of ill-luck, however, accounted for the difficulty in starting the powerful gas engine at the pump-house to bring up the pressure, and it was some ten minutes before it was started, when the pressure immediately climbed from 30 lbs. to 120 with two lines of hose discharging from Main St. hydrants.

A thorough inspection of most of the hydrants throughout the town was made and every one found in good condition.

On leaving, Mr. Walker pronounced himself well satisfied with Watford's improvement. His detailed report will be forwarded to the Clerk in the near future.

OBITUARY

MISS JESSIE MACIVOR

The death occurred at the home of Mr. R. E. Prentiss, Erie st., early Monday morning of Miss Jessie MacIvor, who has been a resident of Watford for many years. She has been ill for several months with acute rheumatism followed by complications.

Miss MacIvor was a steadfast member of the Presbyterian Church and an enthusiastic worker in all the various church activities and her ever-ready assistance and cheery, encouraging disposition endeared her to many. For several years she was primary teacher in the Sunday School and many of her former class members will learn of her passing with deep regret.

The funeral service was largely attended in the Presbyterian church on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, following a private service at the residence of Mr. R. E. Prentiss, Erie st., conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. V. Workman. Interment took place in Watford cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. W. McLaren, John McKecher, W. S. Fuller, W. H. Shrapnell, T. D. L. Hamilton and Clarence Hone.

MRS. J. F. ELLIOT PASSES

The whole community was shocked on Wednesday morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. James F. Elliot during the early morning. She had been ill about ten days following an acute heart attack, but pneumonia developed and was the immediate cause of death.

The late Mrs. Elliot, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Eccles, was a daughter of the late Squire Eccles of Warwick; she was a prominent member of the Watford Presbyterian church and had a very wide circle of friends throughout the surrounding district.

She is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters: Dr. Friend Elliot, of Chicago; Alex. D. Elliot, of Watford; Frank J. Elliot, of Moncton, N.B.; and Misses Kathleen and Geraldine, at home. Eight grandchildren also survive.

The funeral will take place this (Friday) afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence, St. Clair st., where service will be held at 1.30. Interment in Bethel Cemetery, Warwick Tp.

REV. E. H. SAWERS

Rev. E. H. Sawers, a prominent member of the Presbyterian Synod of Hamilton and London, died early Wednesday morning; having been in poor health for some weeks.

The late Mr. Sawers, who was in his 79th year, was born at Falkirk, Scotland, on April 5, 1846, and came to Canada in 1870. He studied for the Presbyterian ministry in Knox College, Toronto, and McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, graduating in 1878. His pastorates have been at Middletown, Iowa, and First Scotch Church, Chicago; then, coming back to Ontario, at Westminster, Middlesex county; Brucefield, Huron County; and North Bruce, Bruce County. He retired from the active ministry in 1916 and took up his residence in Watford, where he has served as a member of the Session of the Presbyterian Church.

For many years he served the Synod of Hamilton and Toronto as Chairman of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and was widely known throughout Western Ontario. Outstanding features of his pastoral work were his success in gaining recruits for the ministry, and in instilling the missionary spirit into his congregations. While at Westminster he organized a yearly Mission Feast at which nearly 1500 people would gather for prayer and mission study.

He married, in 1878, Miss Lida Hamilton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William L. Hamilton, of Mount Union, Iowa, who survives him. There were four children, all of whom survive; one son, Dr. Charles W. Sawers, of Watford; and three daughters: Mrs. A. W. Hornick, Tilbury, Ont.; Mrs. Charles Kelso, of Port Elgin, Ont.; and Mrs. D. M. Burgess, Merlin, Ont.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, when a public funeral service will be held in Watford Presbyterian Church, and interment will take place in Watford cemetery.

MRS. JOHN SEARSON

In Warwick, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, 1925, Mary Ann Alexander, wife of the late John Searson, passed peacefully away in her 81st year of her age at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Roy Phillips, Lot 25, Con. 4, S.E.R., Warwick. The deceased had been ailing for some time but with cheerfulness and Christian fortitude kept up till a week and a few days before her death when she became ill with what was apparently bronchitis, but complications set in, and an account of her advanced years, no relief could be obtained. On Monday, Feb. 2nd, the funeral was held to St. James' Church, Brooke, of which the deceased was one of the oldest members, where service was held by Rev. J. H. Hosford, Rector. Her loved form was laid to rest in the family plot in St. James' Cemetery.

She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother a family of four daughters and three sons, namely: Mrs. Henry Eastbrook, Kerwood; Mrs. John Steadman, of Watford; Mrs. Wm. Alexander, of Wanstead; Mrs. Roy Phillips, of Warwick; Thomas Searson, of Warwick; Richard Searson, of Strathroy and William James on the home place, 12th, line of Brooke. One son, William Alexander, died in infancy. Her husband predeceased her about fifteen years ago. Twenty grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

The pall bearers were: six members of Grace Church, Warwick, Alex. Westgate, Geo. Pike, Sam Burchill Willard Morgan, Andrew Morgan and Fred Morgan.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Even so, saith the spirit, for they rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

WARWICK

Miss Grace J. Thomson, spent the week end with her friend, Miss Iva Smith.

Dance in the Music Hall, Thursday, February 12th. Phillips Orchestra, Sarnia. Tickets \$1.00, ladies free.

Zion W. M. S. will hold the next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Parker on Thursday next, Feb. 12th.

Fabric Tires \$5.75, Cord \$7.75. Storage Batteries equally as low priced.—R. Morningstar. f6-3t

Services in Calvary church, Sunday Feb. 8th, 1925, at 3 p.m. and Watford at 7 p.m. Subject: The Church—What? and Why? L. J. Stones, Pastor.

Next Monday, Feb. 9th, there will be an old time concert in the L. O. L. Hall, Warwick, under the auspices of the Young People of the Anglican Church. Program consists of music, singing, funny songs, a play, and a good Orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Evans, of Arkona. Program begins at 8:15 p.m. Admission, Adults 25c; under 15 years, 15c.

Wall Paper—Special Prices for the month of February. See our new patterns now.—P. Dodds & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, second line north, entertained sixteen Watford young people at their home on Wednesday evening, being friends of their son, Harold, who is attending Watford High School. The jolly party thoroughly enjoyed the sleighride and after a most appetizing luncheon was served by the hostess, games and dancing were indulged in. Before departing for the homeward trip, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were unanimously voted incomparable hosts.

A good crowd attended the Community Club meeting which was held in S. S. No. 11 schoolhouse on Friday evening last. The program consisted of two contests and a debate, "Resolved, that newspapers have done more harm than good." The affirmative was upheld by Alex Edwards and the negative by Russell Parker. The judges gave their decision in favour of the affirmative side. Program for next Friday evening will be furnished by the Scotch and Irish. Everybody welcome.

DIED

In Watford, on Wednesday, February 4th, 1925, Mary Jane Eccles, beloved wife of James F. Elliot.

In Watford, on Monday, February 2nd, 1925, Miss Jessie MacIvor.

In Warwick, on Saturday, January 31, 1925, Mary Ann Alexander, wife of the late John Searson, aged 80 years, 8 months, 9 days.

On Wednesday, February 4th, 1925, Rev. E. H. Sawers, in his 79th year.

Lambton Insurance Co. Complete Fifty Years

Fiftieth Annual Meeting Held on Thursday last.

1924 LOSSES UNUSUALLY HEAVY

Revised Insurance Act Forces Rates Upwards

The Lambton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. held its Fiftieth annual meeting in its own offices, Main street, Watford, on Thursday last, January 29th, with a good attendance of policy holders present to hear the reports presented by the various officers.

President John W. Kingston and Secretary-Treasurer W. G. Willoughby were appointed Chairman and Secretary of the meeting. Mr. Kingston, in accepting the chair, made a few very appropriate remarks bearing on fire prevention. The Co.'s losses during 1924 had been unusually heavy, even though the increase in insurance written had been large. More care should be taken to prevent fires and spontaneous combustion should be shut out of the list of causes, by the farmer curing his alfalfa and clover better. Some farmers persist in their refusal to believe in spontaneous combustion but the insurance companies were having its existence brought to their attention very forcibly and very frequently. He urged all policy holders to give a little more attention to fire prevention.

The Auditors' Report, presented by Messrs. P. J. McEwen and Alex. Jamieson, showed the total receipts for the year to be \$60,229.83; Expenditures \$57,359.87, of which \$48,104.51 were losses.

A discussion arose over a resolution offered, disapproving of the recent increase in rates instituted by the Co. It was pointed out, however, that the new Insurance Act made the increase compulsory unless the reserve was sufficiently high.

The retiring Directors, Messrs. A. G. Minieli and J. P. McVicar, were re-elected for a three years' term and P. J. McEwen and Alex. Jamieson were re-appointed auditors. After the adjournment of the annual meeting the new board of Directors were called together and balloting took place for the selection of a President and Vice-President, resulting in the re-election of John W. Kingston of Watford, as President, and James Smith of Sarnia, as Vice-President.

The various other officers and agents of the Co. were all reappointed.

In the adjusting of claims, John L. Johnston, of Moore Tp., was paid \$2,225 for house burned and F. A. Wilcocks, Plympton Tp., \$2,454.45 for house and contents burned.

Delegates to the Mutual Underwriters Association will be Messrs. J. W. Kingston and Albert G. Minieli.

Board of Education

The Watford Board of Education held its organization meeting for 1925 in the Library Board room on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The following officers for the year were appointed.

Chairman of Board—Dr. J. McGillicuddy.

Secretary—D. Watt.

Treasurer—Wm. McLeay.

Truant Officer—Chief J. F. Elliot.

Member Public Library Board—Dr. C. W. Sawers.

High School Entrance Board—W. O. Erb.

The Board was divided into the various committees as follows:

Finance—Dr. G. N. Howden, Dr. James Newell and E. D. Swift.

Repairs and Supplies—Geo. O. Stephenson, A. D. Elliot and W. H. Harper.

School Management—W. E. Fitzgerald, John McKecher, Frank A. Pritchett.

BORN

In Watford, on Monday, February 2nd, 1925, to Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Sawers, a daughter.

In Detroit, on Sunday, January 11th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Pearce, a daughter—Marsalaine Mae.

In Watford, on Wednesday, February 4th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Caldwell, a son.