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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

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75 IN THE SHADE Monday.
SPRING HORSE SHOW next Friday.
READ the minutes of the town council.
SPECIAL DISPLAY of hats Saturday night.—SWIFT'S.

The congregation of St. John's church, Glencoe, will purchase or build a rectory.
ATTEND the sale of farm and village property at the Roche House on Saturday at 2 o'clock.

TRILL ME, ye winged winds that around my pathway roar, do ye not know some quiet spot where wives clean house no more.

OUR Panama skirts at \$3.50, beat all mail orders, will you compare prices.—SWIFT'S.

DON'T FORGET the "Laqueret" demonstration at N. B. Howden's, Watford, on Tuesday, April 23rd.

YOUR last winter's coal will keep you hot all summer if you don't pay your coal account by May 1st.—R. C. McLEAVY.

MR. JAMES ANNETT, Brooke, has purchased John Sedwick's brick house on Huron street, and will move into town shortly.

W. CALLAHAN, of Metcalfe, was before the Reeve on Friday night charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$5.00 and costs, which he paid.

SEVERAL new autos will be added to the Watford bunch this spring. Dr. Kelly has purchased a Ford and Fred J. Rogers a Hupmobile, and other sales are under way.

LADIES' SUITS, big range of styles, silk and satin linings, the price \$10.00 to \$15.00. Very special.—SWIFT'S.

MR. W. A. THOMPSON visited his daughter, Miss Martha, at Gravenhurst during Easter week and found her much improved in health and pleased with her surroundings and new friends.

HEREAFTER no telephone company, Bell or independent, will be able to get an exclusive franchise without the assent of the people. That is better. This world "do move" if, at times, slowly.

THE schools re-opened on Monday and there will be only six weeks work until the exams begin. It will be a short home stretch this time. Sixteen new pupils were enrolled at the public school.

ROLLER BLINDS 25 cents, 36 in. union carpet \$2.50 to 4.00. China matting 12 1/2 to 25c. Large bedroom rugs, unions, \$4.00 to \$6.00; tapestries, \$5.50 to \$8.50.—SWIFT'S.

MR. JOHN SEDWICK, of Watford, has rented the Hughson house on Devine street and will reside in Sarnia. Mr. Wm. Sedwick will also remove to Sarnia as soon as a house can be built.—Canadian.

MRS. GLEN H. McLEACHAN, formerly of Watford, died at her farm home near Granum, Alta., on Wednesday of last week, in the 49th year of her age. The funeral was held on Friday, April 12th at 2 o'clock to Granum cemetery, service being held in the Presbyterian church.

New Perfection oil stoves are the leaders. Over seventy in use in Watford and vicinity. Ask to see them.—THE HOWDEN EST.

A CLOSE board fence has been placed around the lot in rear of the Sterling Bank building. It is six feet high, made of dressed lumber with cornice, and greatly improves the appearance of the street at that point. Mr. Henry Hume did the work.

SPECIAL SALE men's Sox Saturday night, 3 pair for \$1.00, 4 pair for \$1.00, 6 pair for one dollar.—SWIFT'S.

THE adjourned vestry meeting was held in Trinity Church on Monday evening to receive the auditor's reports. The Rector was granted a month holiday during the summer. All branches of the church were reported in a flourishing condition. A resolution was passed deciding to go on with the erection of a new church.

APPLICATIONS for admission to the following examinations are to be in the hands of the Public School Inspectors on or before May 1st:—(1) Lower School examinations for admission to Normal Schools and Faculties of Education (2) Senior High School Entrance (3) Model School Entrance. The fee for (1) and (2) is \$3; for (3) \$5. Application forms are obtainable from the High School Principals.

FINEST tailored suits in Ontario, "Swift's Own and Art clothes." See style book.

THE regular meeting of the Woman's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Mitchell on Wednesday evening, April 10th, 16 members and 2 visitors present. Roll call was answered by a verse on flowers. Master Valore Dodds gave an instrumental on the piano, also Miss Eccles a recitation entitled "The Beacon Light." A reading was given by Mrs. P. Dodds on "Eggs" also a paper by Mrs. J. D. Brown, the subject, "Why we are benefited by meeting together." Meeting closed by singing "God Save the King." Next meeting at Mrs. Humphries'.

SEE our whitewear and children's white dresses.—SWIFT'S.

MONDAY, June 3rd, is the next legal holiday.
VISIT our housefurnishing department.—SWIFT'S.

THE exodus to the West this year is not so great as last year as this time.

EAST LAMBTON License Commissioners will meet at Rogers' Hotel, on Saturday afternoon, to grant licenses for the coming year.

FREE SOUVENIRS to all who attend the "Laqueret" demonstration at N. B. Howden's, Watford, on Tuesday, April 23rd. Be sure and come.

BUY your clothing from Swift Bros., their cutter, Mr. Bottinger, is a man of experience and is turning out fine work.

THE ladies are having a hard time of it this spring as regards Sunday weather. Many a sigh was given last Sunday evening because the storm prevented the display of a new spring hat.

THE Ontario School Regulations have been changed so as to make the opening of schools after the summer vacation on the first Tuesday in September instead of the first day in September.

LADIES' MUD COATS for \$1.50 and \$2.50. Don't ruin your dress.—SWIFT'S.

W. W. EDWARDS shipped a car of cattle and a double deck of hogs to Toronto this week; T. G. Mitchell a car of oats to London and C. B. Matthews & Son sent a car of flour to London.

THE lost Titanic had on board 3423 bags of mail, 200 of them containing registered letters. If you don't get that letter from home this week you will know the reason.

DAN KELLY might have had a bad haul on Friday had not the Rev. H. E. Currie, at considerable risk of getting hurt, gained control of the excited animal.

THE celebrated Brockville lawn-movers in three sizes \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$6.00. See them before you buy. Sold only at Howden's.

JAMES PHAIR was charged in the police court on Saturday with being drunk and disorderly on the street the previous evening. The Reeve fined him \$3.00 and costs and gave him till the 1st of May to make good.

BRANTFORD is making objections to the amount of water the citizens there are using. Some other towns object to the amount of whisky its citizens use, but it is getting down pretty fine when a person cannot have all the water he desires.

FANCY PARASOLS and umbrellas open to day, no two alike.—SWIFT'S.

THE electrical storm and heavy down-pour of rain on Sunday evening just before seven o'clock prevented many people from attending church service. In some of the churches no service was held, and in the others the congregations were small.

MR. J. J. BOREBANK, Winnipeg, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster, was a connection by marriage of Mr. R. E. Prentiss.

APPLICATION forms to be filled out by Penian Raid veterans claiming the grant of \$100 have been prepared by the militia department and can be had on applying to Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, Ottawa.

A VIOLENT electrical storm passed over this locality on Sunday evening accompanied by heavy rain. The storm broke shortly before seven o'clock and for an hour or so the skies were brilliant with lightning and the rolling of thunder was almost incessant.

THE hockey meeting called for Wednesday night stands adjourned until next Thursday night and same time and place.

An interesting item signed D.R.G.K., on "Pioneers of the Sixth Line," appears elsewhere in this issue. It will be found of much interest, especially to those living in that locality.

MISS JEAN CAMERON HAPPER, a graduate of the Watford High School, has been appointed manager of the Detroit office of Ramsay E. Sinclair, Toronto, one of the leading real estate operators in Canada. Miss Happer is to be congratulated on securing this appointment. Her business record has been one of steady progress and the position she now occupies is an important one, highly remunerative, and one that requires considerable managerial ability and responsibility.

THE government has decided not to issue the "cartwheel" silver dollar as proposed by the Finance Minister of the late government. The coinage of five and ten dollar gold pieces will begin next month, and about eight million dollars worth will be minted. A large quantity of Canadian gold has gone through the refinery at the mint during the last six months, and is now ready for minting. The new coins will be exchangeable at par in the United States, the intrinsic value being exactly the same as the American five and ten dollar gold pieces.

LAST WEEK was a big carpet and rug week, fine stock of sizes to choose from.—SWIFT'S.

THE leap year dance given by the young ladies of Watford in the Lyceum on Friday evening was a great success. About forty couples were present. The decorations of blossoms, hearts, bunting, etc., were very attractive. The leap year idea was even carried to the orchestra, the Caughlin Sisters, of Sarnia, being engaged to furnish the music. The gentlemen were given one choice of partners in the first half of the program and

several in the second half. The supper provided by the ladies was all that could be desired. All present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Visitors were present from Sarnia, Forest, Arkona and Alvinston. Another dance is spoken of for the near future.

"VSTED" choirs are becoming the real thing in Strathroy churches. And why not? Anyone who has attended St. John's church lately must surely have noticed the quiet dignity the white vestments lent to the services. Where before was a medley of colors and a distraction of shapes, and sizes, plumes and flowers, there is now a quietness such as is fitting should reign when man approaches the All-Powerful. "Forms, forms, forms," may be continually cried down, but it is forms on which the whole world of religion and business is based. And they are not empty forms for merely garish show, either.—Age.

THE board of education of Toronto has decided to petition the Ontario legislature to make the age for pupils entering school six years instead of five, as at present. Dr. Noble, who fathered the motion, gave reasons for the proposed change. Oculists were unanimous, he said, that concentration of the sight on minutiae in children under seven years resulted in nervous trouble later in life. A child should not go to school before it was ten years old and the doctor was positive that of two children equal in physique and mentality, the one who commenced school at ten would be farther advanced at fifteen than the one commencing at five.

THE Oil Springs Advance of last week has the following:—"On Saturday last Mr. W. C. Browne and family took their departure from our village to make their home in Watford. That they will be missed from our village no one can deny, for all are native-born citizens of Oil Springs, with the exception of Mr. Browne, and he has been here for twenty years. They have been good, faithful members of society, honest and upright, and no one can say aught against them. We can only wish them God speed and success in their new home, and truly say, that what is our loss is Watford's gain." Mr. Browne is now busy fitting up the building he purchased from Mr. Parker and will shortly open up in the furniture and undertaking business.

PERSONAL.

Mr. T. H. Willoughby left on Tuesday for Edmonton.

Miss Stella McManus returned to Leamington Monday.

Mrs. A. C. Brown left on Thursday to visit relatives in Ancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Auld left this week for a trip to the Northwest.

Mrs. Armstrong, Windsor, is the guest of Mr. Alex. Black this week.

Mrs. L. Evans, Arkona, spent a few days at W. H. Shrapnell's this week.

Mr. W. C. Brown and family, of Oil Springs, moved into Watford last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Newell Rev. S. P. Irwin, E. D. Swift, F. Kenward and E. A. Brown attended the funeral of the late Rev. J. Gunne at Wyoming on Thursday.

Mrs. Jas. Saunders and Miss Saunders left on Saturday for Toronto, where they will remain for a short time before proceeding to Moose Jaw where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Willoughby and daughter, of Watford, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilley. Mr. Willoughby leaves shortly for the West.—Strathroy Age.

Baseball.

A meeting to talk baseball was held in P. Dodds' store on Wednesday evening, when it was proposed to form a town league for 1912. After electing officers the meeting adjourned until Thursday evening, 25th inst. The officers are:—

Hon. Pres.—R. J. McCormick, M.P.P. President—D. Roche.

Vice-Presidents—F. Kenward, P. J. Dodds, E. D. Swift.

Sec.-Treas.—F. Lovell.

Manager—L. W. Andrews.

Executive Committee—F. Rogers, Dr. Brandon, C. D. Willson, W. A. Wykesmith.

The membership fee was placed at 50 cents.

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Watford, April 9th, 1912.

Adjourned meeting of Council. All the members present.

Graham—Johnson, that we adjourn until Friday, the 12th instant, at 8 p.m., to give the people who signed the petition a chance to consider it and withdraw their name if they wish, and also for any other general business.—Carried.

Watford, April 12th, 1912.

Adjourned meeting of Council. All the members present.

Graham—Hawn, that we request the people of Watford through the Guide paper that they clean up the rubble and other stuff obstructing the street.—Carried.

Johnson—Graham, that we adjourn until next regular meeting to get more information regarding pavements and that those interested be requested to attend the meeting.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

WARWICK.

George McCormick, London, was home for the holidays.

Mr. Fred Thompson, London Normal, returned Saturday.

E. J. Thompson, Main Road, left this week for Regina.

Mrs. Wm. Leach, 6th line west, is very ill with liver trouble.

Mr. Mack Luckham sold his span of heavy horses for a handsome sum last week.

The maple sugar season is over and farmers are getting ready to start seeding.

Mr. Elmer Thompson, Dental College, Toronto, home for Easter holidays, returned Wednesday.

Mr. Enoch Thomas leaves for Medicine Hat next week where he will make his home in future.

Mrs. John Miller and daughter, Alice, 4th line, spent Thursday of last week with friends in Wyoming.

Alfred C. Green, who has been working for James Sullivan, 2nd line, left for London, England, on Thursday.

George Brison, Wisbeach, has rented the grass farm of Mr. Robt. Conkey, Main Road, Adelaide, for a term of three years.

Eating ice cream with fur overcoats on is a favorite pastime of a couple of Warwick young men these Saturday nights.

An advertisement appears elsewhere notifying owners of property having fences on highways that cause snow to accumulate to have the same removed.

Mr. W. Beach, who has been living in Detroit for some time, returned to his old stand at Birnam blacksmith shop, last week, and has been very busy ever since.

Mr. J. Scott Luckham, who was accompanied by his friend, Mr. J. K. Benner, Alvinston, spent the week end under the parental roof at "Maple Shade."

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Gertrude May Weedmark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weedmark, 4th line, was joined in wedlock to Mr. Allan Westgate by the Rev. R. Stevenson.

Mr. Wm. McKorie, con. 1, and Mr. R. H. Wilson, Kingscourt, are Penian Raid veterans and will receive the \$100 to be granted by the government. Mr. Wilson was a member of Haldimand Batt., York Company, No. 1, and saw active service.

Mr. Joseph McCormick, sr., who lost his gold watch and chain about three months ago while hauling wood to Kelvin Grove school, was fortunate enough to find it last week. It had fallen in the snow where Mr. McCormick piled the wood, but is none the worse as it has been keeping good time ever since.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Foresters Hall on April 11th with a good attendance.

Mrs. A. W. Cox, President, occupied the chair. After routine business was disposed of, Mrs. Geo. Brent, Jr., read a paper on "Importance of Kindness," then followed an interesting discussion by several members of the Institute. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent by those present. The next meeting will be the yearly business meeting. All members please be in attendance.

Mr. T. A. Gault, who has been corresponding with the Government concerning the establishing of a mail delivery on the second and fourth lines east, has received a letter from J. E. Armstrong, M. P., in which he says:—"I have been assured by the Department that at a very early date the riding will be completely covered." Mr. Armstrong also enclosed a letter received from the Deputy Postmaster General on the subject, which says:—"You may rest assured that when the policy of the Department in regard to this branch of the postal service has been decided upon, the claim of your constituents will not be overlooked."

BORN.

In Brooke, on Monday, April 8th, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Meyers, a son.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's parents, on Monday, April 8th, 1912, by the Rev. S. L. Smith, of Forest, Mr. James Allen McDonald, of Sarnia, to Emily Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frayne, of Rossanquet.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McMurray, 224 Queen's avenue, London, Wednesday, April 10th, 1912, by the Rev. John Gibson Inkster, Evelyn Margaret Cloutier, to Mr. Richard Searson, of Watford.

At the residence of the bride's parents, 4th line, Watford, on Wednesday, April 17th, 1912, by Rev. R. Stevenson, pastor of the Congregational Church, Miss Gertrude May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weedmark, to Geo. Allan Westgate, 4th line, Warwick.

DIED.

In Metcalfe, on Monday, April 8, 1912, Isabella Bowie, in her 79th year.

In Forest on Tuesday, April 9th, 1912, Mr. Geo. Crossley, in his 81st year.

18th con, West Williams, Tuesday, April 7th, 1912, Peter Nichol, aged 71 years, 6 months.

At her home near Granum, Alta., on Wednesday, April 10th, 1912, Mr. G. H. McLachlan, in the 45th year of her age.

Thamesville's electric light plant reports a profit in 1911 of \$480.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Strathroy, now has a vested choir.

All the Kingsville butchers are now buying their meat from wholesale butchers instead of doing their own killing.

BROOKE.

Miss Bell Fisher, 10th line, has gone to Regina.

Wellington Annett left Tuesday for Moose Jaw.

Rich. Williamson, Sutorville, who had his forearm broken a couple of weeks ago by being struck with a stick which flew from a buzz saw, is now doing nicely.

The heavy rain on Sunday did considerable damage throughout the township, and the floods made travelling very difficult. Many culverts were damaged and much inconvenience resulted.

Among those who will receive permanent certificates as a result of the final exams, at the Normal School, we notice the name of M. J. Lehrbass of this township.

John Kerr, lot 17, con. 8, died on Sunday in his 88th year. He was a native of Scotland and came to Canada in 1855 and settled on the 9th con., Brooke. He had been an invalid for about seven years. He leaves a widow and a family of five children, four girls and one boy, all at home. The funeral was held Tuesday to the Alvinston cemetery.

The funeral of Walter Scott, son of William Scott, of Windsor, and a grandson of Mrs. James Scott, of the 12th concession, was held Tuesday to the Alvinston cemetery. Deceased was married only a year ago the past winter, and was home for a short time during the harvest with his bride. However, cancer set in in his jaw, and developed rapidly. Although the physicians operated and placed in place of his own, a silver jaw, and every prospect of a recovery was in evidence, he caught cold, which quickly brought on a critical condition. He passed away on Saturday, leaving behind his widow, after only a year's marriage, to mourn his loss.

When The Papers Are Mailed.

Nearly every week we are asked the question "When did you mail my copy of the Guide Advocate? I did not get it until ——" For the information of our subscribers we would state that:—

All papers for Alvinston, R. F. D.'s 1 and 2 Alvinston, Kertch, R. F. D. 1 Kertch, Kingscourt, Inwood, Oil Springs, Forest, Theford, Sarnia, Vansand, Wyoming and Petrola leave Watford on the 2 45 train going west on Thursday.

Papers for Warwick, Birnam, Arkona, Wisbeach, and the R. F. D.'s from those places, are in the Watford postoffice before three o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Papers going by train to all other post-offices, either east or west, are mailed by 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Papers for Sutorville and Walnut and the routes connected therewith, are placed in the Watford postoffice on Friday morning.

Pioneers of the Sixth Line.

As we drive through this beautiful country in comfortable carriages with splendid homes on every hand little we think of the trials and hardships of the early pioneers.

The Humes settled on the 6th line east early in 1834.

The late Henry Hume was proceeding on foot to Kilworth, near London, for supplies. He met a party, as he stated, of five men and one little girl. He had left Long Point on Lake Erie just 6 weeks before, making their way through the dense, unbroken forest. This party consisted of John Kelly and his young wife (the late Mrs. Esther Kelly), her brother, Thos. McWatters, who was a carpenter and came to see her settled, Wm. Whitcraft, Thos. Norris and Geo. Sweeton.

Mrs. Henry Hume espied the weary travellers coming along the blazed trail and sent little Jimmie Bole, now of Regina, running down to invite the party to come in for tea, which invitation they gladly accepted. There was genuine hospitality in those days. Mrs. Hume remarked that she had plenty of everything but cordial (tea). Mrs. Kelly said that if it would give no offense she could supply that want, having a sack full with her. It was no offense and a copious supply of cordial was prepared and ample justice done. The enjoyment of that meal can better be imagined than described.

After tea John Kelly, and his companions, proceeded to his homestead, purchased from a U. E. Loyalist, lot 22, concession 14, Brooke, now the property of Wm. Greer. Mrs. Kelly was left to visit Mrs. Hume for a couple of hours, while a temporary residence was erected. This homemaking began March 6, 1835, and in future issues your correspondent hopes to relate some of the experiences of those pioneers in after years.

D.R.G.K.

Last Thursday morning Gordon Bennett, who is working for Dr. Albert Foster on his farm at Bell's Point, stood in his front yard and shot a fine specimen of white swan, out of a flock which was passing over. Though he merely crippled one wing he captured it alive. It is the pride of the farm.

Lt. Col. Mackenzie has received a notification from the officer commanding 1st Division, London, that he has been selected to attend artillery practice at Petawawa for six days in June next in order to acquire an intimate knowledge of the employment and fire power of the artillery arm.