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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Get ready for the fair and visit Swift's Store.

Mrs. Alfred Nash is spending a week in London with her family.

Mrs. J. H. Mahon and family moved to Port Stanley this week.

In these days of initials, Salesman Sam's latest in connection with the B.O.T. is that of F.O.B., or full of booze.

With the advent of corn on the cob table manners automatically go into the discard for the time being. It is open season as it were.

Boys' pullovers, size 24 to 34, \$1.25 to \$2.25, great value.—Swift's

Some of the attractions of the East Lambton County Fair at Watford next week are set forth in an ad. elsewhere in this issue. Read it.

The season for mushrooms this year is somewhat earlier than usual. Some hunters for the tasty fungus have already gathered a mess or two.

The Women's Guild and Auxiliary of Trinity Church will have a social afternoon on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, to which all the ladies of the church are cordially invited.

Men's blue and grey Serge Suits best value in Ontario, \$27.50 and \$28.75.—Swift's.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church are holding a Home-made Baking and Candy Sale and articles left from Bazaar in Mrs. Mitchell's store, Main st., on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Doors open at 4 o'clock. Lunch will be served.

The renovation of the Presbyterian church is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible and it is expected that the re-opening and Jubilee services will be held on the last Sunday in September.

An absorbing tale of India "The Tiger's Claw" featuring Jack Holt, will be the picture attraction at the Lyceum To-night.

A Supper in connection with the 50th Anniversary and the re-opening of the Presbyterian Church will be given by the Ladies' Aid in the schoolroom on Monday, Oct. 1st. Particulars later.

Miss Olive Stuart, south Brock st., Sarnia, has returned from a delightful visit in Denver, Colorado, and Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Stuart while in Denver was the guest of Miss Jennie Moore, formerly of Watford.

Full stock Watson's Unshrinkable Underwear, ladies' misses and children.—Swift's.

County Magistrate C. Woodrow at Sarnia on Monday fined a Watford man \$10 and costs for intoxication and a Sombra man pleaded guilty to a charge of consuming beer in a place other than a private dwelling and paid \$10 and costs.

Have modern parents lost control of their daughters? Where are the silken thrill-seeking darlings headed? See Gloria Swanson's new darling production "Prodigal Daughters" which will be presented at the Lyceum with a special orchestra, Fair Night.

Clothing made to order. See our new suitings and overcoatings, Art Tailored.—Swift's.

Sir Adam Beck stated at Toronto that a reduction in Hydro rates would soon be made in over 100 municipalities. As Watford Hydro Commission report a good surplus for the year it is expected that some reduction may be looked for here in the near future.

Mr. H. W. (Bert) Collier, chief probation officer of the Juvenile Court for the city of Vancouver in renewing his subscription to the Guide-Advocate says: "The old home town paper is always welcome, although I have been away out here for more than seventeen years and am likely to remain."

An advertisement in The Guide-Advocate will attract more attention than a well-dressed shop window, and will be seen by a hundred times the number. You don't keep the blinds down on your show window. How about your advertisement?

Mr. Samuel Cooke, proprietor of the Empire Hotel, Regina, Mr. Albert Cooke and Mr. Albert King, also of Regina are visiting relatives and old friends in Watford and vicinity. Sam speaks glowingly of the business outlook of Regina and reports all the former Watfordites well, prosperous and happy.

Men's Heather Sweaters at \$3.00 is a wonder for the money.—Swift's.

Trinity harvest thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at 7 p.m. when the Rev. Canon D. W. Collins B.A., rector of St. George's church, Sarnia, will be the special preacher. The church will be fittingly decorated with flowers, etc., and appropriate music will be rendered by a full choir. A special thank-offering is requested. All welcome.

The Bank of Montreal Ontario crop report dated Sept. 6th, says: "Crops have been benefited by recent rains. Threshing is well under way and the general yield is satisfactory. Fall wheat is turning out well. Barley and oats will be a fair average yield. Weather conditions the past week have been favourable for ensilage corn and roots. The apple crop will be fair. Pasturage has improved."

The partial eclipse of the sun on Monday was witnessed by many people. Commencing at 3.33 p.m., Eastern standard time, over the lower portion of the sun, the partial eclipse reached its height at 4.29 p.m. From thence the moon's shadow gradually receded till 5.21 p.m., when the eclipse wholly disappeared.

Ladies' all-wool pleated skirts, 15 patterns, \$5.00 each.—Swift's.

The Western Fair will be patronized by the people of Watford and vicinity this week. A constant stream of autos was to be seen going east in the early part of the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the regular and special trains on the C.N.R. carried many passengers bound for London. The Western Fair seems to attract more people from this vicinity every year.

Flora, the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Mat. Cunningham had a narrow escape from drowning on Saturday evening last, when she fell into a deep well on the premises of Isaac Newell. Fortunately there was not much water in the well and the little one was found standing on a rail that had been dropped into the well. A ladder was secured and the child taken out uninjured but badly frightened.

Great value—Boys' Two-Bloomer Suits \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.75. Bring in the boys now, don't delay.—Swift's.

The Trenton, Mich., Times, has the following:—"Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knight, of Grosse Ile, (west side) leave on Wednesday afternoon of this week for Detroit, enroute for Chicago, and many western points. From Chicago they expect to leave for Denver, Colorado, thence to Palisades, Colo., where they will visit their son, Mr. Basil T. Knight and wife and infant son. After spending two weeks with them Mr. and Mrs. Knight plan to go to Los Angeles, California, to visit former Trentonites, and upon their return trip will again visit their son Basil, in Palisades before returning to their home here on the island. They expect to be away at least six weeks." Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knight were formerly residents of Watford.

There once was a fellow who knew nearly all the words of "O Canada" and "God Bless Our Native Land." Therefore he called himself a patriot. Yet he never did anything really worth while for his own home town. He objected to building a sidewalk. He refused to clean off the snow. He objected to paving because he had no car. He bought a Ford and cursed the muddy roads. He belittled all his city did because he couldn't agree with some of his councilmen as how local improvements should be done. You see: He missed the Big Idea: That patriotism is love of country. That love means service. That the part of the country to love and serve first is the part one knows best. In short: That every good citizen—every real patriot—is loyal to and works for his own home town. Odd chap, wasn't he?

Twenty members of Wawanosh chapter, Royal Arch Masons, conferred the degree of Most Excellent Master upon a class of candidates at Forest Friday evening. The degree work was in charge of Harry Hall. There were about 100 present at the banquet. The Parkhill chapter conferred the Mark degree before the Sarnia team put on their work. The Sarnia members were invited to Parkhill on September 21st when the St. John's Chapter of London, will put on the Royal Arch degree on the occasion of the District superintendent's visit.

BROOKE

Anniversary services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, 10th line, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, morning service at 11, evening at 7.30. Rev. Mr. Mondak of Petrolia, will conduct the services. On Monday evening following, the ladies' aid will serve a fowl supper and a good program will follow. Admission 50c and 25c.

A telegram was received by Wallace Watson on Thursday last stating that his father, William Watson, had passed away in Victoria, B.C., on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, in his 87th year. He had been failing for a year or more and suffered a paralytic stroke on Tuesday morning from which he did not rally. He is survived by his wife and Howard of Victoria, Mrs. L. C. Edwards of Malta, Montana, Mrs. H. Sinclair of Gull Lake, Sask., and Wallace of Brooke.

Two fine barns, together with the season's crops, some implements and harness, the property of Andrew Beattie, con. 14, near Kerwood, were consumed by fire on Friday at noon. Threshing was in progress and all hands had gone to dinner when the fire broke out, and little could be done to save the contents of the buildings when help arrived on the scene. The fire is supposed to have caught from a hot box, and Jerome Goldrick, thrasher, lost his cleaner. Mr. Beattie's loss will be about \$6000, with \$1700 insurance in the Lambton Farmers' Insurance Co. He has the sympathy of the entire community.

As noted last week, Martha Parker, beloved wife of Mr. Richard McMurray, a lifelong and much respected resident of the Brooke township, passed away at her home on the tenth line on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, after a lengthy illness. The late Mrs. McMurray, who was in her 53rd year, was born in Brooke Township and had lived there all her life. Besides her husband she is survived by two children, William and Eileen, both at home. She is also survived by two brothers, Harvey and Frank Parker, both of Brooke, and several sisters in Western Canada. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon and was largely attended. Service was held at the family residence, the officiating clergyman being Rev. A. MacVicar, Presbyterian minister of Inwood. Interment took place in Alvinston cemetery, the pallbearers being six nephews of the deceased: Arnold and H. Parker, David and Ernest Lucas and William Rowland, all of Brooke, and William Rennie of London.

The regular meeting of Chalmers' W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Colin Walker, on Thursday, Sept. 6th. There were 8 members and 10 visitors present. The President opened the meeting in the usual manner. The lesson on "The Life of Dr. Margaret McKellar" was taken by Miss Misena Walker. Two short missionary topics were read by Mrs. Jas. Gilroy and Mrs. D. McGagan. It was decided to hold a "Home-made baking sale" in Alvinston on Sept. 29. The members are also reminded that all the blocks for the autograph quilt are to be handed in on or before the October meeting. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Campbell on Oct. 4th. Mrs. D. Fisher, Mrs. A. Campbell and Mrs. Ray Smith to take the topics. The meeting closed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer. The hostess then served lunch and a very enjoyable social hour was spent by all present.

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THE WATFORD FAIR

This day next week the Watford Fair, the big annual event of this district, will be in full swing. Only a few days left in which to prepare exhibits. The fair board have done everything in their power to ensure the best show in years and the public school respond by co-operation in a large list of entries. Study the prize list and make all the entries you can. The list of special prizes is also well worthy of attention.

The special attractions for Friday, Sept. 21st, include trials of speed in trotting and pacing, and other events as follows:

Purse \$300—2.19 trial, trotters and pacers. Mile heats, best 3 in 5. 1st, \$150.00; 2nd, 75.00; 3rd \$45.00; 4th, \$30.00.

Purse \$200—2.50, trotters and pacers, mile heats, best 3 in 5. 1st, \$90.00; 2nd, \$60.00; 3rd, \$35.00; 4th \$15.00.

Also boys', girls', ladies' and men's races.

There will also be some special platform attractions and plenty of good music and dancing.

In the evening a community dance will be held in the Armory at which Pincomb's orchestra of Strathroy will furnish the music. Be sure to attend this.

WARWICK

Miss Agnes Walsh spent the week end with Miss Helene Coughlin.

Miss Elva Hall eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hall, Birnam, is attending Forest High School.

LaVerne Kenzie, second son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kenzie has resumed his studies at the Forest High School.

Mrs. W. C. Walsh and daughters, Mary Agnes and Sally Anne, spent the past two weeks visiting relatives at Pleasant View Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson returned last Saturday from a two week's visit with relatives in Leamington, making the trip by motor.

Miss Amy Luckham assumed her duties as teacher in school No. 5 Warwick last week, where she has been engaged for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Duncan McNabb, her son Angus and daughters Mrs. Stephenson and Miss Julia, all of London, motored to Warwick last Sunday and were guests at the home of W. H. and Mrs. Luckham.

Miss Meryl Luckham, R.N., London, arrived at her home here last Monday from a trip down the St. Lawrence and accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luckham, and sister, Amy, on a motor trip to Port Elgin on Tuesday where they will attend the marriage of their son and brother, J. Scott Luckham, druggist of that place, to Miss Lulu Mae Darling, of Port Elgin.

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BORN

In Warwick, on Saturday, Sept. 1st, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Kilmer, a daughter.

In Alvinston, on Monday, Sept. 10th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Kearney, a son, Robert McCaw, (Bobbie).

In Brooke, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Werden, a son.

In Brooke, on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pavey, a son.

MARRIED

In London, on Wednesday, Sept. 5, Miss Annie Braithwaite, daughter of Mrs. Mary Braithwaite, of Brooke, to Mr. Allen Shirk.

In Brooke, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, 1923, by Rev. J. H. Hosford, M.A., Mr. Reginald Thorne to Miss Mary Letha, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Saunders.

At St. George's rectory, Sarnia, on Saturday, Sept. 8th, 1923, by the Rev. Canon D. W. Collins, Mrs. Sarah Willoughby of Sarnia, to Charles Wm. Haskett of Detroit. Both bride and groom are former residents of Watford.

DIED

In Theford, on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1923, Mrs. Holesworth Myers, aged 92 years.

In Petrolia, on Monday, September 3rd, George Wade, aged 87 years.

PLANS TO REDUCE EDUCATION COSTS

Premier Ferguson Declares for General Simplification

Promise of changes in Ontario's educational policy, which would tend toward a simplifying of the Public School System, was made by Premier G. H. Ferguson, speaking for the first time publicly as minister of education at the C.N.R. director's luncheon in Toronto.

The Premier was loudly applauded when he declared that the school system to-day had the wrong idea, that of cramming knowledge into the young head instead of developing the youngsters.

"Our efforts in the past have perhaps been along erroneous lines. We have tried to fill the child with knowledge instead of developing and training it.

"I am of the opinion that we have overburdened the children in public schools in the past. We have crammed them in a short time with a variety of subjects, and in addition have made them do home work.

"There are certain essential subjects that cover the fundamentals of education," went on Mr. Ferguson, and we hope to go back to the old policy of concentrating on the essential subjects. We hope to stimulate the minds of the children and develop their intellectual character, and the moral character of the youngsters. After all, the moral fibre is the most important point of the child's being."

Reduction of the number of subjects in the course would put it up to the pupils themselves to make progress in certain subjects.

"The Government hopes soon to say to the public school pupils: 'You must take a certain number of these subjects and if you desire to take the others that is up to you.'"

Thus would the holding back of bright children by the backward ones be lessened. He hoped to at once reduce the burden of educational cost and to increase the efficiency of the system. "There is no such return as that derived from education," said the Premier. "We are now spending \$10,000,000 a year and we have less than 3,000,000 people. With 16,000 teachers and 750,000 pupils you can see what a huge task it is to cope with this educational problem."

He stressed also the fact that the imperial relations should be emphasized and the wonderful history of the British Empire taught to the pupils. With the aid of the United States the British Empire would be able without friction or turmoil, he hoped, to work for the peace and welfare of the world.

SHOULD EGGS BE GRADED

Contents of Crate Purchased in Brussels said "Yes" Very Decidedly.

If you are in doubt as to the wisdom of adopting the new regulations regarding the grading of eggs, read the following eloquent testimony from The Brussels Post: One day last week a crate of eggs arrived at the East Huron Produce Emporium, and the candling showed the following astounding record: Twenty-one dozen and three eggs were rotten and three dozen graded second. Another lot showed seven dozen seconds out of sixteen and one half dozen. Not much wonder that grading was demanded. Folk who palm off such samples as those quoted above not only suffer themselves, when known, but "saw off the heads" of their neighbors by the reduced price obtainable by dealers for seconds, instead of securing the "strictly fresh" quotations. What's the cure—Better attention to the nests, more frequent gathering of eggs, earlier marketing and the sale of "cluckers" instead of permitting them to set on the nests for hours and maybe days. This egg question is one of importance and deals directly with the pocketbook. The new plan of grading will improve the quality of eggs offered for sale and if the Government takes after the sellers of bad hen fruit they will not only have to "cough up" a stiff fine, but have their names emblazoned on the page of local history. Keep the rotten eggs at home and save your reputation, is the best advice The Post can give to the offenders. If they don't know the quality of their offerings, it is time they found out by easy but valuable experiments.