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## Local Happenings

Easter Blouses open today—very smart styles.—Swift's.

Mrs. Fred Brown Petroler, visited her brother, Thomas Collins, last week.

Miss Queenie W. Moulton, London is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. W. Louks.

Easter Cards, Booklets and Novelties of all kinds. See our window.—Siddell Drug Co.

Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in London.

Boys' Cottonade and Khaki School Bloomers \$1.25 to \$1.60.—A. Brown & Co.

A dentist is about the only man who can tell a woman to shut her mouth and get away with it. How do you do it Doc?

Barbed Wire—Galvanized, 4-point 30 rod roll. Get our prices before you buy.—McCormick & Paul.

The officers and Directors of the Agricultural Society are requested to meet at the Library on Friday evening at 7.30. Important business.

Mrs. Wm. Stephens and Miss Pearl Stephens of London Township spent the weekend with their cousin, W. E. Fitzgerald.

White and cream sheetings, 2 yds and 27in wide, plain and twill. Best value in Canada, 65c to \$1.00.—Swift's.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, Watford, will hold a baking sale in Mrs. M. J. Mitchell's store on Saturday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock.

We have a complete stock of tires of proven quality at bottom prices. When in need think of us.—R. Morningstar.

Come and see the children of Foreign lands in their native costumes at the Presbyterian church, at 8 p.m. Monday, April 14th. Illustrated lecture on Western Mission Schools by Rev. Waghorne, of Mandamain. Everybody welcome. Silver Collection.

Boys' one and two bloomer suits \$5.00 to \$15.00.—A. Brown & Co.

The picture attraction at the Lyceum next Thursday will be the elaborate new Paramount picture, "The Crimson Challenge" featuring the popular star Dorothy Dalton.

The new Billie Burke Dresses at Swift's.

S. Stapleford & Son are giving the business front of their produce warehouse its annual spring decorative scheme. While their corner has always had an abundance of fresh paint, green boxes, corner flower plot etc., this year's efforts are more elaborate than ever.

The best place to buy used Fords is at the Ford Dealers. They have a full line of repairs and equipment to see that their used cars are right and are interested in the service they give. We have a good line of dependable Fords from \$100.00 up.—R. Morningstar.

Boys' Jerseys—Spring weight, all sizes, were regular up to \$2.25, clearing at 45c.—A. Brown & Co.

A gospel meeting will (D.V.) be held Sunday evening, April 13th, at 7.30 p.m., in Gospel Hall, Main st., also week nights except Monday and Saturday at 7.45 p.m. to which all are cordially invited. Speakers: Messrs. Jas. E. Goodfellow, Parkhill, and Thos. E. Tougeau, Tilsonburg.

The new hats for young men.—Swift's.

From week to week the local newspaper has its say about matters local and general. Sometimes the reader agrees with the opinion expressed by the editor, sometimes he does not. But the reader does not need to let the editor have all the say. Letters to the editor on questions of community interest are always welcome, no matter whether the views expressed are shared by him or not. If you have an idea you think they should know or a suggestion that will benefit the community in any way sit down and write a letter to The Guide-Advocate. Contributions, particularly those on subjects of local interest, are always welcome.

Special Showing of Ladies' Suits, navy, and brown, smart styles, \$18.50 to \$45.00.—Swift's.

As a Ford Dealer we are interested in the performance of every Ford car in this vicinity. Ford factory representatives call on us regularly instructing us their ways of high standard of service. With our excellent equipment and complete stock of parts, we are able to give "Responsive Ford Service."—R. Morningstar.

The New Barrington Hat, a real natural shade.—Swift's.

At the Chicago Fair, Ontario grain took nine out of fifteen prizes. Bargain Table of Men's Black or brown Fine Shoes at \$4.65 and men's everyday shoes at \$3.50.—P. Dodds & Son.

The entire section from Blenheim to St. Thomas, of the Canadian Division of the Pere Marquette Railway 52 miles in all, is to be graded this year, and the work trains are preparing to start early this month.

While enjoying some comb honey recently taken from a hive, George Daley of Port Lambton, swallowed a bee, which had been entombed in one of the cells. The bee became lodged in Mr. Daley's throat, which was stung so badly that the inflammation did not subside for several days.

This is the time of the year when great damage is often done to lawns and boulevards by persons walking across them when they are in a soft condition. A little consideration in this respect will be much appreciated by all who try to keep their lawns and boulevards presenting a fine appearance.

Boys' Tweed Scull Caps for spring wear 45c and 60c.—Swift's.

Some time during Thursday night a thief or thieves broke into the store of Walter Cook and Son, butchers, and succeeded in cleaning out the cash drawer without being disturbed. Fortunately there was only about \$9 in small change in the drawer. Mr. Cook having taken the day's receipts home with him, leaving the small change in readiness for Friday's business. In addition to the cash the thief helped himself to a beef tongue. No clue has yet been discovered that will reveal the identity of the thief, but Mr. Cook is offering a reward for information that will lead to an arrest.

Extension Curtains Rods, 10c, double rods 20c.—A. Brown & Co.

The regular monthly meeting of Lambton's 149 Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held at the home of Mrs. Connolly on Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock. The regent, Mrs. Nixon, presided. Fifteen members and five visitors enjoyed the program arranged by Miss Smith. Interesting papers on the lives of Florence Nightingale, Clara Barton and Laura Secord were given by Miss McLeay, Miss Logan and Mrs. Adams. Solos by Mrs. Kelly and duets by Miss Maxine Rogers and Miss Mary Connolly concluded the program. After the serving of dainty refreshments the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. F. Kelly.

Have you seen the new Spring Shoes. Read our ad. on another page.—P. Dodds & Son.

While securing information and statistics on the use of Hydro in Watford, the Guide-Advocate discovered last week that out of 325 homes over 222 are enjoying the economy and advantages of electric lighting. This means about 70 per cent.—an exceptionally large percentage for even small towns. In all there are over 300 meters, including power, commercial and domestic. Over 60 per cent. use electric irons, 15 per cent use heaters, 40 per cent. use toasters, and there is a constantly increasing number of washers, vacuum cleaners and ranges. Many more ranges will be installed this spring.

Lanky Bill and Oxford Crepe Ties 50c to \$1.00.—Swift's.

The steamer Huronic of the Northern Navigation Company is scheduled to open the freight and passenger service between Sarnia and Duluth April 24th unless weather conditions intervene.

The Trinity Church Women's Guild and Auxiliary held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Brown on the 3rd inst, and was very well attended. Mrs. McTaggart was welcomed as a new member. The program was a very enjoyable one as Mr. Hosford gave another interesting address on the church and Mr. Nelson rendered two very well-known violin solos, accompanied by Miss Connolly. Tea was then served and the meeting brought to a close in the usual manner. It has been decided to hold the sale of work combined with a church tea at the Rectory on Tuesday, the 29th inst, and the committee would be glad to have all the work sent in to Mrs. Hosford not later than Saturday, the 26th inst. Will all our friends make this as widely known as possible. The next meeting May 1st, to be held at the residence of Mrs. Chester Howden.

Reeve Connolly is in Toronto this week on County Council business.

Another interesting article by Mr. James Craig on Reminiscences of Sixty Years Ago will be published next week.

Ross Luckham and J. E. Fowler left on Monday for Detroit where they will build a modern house on one of Mr. Luckham's lots in the Lincoln Park area.

Our Papers are very pretty this year and the price is much lower. Call in and let us show them to you.—P. Dodds & Son.

Baptists, all over Canada celebrated the 50th Jubilee of Missions in India, this week. The Ontario meeting was held in Maesey Hall Toronto, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Two local men were gathered up by License Inspector Fred Jennings on Saturday and received their hearing in Sarnia on Monday. For having liquor other than in his private house one was fined \$200 and \$19 costs. The other pleaded guilty to intoxication and tendered \$10 and \$14 costs as a pre-Easter offering to the Provincial Treasury. The two operators of the source of supply will have their hearing next Monday.

Miss Elizabeth McArthur, daughter of Peter McArthur, of Appin, has accepted a position as dietitian in the Metropolitan Hospital, New York.

## READING CLUB LECTURE

On Monday evening, April 14th, Professor Kingston of Western University, London, will address the Reading Club on the subject: "The Recent Total Eclipse of the Sun in California, when Day became Night in One Second." The lecture will be illustrated. Many people will doubtless remember the delightful lecture which Professor Kingston gave here two years ago, and all interested are invited to be present to attend this lecture which will be given at the High School.

## Watford Council

Regular meeting of Council was held with Messrs. Connolly-McCormick, Hollingsworth, Doar and Brown present.

Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Brown having executed his declarations before the clerk took his seat at Council Board.

Doar—Hollingsworth that Mr. J. D. Brown fill Mr. Fuller's place on Finance Committee—carried.

Doar—Brown that Mr. Hollingsworth be a Committee to take the grader to Forest to have it repaired carried.

McCormick—Hollingsworth that we appoint Joshua Saunders, W. H. Harper and E. A. Brown, members of the Cemetery Board—carried.

Brown—Doar that the monies received by the Corporation from the sale of Cemetery lots in 1923 be turned over to the Treasurer of the Cemetery Board—carried.

Finance Committee examined accounts and recommended payment.

J. F. Elliot, salary \$15 to pay J. Fair 25c W. Lawrence 60 15.85 Russ Hollingsworth —Show.

Cinders ..... 46.80 Walter Scott sal. 1st. quarter 32.50 Treas. Bd. of education Public School ..... 650.00

A. Routley shov. cinders... 9.30 Chas. Stumph shov. cinders... 22.65 Peter McNaughton shov cinders 8.25 W. S. Fuller sal. \$50 express

50c, stamps \$1.00..... 51.50 Treas. Cem. Bd. sale lots 1923 58.00 John H. Jackson shov cinders 15.00 A. Newell unloading cinders 39.60

Treas. library Board..... 100.00 Wm. McLeay revenue stamps 7.38 Treas. hydro com. light acc. 113.50

McCormick—Brown that accounts be passed and Reeve grant his orders carried.

Hollingsworth—McCormick that we adjourn—carried.

W. S. Fuller, Clerk.

## Too Late to Classify

PASTURE FARM FOR RENT—100 acres situated on Lot 30, con. 12, Enniskillen. Good supply of water. Apply Archie McLean, R.R.1, Strathroy. a11-2t

## DIED

In Bothwell, on Thursday, April 10th 1924, Marion A. Craig, beloved wife of D. G. Hoover, and daughter of James Craig, of Watford, in her 40th year.

## TENNIS DANCE, TUESDAY APRIL 22ND

Tennis Club Dance in the Armory Tuesday, April 22nd, Dancing 9 to 2. Refreshments. Good music.

## BROOKE

Mr. and Mrs. John Field, Strathroy, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ada Belle, to Basil V. Smith, Brooke Twp., the marriage to take place about the middle of the month.

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The April meeting of Chalmers W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Dan McGugan on Thursday afternoon, April 3rd, with an attendance of twenty ladies. Miss Margaret McIntyre presided owing to the absence of the president. Roll call was responded to by ten members by a verse from Scripture. After business was dispensed with, Miss Margaret McIntyre gave an interesting illustrated sketch on "The Pathfinders of North Borneo." A paper on "Missionary Pioneers" was read by Miss Emma Walker and Miss Velma Annett gave an instructive reading on "The Evangelist in China." The remainder of the afternoon was spent in preparing a quilt for the bazaar, after which the hostess served a very dainty lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy McGregor on Thursday, May 1st, when the ladies will complete the quilts for the bazaar. A good attendance is requested.

## WARWICK

Miss Mabel and Gertrude Manders, Watford, spent a few days last week with their sister, Miss Gladys Manders, London.

Special sale of Boys' Suits, 29 to 34. Good patterns open Friday morning, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$9.50. You save \$2.50 on every suit.—Swift's.

William R. Waun is this week opening a roadside store on the Main Road, half a mile east of 18 sideroad where he will carry a well assorted stock of groceries, confectionery, tourist supplies, gasoline, oil, etc.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mrs. W. E. Parker on Saturday afternoon, April 5th, when she entertained her Sunday school class to a maple sugar party. Miss Florence E. Edwards, Rev. W. K. Hager and Mrs. Hager were guests of honor.

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The annual meeting of the Warwick W. M. S. was held at the Parsonage April 1st, where the members and their husbands were invited to spend the evening. The president, in the chair, the meeting opened by singing a hymn. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. McRorie gave a very interesting talk on the blessings that are ours because we have heard the story of the Christ. Mrs. Anderson read the devotional leaflet. A very pleasing feature of the evening was a solo by Mrs. C. Stewart. Routine of the year's business was discussed and several splendid reports were given by each officer. Rev. A. R. Johnston gave a brief Easter message which brought the program to a close. Rev. Johnston took the chair for the installation of officers. President, Mrs. Ferguson; vice-president, Mrs. E. Morris; cor. sec., Mrs. W. Anderson; rec. sec., Mrs. D. Falloon; treasurer, Mrs. J. Wilkinson; supt. of Christian stewardship, Mrs. Johnston; strangers' sec., Mrs. F. Tribbeck; organist, Mrs. C. Stewart. Mrs. Ferguson was elected delegate to the convention to be held in St. Thomas with Mrs. Hicks as alternate. Plans are already made for the Easter meeting to be held on April 27th, when Mrs. Johnston will give the address and at which time the Easter thankoffering will be taken. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Stewart. Officers were also elected to look after the little light bearers. The meeting was then brought to a close, and lunch was served and all had a social together.

## Murrell And Topping Hanged This Morning

Sidney Murrell and Clarence Topping Meet Death on Gallows in Yard of London Jail. Bodies Are Claimed by Relatives. 'Slim' Williams Relieved By Ottawa and Will Return to Kingston For Life.

Condemned Prisoners Maintain Brave Fronts As Families Visit For Last Time—Rev. G. Warner Spends Night in Death Cell—Jail Is Kept in Blaze of Light.

Sidney Ernest Murrell of London and Clarence Topping of Strathroy, walked to the scaffold erected in the jailyard shortly after daybreak Thursday morning to pay with their own lives for the lives they took away.

Murrell murdered Russell Campbell on the morning of April 11, 1921 during an attempted robbery of the Home Bank at Melbourne. Topping fired two bullets into the body of his eighteen-year-old sweetheart, Geraldine Durstan of Watford in her boarding house at 318 York street, because she refused to marry him.

'Slim' Williams was saved from the gallows when a telegram was received by Sheriff Graham Wednesday morning from the under secretary of state at Ottawa, announcing that the governor-general of Canada Baron Bynne, had commuted the death sentence to life imprisonment. Williams took the news quietly, seeming quite dazed for some time.

The relatives of both Topping and Murrell visited the condemned men for the last time late Wednesday afternoon. It is stated that the young men, for they are both under 25 years of age, maintained a brave attitude in the front of their relatives and kept up an appearance of cheerfulness until the cell doors had changed with their departure.

The members of the Topping family returned to Strathroy after the last visit with the prisoner. During the night, however, the father, Geo. Topping, with his brother, Ambrose of Adelaide township, journeyed to London by motor to secure the body of his son. He received permission from the authorities last night to take the body away, and the interment was made at Strathroy.

William Murrell, father of Sidney, has also applied for permission to take away his son's body, and it is fully expected that he will be allowed to do so.

The spiritual advisor of the prisoners, Rev. G. Quintin Warner, arrived at the jail at midnight, and was with the men until their last minute on earth.

## FRED TAYLOR NOW LT.-COL.

Major Fred A. Taylor, D.S.O., formerly of Watford, has been named to assume command of the First Hussars, whose headquarters are at London, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. His appointment will probably be gazetted at an early date.

Major E. N. Chesham, of London, is also nominated as commanding officer of the Second Machine Gun Brigade, vice Lieut.-Col. Coles whose tour of duty in that position terminates at an early date. Gazetting of Major Chesham as a lieutenant-colonel will also appear in early orders by the department of national defense.

Major Taylor's pending promotion has been expected by officers of London's cavalry regiment, who point out that the regiment is to be congratulated on the coming appointment of an officer who had such a distinguished record in the war.

Major Chesham, who is appointed commanding officer of the Second Machine Gun Brigade, is a very popular and efficient officer in that corps which draws for its recruits the finest type of citizen soldier. He is at present an official in the local headquarters of the D. S. C. R. He is a son-in-law of Ed. de Gex, Kerwood, and is also well-known in this district.

## "Watford's Busy Store"

You can always depend on Groceries from us being Fresh, and our enormous turnover gives us the advantage of buying at the right price. Compare our prices before you buy your next order. We appreciate your trade and are going to give you the Best Price Possible.—P. Dodds & Son.