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Local Happenings

Boys school suits at Swifts. 2 pair bloomers extra value.

Two weeks from today is Watford Fair—get your exhibits ready.

The Soft Ball Team of the Methodist Y. P. L. motored to Kerwood Tuesday night.

The Methodist Sunday School will resume its sessions at 11:30 a. m. at close of morning worship next Sunday.

A scientist has discovered quartz that causes light to turn corners. But, after a few quartz, will it turn them safely.

Ladies Coats, Suits, Dresses and Skirts, a very snappy shipment.—See Window.—Swifts.

Old Home Week Races were the best seen here for some time. Most of the horses will be back for Fair Day, Sept. 19th.

Preparations are under way for the celebration of the fifty first anniversary of the Presbyterian church Watford, on Oct. 12th.

On Sunday next the services in the Watford Presbyterian church will be conducted by Rev. J. D. Bammatyne B. A., of Brigid.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in Trinity Church next Sunday morning, September 7th. Service in the evening at the usual hour.

Did anyone notice how the school kids joined the search party with alacrity on Wednesday. Prospects of a half-holiday from school come once in a blue moon!

Early fall goods are coming forward.—At Swifts.

Good Races are promised for Fair Day, Sept. 19th. Secretary McCormick is lining up many of the horses that made such good races during Old Home Week.

Rev. E. J. Roulston of Arkona, preached here and at Zion last Sunday, very acceptably to those who were brave enough to go to church on the hottest day of the summer.

A man has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for stealing apples. All over the country wise young mothers are repeating the story to their shuddering sons at bedtime.

Have your fall suit made by the Art Tailoring. No more worry. New Samples.—Swifts.

Germany has ordered 1,380,000 pocket handkerchiefs from Ireland. A few shiploads of onions from Spain and the Fatherland will once again be in the position to tearfully protest that she can't pay.

Pola Negri in her thrilling new French drama, "Shadows of Paris," is supported by Adophe Menjou and Charles de Roche. Her role in the picture is the kind she plays so well. Don't miss it at the Lyceum next Thursday.

Rev. S. J. Thompson took charge of Anniversary services at Sylvan Church on the Arkona circuit last Sunday. A full church and great interest was manifest. The musical service was of a very fine order and very suitably chosen.

Services as usual in the Congregational Church on Sunday, when the pastor, Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner will preach at both services. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will follow the morning service. A large attendance of members is requested.

Pola Negri, in her new sensation picture of Paris life, "Shadows of Paris" adopted for Andre Picards famous French stage success, "Mon Homme" will be shown at the Lyceum next Thursday.

Services in the Methodist church next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and 7 p. m. The pastor will preach on "Abraham the Friend of God," at the morning service. Evening, "The Voyage of Life," a special interest to young people. The pastor and officials cordially invite you.

An important public meeting will be held in the Lyceum, this (Friday) evening, for the purpose of organizing the Temperance forces of Watford in readiness for the coming plebiscite on the Ontario Temperance Act. All friends of Temperance are urged to attend this meeting. Ladies are especially invited to be present as the issue is of supreme importance in our Provincial life. The meeting will commence at 8 p. m.—Sanford Stapleford, President of the 1919 Referendum Committee.

They appear to have had some torrid weather in Missouri recently. The editor of a down-state paper reports that the heat has so reduced his waistline that he can now wear the rubber ring of a fruit jar for a belt.

A harmonica competition is a novel feature of Music Day at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. Hundreds of juvenile experts are expected to compete. In the old days the schoolboy who could not play "Listen to the Mocking Bird," or "Money Musk," on a mouth organ or Jews-harp was considered as being without an "ear" for music.

Watford High School opened on Tuesday with an attendance of 146. Forty-two new students make an overflowing First Form, while the Upper Schools are suffering from similar conditions, the Fourth Form with 30 and Third Form with 34. The teaching staff is arranged as follows:—Principal Murray Cameron; Science; Mr. W. O. Erb, Mathematics and Physics; Miss Hester McCaw, Languages; while Miss Blanche Mitchell is assisted by the new fifth teacher, Miss Jean Minore, of Bowmanville, Ont., in English, Arts, Geography and History.

Considerable excitement was created in town on Wednesday when it was learned that Mrs. Graham, mother of Mrs. John Jackson, Huron St., had wandered away in her night clothes at some time of the early morning before the family aroused. Chief Elliot was notified and a search of the west section of the town was instituted without avail. By noon the need of a large organized searching party was apparent, hence the fire alarm was sounded and a sufficient number of searchers readily secured. These were divided into sections and sent out in each direction. In less than an hour the ringing of the town bell announced that the search was over. Messrs. E. A. Brown and C. W. Howden had discovered the aged woman in a field of the Rivers farm just northwest of the town. She was returned to her daughter's home none the worse for her experience. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson desire to thank all who assisted in the search.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. MITCHELL

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Mitchell, victim of the gasoline stove fatality at Bright's Grove on Tuesday last week, was held on Friday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Geo. Hicks, Wall and Ontario streets, and was largely attended by residents of the village and vicinity.

Rev. S. J. Thompson, of the Methodist church, pastor of the deceased, officiated at the services both at the house and the grave, being assisted by Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, of the Congregational church; Rev. J. H. Hosford, M. A., B. D., of Trinity Anglican Church, and Rev. Mr. Quinn, retired Methodist preacher. There were many beautiful floral tributes, some being from the Methodist church of which the deceased was a faithful and honored member for many years. The singing was led by A. Rumford, choir leader of the church, assisted by members of the choir.

Interment took place in Watford Cemetery, the pall bearers being six old neighbors: Thomas B. Taylor, David A. Maxwell, William E. Fitzgerald, Frank Lovell, W. W. Edwards and Clarence R. Hone.

Mrs. Mitchell was born at Port Credit, Ont., and moved a few years later with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donley into Warwick and settled on a farm on the 2nd line north; some years later moving into Adelaide on the 2nd line south. Here Mrs. Mitchell grew to womanhood. She was married to Mr. Jas. Mitchell in 1866, and lived in Strathroy for three years, when they moved to Stockton, Minnesota. Twelve years later Mr. Mitchell returned and purchased the harness business of the late R. Bodaly, of Watford, which business he carried on until his demise in 1896.

Thus, Mrs. Mitchell has been a resident of Watford for 42 years. She was blessed with a happy disposition and believed in carrying sunshine wherever she went. Many will miss her kindly smile and cheery word as she went in and out of the homes of her friends and neighbors and mingled in the religious and social activities of the church and community.

PERSONAL

Miss Jean Fitzgerald returned to Toronto Monday.

Mr. James Bullick Windsor, spent Labor Day with his sister, Mrs. F. B. Doan.

Rev. Thos. R. MacNair, Winnipeg, visited his cousin, D. Watt, Wednesday.

William Harrison and Raymond Rivers, Parkhill, spent the weekend with William Fitzgerald.

Dr. V. L. Newell, Detroit, was home for the week end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon White spent a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nash and son, London, spent over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schlemmer and children, of Detroit, visited his father here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown left on Wednesday for a motor trip through the southern countries. They will be away about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fraser and Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson, Detroit visited at the home of D. Watt this week.

Mrs. Phoebe Hunt, of Aylmer, and her son, Rev. Murray Hunt, of Thamesville, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Jas. Newell.

Mrs. Huff, Sarnia, Mrs. J. G. Boyd of Toronto, and Mrs. Paul Schraeder and baby, Port Huron, were guests at W. E. Fitzgerald's during Old Home Week.

Mrs. T. G. Morgan and son Billy of Windsor, returned home on Saturday after spending the last month with her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Teeple.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Graham returned to their home in Redford, Mich., on Saturday after attending the Old Home Week, accompanied by Miss Sarah Percival as their guest for a week.

Mrs. Geo. Landreth, Galt; Miss Florence Edgar, Mr. Frank Edgar, Mr. Irvin Merkle, Preston, and Mr. Letson Lewis, Redford, Mich., visited at W. J. Thompson's during the week of the Old Boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bartley of Gravenhurst, Mrs. Carman Brookbank and son Roy, of Toronto, Mr. Herb. Doan of Wallaceburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Duncan and Geo. Pearce of Aylmer, spent the Old Boys Week at Harry Pearce's.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Cone and little daughter, Doris Elaine, who have been visiting Mrs. Cone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Swift, for the past few weeks will leave for their home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, next Monday.

Miss Maude Lansburg, Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Higgins and granddaughter, Sarnia; Miss Jessie Melvor, Watford; Mr. Robert A. Higgins, Watford; Mrs. Albert Spalding and daughter, Lizzie, Watford; were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Styles Old Home Week.

The Fall Fair

The season of country and township fairs is at hand again and from now on until near the end of October the annual fairs of the country folks will be held throughout the province. East Lambton's big fair will be held in Watford on Thursday and Friday, September 18 and 19 this year. They are a feature of country life and one that speaks well for the country people that organize them, who supply the exhibits and who attend them and enjoy them thoroughly, as they deserve to do. It must be that these fairs serve a useful purpose, for otherwise they would not have lived through all these years and grown as they have. As an institution their primary purpose is to encourage good farming. That must always be their chief aim, and the aim has never been lost sight of. There is also a valuable social side to the rural fair. It is the general annual meeting of the country people, and in many cases the only occasion throughout the year when old friends come together. It tends to keep friendship alive and to widen the circle of acquaintances, all of which are very worthy things. It also provides country people with a couple of holidays of their own making, and who are better entitled to pleasure of this kind than people on the land? The time and money devoted to fairs are both well spent.

Copies of Last Week's "Guide" Wanted

Knowing that many Old Boys would be glad to get a copy of the Home Paper issued after Old Home Week, The Guide-Advocate made an extra run of over 150 last week, considering this number of extras would be sufficient. No sooner was the type dumped into the melting pot than the entire extra run was sold out by Friday noon. Since that time there have been inquiries for at least two hundred more.

The Guide-Advocate would request that all subscribers who do not wish to preserve their copy of last week's edition, mail or bring it to this office at their earliest convenience, where they will be given to all Old Boys and Girls who so desire to retain a memento of the "glad" week in the Old Town.

Send yours today! Thank you!

Watford Tax Rate 52 Mills

Watford's Tax Rate for this year is 52 mills, which was struck at the Council meeting on Tuesday evening. Although the increased assessment this spring accounts for most of the reduction, the Village expenses have been considerably lowered this year. School rates are the big factors, consuming nearly one-half of the taxpayer's money.

The rates are as follows:—
County rate 5 7-10 mills.
Village rate 10 3-10 mills.
Waterworks Deb. 10 6-10 mills.
Wire Works 1 4-10 mills.
Pavement Deb. 1 2-10 mills.
High School 10 8-10 mills.
Public School 12 mills.
Total—52 mills.

WARWICK

Mr. and Mrs. Blomfield, Grosse Pointe, Detroit, spent the week end with the latter's mother, Mrs. Kadey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hicks, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Sarnia, and Miss Mary Busby, Regina, Sask., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moffitt and Mr. W. J. Moffitt of Warwick.

Miss Pearl E. Moffitt, visited relatives in Sarnia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hone and family of London, visited their aunt, Mrs. J. E. Collier, second line, last week.

The W. M. S. of Zion Methodist Church, held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Wynne, Aug. 18th.

Marie Laird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Laird, returned home last week after undergoing an operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, London.

The next meeting of the W. M. S. will be held on September 14th, at the home of Mrs. W. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Vance, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and their brother, Mr. Will Luckham, are attending the Toronto Exhibition this week, and visiting friends in the city.

William Tanton threshed a field of wheat measuring not quite four acres last Saturday for W. H. Luckham which went 54 bushels to the acre. He has been threshing for 40 years and says it is the first time that he has threshed over 50 bushels to the acre of wheat.

The Anniversary of Zion Methodist Church, (on the 2nd line) will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14th, at 2:30, and 7:30 p. m. Special music by the choir at each service.

The Warwick W. I. held their August meeting on the beautiful lawn of Mrs. B. Smith, second line north, on Aug. 14th. After the usual business, Mrs. D. Fallon read a very interesting paper, (The Branch Ist.) Mrs. Main sang "Some Day I'll Wander Back Again." A reading circle in which every lady present read a short piece, was both varied and amusing. After the meeting a social hour was spent in games and races. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants.

An enterprising lad at an Ontario summer resort has established a novel and profitable trade by renting cats to occupants of cottages infested with mice. For the modest sum of ten cents per week he provides a good mouser, guaranteed not to spit, scratch or howl at night. Pussy is expected to do its own foraging for food.

BROOKE

The diamond jubilee anniversary services in Salem Methodist Church, on the Brooke circuit, were held on Sunday and Monday, when Reginald Hudson, of London, assisted the pastor, Rev. J. L. Foster.

Many former members of the church were guests Sunday and Monday, and other former members not able to be present remembered their former church with generous donations.

Mr. Hudson was the special preacher on Sunday and delivered inspiring messages both afternoon and evening. On Monday evening a fowl supper was served by the ladies on the church grounds and the supper was followed by a fine program, including a historical account of the church's origin and early development, by the pastor. He had gleaned his facts from the older members of the community and the address was a most interesting one.

Warm greetings were brought from the Anglican churches of Brooke by Rev. J. H. Hosford, M. A. B. D., of Watford, Rev. V. R. Pentland, of Strathroy, former pastor, brought greetings and congratulations.

Mr. Hudson on Monday evening proved himself a versatile entertainer, his elocutionary numbers and vocal selections bringing warm applause. Elocution and vocal selections were given by Miss Beatrice Foster, of Kerwood, and Miss Evelyn Hastings of Watford. The proceeds are reported to have been more than \$125.

The Brooke Womens' Institute will hold its regular meeting Thursday Sept 11th, at the home of Mrs. I. Watson. Prize for the best bouquet of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burgess, Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Burgess, Mrs. J. G. Burgess, Mr. Otis Burgess, Mrs. Bannerman and son, Billie, Flint, Mich., and Miss Hazel Mole, Owassa, Mich., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Saunders, "Maple Leaf Farm."

Mrs. Elwin Burgess and Mrs. Bannerman and son, Billie, are visiting Mrs. Jacob Saunders this week.

There will be a special evening service in Chalmers Church on Sunday, Sept 7th, at eight o'clock. The usual morning service at eleven o'clock. Rev. W. Mackintosh, E. D., will preach at both services.

The Brooke W. I. held their regular meeting Thursday, August 14, at the home of Mrs. D. Maddock. The meeting opened by the singing of "O Canada" followed by the Lord's Prayer. Roll Call was answered by a "Humorous Story." The following program was then given: an address by Mrs. Courtwright on "Parliamentary Rule," an instrumental duet by the Misses Edwards; Laws relating to women and children, by Miss M. Annett, Piano solo, Miss K. Annett; a reading by Miss R. Atchison; a solo by Miss Minnie McLean, followed by a contest and question drawer. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, then lunch was served.

Cemetery Board

Have Deficit

The Cemetery Board are facing a deficit on the Gates and Fence recently erected.

The Board is very anxious that this debt shall be wiped off at once as all cash coming in next season will be needed to open up and prepare for use the back part of the Cemetery in the Spring.

A detailed statement of all expenses incurred in the erection of the fence and gates will be published in next week's Guide together with a full list of donors.

If you have not helped yet, please hand contributions as soon as possible to the Sec.-Treas. Mrs. F. Rogers or the chairman, W. H. Harper.

The following have contributed since the last list was published: Mr. John Mains, Madison, Sask.; Mrs. H. Cook, Sarnia; Dr. L. McLeay, Gravenhurst; Dr. C. Kenward, Gary, Ind.; Mrs. D. White, Toronto; Mr. A. Cook Toronto; Dr. Clutterbuck, Toronto; Mrs. W. J. Howden, Mr. T. Gault, Mr. D. Hamilton, Mr. J. Sharp, Mr. D. Watt, Mr. J. Fowler, Mr. F. A. Pritchett, Mr. T. A. Adams, Mr. J. Roy, Mr. T. Collins, Mr. W. Doan, Mrs. C. Willoughby's Family, Watford.