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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Cut the weeds in the back yard and vacant lot.

36 inch Factory Cotton, 10 cents.—Swift's.

Service in the Baptist church, Watford, Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Next Tuesday, 19th, will be John Barleycorn's last day of activity in Ontario.

There is now a possibility that Main street will be paved with something more durable than good intentions.

Wheat cutting is completed in some places and soon the merry sound of the threshing machine will be heard.

Electric bulbs 25 c p at 50 cents, 40 c p at 60c, 60 c p at 65c. Electric Irons and Toasters \$6.50.—N. B. Howden Est.

After last week's hot spell we know what the weather man means by "mean temperature." It was "mean" enough to be quite disagreeable.

The Masonic Grand Lodge meets at Ottawa next week. G. O. Stephenson, W. M. of Havelock Lodge expects to represent the local Masonic lodge at said meeting.

The recent hot weather was not conducive to hard work and the necessity had to be great to induce some to work at all. The industrious became lazy and the lazy lazier.

A fine white Liesle Hose for 28 cts.—Swift's.

Stick to the work in your flower or vegetable gardens boys and girls. The 16th of September is not so far off and the Prize List is a good one. Read it over and attack those weeds.

The extreme heat of the last three weeks was broken Friday night by a heavy rain. Fortunately it was unaccompanied by any violent electrical storm. It was a welcome relief.

The Orangemen of Watford, Brooke and Warwick spent the Glorious Twelfth in London at the big western Ontario celebration and report a good time and a big parade. Some 1200 Orangemen were in line.

The oldest woman in Pittsburg, aged 102 ascribes her condition to the fact that she married but once and that her conscience never troubled her. Another explanation is that her only husband died more than 75 years ago.

The boys had a big time Friday morning hunting for the hidden Chautauqua tickets, but the search was not of very long duration. Within a couple of hours all the tickets were found, some of them in almost unbelievable places.

Fruit growers in this district say that the fruit crop suffered by the recent long drought and much of the fruit has dropped off the trees. Spys and snows have suffered least and will be an average crop unless adverse conditions crop up.

Mr. J. H. Humphries is making some extensive improvements on his cottage on Huron street. A substantial cement block foundation has been placed under it, and attractive changes made in the superstructure. When finished the place will make a handsome residence.

Those citizens who keep the grass cut on the boulevards adjacent to their property show their pride in the town and a respect for their immediate surroundings. Some streets in Watford present a beautiful appearance, while a few look like a forsaken concession line.

Up to date fifty-five monuments have been straightened at the Watford cemetery. That work is now completed. Some of the large trees at the front which were too close to each other are being removed this week. Considering the dry weather the cemetery is looking very nice.

One can have some real worthwhile food these days. Fresh peas, beans and potatoes right out of the garden, cool lemonade and a dish of luscious fresh berries prove a great relief from the taste-all-alike canned goods some people are forced to eat in winter. There is no season like the good old Summer time.

A good White Cotton, 15 cents, 36 inches wide.—Swift's.

Alvinston is to have Hydro by Nov. 15.

Burn your house refuse this hot weather, don't throw it in the open as a call for a swarm of flies to breed disease.

League baseball game at Watford on Monday, 18th, Forest vs. Watford. Everybody see this game. Game called at 5.30.

There was no complaint among housewives last Monday about lack of a sufficient quantity of soft water to do the family laundry.

AntiRust Tin Pails formerly \$1.25 now \$1.00, Copper Boilers \$6.00, Nickel plated Copper Teakettles \$3.00, Dairy Teakettles 35 cents.—N. B. Howden Est.

The Provincial Normal School examinations results were published in Thursday's papers. We notice that Miss Jean L. Fitzgerald of Watford, has received an Interim Kindergarten Primary certificate.

And now a Philadelphia doctor comes along and condemns the ladies for powdering their noses claiming that the powder causes irritation of the septum and that 75 per cent. of the women in the U.S. are suffering from this complaint. This is horrible news. Might as well condemn the mirror and all the other contents of the vanity bag.

Every day brings its record of drowning fatalities—the usual accompaniment of the summer months—and one wonders whether by some special organized effort something could not be done to diminish the number. In New York there is talk of making swimming a compulsory art for all children over five years of age, and the press is lending its support to the suggestion.

Print House Dresses \$1.29.—Swift's.

The rain storm on Friday evening was welcome, being the first rain of any account for nearly four weeks in this particular district. The gardens in town were suffering, and when the moisture came were considerably revived and since the growth has been very rapid. Ripe tomatoes, butter beans and potatoes the first week in July is unusual. Still, some people are grumbling.

The sympathy of a large number of friends and acquaintances is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Basil Richardson on the loss of their infant daughter, Muriel Marie, who was called to the spirit land on Monday last, at the age of seven weeks, after a short illness. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from the family residence on Huron street, Rev. S. P. Irwin conducting the service.

Work Shirts \$1.00 and \$1.25.—Swift's.

Genuine Gillette, Gem or Ever-Ready Safety Razors \$1.00 each at Howden's. Take one on your vacation. Straight Razors and pocket cutlery at lowest prices.

The heaviest rain storm accompanied by almost continual thunder and lightning ever remembered here raged over this district from midnight Saturday till after noon on Sunday, when over three inches of water fell creating such a deluge that the streets looked like miniature lakes. Whole blocks were under water at one time, streets converted into rivers, and hencoops and other small buildings marooned. A peculiar feature of the storm was the length of time it continued. The thunder and lightning were almost continuous during Saturday night, and until noon on Sunday, in fact one storm followed another closely for over 13 hours. The entire absence of wind during the downpour no doubt saved much damage. In the country the storm did not do as much damage as might have been expected. No doubt some crops suffered but it is said that most of them now ready for harvesting will revive to a large degree and come through with little loss. This seems to be the opinion of leading agriculturists.

Holeproof Hosiery in black and white. Open Friday.—Swift's.

## PERSONAL

Miss E. Isabel Harris, Welland, is home for the holidays.

Dr. C. F. Kenward and son Gary, Ind., is visiting at his old home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross McLaren, Regina, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Pearl Chapman, Huron St., is spending her holidays in London.

Miss Jessie Jackson of the Wire Works is spending her holidays with relatives in London.

Mrs. D. B. Cornell, Saginaw, Mich., visited her brother, T. G. Mitchell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, of Oil City, Pa., are spending a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. Orlo Jacklin.

Miss Verna Bambridge spent a few days with Watford relatives and friends on her return from Macdonald College, Guelph, before going to Sarnia.

## WARWICK

Miss Mabel Manders has returned from a visit with friends in Toronto.

Service in the Calvary Baptist church at 7.30 in the evening next Sunday.

There will be service in Bethel church next Sunday evening at 7.30 Rev. C. L. L. Couzens will preach.

Mrs. W. J. Henderson and children of Wyoming, are visiting at the home of her brother, Chas. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones, Toronto, visited friends and relatives in Warwick and Strathroy over the holiday.

Miss Edith G. Joynt, who spent the last three weeks at her home on the second line south, has returned to London Victoria Hospital Training School for nurses.

A few ratepayers who appealed against the confirmation of assessment of the Court of Revision decided to appeal to the judge, consequently Judge Taylor held a court in the town hall on Friday last when the appellants were heard. After due consideration the judge confirmed the decision of the Court of Revision.

Eighteen washouts on the Sarnia Gravel road between London and Warwick has absolutely tied up that road as far as traffic is concerned, according to the officials of the London Motor Club. It is almost impossible to get access to the road from London, and at many points it is practically impossible. Although it was one of the most staunchly built highways in Western Ontario it suffered far more than any other road in the vicinity of London.

## CHANGES IN H. S. COURSE

The changes that have been made in the high school courses of study as a result of the study given the matters by special committee on high school education were announced by Hon. R. H. Grant at Toronto, last week, and are being communicated to school boards, principals and others affected.

The changes are so important as to effect a revolution in high school education, and to give the high and continuation schools an entirely new status in the educational system of the province. Briefly, the aim of the department has been to provide a five-year course of training that will be an end in itself instead of a step either to university or Normal school work.

Hitherto the training given in the schools has had either both of these as an objective and the student who wished to round off his education by a high school course was obliged to take all the subjects required for university or Normal school matriculation. Under the new system, matriculation is still provided for, but by the adoption of the optional system, applied to all but a few subjects, the student can take the instruction he wants.

A feature of the plan is that the option lies with school boards to decide which of the optional courses will be provided, and this will permit the boards to arrange the course in a way to meet the particular needs of the school or district.

## OUR CHAUTAUQUA

SURPASSED THE HIGHEST EXPECTATIONS AND PROVED TO BE FOUR DAYS OF INSPIRATION AND DELIGHTFUL AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT

Since last Saturday interest in the Chautauqua programs given afternoon and evening in the big tent on the Armory grounds grew steadily. Every day has seen a steady stream of people from town and country setting their faces Chautauquawards. While it would be too much to say that every number on the meritorious four day program has met with the full approval of everybody, it is positive that the majority of items have delighted the majority of the audience, and the audience being so varied this is very high praise indeed. There was not a single mediocre feature on the list and the performers received unqualified praise from all classes of patrons. Both the Chautauqua officials and the guarantors who stood behind it have come in for unstinted praise, and this year's Chautauqua has insured success for next year when it will be repeated. In fact it has been said that the Chautauqua is the greatest treat that has been given to Watford people for many years. The lecturers commended the admiration of all honest critics. They have method as well as message, and a message to every sort and condition of society. The music acting and other lighter entertainment furnished unalloyed pleasure, the whole series proving an inspiration and an uplift to the community. At each entertainment Mrs. Quinlan in a brief speech gave a glimpse of the good things in store for the audience. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on this bright, little lady superintendent whose appearance on the platform each entertainment at the opening of the program dispelled there and then any forebodings of the audience as to the success of the evening's entertainment. Nature and education had combined to fit her for the part she played, and she made numerous friends during her short stay in Watford.

The community should be very grateful to the 29 gentlemen for providing the necessary financial backing to bring Chautauqua here and to all those who worked so hard to make it a success.

## ECHOES

"I got my money's worth."

The guarantors are smiling, so are the Chautauqua managers.

"Jazz" music was distinctly conspicuous by its absence from the program.

The guarantors were sure of financial success after the first day's entertainment.

There were no complaints about paying the amusement tax as everybody was amused or edified.

Prince, the accordion player is a whole orchestra himself. He certainly can bring good music out of the instrument.

"I was never much in favor of this sort of thing but have changed my mind after attending this one", remarked an old-timer Wednesday.

Knots, bolts and bars soon fly asunder when Davis the Magician gets going. One wonders if he could be held by the marriage knot.

Some of the Committee work hard

to make Chautauqua a success but their reward was to be seen in the faces of a pleased and satisfied audience.

Bobby says he is going to be a magician when he's a man. He took his first lesson Monday night and was given a guinea pig to start with.

The lady superintendent announced Tuesday night that Watford Chautauqua had proved such a success that a contract had already been signed for next year.

There are E flat cornets and B flat cornets but there is nothing flat about Chester Scott's cornet playing. The Professor is certainly a finished artist in that line.

Dr. Franklin Babb's lecture on "The 100 per cent. Man" was worth the price of a season ticket. It was witty and inspiring and gave all who heard it food for thought. How high percentage do you rate?

Lieut. Osborne—Dempster's lecture on "Red Russia with the Lid Off," was a vivid and enlightening description of affairs in that country and was filled with most horrifying description of doings in that land of the Bolshevik.

Wednesday afternoon's concert was a charming rendition of operatic and solo music that pleased all music lovers who heard it. At night Hon. Percy Alden, British M. P., gave his lecture on "The Outlook in Europe," but our forms were made up for press before it was delivered.

The small boy and some of the bigger ones have spent considerable time during the last two days trying to figure out how Magician Davis did some of his tricks. Many magicians and sleight-of-hand performers have been seen here, but Davis' stunts are far ahead of any heretofore seen here. Some of his tricks are certainly marvellous.

Not all the music was high-class but it was all good and rendered in a manner perfect as to tone, time and technic. Taken as a whole it was about the best ever heard here.

Even if the same entertainments had been given in a hall they would not have been so much enjoyed as they were in that cool, spacious and well ventilated tent.

A crowd which filled to overflowing the big tent flocked in from all parts of the district to see Elias Day players produce the comedy "Contentment". The play was fascinatingly interpreted by the Company, all of whom took their allotted role with much skill and feeling. The disadvantages of such a small stage and the limited amount of scenery were very skilfully overcome. The plot is simple and the moral good.

The musical numbers met the various tastes. There was something to please all—from the sweet Southern melody to the selection from grand opera. The latter provided a very enjoyable treat to those music lovers who are necessarily debarred from such concerts by living so far from a large city. The artists played many standard and classical selections with great accuracy and feeling, receiving the applause they so richly deserved.

The death occurred at her home, lot 12, concession 5, Mosa, on Sunday, July 2nd, of Mrs. Duncan McNaughton, aged 83 years. Mrs. McNaughton was taken ill some time ago with pneumonia, from which gangrene developed, resulting in her death after a long and painful illness. She is survived by her husband and four sons, Colin C. Mc-

Naughton, clerk of the township of Mosa; Hugh McNaughton, Newbury; Dan McNaughton, Mosa, and Robt. Gray, Shetland. Mrs. McNaughton was born in the township of Euphemia and was twice married, her first husband being John Gray, of Metcalfe township, who was accidentally shot in the Muskoka woods while hunting for deer.