

able to serve by fellow-man." On this occasion Watford had no respect for persons—and, what was even a happier sign of the spirit of the occasion, no one looked for it.

While to the casual observer, the most interesting part of this occasion was the exclamations of joy upon recognition of an old school day chum, to a more observant and thoughtful person there was a score of more impressive moments. To see a man or woman showing every indication of having just departed from a busy office where they were in control of intricate machinery of human enterprise, out in a small street or on the old farm dreaming of a building or scene as they once left it, or standing under a favorite old tree picturing dear old times still green in their memory—those were the impressive moments when the careless passerby having blundered into those little sanctuaries stole quietly away feeling as if they were profaning holy ground. Every such scene—and they were unwitnessed—was an indication of a romance more worthy of our study than most of the fiction we read, a romance of a struggle against great odds to success in which a mother or a father played a leading part, a struggle which oft-times would have been given up were it not for recollections of this spot and of the scenes which took place here. Here too, there was a rededication of lives as a living memorial to the love, sacrifice and guidance of loved ones now passed to their reward.

#### SUNDAY

Large attendances at church services on Sunday demonstrated the desire of many of the "Old Boys and Girls" to again worship their Creator in the old family pew. The solemnity and significance of the occasion brought back the flitting pictures from Memory's walls and tears of joy and sadness intermingled as thoughts of the past came rushing back.

In Trinity Anglican Church and the Presbyterian church former pastors delivered appropriate sermons. Canon Roger S. W. Howard, of Montreal, occupied the pulpit in Trinity Church in the morning and Rev. S. P. Irwin, of Kingsville, in the evening.

In the Presbyterian, Rev. Robert Hadow, of Toronto, associate editor of the Presbyterian Witness, who was pastor in Watford from 1897 to 1901, was the special preacher at the morning service and Rev. J. C. Forster, of Corunna, in the evening.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the pastor, Father Quinlan, officiated at high mass, while F. O'Neil, of Parkhill, conducted vespers.

The Congregational, Methodist and Baptist Churches were unable to secure former pastors and the services were taken by their respective pastors, Rev. T. DeCoursey Rayner, Rev. S. J. Thompson and Rev. L. J. Stones.

#### Memorial Service at Cemetery

The entire countryside took part in the Memorial Parade to the Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, when various fraternal organizations, including Orangemen, Oddfellows, Foresters (Independent and Canadian), Chosen Friends and Woodmen of the World, united with citizens of the town and members of the Roman Catholic Church, led by their pastor, Rev. F. Quinlan, and paraded from Federal Square, out Main Street to the Cemetery, led by Petrolia City Band.

The huge crowds at both services on Sunday got Old Home Week well under way for the succeeding days of jollification.

#### MONDAY

Monday morning was a busy time on Main Street, visiting Old Boys wandered from store to store noting the many changes among the faces of the business men and commenting on the marks of advancement which the town has made. To many who have not been here for a dozen years or more, the present progressiveness of the town was a revelation; the Government armory, our public library, our hydro-electric, and waterworks system and the long stretch of concrete throughout the length of Main Street, called forth many compliments. Our visitors were pleased to see so many beautiful residences and lawns in every section of the town instead of being confined to one area or so, as in many places. The model factory and offices of the Andrews Wire Works were visited by many, who were loud in their praise of the Company's methods of efficiency and their thoughtfulness of the welfare and comfort of their employees.

The Registration Booth at the Armory received a steady stream of visitors desiring their badges.

Promptly at 1:30 p. m. vice-president, Rich. Williamson marshalled his parade of decorated cars, Forest Excelsior Band, Munro Pipe Band, Boys' Kazoo Band, and accompanied by Kelly's Klown Komedians, and local calithumpians (including Jack Stanton attired as "Jiggs") proceeded to the Park for the first afternoon performance, followed by a huge throng of people.

A few words of welcome were given by Reeve Connolly, Bert W. Fansher M. P., Leslie W. Oke M. L. A., Joseph E. Armstrong ex. M. P., W. R. Dawson, Leslie Harkness, Warden of Lambton, and W. S. Calvert, of Strathroy, a former Watford boy; the festivities were then declared open and chairman John Farrell called for the various numbers on the elaborate program of entertainment.

Kelly's Klowns of Toronto kept the entire crowd in laughter with their decidedly funny antics, and little "Mickey" the five-year-old son of one of the troupe endeared himself with everyone.

James E. Hardy, the world's greatest high wire artist, who has walked across Niagara Falls a dozen times, as well as every gorge and canyon on the continent, thrilled everyone with his feats of skill, strength and daring.

The "Melody Monarchs," a jazz orchestra from Toronto gave unstintingly of their music, both night and day.

Palmer's Midway was a centre of attraction at all times and young and old experimented with the ferris wheel, merry-go-round, the nauseating "Trip to Mars" penny arcade, as well as the games of luck and skill and the ice cream and "Sizzling Puppies" booths.

Many settled themselves around the baseball diamond and greatly enjoyed the game between the two Sarnia teams, the Wanderers vs. Imperials.

The grandstand performers appeared afternoon and evening of each day, varying their program as much as possible in each offering.

At ten o'clock after the grandstand performance, an elaborate

McSloy took up the pitching in the sixth, but fared even worse than Borchert. B. Swales was called in from second base to relieve McSloy on the mound in the disastrous seventh, when the Sarnia sluggers collected seven hits for a total of eight runs. For Sarnia, Moorehouse pitched a masterly game and was never in difficulty. The game was called at the end of the eighth.

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Strathroy . . . . . 000 100 00—1  
Sarnia—Schaefer, ss; Jennings, 2b; Gray, 1b; Neal, cf; Cole, 3b; Jackson, 1b; Moses, c; Lambert, rf; Moorehouse, p.

Strathroy—McCandless, c; C. Swales, cf; B. Swales, 2b; and p; Newton, 1b; Borchert, p; Babcock, ss; Wilkie, rf; Collins, 3b; McCabe, 1f; McSloy, p; Pincombe, 2b.

Umpires—W. Wadell, Detroit, and W. Roche, Forest.

#### WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday morning the weather threatened, indeed sufficient rain and mist descended to stop the ball game between the Old Boys and the Home Brews. This feature however was pulled off with great enjoyment in the afternoon.

By noon, crowds were pouring into town from every direction, but the weather still was sultry and gloomy. However, at one o'clock, just as the executive had practically decided to postpone the races and amusements until the next day, the weatherman's frown broke and he smiled so brightly that within thirty minutes the sky was clear without a cloud, the sun never seemed brighter and a throng of over three thousand pleasure-seekers filed their way through the gates within an hour.

While the grandstand artists and the Races were commenced, the ball games were staged: 1st, Old Boys Vs. Home Brews; 2nd, Watford Sr. Vs. Watford H. S. Vs. Strathroy H. S., all of which proved more even games than the league fixture on Tuesday.

The grandstand and west side of the grounds were taken up by a large section of the crowd who were keen on the program of races, which were admitted to be the best for High School Vs. Forest H.S. The events, together with the winners were as follows:—

2:15 Cls., Trot or Pace,	
Purse \$350	
Tony Mack, Shepherd & Fraser, Forest, (Fraser) 1 1 1 1	
Joe Gratton, Galbraith Bros., Parkhill, (Wilson) 2 2 3 2	
Castle Unko, P. J. Kearns, Wardsville, (Lynn) . . . . . 6 5 2 3	
Louie Patchen, G. Lett, Mitchell, (Lett) . . . . . 3 3 4 4	
Flaxie Bergen, R. Taylor Wallaceburg, (Taylor) . . . . . 4 4 6 5	
Irena Peters, Goodison Farm, Sarnia, (Roche) . . . . . 5 6 5 6	

Best Time 2:16.

Classified Trot or Pace,	
Purse \$325.	
Odeen L., Jas. Wallace, Alvinston, (Wilson) . . . . . 1 1 1 1	
Lady Elaine, Neil McLachlan, Ailsa Craig, (Mackay) 4 2 2 2	
Tony Patchen, Jas. Brush, Watford, (Brush) . . . . . 3 3 4 4	
The Distinct, T. Roche, Wat-	

ford, (Roche) . . . . . 3 3 4 4

Mr. Dadds was unaware of his loss until he discovered his empty till on opening the store the following morning.

Goodbye Old Boys!

Thursday was a day of departing for many of our guests who were able to remain for the entire reunion and the same hearty spirit of comradeship that marked the hand-clasp of welcome on their arrival was returned to the local citizen in gratitude and thanks for the week's hospitality. Watford played her part as host exceedingly well last week and we are amply repaid by the sincere expressions of thanks extended to us by all our visitors. The name of Watford has been carried far during the past few months; former citizens on the far reaches of the continent who probably left us from thirty-five to forty years ago have been reminded that the old home town still exists, and although like most country towns of Ontario, we have not added materially to our population, we have progressed in advantages and comforts until Watford now takes its place as one of the outstanding centres of business in the district. Although most towns are at present feeling the pinch of business depression, Watford merchants are constantly increasing their trade area and revenue; farmers both north and south of the town are growing such crops as sugar beets, potatoes and small fruits, which are much better paying than cattle, grains, etc.; and the entire countryside of East Lambton is weathering the storm of business depression since 1920 with surprising success.

We regret that many from a distance found it impossible to be with us, but those who were with us will carry back messages of our good times; they will tell all the changes in the old town; they will repeat the same old stories of the days long ago; they will tell of again meeting such good fellows as Frank Hillis, Arn. Cook, T. G. Johnnie Shaw, Sam Cook, Jim Elliot, Tom Roche, Jack Mavity and yes—scores of others who have been outstanding figures in the town's progress both past and present.

Watford citizens united in an endeavor to entertain our Old Boys and Girls and at the same time to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of our incorporation. We have accomplished our undertaking with marked success, both socially and financially and we now bid our Old Boys and Girls adieu!

Remember the Old Home Town; come back and see us as often as you can—be assured you'll always find that.

"Every door has Welcome written all across the top—"

Goodbye—Come Again, Old Boys!

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION  
Mrs. R. P. Brown was pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening, when her Form III pupils gathered at her mother's home for a social time prior to her taking up her residence in Watford. During the evening the class read an address and presented her with a beautiful silver tea set.

under the trees in the orchard, the tables being heavily laden with good things.

Following supper, the officers for the 1925 Reunion were elected as follows: President, John Bryce, Watford; Vice-president, Thomas Kerr, Warwick; Secretary-Treasurer, Russell Duncan, Warwick; (these being all re-elected.) Executive Committee, A. Lucas; J. Fuller; Robert Hume and James Eadie.

A procession was then formed with the band at the head, and the crowd marched to Watford to participate in the evening's carnival, and remained to take part in the old fashioned dance on the pavement of main street until the early hours of the morning.

#### Oldest Old Boy Takes Active Part In Reunion

Aged Citizen of Watford Present at Town's Jubilee Celebration.

One of the features of the Old Boys' Reunion to celebrate the semi-centennial of Watford's incorporation as a village, was the presence in town of one who has seen Watford grow from a corduroy road through the heart of the forest to a village. To William Luckham belongs the honor of being the oldest old boy in attendance at the reunion. Mr. Luckham is within a few weeks of his 92nd birthday. He was born at Kingston, Ontario, in October, 1832, his father being a sergeant in the British army who served under the Duke of Wellington in 1815, his regiment reaching the battlefield at Waterloo the day after the famous battle. William Luckham was brought as a young baby to Warwick Township in 1838, and has lived practically all his life in the County of Lambton.

Mr. Luckham clearly remembers all matters of interest about Watford, having watched its growth into an incorporated village with interest. He remembers the first church organized in Watford, at Brown's Corners, as it was known in those days, the Congregational Church, which was organized in 1839, and recalls hearing the first pastor, Rev. Mr. McGlashan, preach. Some years later, when a Sunday School was started, Mr. Luckham became the first superintendent.

Mr. Luckham, who is quite vigorous and active despite his ninety-two years, was here for the whole time of the reunion. On Sunday he taught a class of boys in the Congregational Sunday School, the school of which he was the first superintendent so many years ago.

Glencoe ratepayers will vote on Sept. 5, upon by-law to raise \$10,000 for remodelling and re-equipping the village public school.

#### IT'S A BOY!

Goldsborough, England, Aug. 21.—Princess Mary, daughter of King George and wife of Viscount Lascelles, gave birth to her second child, a son, this morning at Goldsborough, one of the seats of the Lascelles family. Princess Mary was married to Viscount Lascelles on February 28, 1922, and the first child was born February 7, 1923.

hardened by the repetition of sin, that they now consider it perfectly legitimate to "steal" copy where they choose!

#### About \$1,500 Surplus From Old Home Week

The Finance Committee and chairmen of the various committees met in the Library Board room on Tuesday evening to receive accounts outstanding against the "Old Home Week" expenses. While there are still a few small accounts yet unpaid it is practically assured that when the auditors, Messrs. W.H. Shrapnell and H. W. Nixon, have completed their audit, there will be a surplus of approximately \$1,300. The Old Home Week Committee still own all the decorations, thirty strings of lights, etc., and other assets which when turned into cash will net a few hundred dollars. Immediately after the auditors complete their work The Guide-Advocate will secure for publication a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures, so that the public will have information on the financial management of the celebration.

While many other towns and cities suffered a loss in their reunions this summer, Watford's splendid surplus can be attributed to the low prices of admission, constant co-operation between all committees, fine weather, and the excellent patronage from our neighboring towns and district. Citizens of Watford should remember this next year, if the neighboring towns of Petrolia, Sarnia and Forest stage Reunions as they now propose.

Proceeds for Soldier's Memorial

As understood from the beginning that any surplus would be held in trust for a Soldiers' Memorial, a final meeting will be called after all accounts have been paid, to close up the business and decide where the money shall be placed. It is quite probable that Watford will now proceed to erect a suitable memorial to the local heroes who fell in Flanders during the late war.

#### Sparks Circus In Sarnia Thursday August 28th

Thursday, August 28th, afternoon and evening under huge masses of canvas, the finest circus ever made by the ingenuity and courage of men, will parade and show in Sarnia, on August 28th, to make the young folks happy and the old folks young. The great parade is on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. First of all, a real wild animal circus is a 1924 acquisition, having been imported from the world's greatest wild animal training quarters at Stellinghen, Germany. Included in these displays will be found lions, tigers, leopards, polar and grizzly bears—even trained ostriches will be seen in addition to the Sparks group of sixteen "Rotation" horses, the two elephant herds, fancy gaited and posing horses, the Bibb County Pig Circus, Captain Tiebor's seals, and hosts of others of novel nature. The circus proper opens with an elaborately staged spectacle, "Echoes from the Reign of King Tut," in which all of the animals, performers, premier dancers and a large chorus participate. As a finish to the all-feature performance, a genuine English Fox Hunt, introducing real Irish-bred

42 ft., 4in., Cook tying him on a running jump of 19 ft., 4 in. In the same year at Watford he won two very creditable victories over Tisdale Green and Smith, with a score of 43 ft. 3 in., and 20 ft. 3in.

"In 1880 he made perhaps the longest leap in his history against George Gibb, of Wardsville, and Smith, of Dunville, a fly of 46 ft. 3 in. In the same year he made a wholesome dusting of Norfolk Co. jumpers in a Queen's Birthday celebration, and secured \$50.00 in first prizes.

"On July 5th four noted American runners took the dust from him in a half mile contest, and forfeited to him a handsome silver cup.

"In 1881, by clearing 21 feet in the first fly in a running long jump in Pt. Huron, he won a private wager of \$20. Next month in the same place he won important matches in his favorite tests. A few days later at the sports in St. Clair, Mich., he jumped 45 feet 4 inches in the first fly and swept all the stakes.

"In 1882, Reeves of Simcoe and McDonald of Pt. Huron succumbed to him. The same year saw him win three first prizes and three seconds at a Port Huron tournament. This year too marked a brace of defeats one inflicted upon him by Gibb, of Wardsville, another by Alby Robinson, of Parkhill, at the Caledonian games in London.

"In May 1883, he loomed up again in Sarnia with one first and two seconds, and on July 4th, he reft six first prizes from assembled Americans in Brockway Centre, Mich. Later in the year he competed with Duffee, of Wardsville, in a triple contest for \$50, and won the easy victory.

"On May 24th, 1884, in Sarnia, he despoiled three professionals, Wright, of New York, McCrae, of Glencoe, and Harrison—of some brilliant victories. In July of the same year he usurped all the prizes at an athletic tournament in Brown City, Mich., by taking 8 firsts. His first jump here was 44 feet 4 inches.

"One of the best jumps, while not a record, was made in Watford, when without any preparation he made a flying leap of 23 feet 6 in., down a slight decline.

"In 1885, he won at Alvinston by a fly of 43 ft. 3in., and at the Firemen's demonstration here he defeated Harkness, of Tilsonbury, by an expanse of 43 ft., 2 1/2 in., and on running long jump A. C. Reid and Harkness both fell under his power.

"His most memorable defeat was imposed in 1880 by John Blair, of Glencoe, then champion hop, step and jump flyer of America, since deceased. The contest took place in Watford for stakes of \$200, and victory declared for Blair on a jump of 46 feet, 11 inches.

"Such is a record of his laurels, tarnished only by a few defeats and these inflicted by opponents than whom Ontario had none better. We have not speculated as to what his position might have become among American jumpers had he defeated himself wholly to the accomplishment of a continental record in athletics, speculations are unsatisfactory as we are more pleased to regard him as a respectable citizen than as a professional jumper."

high jumpers, broad jumpers, and perfectly schooled fox-hounds, will replace the old-time and very dangerous chariot races usually to be found with other circuses. Don't Forget The Date, Sarnia Thursday, August 28th.

not dogs and onions. The trip to Mars," a government liquor "hootch." If she failed, they tried another.

The electric lighting at night was a knockout. It is felt by many citizens that the town should retain those strings of lights—they would be a very handy and useful asset that could be often used. Occasions arise nearly every year when additional lights would help out considerably, but ordinarily are too expensive.

Canon Howard said when he stepped off the train, of all the crowd assembled, there was only one face he recognized—Harry Restorick—and he remembered how Harry and Joey met every train with the old-time bus in the by-gone days! However, Harry abandoned the old horse bus many years ago, he still greets all incomers, but with a modern Ford limousine.

At the last Old Boys' Reunion seventeen years ago, Harry Schlemmer ran the first auto taxi in Watford, his exhibition ride being from the Taylor House to Watford cemetery and return for 50 cents. Today if one tried to create as much of a novelty, individual conversing with our cousins over on Mars would be indulged in. The world do move some in twenty years!

The firm of S. Stapleford & Son had an excellent showing of flowers. The front of the premises is a mass of bloom and at the side there are three large beds 100 feet in length and 10 feet wide. The canna and aster bloom are wonderful. These flower beds, an annual feature of the firm, is a beauty spot of the town.

The mammoth flower bed at the C. N. R. station called forth many expressions of admiration. The bed is 200 feet long and 40 feet wide, and is surrounded by a curb. The flower bed in design of beauty is unsurpassed by any station in Western Ontario. Mr. McTaggart was instrumental in adding this beauty spot to the town. He was assisted by K. Dick, W. Jamieson and Thomas Collins.

"Hello You!" the official Old Home Week song made a great hit. The words and catchy music accompanying it are a distinct credit to the two local composers, E. Dimond Swift, writer of the words, and Clarence L. Cook, composer of the music. The words are reproduced in another column. Copies may still be secured at Swift's store and make an appropriate souvenir of Watford's Old Home Week.

As president of the Watford Old Boys Reunion, I wish to thank all the officers and committees, also the Horticultural and Agricultural Societies, Lodges and fraternal organizations and citizens of the town and district in general, for the fine spirit of mutual co-operation that made our Old Home Week such a decided success. I make special mention of the grounds, decorating, dance and programme committees, who had much long work in preparation. The work of the Cemetery Board and graves decorating committee as affecting the Old Home Week, deserves the highest praise.—R. H. Stapleford, President Watford Old Boys' Reunion.