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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Friday of next week is St. Andrew's Day.

Sale of Millinery and Coats.—A. Brown & Co.

Next Monday is nomination day in Watford and other up-to-date towns. Renew your subscription now and get in on the Sedan Car contest.

Bananas have gone up three per cent. probably on account of the absurd banana song.

Silk and Wool Hosiery 8½ to 10.—Swift's, 98 cents.

Noses are red, and noses are blue. The cold causes some—The others homebrew.

On Tuesday, Nov. 27th, at an emergency meeting of Havelock Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Watford, the officers of St. Paul's lodge No. 601, Sarnia will confer the Second Degree on a candidate.

Saturday was a fine business day in Watford and there were many strangers in town, all anxious to get a chance on the Ford Sedan being given away by the Watford Community Club.

"Such a Little Queen" featuring Constance Binney will be the picture attraction at the Lyceum (To-night) Thursday. It is a story of the adventures of a European Queen who fled to America but eventually returned to her throne.

Some of the business men on Main street have apparently overlooked the fact that Gordon has kept our pavement clean all summer and that they have not yet paid their share. Alex Elliot is treasurer of this fund—drop in today and pay your share. Overcoats with style to them.—Swift's Month-End Sale.

See our book of samples of Personal Greeting Cards for Christmas. Beautiful styles at reasonable prices. Give us your order early.—Siddall Drug Co.

In addition to the honors previously announced, H. Bruce Collier, Toronto, has been awarded the First Henry Moses Atkins Scholarship (Victoria College), also the First Carter Scholarship (Toronto).

Mr. Neilson, violin teacher, will be at Harper's store Friday afternoon and evening, Nov. 23rd.

Stanley Trenouth won first place in the Harrier Club races "Queens" on Saturday last. Doing the almost six miles in 34 min. 13 seconds. This entitles him to the silver medal and possession of the "Harrier Cup" for a year.

And once again we remind you that this is a good town to live in, a good place in which to trade, and a good one to keep your money in. But in time it will cease to be either, unless you are loyal to the town as it is to you. See which merchants are advertising in this paper and then tell them what you want.

Save \$10.00 on a ladies suit.—Swift's Month-End Sale.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Reading Club re-organized for the coming winter. The following officers were elected, president, Dr. Howden; vice-president, Mr. Connolly; secretary-treasurer, Miss McCaw. It was decided that the membership fee should be two dollars, single lectures 25 cents.

Boys all wool V neck Sweaters, roll collars, sizes 30, 32, 34, at \$2.25.—A. Brown & Co.

Parties of scientists from all over the world will begin to gather in Western Ontario early in January 1924, to witness the total eclipse of the sun, which will reach its greatest depth of intensity in this district on January 25. The sun will begin to be obscured by the moon about 8 o'clock in the morning. If the day is clear all Western Ontario will have a unique opportunity of observing one of the most spectacular of recurrent celestial marvels.

Ladies' Suits, Coats and Dresses, almost one-third off.—Swift's.

Pay Cash, is one of the best of slogans for a household. One of the best agents for filling the poor house is a charge account. Paying cash puts a constant check on buying while a charge account encourages reckless purchases. It's so easy to buy and "have it charged" but when the day of reckoning comes it is not so easy to settle the bill, and many a conscientious merchant is accused of adding to the bill simply because the customer cannot realize all his moments of past foolishness.

See the new Christmas goods at Swift's.

Newspaper publicity pays. Ballantyne's Brushed Sweaters.—A. Brown & Co.

Commencing next week the picture attraction at the Lyceum will be run every Saturday night.

Wally—"We'll hit 80 in a moment. Are you afraid?" Sally (swallowing another mouthful of sand)—"No, indeed, I'm full of grit."

Pay your bill at Swift's this week you get tickets on every dollar paid. Dr. Newell received the felicitations of many friends Wednesday on attaining his 75th birthday.

Services in the Baptist churches next Sunday, Watford at 3 p.m.; Calvary at 7:30 p.m. Pastor's subject: "Why Be a Christian?"

The new designs in Billie Burke Dresses at Swift's.

The campaign against the use of "Xmas" for Christmas, started by the Detroit Retailers Association is a question—our own business men can very well give some attention to. The shortened form of the word "Christmas" is not graceful and certainly is not in keeping with the wonderful spirit of the day, nor of Him in whose name it is observed. The mark "X" has no connection whatever with Christ, as far as we know, except that it may indicate some kind of a cross and a cross has nothing to do with the birth of Jesus Christ. One would not think of using "Xians" for Christians.

## PERSONAL

Mr. J. E. Tait is home from Sudbury.

Dr. Vern L. Newell, wife and family, Detroit, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. James Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nash returned home after spending a couple of weeks in London visiting their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dawson and daughter Florence, of London, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howden.

Mrs. Hemerlin of Fargo, N. Dakota, is visiting her cousin, W. J. Howden and other relatives in the vicinity, she is accompanied by her niece Miss Gorthey.

## LAMBTON FIRE INS. CO.

Board of Directors of above Company met in their office on Tuesday last, 20th inst. The afternoon was a busy one as there were more than the usual number of claims to dispose of. All however that had occurred previous to date were settled. Following are a list of the claimants with amounts paid, viz., Arbrose Atchison \$33.33; Orville Jamieson \$1700.00; Neil Reid \$8.00; F. Varn-dell \$75.00; Edward Powers \$2165.; John F. McIntyre \$32.87; V. S. Tripp \$323.50; A. E. Trowbridge \$1937.50; Thos. H. Myers \$2500.00; John T. Beatty \$1525.00; George Wilbur \$2565.; Geo. Burr \$515.00. Total paid \$13419.20. The most annoying feature in connection with the losses was that in one half of the number the cause of fire was given as "Unknown".

## WATFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 14th the ladies of Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. S. Harper, for their regular meeting. Twenty-eight members and two visitors were present, with president, Mrs. J. H. Humphries, presiding. The roll call was responded to by "How I spent Thanksgiving." Community singing was much enjoyed, the members using their new song books. The entire proceeds of the Poppy campaign, \$23.62, was sent to G.W.V.A.; Ontario Prov. Command at Toronto.

Two large bales of warm clothing sent by W. I. to Northern Fire Sufferers. \$8 voted to be sent to Queen Mary Hospital before Christmas.

Splendid reports on convention held in London, Nov. 6, 7 and 8 were given by Mrs. J. H. Humphries and Mrs. R. A. McIntosh.

Mrs. Harper, hostess, served most delicious home-made candy at close of meeting.

The W. I. wish to extend their hearty thank to the young ladies who so kindly sold poppies, and to the friends who bought these assisting in good work, also to those who contributed towards bales sent to Northern Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones and daughter Florence, and Mr. Lloyd Jones, of Toronto, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Jones.

## FOR AULD LANG SYNE

On St. Andrew's Day, Friday Nov. 30th, the ladies of the Presbyterian "Kirk" will hold a tea at the home of Mr. Wm. McLeay from 4 to 7 p.m.

The bill of fare will include plenty of old fashioned Scotch short bread and oatmeal cake.

Scottish music both vocal and instrumental will remind you of the Land of the Heather.

Admission 25c. Everybody welcome

## A WATFORD NIGHT IN TORONTO

Arrangements are now completed for a re-union of all those living within or adjacent to the City of Toronto who once lived in the Town of Watford, and rather to the surprise of those in charge there are over 200 people swelling the population of Toronto who can claim birth or residence at some time or other to our little town.

The event will be an informal one and will be held in Hunt's dining room Yonge street, on Friday, Nov. 23, at 8 o'clock. Over 150 former Watford people have signified their intention of being present.

Besides an hour of reminiscences, a short program has been arranged, in which former residents of the old town will participate, the chief speaker of the evening being Mr. W. B. Race, who needs no introduction and who now holds the responsible position of Superintendent of The Institute for the Blind, Brantford, of which work he will more or less make mention, besides recalling some interesting days and events in Watford. Other speakers include Rev. Robert Haddow, D.D., and Dr. U.M. Stanley of Brantford.

Refreshments will be served. The invitation to the gathering cautions those attending to "leave your swallow-tail coats at home and bring your red handkerchiefs."

Many of the old-timers still in Watford would be proud to be with the Toronto boys to-night.

## WATFORD'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL

At the December session of the Lambton county council in 1873, a by-law was passed incorporating Watford a village. The first council of the village was elected the following January, and the first meeting held January 17th, 1874. This council consisted of John McLean, Reeve; James Bole, Rich. Dixie, Jonathan Pattenden and James Merry, councillors. Thomas Fuller was appointed clerk pro tem. At this meeting Samuel Howden, Sr., was appointed clerk for the year, and a corporation seal was ordered. The committees appointed were: Finance, Merry, Bole and Pattenden; fire and water, Merry, Dixie and Bole; relief Bole, Pattenden and Dixie. The officers appointed were auditors, H. O. Baker and J. Fuller; path masters J. Fuller, S. Anderson and K. Kells; solicitor, T. B. Pardee; poundkeepers, S. Laughlin; treasurer, T. Fuller; assessor, H. Lane; collector, J. Lovell; fence viewers, H. Kerr, D. Ross and Jacob Lawrence; license inspector, salary \$15 a year, S. Anderson. Not one of the above named is now living. It is suggested that some steps be taken by the citizens to celebrate this semi-centennial some time during the coming summer either by an Old Boys' Reunion or other form of gathering. Who will set the ball rolling?

## BORN

In Plympton, on Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. George T. Lowrie, a daughter—Doris Bernice.

## MARRIED

On Wednesday, Nov. 7th, by Rev. Roy Johnston, of Warwick, Neil Wilkinson, to Edna Alexa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dodge, all of Plympton.

At St. John's church, Wyoming, on Saturday, Nov. 10th, by the Rev. W. J. H. Petter, Margaret Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Joyn, of Camlachie, to Mr. James G. Ritchie of Windsor.

## DIED

In Brooke, on Friday, Nov. 16, 1923, James Acton, aged 57 years, 3 months, 27 days.

At Medicine Hat, Alta., on Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 1923, Elizabeth Carrick, relict of the late Fergus Kennedy, formerly of Plympton, in her 75th year.

Mrs. Ellwood Jones had the misfortune to fall down the cellar stairs recently and injure her arm.

## WARWICK

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sitter entertained the Haite family, St. James' Park, London, over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Grace church purpose holding their annual Christmas Tree and Concert on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th. The usual good time is anticipated.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sitter enjoyed a masquerade party at their home, which was given in honor of Mrs. Sitter's birthday.

The neighbors of Mr. Stephen Perry, 18 sideroad, made a bee last week and did his plowing as he has been in poor health for some time and unable to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans returned last week from Detroit where they visited the latter's sister, who is in poor health, following a serious operation some time ago.

Fred Kenzie returned to London last week where he is attending medical school, after spending the holiday at his home on 15 sideroad with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kenzie.

J. Scott Luckham and bride, Port Elgin, spent the Thanksgiving holidays under the parental roof at "Maple Shade", returning home on Tuesday. The trip was made by motor.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Smith and her mother, Mrs. C. E. Stewart of Forest, have returned home after a three months visit with relatives and friends. They called at Biggar, Saskatoon, Regina, Rouleau, Wilcox, Bear Creek, Winnipeg and other points.

AUCTION SALE—At the Stockyards, Forest, on Saturday, November 24th, at 1 p.m., 25 Head of Cattle, including milk cows, two-year-old steers, yearling steers, and yearling heifers. Terms—6 months credit on approved notes. 6% per annum off for cash.—E. M. Lester, Auctioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brent, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Crawford, Arkona, motored to Tillsonburg last Monday where they attended the funeral of their uncle Mr. Robt. Wilcox, whose death occurred at his home there after a lengthy illness from heart trouble. The deceased was a brother of the late Mrs. J. S. Mellor, formerly of Birnam.

The monthly meeting of the D.O.B. girls, Kingscourt, was held at the home of Miss Mabel Manders. Thirteen members were present. The afternoon was spent in sewing quilt blocks. After the business was disposed of Mrs. Russel Duncan gave a helpful reading "On My Best", after which the roll call was answered by a verse of scripture. Meeting closed with the national anthem. The hostess then served a dainty lunch. The December meeting will be held at the home of Miss Lily Hicks.

The Rev. L. P. Hagger intends conducting the closing services of his pastorate in Warwick and Wisbeach parish on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at the usual hours. Mr. Hagger is endowed with an unusual amount of those preaching qualities that are of inestimable value to the church today. Mrs. Hagger is an efficient helpmeet to her husband, and is an excellent musician. Their friends deeply regret their leaving and their going is a great loss not only to Huron Diocese but to Canada as a whole. The people of Fenton, Mich., are to be congratulated in securing Mr. Hagger as their pastor.

Miss Ada Lambert lent her home Thursday, Nov. 15th, for the social afternoon held by the members of Group Five of the Kingscourt Zenana Missionary Society, viz., Mrs. Albert Bryce, Mrs. Elwood Jones, Mrs. Jas. Jones, Mrs. Jas. Thompson and Miss Ada Lambert. Four girls assisted as helpers, Misses Loretta and Florence Bryce, Elgeretta Jones, Christine Newton. The house was tastefully decorated and an enjoyable afternoon's program was rendered. The program opened with a song by the group after which Mrs. Elwood Jones sang sweetly a solo. Many delightful numbers on the violin were given by Miss Lorien Dell. Then followed readings, games and contests. At the close an adjournment was made to the tearoom where covers were laid for fifty-two and a dainty luncheon served. An offering was taken for the work of the society. The proceeds received during the year at the six gatherings was \$75.21. The society wish to thank the young people and all who took part, for their kindness in assisting in this way in missionary work.

## DEATH OF JAMES ACTON

James Acton, a wellknown Brooke resident passed away Friday last after a lingering illness.

Mr. Acton was born in Brooke township fifty-seven years ago, and resided there until his death. He is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. Roy Miller of Warwick; Mrs. Harvey Johnston of Sarnia; Pearl at home, and one son, Russell, of Windsor; and also his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Acton of Alvington, and five sisters, Florence and Eliza at home; Mrs. Donald McLean of Brooke; Mrs. Dolmer and Mrs. Archer of Omaha, Neb., and two brothers, William at home and Fred of Calgary.

The funeral was held on Monday from his late residence to the family burying ground, 9 sideroad, the service was taken by Rev. J. L. Foster, and the C. O. Foresters. The pallbearers were six Foresters, Chester Corestine, Charles James, Herbert Holbrook, James Moffatt, Melvin Kelly, Edward Hayward. Friends were present from Strathroy, London, St. Thomas, Windsor, Petrola, Monroe, Mich., and Alvington.

## STEADMAN—MORGAN

A very pretty though quiet wedding was solemnized at the Rectory, Adelaide, on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, when Mr. James Alexander Steadman of the 6th line, Brooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steadman, was united in the holy bonds to Miss Lillie Pearl Morgan, of the 4th line Warwick, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Morgan, the Rev. H.R. Diehl officiating. The bride was prettily gowned in white satin and wore a necklace of oriental pearls, a gift of the groom and a diamond bar pin, a gift of her mother and for travelling she wore a suit of dark blue tricotine with a gray choker and shoes to match. Her hat was new blue with gold trimmings. After the wedding the bridal party motored to Sarnia and then crossed to Port Huron visiting Yale and other points and returning to their home on Monday, on the 6th line, Brooke.

The bride was an active worker in Grace Church having been organist for several years and will be much missed in the congregation.

On the Friday preceding her wedding the ladies of the church and vicinity gave her a shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morgan at which she was the recipient of many handsome and useful articles. The happy young couple have the best wishes of their many friends for a long happy and prosperous life.

## BROOKE

Miss M. Harrison and Miss V. Annett were branch delegates to the W. I. convention in London.

Miss Hettie Zavitz, Toronto, and Miss Meryl Zavitz, Detroit, spent Thanksgiving at their home at Walnut.

Walnut Mission Circle spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coke last Friday evening.

Mrs. W. S. Shugg and Mrs. A. Rundle were delegates for East Lambton at the convention in London of Women's Institutes.

A social evening was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burnison on Monday of last week, when their friends and neighbors gathered to bid them farewell prior to their leaving for their new home in Detroit. After a musical program being enjoyed by all, they were presented with an address, and purse as a slight token of the esteem in which they are held. Mr. and Mrs. Burnison and children will be greatly missed in the social affairs of the community and the best wishes of all go with them. The evening was brought to a close by singing "For they are jolly good fellows."

The Hillsdale Farmers' Club will hold a debate in the school house of S.S. No. 10, on Friday evening, Nov. 23.

The November meeting of the Brooke W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. J. Steadman on Nov. 15th, where some very helpful suggestions were given in response to the roll call "Labor Saving Device." The delegates who were present at the W. I. convention in London gave brief reports. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem after which the hostess served refreshments.

Hockey meeting at the Roche House to-night (Friday), be on time.