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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

**Kotex, at Swift, Sons & Co.**  
The assessor is on the war path! Experience is what you get when you are looking for something else. Saturday being fine and clear the streets were well crowded with country folks.

"What do you get for hoeing those potatoes, sonny?" "Nothin' if I do, an' Hell if I don't."

Those people who used to listen in on the telephone line now take in more territory on the radio.

Swift's Clothing Drive—be on hand 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Turn to our advertisement in this issue.

Service at Calvary Baptist church next Sunday at 3.00 p.m., and at Watford at 7.00 p.m. Subject: "Christian Athletics."

You will see Mary and Doug at "Pickfair" their beautiful home in the Beverly Hills in "Hollywood" to be shown with a special orchestra at the Lyceum, Wednesday, March 5.

New Draperies and Curtain materials.—A. Brown & Co.

Speaking of anti-freeze, come was when you could tell by the smell whether it was the car or the driver who had had the drink, but now when it turns out they all drink the same kind of stuff.

"His Uncle's Niece" has already received a number of proposals from several eligible young men but will consider none until after the performance in the Lyceum on Tuesday March 4.

Progress Brand Suits for men—a guarantee certificate with each suit. See our very special high grade line at \$24.50.—A. Brown & Co.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will serve a Hot Supper at Mrs. Samuel Harper's, instead of at the Parsonage, as previously announced, on Friday evening, (To-night) from 5-7 Admission; 25c.

Do you want a boarder, or occasional help in the house, or have you lost or found an article, or have you a good piece of furniture no longer necessary in the home. A small notice in our Classified ad. column will help you. Try it.

A certain girl at a recent Watford dance, fearing that the waist hand of her partner would soil her dainty gown said slyly: "Would you mind using your handkerchief?" The young man, (name withheld), hastily drew out his handkerchief and blew his nose.

Mr. Mat. Holmes arrived home from Persia on Thursday—Petrolia Advertiser Topic. He is a brother of Mrs. A. E. McKercher, Watford, and has been foreign for the past two years oil drilling in the Persia field. He has been over three months on the way home.

There was once a young man who did not drink, smoke, swear or chew, who was always a regular church attendant and was kind to the aged and to little children. In fact he was so good—no crowding now, girls—there was so good, that he simply died, he was so lonesome.

At the noon hour recently the junior member of the Thamesville Herald staff happened to casually glance into a local butcher's window and saw a sign: "Buffalo meat for sale here." He says he knows now why farmers got such a low price for their farm stock and he thinks that local butchers should patronize home industries and not send to Buffalo for their meat.

Thirty Spring Suit Ends opened this week. The cream of England's best markets of suitings for men. Tailored to your measure, built by experts.—Swift, Sons & Co.

A woman, wearing an anxious expression, called at an insurance office one morning. "I understand," she said, "that for \$5 I can insure my house for \$1,000." "Yes," replied the agent, "that is right." "And," continued the woman, anxiously, "do you make and inquiries as to the origin of the fire?" "Certainly," was the prompt reply. "Oh!" she turned to leave the office. "I thought there was a catch in it somewhere."

Swift, Sons & Co., new Clothing Cabinets contain some snappy young men's suits, notice the suit shown in our clothing window, brown or blue, price \$22.50.

Guaranteed to cure all nervous ills, "His Uncle's Niece" at the Lyceum, Tuesday, March 4.

Our Store is in its spring time attire. Special new wash dress materials. Turn to our advertisement in this issue.—Swift's.

Someone has truthfully said that nothing but a mint can make money without advertising. It might be added that the mint could not do it if it did not put its competitors in jail.

You will see 20 famous stars and 30 screen celebrities in "Hollywood" an irresistible story of sparkling comedy and adventure to be presented with a special orchestra at the Lyceum, Wednesday, March 5.

Leishman and 20th Century Suits, made to your measure.—A. Brown & Co.

Is it worth one cent per word to place your ad before over 1500 families (not persons); 1,000 of which are within 20 miles of Watford. Guide-Advocate Want Ads are read even before the news columns. You read them every week yourself—why not use them?

The February meeting of the Guild and Women's Auxiliary was held at the Rectory on the 7th inst, when several new members were welcomed. The Rector gave a most interesting address and Mrs. Hosford served a very enjoyable tea. The next meeting will be on March 6th at the home of Mrs. N. B. Howden.

Our office boy informs us that "one of the kids got one on Principal Doolittle" the other day. It appears that there was an uncalled for disturbance and Mr. Doolittle asked: "Who was that who laughed out loud?" Pupil (whose name is withheld): "I did sir; but I didn't mean to do it. I laughed in my sleeve, and I didn't know there was a hole in my elbow."

"The Bible versus It's Critics". Interesting evidence dug up by the spade in Bible lands. This will be the topic discussed by the Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner in the Congregational church on Sunday evening. If you love your Bible you should hear this message. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will follow the morning service. All members should aim to be present. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Alvinston Free Press:—"The inconvenience of having to send to a city for this year's motor license is bewailed by many in the community, who were formerly able to slide over to Watford or Glencoe and bring back all their neighbors' licenses. Now the money must be sent away and then wait a week or ten days for the license."

Brock and Borsalino Hats for men.—A. Brown & Co.

The St. Mary's Hydro Shop had a lady cook all last week demonstrating electric ranges and by way of a compliment the "Journal-Argus" staff was sent an unusual treat in a large juicy apple pie and a number of crisp cakes. After partaking of such generous samples all the printers and Linotype operators agreed that if all the young brides could have an electric range and cook like Mrs. Buttrum (the demonstrator) there wouldn't be so many divorce suits nor so much indigestion in Canada. It only remains for The Guide-Advocate to suggest that "Bob" Paul, "Mac" McCrae and "Freddie" Just, as local electric dealers, should go and do likewise.

The first of a series of interesting debates was given in the Methodist church on Monday evening of this week when the Young People's League entertained members of the Walnut Mission Circle. The subject of the debate was "Resolved, that Competition has done more for the advancement of the World than Co-operation." The points brought up by both sides were very good and interesting. The Walnut Circle had the affirmative side, the leader being Mr. Clarence Dolbear and Miss Ina Edgar was second speaker. The negative side was upheld by Misses Wynne Harper and Mary Mansfield. While the judges were making their decision, a number of interesting speeches were given, among them one from the district president, Miss Florence Edwards, and from Rev. Mr. Hagar and Rev. Mr. Foster. The decision was given in favor of the negative side and Watford will meet the Zion debaters in the second round at a future date. Lunch was then served by the Watford young people and a social time spent.

Wedding notice—The marriage of Francis Felton to Miss Dora Hale will take place in the Lyceum, on Tuesday, March 4. Be sure to come.

Miss Minnie had an unfortunate fall on the icy sidewalk on Tuesday evening, when her left arm was broken below the elbow. She will be laid up for some time.

Mr. Merchant:—Have you planned your spring selling campaign or are you sitting waiting for the nice warm days to come? The Guide-Advocate is ready to extend any assistance possible to plan an effective advertising schedule for any business which comes within its circulation territory of East Lambton.

Consignment of Misses Coats to open for Saturday, sizes 16 to 20 we are specializing in misses lines.

Municipal officers of Welland have frowned on local news reporters sitting in at Council and Police Commission meetings. In fact, their displeasure has become so marked, that they have barred the press from Police Commission meetings, and since they can not be debarred from Council meetings, everything possible is done to prevent them getting a complete and intelligent report of the proceedings. When the city's public servants adopt tactics as these against the public press, it is time for citizens to plan for new names on next year's ballot.

Northway Garments for women. See the new spring coat styles.—A. Brown & Co.

The Guide Advocate will always be pleased to receive accounts of the following: Marriages, given as fully as possible; births; deaths; always give sketch of life; removals; loss by fire or otherwise; land transfers; robberies; unusual accidents or freaks; new or important enterprise; visitors to or from a distance; all township news; in fact all kinds of news that is of interest; progress of agricultural operations. Don't forget to sign your name, which is not for publication. What not to give: Jibes, hints or insinuations which only a few can make sense of and are unkind in their nature; the mere calling on the neighbor on another except for some public purpose; Sunday visiting, and though every lassie has her laddie, she does not care to have the public know of every time he calls on her, and the public does not care, either.

If your account for 1923 is not paid oblige us by paying before March 4. We need the money.—E. D. Swift.

## NAPIER

The postponed play entitled "Tom-pkins' Hired Man" will be presented on Friday evening of this week in the Town Hall at Napier after which there will be a dance.

## PERSONAL

Stanley Rogers was home for a few days this week.

C. C. Leigh, Detroit, spent the weekend in Watford.

Miss Isabel Harris, of Welland, was home for the weekend.

Miss Beatrice Edwards is visiting her friend, Miss Etta Braybrooks, Petrolia.

Miss Roberta Richardson, Kerwood spent a few days with her friend, Lena Temple.

W. E. Fitzgerald was in London on Tuesday attending the funeral of his cousin, William F. Guest.

Mrs. S. A. Whiting and daughter, Betty Jane, of Petrolia, are spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Aylesworth.

Ray Morningstar is in Toronto all this week attending the annual convention of the Ford dealers and automobile accessory association.

Mrs. Ross Luckham and little daughter Dorothy, are visiting a few days this week with her brother, Mr. Eston Fowler, in Sarnia.

Mr. George Stewart of Courtwright is the new teller in the Sterling Bank, succeeding Mr. MacLachlan, who has returned to his home in Flesherton.

Dr. W. G. Sidall went in to Victoria Hospital, London, last Thursday evening and on Friday morning underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is now recovering nicely.

Mrs. Geo. R. Ashmore, and daughter, Lillian, who have been East since the death of her father, the late Thomas Harris, left for their home in Waskada, Man., on Monday.

## SEND IN YOUR LIST OF OLD BOYS AT ONCE

Subscribers are reminded that the Secretary must have a complete list of the former residents of Watford and vicinity at once, so that invitations and announcements of Watfords' Old Home Week may be issued.

There is an abundance of work to be done, and compiling the Old Boys list is the first necessity. Make out a list of all you can remember, with their present addresses if possible, and either hand it to Secretary Connolly or leave it at this office.

## DANCE IN MUSIC HALL TUESDAY, MARCH 4th

Phillips Superb Orchestra, Sarnia, will furnish the music at a Dance in the Music Hall on Tuesday, March 4th. Everyone invited. Tickets one dollar per couple.—Orville Jones.

## EAST LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting of Agricultural Society Shows Exhibition a Failure Financially.

After two postponements owing to stormy weather the annual meeting of the East Lambton Agricultural Society was finally held on Friday afternoon in the board room of the public library, with a fair attendance of officers and directors.

The report of the secretary-treasurer, J. Russell McCormick, revealed that the fall fair, while attracting an unusually large number of exhibitors and having required a heavier expenditure of prize money, was nevertheless a complete failure financially on account of the continuous downpour of rain which marked the two days.

It was unanimously decided that the association will enter the standing field crop competition this year, as usual, but the directors decided against the proposal to hold a horse show in the spring of this year.

Government judges will be employed for the fall fair, the dates of which were left to the decision of the president and secretary.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, the following all being re-appointed: Hon. president, John Farrell; president, Dr. J. McGillicuddy; 1st vice-president, James F. Elliot; 2nd vice-president, S. W. Edwards; directors, C. E. James, S. W. Edwards, S. Hair, J. Gilliland, W. Amett, C. Dolbear, W. G. Connolly, Richard Williamson, W. E. Parker, W. D. McKenzie, A. G. Brown, W. H. Harper, D. Cameron, J. Chm. Zavitz, J. B. Parker, J. Manders, G. T. Fuller, H. W. Nixon and T. W. Collister.

Wm. McLeay and W. H. Shrapnell were re-appointed auditors.

At a meeting of the directors, which followed the regular meeting of the society, J. R. McCormick, of Watford, was reappointed secretary-treasurer, and Directors Richard Williamson, W. G. Connolly, J. F. Elliot and President Dr. J. McGillicuddy were appointed a standing committee to appoint all other committees.

The "Better" Fraction—The following is not a bad story about the Prince of Wales that an ex-soldier sends me from America: His Royal Highness was visiting the American lines one day, and on seeing pictures of his father and mother on the wall of a dug-out he was amused to read the inscription beneath each. Under his father was written:

"King George the Fifth." Below the picture of Queen Mary was "The Other Four-fifths."—Sunday Express

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS MENU

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Send in your News Items every week. This is YOUR newspaper.

## "FORTY YEARS AGO"

Items and Comments Gleaned from "The Watford Guide and Alvinston News" of February, 1884.

What liberties the country correspondents took in these old days! Here's an item in the Warwick news: "Messrs. Robert McKenzie and John McKay, hailing from Warwick village and Arkona, with their brides, were hearers at Zion church on Sunday last. If the wishes of the people are any indication of joy, surely they will have their share."

"Five unlucky Fridays this month Thank goodness, it won't happen again until 1912." The editor of 40 years ago must have felt just like we do this year. Five Fridays this month. five Guide days—five postage bills to settle at the post office!

The Petrolia Topic enlarged to eight pages, six columns to the page, carefully edited and neatly printed. The proprietors have installed a Wharfedale power press and a large and varied assortment of type.

N. W. Buchanan of the Winnipeg Sun, formerly publisher of the Watford Advocate-Advertiser, returned to Watford for a visit.

James Saunders shot a bald headed eagle which measured seven feet six inches from tip to tip.

A mammoth sawing bee took place at Hugh Freele's, Wisbeach, there being fifty-two hands present, running twenty-four saws and cut over sixty cords of wood. After the sumptuous supper served by the ladies, three string bands tuned up and all engaged in the mazy dance until nine and ten o'clock the next morning when the crowd dispersed, hoping there would be many more such sawing bees, etc.

Mr. L. Hagle of Forest received two large cabinet size photographs, of the Hon. Alexander McKenzie and wife, which he intends to frame and place on the walls of his parlor.

"Mr. Joshua Thomas returned from a trip to Europe." From the reception tendered him on his return we would imagine that crossing the pond in those days was a bigger undertaking than the present day dash to the Pole!

Mr. John Luckham, of Birnam, taught the school at Jura, at a salary of \$400, and had an average attendance of 56 pupils. Somewhat different from the present day scale of remuneration.

"Kissing parties" are recorded as weekly occurrences around Wisbeach and Adelaide district. Apparently young folks were no worse than the present flappers and sheiks with their joyriding and petting parties.

Plenty of Auctioneers in these old days. In the Business Directory are recorded Joseph S. Williams, J. F. Elliot (like the poor, he's still with us!) Henry Slater, Peter McLean, S. D. Barnes and Edward Bowly.

There were four medical men to dispense pills and porous plasters:—Dr. Cowan (successor to Dr. Lindsay); Dr. Wm. H. Franks; Dr. Leander Harvey and Dr. Uriah M. Stanley (now in Brantford.) No doubt these practitioners of forty years ago had many odd jobs to perform, but they had one omission—there were no "pers" to issue in those good old days.

Peter Renier advertised "No Fit, No Pay" at his Watford Emporium of Fashion.

Two Watchmakers gave the citizens good time! H. Rosenberg and L. Lewis.

Instead of present day Garages, Watford had four Carriage works:—Angus Mitchell, John Lovell, George Stotts and John Bambridge.

Three Painters advertised their talents in paper hanging, painting and interior decorating:—Samuel Laughlin, William Mitchell and Chas. Lossing.

There were two wholesale lumber mills:—Jacob Lawrence and F. Mc Gibbon.