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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Harvesting is now in full swing. Service at the Watford Baptist church next Sunday, July 29th, at 3 p.m. Mr. R. J. Campbell, preacher. The picture attraction at the Lyceum will be shown every Thursday till the end of September. Many a man who worries because he doesn't get what's coming to him would have a lot to worry about if he did.

The soft refreshing rain on Monday night was very welcome in this immediate vicinity. Many soft water cisterns and gardens needed it badly.

Trinity church Sunday school picnicked at Bright's Grove on Wednesday afternoon. Both old and young enjoyed the day to the full.

Martin O'Mera of London, a post-office official there for over 40 years, died Sunday last. He was well-known in Watford having visited here frequently.

On and after September 1st the minimum size for post cards within Canada is to be four by three inches. This is the smallest size to be permitted in the mails.

Among the features of the Sarnia Woodmen of the World picnic to be held at Tashmo park on August 6th will be the visit of the crack uniform rank team of Niagara Falls.

Mr. W. O. Erb has been engaged as first assistant teacher at the High School at a salary of \$2,200 a year, and Mr. Doolittle as Principal of the Public School at a salary of \$1500 a year.

The modern flapper—does she really love? Is she daring? "Drums of Fate" featuring the beautiful little screen favorite Mary Miles Minter, thrillingly tells the story at the Lyceum to-night.

Sunday next, July 29th, will be observed throughout Canada as Peace Sunday, as arranged by the League of Nations Society, and the League's work will be dealt with in many pulpits.

Mr. Lorne J. Williams of Calgary, a Watford old boy, and some years ago a teacher in the Watford High School, has been appointed Principal of the Collegiate Institute at Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons held in Toronto last week, Mr. A. D. Armstrong of Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Bridgen, was chosen district deputy grand master for Sarnia District.

Old Sol and the lack of rain for over six weeks have saved the people of Watford a lot of work mowing the lawn and keeping down the weeds. Taking up the vegetables will not be a very big job this fall.

The most classic beauty of the screen "Marion Davies" star of "Knighthood" in the brilliant Broadway success "Adam and Eve" by the same director, will be presented at the Lyceum, Thursday, Aug. 2.

The Scoffin family held their first reunion on Saturday at Springbank, London. Guests were present from Ingersoll, London, Springfield, Mapleton, Avon, Sheddin, Watford, Warwick, Kingscourt, Forest, Detroit.

One of the advantages of Radio in rural districts was demonstrated on Tuesday when the news of the big hold-up of bank messengers was broadcasted soon after its occurrence and heard at all receiving stations in tune with Toronto.

The East Lambton Fall Fair Board are busy getting up a good prize list and making arrangement for special attractions for the Watford Fair which will be held Sept. 20-21. Exhibitors are already preparing exhibits for entry.

Among the improvements being made to residential property in town is a spacious conservatory and sleeping porch that is being erected at the rear of Mr. Loftus Millar's fine home on Simcoe street, which will greatly enhance the appearance and value of the property.

The Bank of Montreal's Ontario crop report dated July 19th, says:—Ideal growing weather. Crops maturing rapidly. Fall wheat cutting has commenced in some sections, and a good crop is assured. Hay is practically all cut and bountiful crop reported. Spring wheat beginning to head out. Barley, oats and peas give promise of good yield. Corn in excellent condition and will be a big crop. Fruits, cherries and plums a good crop. Pastures in excellent condition.

Watford Markets—New Wheat 90c Oats 50c.

A Maine resort makes a strong appeal to anglers when it announces that it is a quiet spot where fish bite and mosquitoes don't.

Every man should have his own home. It is nice to have something to mortgage when you wish to buy a car.

Sydney Murrell, charged with the murder of Russell Campbell of Melbourne, and who escaped from London jail Sept. 2, 1921, was captured at Susanville, California, May 2, 1923, was brought back from California this week and safely incarcerated in a cell in the Middlesex county jail, London.

A Scotchman visiting in America stood gazing at a fine statue of George Washington when an American approached. "That was a great and good man, Sandy," said the American; "a lie never passed his lips."

"Weel," said the Scot, "I prassume he talked through his nose like the rest of ye."

A well-known and much respected resident of Watford for many years, Mr. Arthur Hume, passed away at Alvinston on Monday in his 85th year. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his nephew Thos. A. Gault, 2nd line, to Watford cemetery. A more extended notice will appear next week.

"Do you know what to do if the car should break down?" asked the thoughtful mother of the young man who was going to take her daughter for a ride. "Certainly," he answered. The young people were late in returning. The daughter rushed in to her mother and said: "Oh, Mama, the car did break down! But Jack knew exactly what to do! We—we are engaged!"

Magazines publish articles on how to behave when invited to an auto ride but it seems to us people who own motors might be more thoughtful, too. They visit friends, and have a meal and never think to invite the tired hostess for a joy ride. Riding is so common to them they forget the treat it may be to their hostess. There are many invalids, too, sitting on porches just longing for a breath of country air and an outing.

Thomas McWatters, 116 North Vidal street, Sarnia, had two ribs broken and his daughter Lola was badly shaken up Monday night about eleven o'clock when the auto in which they were riding was crashed into by another car on the beach road between Blackwell and Crinian's grove. One of the front wheels of the touring car in which Mr. McWatters was driving, was torn off and the front of the other car was damaged. The cars collided at a narrow section of the road.

IF IN DOUBT, DON'T DO IT

The outdoor season is here again, and records show that the first few weeks are productive of by far the highest number of casualties. The man who drives a car should remember that no great damage is going to be done if he allows the car coming in the opposite direction to get across that narrow culvert first. That fool desire to get there first often leads to business for the car wreckers and undertakers. Better swimmers than you have gone down for the third time. Take it easy. Swimming out a great distance from the shore means that you practically eliminate those who might come to your assistance. If you don't know anything about a canoe be careful. Learn if you want to, but don't make a martyr of a friend in so doing. It is a wise man who knows enough to realize that he is in the old flat-bottomed rowboat class. Play safe. If in doubt, don't do it.

BORN

At the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, on Wednesday, July 18th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad L. Ott (Harriet Cooke), a son—Albert Walter.

In Watford, on Saturday, July 21st, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Williams, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walsh, 860 Stedwell street, London, on Tuesday, July 10th, a daughter—Sarah Ann.

In Warwick, on Monday, July 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McKay, a son.

DIED

At Alvinston, on Monday, July 23rd, 1923, Arthur Hume, in his 85th year.

PERSONAL

Mr. Geo. Wise, Sarnia, was a Watford visitor Saturday.

Mr. Harold Roche, New York, is holidaying at his home here.

Mr. Geo. Vail, London, spent Sunday with his cousin, C. W. Vail. Douglas Vail is spending his holidays at Hamilton and Copetown.

Miss Alma Truman, Hamilton, is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Brown. Parkhill Gazette—Miss Louise Campbell of Watford is holidaying at home.

Misses Sara and Mary Deans of Inwood visited Miss Bertha Oakes on Sunday.

Miss Mary Elliot spent last week with her cousin, Miss Helen Ross, Main Road.

Miss Winnifred Crawford of Sarnia, visited her cousin, Donald Vail, last week.

Miss Elaine Irwin, Kingsville, is renewing acquaintances among her former school friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dunlop, Windsor are visiting Mr. Dunlop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dunlop.

Mr. Robt. Taylor visited his brother William and family at Appin and friends at Alvinston last week.

Mr. Dan Kelly and Mr. Melvin Lucas left last Tuesday on a trip to Regina, Imperial and the coast.

Mr. Robt. Ormerod, of Kelliher, Sask., is visiting at the home of his uncle, Mr. Robt. Taylor, Huron St.

Mr. A. Brown returned to Windsor after spending a few days at the home of his friend Mr. Melvin Lucas. Geraldine and Allan Elliott, Chicago, are spending a few weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Irving of Calgary, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Thos. Collins, after an absence of twenty years.

Forest Free Press.—Mrs. Bailey and daughter Margaret, of Watford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Jamieson and family last week.

Mrs. E. Willoughby of Port Huron and her daughter, Miss Mabel Willoughby, of Detroit, spent the weekend with relatives in town.

Strathroy Age.—Miss Mary Lewis of Watford, is visiting Mrs. E. Thompson and Mrs. Geo. Brockbank, before leaving for Toronto on an extended visit.

Mrs. Ellen Healey and Mrs. Gordon Hollingsworth and sons John and Wesley, have returned after spending a week with friends in Crosswell, Port Huron and Sarnia.

Commandant Mrs. Adams of Bethesda Hospital, London, and Mr. and Mrs. Dix and two children and Mrs. Mitchell and, Miss Ross of Sydney, Nova Scotia, spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Adams.

Mrs. Robt. Taylor has returned home after spending a very pleasant week with Mrs. D. McIntyre and Mrs. E. E. Showler of Alvinston, at "Take it Aisy" cottage, Bright's Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Doan and two children, Regina, are visiting his brother Mr. J. W. Doan. It is over nine years since he visited Watford and finds many changes in the place and people.

Dr. J. W. Nixon, Mrs. Nixon and two daughters, Mildred and Madeline, Holloway, Mich., motored here Friday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howden.

Mrs. George McVittie Sr., of Hamilton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) T. DeCoursey Rayner, of the Congregational Manse, Simcoe street. She is accompanied by her daughter Helen and her little granddaughter Gladys.

Mr. A. E. Sutherland, publisher of the Glencoe Transcript, accompanied by Mrs. Sutherland and daughters, Misses Frances and Eleanor; Mr. and Mrs. R. Leo Watson and daughters, June and Shirley, of London, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Aylesworth on Sunday.

BROOKE

Mr. Chas. Peasley, Medicine Hat, is visiting at his old home, tenth line.

Mr. Jas. H. Hoskins, Bridgen, spent Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Leacock.

Mrs. Susie McKinlay, Toronto, is visiting her cousin, Mr. Robt. J. Lucas, "Lapaloma Farm", and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoskins and family of Detroit motored over and spent the weekend at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. D. A. Leacock.

Two million nine hundred thousand persons in Great Britain are drawing disability allowances, costing \$160 a head.

CHOP STUFF

Archie Dewar of Plympton, county master of East Lambton L.O.E. attended the Orange Grand Lodge at Winnipeg last week.

The widow of Donald McPhee, for many years a tailor of Sarnia, died at Corunna Friday, after a stroke the previous Tuesday.

The death occurred at her home in Sombra on Saturday morning of Mary Jane Carpenter, aged 74. Deceased was one of the township's early settlers, and was highly respected. She leaves a grown-up family.

Melvin Boges has disposed of his 200 acre farm on the 12th line, Enniskillen, known as the Callinan farm, to Judge Lane and G. A. Innes of Port Huron at a good figure. It is the intention of the new owners to improve the property and work it to its limit.

According to the Amherstburg paper the dogs of that town have taken the curfew notice of the Chief of Police seriously and there seems to be much less riotous conduct on the part of dogs after nightfall than before the prohibition was put into effect.

The Blenheim Tribune says: "The report of the presence near Highbanks of a hoop-snake has created some alarm among the residents of that summer resort. Several residents claim to have seen this peculiar snake. When it travels it takes the form of a wire coil and rolls over the ground. It is black in color and very thin. When attacking a victim it can strike a heavy blow with its tail, which is part bone after which it sucks blood. The bites are declared to be not fatal."

While on a motor trip to Appin on Sunday morning last Bert Christner accompanied by his brother Walter and his wife and three children, of Dresden, had a bad accident when the rear wheel of the Ford car in which they were riding broke, upsetting the car and pinning them under the body. Walter Christner is the only one of the party seriously injured, he sustaining a broken arm broken shoulder-blade and four broken ribs. He was brought to his home on Sunday night, and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Jean Sherman, aged 12 years and 10 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sherman, and a pupil of Mrs. M. Graham at the Thamesville Public School won distinction for and school by winning the Hon. Manning Doherty second prize of \$20 in gold at the Entrance examinations at Thamesville. Miss Sherman secured a total of 636 marks out of a possible 750. Fred McCracken, aged 13 years and 9 months, a pupil of Miss Jean McLean of Blenheim school won first prize of \$30 in gold, given by Hon. Manning Doherty. His total was 656 marks.

Victor Cozens of Wyoming, who was seriously hurt by falling in a boiler while employed on a boat belonging to the Imperial Oil Company near Montreal, returned home last Wednesday. He had been in a hospital in Montreal for some weeks. He sustained a fractured wrist, severe burns on the arm, a fractured skull and other injuries. He was adjusting the lid of a large boiler when the fumes of gasoline rendered him unconscious, causing him to fall 27 feet into the boiler, which was being cleaned from its gasoline content, previous to being filled with oil. A rope was thrown him, which he was able to adjust with his uninjured arm, and he was pulled to safety.

Jesse Smith, who is well known in the townships of Sandwich South and Maidstone, for several years past, received fatal injuries on Sunday morning last, from which he died on Monday morning. Mr. Smith who has been employed by Mrs. G. Fairbairn on her farm on the Base line for some weeks past, was doing chores around the buildings, about 7 o'clock, and was walking around a straw stack when he was attacked from behind by a dehorned bull, the animal knocking him down and attacking him while on the ground. Some of the members of the family drove the animal away, and Mr. Smith was assisted to the house and Dr. McDonald, of Essex, called. The doctor found that some of the ribs were broken, one of the ribs puncturing the lung, and his collar bone dislocated. He died from his injuries on Monday morning, and was buried that afternoon in North Ridge cemetery. Deceased was about 80 years of age and was an army veteran.

Hugh McTaggart, president of the Mosa and Ekfrid Agricultural Society, was seriously hurt while assisting with the hay harvest on the adjoining farm of James McTaggart. Flies made the horses which Mr. McTaggart was driving restless, and in a sudden starting up of the team he was thrown violently against a large kettle, breaking four ribs and sustaining other injuries. Dr. McLachlan, who is attending Mr. McTaggart reports him to be doing as well as can be expected.

The water tower at Parkhill is being repaired by a process which is rather unique in this country. The process originated in Europe and was first introduced here three years ago. Dry cement is forced through a hose to the top of the tower by a high pressure engine. Near the top, this cement is joined by a stream of water. The soft mixture is blown against the sides of the tank and into every crevice and crack. The apparatus used for this is called a blow-gun and the cement has a great pressure behind it. The tank is lined with a wire netting and the meshes of this net are all filled and then the job is finished off by a thick coating of cement. It will take ten days to complete the job and the outside of the tank will be plastered by a steeple jack who will hang himself over the side with ropes. His work will be interesting to citizens who can see him hanging at a rather dizzy height.

WARWICK

Miss Mary McCormick of the public school staff of Kitchener is spending her holidays with her brother, Joseph P. McCormick, 2nd concession north, Warwick Township.

Mr. Harold D. Leach has been appointed to the position of assistant principal of Assumption School, Windsor, for the ensuing year and will assume his new duties upon the opening of school in September.

Dr. T. G. and Mrs. Kingston of Crosswell, Mich., spent the week end at the old home "The Lindens", 4th line. The doctor, after a residence of 36 years in Crosswell is removing to Grand Rapids, where he intends making his future home.

The voters' list of the township for 1923 was posted by the clerk on Saturday last, July 21st. By a change in the Voters' List Act only 21 days are now allowed to make appeals instead of 30 days as heretofore. Interested parties should make a note of this.

The regular monthly meeting of Zion W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. H. A. McKenzie, July 12th. The president, Mrs. F. A. Wynne, presided, and after the minutes of previous meeting, roll call was answered by missionary clippings and the Devotional Leaflet read by Mrs. J. B. Parker. Miss Lela Fuller read an interesting paper on the "Mission of a Mite Box," and the following heralds gave us the latest missionary news:—China, Mrs. S. C. Reycraft; Japan, Mrs. Joseph Parker; Indians, Mrs. Robert Wynne. The ladies are going to make an auto-graph quilt in the near future, quilt committee to decide on design and buy cotton. It was also decided to hold a public meeting as soon as a suitable speaker could be secured. Meeting closed with the Mizpah. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Parker.

The annual meeting of the Birnam branch of the Bible Society was held on Sunday afternoon in Zion Cong'l church, 2nd con., north. Mr. J. F. Smith, president of the branch, presided over the meeting of the executive, and Rev. T. D. Rayner, pastor of the church, presided at the public meeting, at which were present representatives of the congregations of Bethel Methodist, Knox Presbyterian and Ebenezer churches, as well as of Zion church. The secretary's report which was given by L. H. Vance, and the treasurer's report, by Mac Luckham, indicated that good service had been rendered to the Bible Society during the past year. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: President, J. F. Smith; secretary, L. H. Vance; treasurer, M. Luckham; directors, T. L. Luckham, and Stanley Brent for Zion church; William Vance and R. Hall for Bethel church; and R. Ellerker and G. Brodie for Ebenezer church. Collectors were also appointed as follows: Zion church, Mrs. Wm. Richardson and Mrs. Victor Barnes; Bethel church, Miss Jean Smith and Miss Mildred Brent; Ebenezer church, Miss Mary Ellerker and Miss Margaret Kilmer. The special preacher was the Rev. R. J. Bowen, F.R.G.S. of London, district secretary of the Bible Society for Western Ontario.