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EAST LAMBTON FAIR WATFORD, October 10th and 11th

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 11, send by mail or drop item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letterbox.

PETROLEA Fair to-day.

MONDAY last was cold and very dry. THERE is very little wheat moving notwithstanding the high price. DISPLAY of suits and coats Friday and Saturday.—SWIFT'S.

THE next public holiday is Thanksgiving day, Monday, October 9th.

OLD PAPERS are worth \$15 a ton, coal about \$7. Waste paper is getting too costly to burn.

In India a widow is burned with her late husband. In this country a widow takes another and roasts him.

MISS LOIS JOHNSTON left for Detroit last week where she will enter Harper Hospital to train for a nurse.

"WATER, water, everywhere, and nothing else to drink," but Temperance Beer which some say is even weaker than water.

THE subscription price of weekly papers in Lambton and Middlesex has been raised to \$1.50 a year to come into effect Dec. 1st.

BUY your ladies' and children's Hosiery now. Stock complete.—SWIFT'S.

MRS. M. J. ROGERS has spent over a year with her daughter, Mrs. T. Collins, returned to Montreal last Wednesday.

It is stated that hotel patrons have been served with local option beer at some city hotels, and very few appear to detect the difference.

THREE hundred years ago any man absent from church on Sunday was fined a shilling. What a far revenue that would produce now.

THE one cent evening paper will soon be a thing of the past. Many of the city papers are now 2 cents. Others have reduced the number of pages.

ON SUNDAY morning next in the Methodist church, the Rev. F. G. Robinson will speak on "One of the chief requisites for a successful Sunday School."

ESSEX merchants, who entered into an agreement with each other to hold a weekly bargain day, have found it so profitable that they will continue it.

THERE were only 365 tickets for London sold at the Watford G. T. R. station last week. Quite a falling off from the old days when there were no autos.

WE have just received a crate of dishes suitable for threshings, entertainments or other gatherings. Get your supply now.—P. DODDS & SON.

JULY cheese sold for 16 1/4 cents per pound wholesale. Twenty years ago last July cheese sold for 8 cents per pound which was then considered a high price.

ON SUNDAY EVENING next in the Congregational Church, Rev. R. M. Stevenson will preach on the subject, "The Soul-destroying Doctrines of Christian Science."

SARNIA had a big fire last Thursday night. The canning factory, Laidlaw's planing mill and a quantity of lumber was destroyed. Loss estimated at about \$30,000.

CAPT. RICHARD F. FAIRBROTHER was reported wounded in Monday's list. Capt. Fairbrother was a member of the Sterling Bank Staff at Watford about five years ago.

AMONG the officers ordered from Ottawa to report at once for service overseas are Lieuts. George Harper Kress and Ernest Edward Showler, of the 149th Batt.

It is said that infantile paralysis outbreak can be stopped if the children would wash their hands before eating. If this rule is put in force, childhood will not be so pleasant as in the old days.

BUY your ladies' and girls' coats now. Stock complete.—SWIFT'S.

MOST of the local papers of the county are well filled with advertising, the merchants realizing that during these strenuous times it is necessary to keep prominently before the public. The big advertisers are the men who feel the quiet times the least.

MR. MERCHANT! When you place an ad. in The Guide-Advocate you cater to the most intelligent class in the community. People read the store news, and you must not expect that those who read the ad. will come in with the paper in their hands and buy out your entire stock. The result will be shown in the steady increase in your business.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING services will be held in Trinity Church on Sunday. Services in the morning and evening. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the morning and the sermon will be especially for young people. In the evening the Rev. D. Cornish, of Forest, will preach. The thanksgiving will be given to Huron College.

LADIES' tailoring at SWIFT'S.

MRS. T. W. HANSFORD and Mrs. G. H. Cutler return to their homes in Saskatoon to-day.

MR. AND MRS. WM. McLEAY spent several days in Toronto last week with their daughter, Mrs. Cook.

THE High School boys will play baseball Mondays and Wednesdays and football Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM DOHERTY and daughter and Mr. Head, of Hagersville, and Mrs. Graham, of Garnet, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Howden.

THE Revised Book of Common Prayer was adopted by the Anglican Synod of Ontario held at Hamilton last week. The new book will be brought into use shortly.

THE hydro-electric system has been in operation in Dutton for one year and the service has proved to be entirely satisfactory. There is a surplus on hand of \$738.71.

DID it ever occur to you that there always comes a time in each man's life when he thinks how many staple groceries he could buy with the five dollars he spent on pleasure.

SCHOOL SHOES, work shoes, walking shoes, or any other kind of shoes. A big stock bought at old prices. The stock is yours. Call and see the stock.—P. DODDS & SON.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER BOLE and two sons, Toronto, called on Watford friends on Saturday. Mr. Bole is a Watford old boy and was delighted to get back to the old town if only for a few hours.

STATISTICS compiled by a large and experienced staff of correspondents for the Ontario Bureau of Industries show that every staple crop of the 1916 season is to yield less per acre than in 1915.

NEXT SUNDAY, (Sept. 24th) will be observed as Rally Day in the Methodist S. S. A special service will be rendered by the members of the school. A cordial invitation extended to all interested.

THE Young Ladies of the Utopia Bible Class of the Methodist S. S., purpose serving tea at the home of Mrs. Tye, Friday, from four to seven o'clock. Admission 10c. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross Work.

PARTIES in the country who have any old newspapers or magazines on hand are asked by the Kewpie Club to bring them in to R. Johnston's shop. No matter how small your bundle bring it in for the Red Cross.

ORDER your suits and overcoats at SWIFT'S Tailoring Department.

GEORGE LUCAS of Sarnia has been appointed License Inspector for the entire county of Lambton under the Ontario Temperance Act. All the hotels in the county except three have taken out standard licenses. The Mansion House, Tunnel, and the St. Clair House, Sombra, made application and were refused. The Sydenham Hotel, Wilkesport, will go out of business.

A YOUNG LADY from Petrolea had the misfortune to break her arm while here on Wednesday evening. She came in by auto in order to meet the 5 16 train which carried a wedding party from that place. She endeavored to gain entrance to the car containing the party while some of the party tried to keep her out. In the friendly scuffle it is supposed the door caught her arm and broke it.

INDIANS assert that the coming winter will be one of the mildest in recent years. They base their assertions on the following signs: The oak trees have no acorns; squirrels are seldom seen; muskrats have not started to build; fur-bearing animals have thin coats; bark on poplar trees is loose; these and some other signs they go by for their assertion that the winter will be mild and short.

TIGER Brand underwear for men, Watson's for women and children.—SWIFT'S stock complete.

AUGUST 1916, will live in the history of weather records as a month of high temperatures and small rainfall. There were many days of intense heat, the highest being reached on Monday, the 21st, when it was 99. The lowest temperatures were on the 14th and 31st, when 45 degrees was recorded. The rainfall was only 1.24 inches. In August a year ago there were 4.72 inches of rain, and the highest temperature was 89 on August 31st.

LIEUT. FRED BROWNE, signalling officer of Lambtons 149, has an enviable record in his chosen line. Of 21 men he sent up for examination in London on June 26th, nineteen (including Ptes. Peter Letch and John Duffy of Alvinston) passed first-class, one got second and one was a failure. This is a wonderful record when it is taken into consideration that the signallers of twelve battalions of infantry and four battalions of artillery tried their examinations and the highest class topped the list.—Alvinston Free Press.

An exchange says:—"Good schools, good churches and good roads are a grand thing to have in a community. In order to have these things people must be educated to take proper pride in them. Your home paper can and will do more to encourage all of these things than any other agency. The school children read with pleasure the home happenings, and as they grow up become interested in the community life and make useful citizens. Give the children the home paper to read. It costs you but a trifle."

OWING to the increase in the cost of production, the Lambton and Middlesex weekly newspaper publishers have been compelled to increase their subscription price to \$1.50 a year, commencing Dec. 1st. All subscriptions for 1917 paid before that date will be accepted at the old rate of \$1.00. See ad. on page five.

THE simultaneous execution of King Alcohol and Old John Barleycorn on Saturday evening, promptly at 7 o'clock, passed off quietly in Watford. There was no demonstration and the followers of the monarchs who have reigned so many years in Ontario took the matter quietly and philosophically. True, a few took a "weed trap" more than their accustomed quantity, but most of them kept within due bounds. In future they will have to confine themselves to the 2 per cent decoction called Local Option Beer, or the more palatable raspberry vinegar or ginger ale.

ANOTHER YOUNG MAN passed away on threshold of manhood on Saturday when Richard Frederick Routley, son of Walter Routley of Enniskillen, passed to the great beyond in his 22nd year. He had been ailing for some time and last May went to the Sanitarium at Gravenhurst, but nothing would stop the ravages of the dread disease. The remains were brought to Watford and the funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Wm. Field, Huron street, to the Watford Cemetery, the Rev. R. M. Stevenson of the Congl. church taking the service. Deceased is survived by two brothers, one in Port Huron and the other serving King and Country overseas.

Lieut. Roche Killed in Action.

The following official telegram from the War Casualty Department was received here on Wednesday:—"Mr. John Roche.

"Deeply regret to inform you that Lieut. Basil Joseph Roche, Mounted Rifles, officially reported killed in action Sept. 15th."

Lieut. Roche is a son of Mr. John Roche of Alvinston, a nephew of the Roche Bros. of Watford. He was born in Warwick.

High School Boys' Literary and Athletic Association Officers

ATHLETIC EXECUTIVE
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Form III Rep.—R. Miller.
Form IV Rep.—J. McPhedran.

WARWICK.

Mr. Frank Radigan, Salt Lake City, visited his aunt, Mrs. J. Coughlin, after an absence of eighteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Conkey motored to Sarnia on Monday.

Kindly bring in all the old papers you have left time you come to Watford and leave at R. Johnston's shop for the Red Cross collection.

Mrs. H. K. Laird and children have returned home after spending the past week with her aunt, Mrs. Angus McMillan, West Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Niagara Falls, and Mrs. John Gornley of Welland, have returned home after visiting for a few days with their sisters, Mrs. George Bryson and Mrs. William Evans of Wisbeach, and other relatives.

At the Zion Methodist Church, 2nd Line East, on Sunday last, Mr. W. L. Clark of Toronto gave an inspiring address on his work in connection with the Social Service Department of the Methodist Church of Canada.

Missionary services will be held in the Anglican churches of Warwick on Sunday, Oct. 1st, when Rev. Canon Gould, secretary of the M. S. C. C., will be the special preacher. He will preach morning and evening in St. Mary's church, Warwick Village and afternoon in St. Paul's church, Wisbeach.

The funeral of the late Robt. Moore, who passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 13th in his 78th year, was held from the family residence, lot 3, con. 1, on Saturday afternoon last and was largely attended. Mr. Moore was born in Plympton township and has resided on the Egremont road, Warwick, for forty-five years. Besides a wife he is survived by eleven children—four sons and seven daughters. He was ill only from Sunday, Aug. 27th. The funeral service was taken by the Rev. W. M. Shore, rector of Warwick, and interment took place in the Watford cemetery. The pallbearers were: W. McRorie, F. Ferguson, D. McKay, R. Wilkinson, P. Anderson and T. Hawken.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Muller announce the marriage of their daughter Alice L. to Mr. Russel W. Gott, on Wednesday, Sept. 6th, at Corvallis, Oregon. At home after 15th at 1125 E. Second street, Albany, Ore.

WEEKLY PAPERS TO RAISE PRICE DECEMBER FIRST

High Cost of Production Has Made This Necessary.

PRESSMEN OF DISTRICT MEET AT FOREST AND ARE GUESTS OF COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRADE.

Pleasant Trip Through Peach Orchards and to the Lakeside.

A well-attended and representative meeting of the St. Clair District Press Association was held in Forest, on Friday last. Owing to the increased cost of production, and the consequent requirement of more revenue, the Association unanimously decided to advance the subscription prices of the weekly newspapers of the counties of Middlesex and Lambton, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per annum, the new rate to go into effect December 1st.

This action is in line with the movement throughout Canada for a minimum rate of \$1.50 for rural weeklies. Over 100 rural weeklies and semi-weeklies in Ontario have already adopted the \$1.50 rate or higher. It was reported to the meeting that in Bruce, Perth and Huron, and other Ontario counties where the new rate has already been put into effect, the public has received it in a most reasonable manner, evidently understanding that the increase is fully justified.

A. R. Alloway, of Toronto, Acting Manager of the Canadian Press Association, was present, and pointed out that similar action would be taken by the Essex, Kent and Elgin publishers before the end of the year.

Following the meeting a banquet was tendered the visitors by the Forest council and board of trade at the Roche House, after which the party took a trip through the peach district adjacent to Forest. Automobiles for the trip were provided by J. D. Livingston, Dr. C. L. Huffman, J. N. Lansing and members of the Association.

The pressmen were honored by the presence of Peter McArthur, the distinguished lecturer, writer and agriculturist, who addressed the gathering at lunch. Mr. McArthur drew a vividly realistic picture of the way in which the sorrows of the war are brought home to the country people. The rural press was doing more, he said, to mould public opinion than the daily press. The smaller weeklies give the intimate details of the sacrifice of the boys from the home town and touched the heart of the community as the big city papers cannot. The country editors must be alive to the need for live leadership and accept some responsibility for providing it.

W. P. McDonald, district representative of the department of agriculture was another welcome visitor.

The trip through the peach district was a very enjoyable one. Seven or eight orchards were visited, the trees in each being heavily laden with the very choicest fruit. The pressmen were then taken for a drive over the new government road to Kettle Point. Arriving at Ravenswood, Mr. Daley, the popular storekeeper there, invited the party in for refreshments.

The newspaper men of the district fully appreciate the efforts of the Forest citizens and others in providing such a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

The pressmen present were: Wm. Dawson, Parkhill Gazette; W. Bryant, Theod. Tribune; Thomas Harris, Watford Guide-Advocate; J. W. Kedwell, Alisa Craig Banner; A. W. Lowery, Petrolea Advertiser; Errol Atkins, Courtright Outlook-Tribune; D. Sutherland, Glencoe Transcript; F. L. E. Evans and Ewart Evans, Strathroy Age; H. J. Pettypiece, Forest Free Press; G. E. McIntosh, Forest Standard; A. R. Alloway, assistant manager Canadian Press Association.

Songs of the Past

O, John Barleycorn,
O, John Barleycorn,
Old and young thy praise shall sing,
John Barleycorn.

Pour out the Rhine wine, let it flow
Like a deep and mighty river,
Till sadness sinks and every woe
Lies drowned beneath its waves
forever.

Then hurrah! for the land of the
purple vine
And a deep, deep draught of the good
Rhine wine.

Here's a health to the King and a lasting
peace,
To faction an end, to wealth in-
crease,
Let us drink it while we have breath
For there's no drinking after death,
And he that will this health deny
Down among the dead men let him
lie.

Alvinston's tax rate for 1916 is 25 mills.

BROOKE

Lieut. Ernest Showler spent Sunday with relatives in Brooke.

Miss Mirrilline McMurray has returned home after visiting relatives in Strathroy and London.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and daughter Gretta motored from Port Huron and spent Sunday with Mrs. Conner's sister Mrs. Frank Lucas.

Mr. John Kelly, formerly of Brooke died at Watertown Beach, Sask., on Friday, Sept. 8th, aged 68 years. The funeral took place on Sunday, Sept. 10th to Imperial Cemetery.

The death occurred on Sunday last of Mrs. Margaret McVicar, aged 79 years, 3 months and 13 days. The funeral took place on Tuesday to the Alvinston cemetery, Rev. Basson taking the service. The pallbearers were her six sons.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. James Church, Brooke, on Sunday afternoon at 2.30. The church will be decorated in keeping with the festival. The Rev. D. Cornish, Rector of Forest, will preach. All welcome.

Harvest Services will be held in Christ Church, Sutorville, on Sunday. The Rev. D. Cornish, Rector of Forest, will preach in the morning at 10 o'clock and the Rector at 7.30 in the evening. Special music will be given by the Choir.—All welcome.

The Red Cross Circle, 6th Line West, Brooke, met at the home of Mrs. J. B. Moffatt recently and packed a bale containing the following Red Cross supplies:—8 helpless shirts, 7 sheets, 44 pillow-slips, 19 hospital towels, 22 trench towels, 9 pair socks and 2 large bandages. This energetic society has packed and forwarded large quantities of supplies since their organization and expect to celebrate their first anniversary next month. The ladies are busy at present making quilts for the Northern Ontario fire sufferers.

The Anniversary Services of Chalmers Presbyterian Church (Navoo Road) will be held next Sabbath, Sept. 24. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The Rev. John Moore, B. A., a former moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London will be the special minister for the day. All are welcome on the Monday evening following a concert will be given in the church when an attractive program will be presented, which will include selections by Mrs. Herbert Trotter, reader; Mrs. D. McDougall, soloist; Miss Mabel Dewar, pianist; Miss May McIntosh, violinist; and others. Concert at 8 o'clock. Admission 25c and 15c. You are invited to attend both the services and entertainment.

Government Crop Report

Ottawa, September 14 1916. In a bulletin issued to-day, the Census and Statistics Office publishes the first or preliminary estimate of the yield of the principal grain crops of Canada in 1916 (wheat, rye, barley, oats and flaxseed) as well as a report on the condition of all field crops at the end of August.

EFFECTS OF RUST DURING AUGUST

Correspondents report that grain crops in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which were highly promising at the end of July, have been so seriously affected by rust and hot winds during August, that large areas sown will either fail to produce any crop at all, or have been out green, whilst the yield of grain from producing areas will be very low both in quantity and grade. Whilst the whole of Manitoba and Saskatchewan is badly affected by rust, the conditions are distinctly worse in the southern than they are the northern parts of these provinces.

In Alberta, rust, though present to a certain extent, has not proved destructive and the grain crops continue promising. Frosts however of August 11 and again late in the month did considerable damage. In Ontario and Quebec grain yields have been greatly reduced by drought in August; but in the Maritime provinces and in British Columbia the condition of the grain crops has continued to be quite favourable.

YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CEREALS, 1916

It is estimated from the reports of correspondents that of the areas sown about 13.7 per cent of spring wheat, 8 per cent of oats, 5 per cent of barley and 1.8 per cent of flax will fail to produce any crop of grain.

CONDITION OF FIELD CROPS.

At the end of August, the condition of field crops, expressed in percentage of a standard representing a full crop, was as follows: Spring wheat 69, oats 74, barley 73, rye 80, peas 68, corn for husking 67, potatoes 72, alfalfa 94, corn for fodder 77, pasture 86, hay and clover 103. All other crops ranged between 75 and 78. In Manitoba the condition of spring wheat was marked down to 37 per cent as against 85 per cent and in Saskatchewan to 61 per cent as against 94 per cent at the end of July. The percentage of 37 for Manitoba on August 31 is the lowest on record since the present crop reporting system began in 1908.

A Sarnia barber was fined \$3.25 in costs for keeping his shop open ten minutes after by-law closing time.

While driving into Alvinston the other day James Coleman accidentally slipped in front of the front wheels of his wagon and secured a severely wrenched leg as a result.

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