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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call phone 11, send by mail or drop them in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter-box.

TRADE AT SWIFT'S and pay Cash.
REAL BARGAINS in used Cars at RAY MORNINGSTAR'S.
The groom's gift to the bride was a bushel of potatoes.
A YEAR AND A HALF OF PEACE—and look at the turned thing!
The street car fare from Sarnia to Pt. Edward is now seven cents.
BIG BARGAINS in Men's Suits \$28.00 to \$45.00. No Tax.—SWIFT'S SONS & Co.
The recent showers and warm weather have been highly beneficial to the growing crops.
The sweetest girl that many a man ever knew wore a sunbonnet and a gingham dress.
The new Canadian cent, which is now in circulation, is slightly larger than the Canadian ten cent piece.
DOMINION TIRERS have proven their superiority. We have a complete stock all the time.—M. MORNINGSTAR.
Just when many people were substituting rice for the high priced potatoes the government puts a extra tax on rice.
OUR HEARTS go out to the forlorned fellows who bought next winter's coal this spring and then had to burn it all.
A SCOTCHMAN writing home from the United States pinned the postage stamp to the envelope to show how dry he is.
In these days of dear paper and dear everything, prompt advance payment is of the highest importance to publishers.
SPRING this year is squeezed in so tight between winter and summer that you don't know exactly at what moment it occurred.
A RECENT amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act makes it compulsory for drivers to dim their lights when passing other vehicles.
A CHICAGO paper thinks the "out-of-sight" price of paper may cause a return to the use of leather in the soles and heels of shoes.
The dance held in the armory on Wednesday evening was well attended and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.
NOTHING inspires confidence in a business man sooner than punctuality, nor is there any habit which sooner saps his reputation than that of being always behind time.
An esteemed contemporary is convinced that if as much attention were paid to the cheaper cuts of meat as to the lower cuts of gowns there might be some chance of bringing down the cost of living.
An old couple had lived together forty years. The man said that he and his wife never agreed but once in that time, and that was when the house took fire, both agreed that the best thing to do was to get out as soon as possible.
I AM now able to deliver a good number of Ford cars but the supply is still short. Better get your order in at once as the New Ford is in great demand this year. First come, first served.—R. MORNINGSTAR.
LET the young men about town out of a job try a year on the farm. Plowing will give him a new constitution, take the kinks out of his head, the frog out of his throat, the gas off his stomach, the weariness out of his legs, the corns off his toes, and give him a good appetite and an honest living.
The April number of "The Teller," a monthly magazine edited by the staff of the Sterling Bank, contains an excellent portrait of Mr. E. O. McIver, the courteous and popular manager of the Watford Branch, which position he has filled since the fall of 1913 with much success and to the utmost satisfaction of the public.
WE have been requested by the Game Warden of Lambton to warn our readers through our columns that the catching of bass is prohibited as they are not in season until June 16th, also pickered under 15 inches in length. As this is a very severe law, fishermen from the community will take notice and if any of these fish are hooked, they must be thrown back again into the stream.
You must pay the new taxes or buy cheaper goods. If you are bound to buy luxuries it is only right that you should put up the extra coin and help pay Canada's debts. Do you notice how carefully our legislators at Ottawa and Toronto save money and economize in every way or are you one of those who imagine that our rulers are free spenders? Whatever your view on the matter the tax must be paid.
HOUSECLEANING is the order of the day and the music of the carpet beater can be heard throughout the town. After a long and dreary winter season, household effects require a renovating in preparation for the summer which will make life more cheerful. As a general rule the man of the house would prefer to retire to the woods while the home is being overhauled. Perhaps some household wives would be just as well pleased if they did. However, it is not the bravest thing to do. When he has an inclination to "beat it" let him take a stick or other weapon in hand and beat the carpet.

THE NEW STRAW HATS at SWIFT'S. Let us take care of your battery troubles. We guarantee satisfaction.—R. MORNINGSTAR.
The regular monthly meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I.O.O.F., was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Thompson, on Tuesday, June 1st. Quotations from Kipling.
SLEEPING CAR RATES advanced on all railroads in Canada on May 17th. The minimum charge for berths, which was formerly \$1.50, is now \$2.00. Parlor car rates are also higher. The minimum charge for seating accommodation is now 50 cents.
YOUNG MEN'S SUITS 34 to 37, good Tweeds, \$22.40 to \$37.50, every suit worth more money.—SWIFT'S.
THE VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY passed very quietly in town. Most of the people owning autos went to visit friends or spent the day at the lakeside, and many of the stay-at-homes spent the day gardening or trimming the lawn. The weather was fine and partly cloudy.
THE draw for the local bowling tournament will be made on Friday, June 8th. Members fees must be paid on or before that date in order that names may be included in the draw.—F. A. MACLEAN, Secretary.
ALL who are wanting Victory Bonds can be supplied by calling on the undersigned. As soon as the present floating supply of Victory Bonds has been absorbed it will be impossible to secure them, except at considerably higher prices.—J. H. HUME, Watford.
INABILITY to obtain newsprint paper may extinguish some of the smaller lights before the end of the year. The Guide-Advocate is the fortunate possessor of a sufficient quantity to last over a year so our subscribers need not fear that their favorite weekly will be among the number.
KEEP in mind the public school concert in the Lyceum Friday evening at 8:15. The program will consist of songs, solos, duets and choruses, violin and cello solos by the children, under the leadership of Prof. Howard Gordon. Admission 25 cents. This concert promises to be a most enjoyable affair.
EXPOSITOR, Yale, Mich.—"J. A. Menzies, through invitation of J. C. Smith, of the Riverside Printing Co., of Watford, Ontario, on Saturday last, enjoying the day visiting the newspaper publishers in those towns. Ernie Taylor, also of the Riverside Printing Co., was along.
The presentation of "It Pays to Advise," a four-act comedy, in the Lyceum, Saturday night by the English actor, John Graham, and company was well received by a fair-sized audience. The play is an exceedingly laughable one and was well put on by Mr. Graham and his talented company. The amusing situations occurring throughout the comedy kept the audience in good humor from start to finish.
WHAT about oil for the street? The dust on our main streets has been something awful for the past week or more. With so many cars on the road street oil is needed this year more than ever. Oiling preserves a road and lessens the repairs necessary, and the public derive a great deal of comfort therefrom. However, the trouble seems to be to get the oil and if it cannot be secured the people will have to put up with the dust nuisance.
LADIES' SILK HOSE at \$1.50 and \$1.65 best value in Canada.—SWIFT'S.
ALL motor owners should secure a copy of Appleton's Road Guides for 1920, published by The Munson Book Co., Limited, Toronto. The Guides contain authentic information for motorists, cyclists, and travellers in convenient form. Every main highway, concession, sideroad county boundary, township boundary, railway, city, town and village is accurately indicated on the maps, with complete index. The information contained has been officially revised by the leading automobile clubs of the province. The work is published in sections. Price 50c.
THE annual meeting of the Lambton County Medical Association was held in the Foresters' hall on Wednesday of last week with a good attendance. Two very interesting cases were presented and discussed, one nervous condition following the so-called sleeping sickness or the "flu," presented by Dr. Brown, of Cambrichton. The other case was one of extreme exophthalmic goitre presented by Dr. Hubbard, of Forest. The question of the revision of the tariff came up as there had been no change in the county doctors' fees for some years. The visitors were entertained by the local physicians.
HIGH SCHOOL matters have simmered down to normal. Mr. Houston, inspector of High Schools was here this week and interviewed the teachers and members of the board of education with the result that until the end of the school term Miss McCaw assumes the position of acting principal. Mr. Walker of Toronto has been engaged as science teacher for the balance of the term, thus filling the teaching vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Steer as principal and science teacher. We understand that resolutions regarding Mr. Steer passed by the board of education on May 14th and 18th will be withdrawn at the next meeting of the board, the members having signed an agreement to that effect. The minutes of the board meeting will be published next issue.

PERSONAL
Mr. William Scott, Windsor, was a Watford visitor Saturday.
Mr. E. D. Prentiss, Toronto, spent the week end at his home here.
Miss Margaret Cameron, Windsor, visited here over the week end.
Miss Gladys Shrapnell, Ingersoll, spent the holiday with her parents here.
Mr. B. McPadden, Ford, spent Sunday at the rectory with his sister, Mrs. Irwin.
Mrs. R. C. Cowan, Drumbo, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lovell.
Vernon White, London, spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nash.
Mrs. W. A. Thompson is spending a couple of weeks with her brother, Dr. T. J. Foster, Detroit.
Messdames Irwin, Newell and Swift attended the meeting of the W. A. M. S. in London this week.
The Misses Tanner of the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute staff, spent the week end with their mother here.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carew and children, Sarnia, spent the 24th May with Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Restorick.
Mrs. Nell McLean, Sarnia, and Miss Millie Brock, Stratroy, were the guests of Mrs. Neil Bennett this week.
Mr. J. J. Hunter, editor of the Kincardine Reporter, gave the Guide-Advocate a friendly call on Friday last.
Mrs. Clayton Fuller, Bickford, and Miss Winnifred Swift, Toronto University, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Swift.
Mr. Fred Maxwell, Forest, is visiting Harper Bros. and other relatives in town, while recuperating from a recent severe illness.
Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of Winnipeg, are the guests of Mrs. J. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will spend the summer months with relatives and friends in this vicinity.
Dr. Vern Newell, Mrs. Newell and daughter, Detroit, motored to Watford and spent the 24th with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Newell.
Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Foster, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. (Dr.) Peck, Plymouth, Mich., spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Thompson.
Mrs. Hugh McKenzie, of High River, Alberta, is making an extended visit among relatives and friends in town and vicinity. It is thirteen years since Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie and family left for the West.
Women's Institute Meetings
Mrs. M. E. Lowe of Toronto will be present at the June meetings of the East Lambton Women's Institute branches and will discuss the members on one or more of the following subjects:
"Housekeeping and Health."
"The Food Problem and its Relation to Health."
"The Conservation of Health in the Rural Districts."
"The Girl in the Rural District."
"The Institute and its Possibilities."
The dates of the meeting are:
Florence, Thursday, June 17
Shetland, Friday, June 18
Ayrholm, Saturday, June 19
Brooke, Monday, June 21
Watford, Tuesday, June 22
Warwick, Wednesday, June 23
Mrs. Lowe was for some time Superintendent of Dr. Temple's Private Hospital, also the Montague Private Hospital. She is deeply interested in Institute work and has rendered very acceptable service as a Demonstrator in Home Nursing and First Aid.
BROOKE
The Bethesda Epworth League will hold its anniversary services on June 13.
Miss Maude Long, of Brooke, entertained her friend, Miss Marjorie Boon, of London, over the holiday.
LET us take care of your battery troubles. We guarantee satisfaction.—R. MORNINGSTAR.
Mrs. Vern Saunders and daughter, Miss Jessie, spent the holiday with the former's sister, Mrs. C. Downie, Sarnia.
The subject for Sunday, May 30th, on the Brooke circuit will be, "In the Garden of the King." Services—Salem 11 a.m., Walnut 3 p.m., Bethesda 7:30 in the evening.
Brooke Women's Institute was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. S. Shugg. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President—Mrs. W. S. Shugg. 1st Vice President—Mrs. M. J. Campbell. 2nd Vice President—Mrs. S. Hair. Secretary—Miss M. Clark. Treasurer—Miss R. Clark. Pianist—Mrs. H. Lett. The secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Children's Aid Society, Sarnia, acknowledging the receipt of \$7.25 which the W. I. had recently donated. Miss B. Hair's paper "The Value of Self-Control," contained many useful suggestions. Mrs. Shugg and Miss Clark sang a very appropriate duet in their usual pleasing manner. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. The next meeting will be held June 21st at the home of Mrs. M. J. Campbell.

WARWICK
Miss Meryl Luckham is visiting at the home of her parents.
Service at Bethel next Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday School 1.15.
Mrs. A. J. Hagle, Watford, spent Sunday with friends around Birmam.
Mrs. Neil Graham, London, is visiting her nieces, Mrs. J. E. Smith and Mrs. Zekiel Vance.
Let us take care of your battery troubles. We guarantee satisfaction.—R. MORNINGSTAR.
Eugene Mason, a brother of Mrs. Neil Gavigan, died in a Detroit hospital last week. The funeral took place at Wyoming.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore, and son, Elmer, of Sarnia, spent the week end at Mr. Moore's old home, Main Road, Warwick, at Mr. J. W. Moore's.
I am now able to deliver a good number of Ford cars but the supply is still short. Better get your order in at once as the New Ford is in great demand this year. First come, first served.—R. MORNINGSTAR.
The Women's Missionary Society of the Zion Methodist Church held a very successful meeting on May 13, 1920, at the home of Mrs. T. H. Fuller. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Parker on June 10, at 2:30 p.m.
The annual meeting of the Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute was held in the Town Hall on Thursday, May 13th. The meeting opened by singing The Maple Leaf, followed by prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Pres.—Mrs. A. Auld, Vice Pres.—Mrs. D. Fallowell, Sec.—Mrs. Reta Smith, Branch Director—Mrs. Kerville, District Director—Mrs. D. Ross. Rep. to Watford Dist. Meeting—Pres., Secretary, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Kerville. Concert Committee—Mrs. and Young Ladies, Visiting Sick Committee—East, Mrs. T. Cooke; West, Miss Mildred Archer; North, Misses Grace Thomson, Anna Auld. Readings were then given by Miss Reta Smith and Mrs. A. Hay. A vote of thanks was tendered our retiring President and Secretary (Mrs. J. Thomson and Mabel Minceli) who have been so attentive to their work for the past year. The June meeting to be cancelled until June 23rd when Summer Delegates will be present. The meetings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.
STRATHROY DISTRICT MEETING
The Strathroy District meeting convened in Arkona Methodist church on Thursday and Friday of last week. Rev. J. C. Reid, chairman of the district, presided. Rev. S. J. T. Fortner was elected journal secretary. Two young men, Harold P. Lawson and Richard A. Blackburn, have finished their probation and are to be ordained at the coming conference. Mr. O. Gerald Lawson is continued on trial and returned to college.
The district counts itself fortunate in having two candidates for the ministry, Hugh Crossley Wilson, son of the late Rev. Jasper Wilson, once stationed in Watford, and Robert Harold Parr. All the above named candidates and probationers have spent some years in military service and been honorably discharged. Rev. R. C. Burton, of Warwick, after having been in the ministry for 30 years, is asking for a superannuated relation. A very complimentary resolution was passed and placed on the district minutes concerning Mr. Burton, who is held in the highest esteem by his brethren in the ministry as well as by the circuit where he has so effectually served.
Rev. W. E. Donnelly was elected to the stationing and Rev. J. D. Richardson as alternate. The finances of the district were shown to be in splendid condition, all the funds showing a very creditable advance over last year excepting the Educational Fund, which fell down about \$20. The Missionary Fund is nearly \$1,000 ahead. The response of the appeal for finance in the Methodist national campaign was splendid, the district having contributed \$30,564.00. The other objectives as reported were encouraging indeed. While nearly all the circuits in the District have reached and some passed the minimum appropriation for salary yet the following resolution was passed, in view of the stress felt in many homes by the increased cost of living.
Resolution—"That in view of the increased cost of living which has gone far beyond the minimum, we recommend the Quarterly Boards wherever possible to give a bonus to their pastor for the year just closing and increase the appropriation for salary for the coming year to adequately meet the present need."
The meeting was largely attended and most harmonious. The entertainment by the Arkona people was given on a most generous scale. The list of lay delegates to the coming Conference meeting next week in Stratford includes from Watford the names of W. H. Harper and J. H. Hume.
Thieves stole the potatoes out of a Quebec goal the other night. Such a hue and cry was raised by the jail officials that the public thought some criminals had escaped.

CHOP STUFF
Charles McCarter of Alvinston is dead. Mrs. Thos. Seeds, a resident of Stratroy for 27 years, died on May 14th.
Potatoes sold for \$8.50 a bag on the Hamilton market on Saturday, and \$8 at Cayuga.
The Ontario Provincial Association of Retail Merchants is seeking to have parcel post rates raised.
Mary Jane Brown, widow of the late Hugh Park of Alvinston passed away Thursday in her 79th year.
Employees of the Imperial Oil Co., at Sarnia have leased 25 acres of land and will raise potatoes thereon.
Eugene Mason, son of Mrs. Eugene Mason of Wyoming, died in Detroit last week. The funeral took place at Wyoming.
Metcalf: "There is only one hired man in this neighborhood, and he gets \$80 a month, with house, wood, garden and milk."
Fire with a loss estimated at \$50,000 swept Bridgen on Saturday morning. Several buildings and 12 automobiles were burned.
Miss Fraser, science teacher of Petrolia High School, has tendered her resignation to the Board of Trustees, to take effect at midsummer.
One third of all the Congregational churches in the United States are to-day closed, because they have not enough men to fill the pulpits.
Major and Mrs. W. E. Bryant, Theford, Ont., announce the engagement of their niece, Mabel M. Lockyer, to G. Clifford Gammon, Ayr, Ont., the marriage to take place quietly early in June.
What might have resulted in the death of one of the parties happened on Saturday last, when the Brigden B. B. Club were playing the Oil Springs club. Master Lew Griffin was up to bat and the first ball pitched, in baseball parlance, "bramed" him so hard that he was knocked unconscious, and Dr. Hillis was called and the boy taken home. An inch higher or lower would have killed him instantly.
Leslie W. Oke, U.F.O. member for East Lambton was the only one to oppose the Civil Service Superannuation Act, when it was brought up for discussion in the Provincial House. He protested against the measure as being premature. The farmers, he argued were not asking for superannuation. He had received dozens of protests from his constituents and in face of them could not support the bill. The formal resolution necessary before the act can be passed was adopted by the legislature.
MRS. MARY HODGSON IS ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD
Pioneer Warwick Woman, New Resident in Stratroy, Reached the Century Mark.
A rare occasion came to pass on Saturday, May 15th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clarke, Metcalfe street, when Mrs. Clarke's mother, Mrs. Mary Hodgson, an old and well-known resident of Warwick Township for many years, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth, surrounded by her children, relatives and quite a gathering of old friends and neighbors, who called in to offer their congratulations and good wishes to the venerable old lady. Mrs. Hodgson was born in Leeds, England; was left an orphan when quite young, and came to America, being married in New York when she was twenty-two. After a short residence in Pickering, she and her husband, who died about 25 years ago, came to Warwick Township, where she resided for upwards of 50 years. For the past two years, Mrs. Hodgson has been living in town at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Clarke, where a reception in honor of her birthday was held Saturday afternoon. About fifty were present, and a program was enjoyed. Rev. S. F. Robinson, Peter Anderson, David Evans and Mr. Clarke making short speeches appropriate to the occasion. Of her family, two children are left: George Hodgson, of Brantford, and Mrs. Clarke. Several grandchildren were present, among them Mrs. F. Doman, of Ennisville, and Albert Hodgson, of Dawn Township. The old lady is remarkably bright and well, considering her great age and greatly enjoyed the birthday party.—Age.
BORN
In Plympton, on Sunday, May 16th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stewardson, a son.
In Bosanquet, on Tuesday, May 18th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fuller, a son.
In Warwick, on Saturday, May 8th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan, a daughter—Irene Elizabeth.
At Seattle, Wash., on Wednesday, May 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jackson, a daughter—Jean Elizabeth.
MARRIED
In Hamilton, on Saturday, May 15th, by the Rev. J. W. Cameron, Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker, of Middleford, to Mr. Peter Dolbear of Brooke.