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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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LADIES' TAILORING at SWIFT'S.

SAVE to lend to your country when it calls.

THE OVERCOAT has taken the place of the sport shirt.

TO SAVE is the easiest of practices—if you have the will.

PINCH your expenditure a little and you'll find it will pay.

SEE THE NEW FORDSON TRACTOR and Plow at R. MORNINGSTAR'S. a23f

OWING to the fuel situation the Public Library will not be open before 3 p. m., until further notice.

LET A FLAG fly from every house, store, office and shed for the Fair today. God bless the Union Jack.

GENERAL FOCHI is a heavy smoker of two-cent cigars. Probably this is the reason he laughs at the enemy's gas attacks.

FIRST SNOW of the season Sept. 26th. This is said to be the earliest in fifty years. In some parts of Ontario it snowed for about two hours.

NOTWITHSTANDING the efforts of the printer, the SYNOD of HURON is still in a healthy condition and likely to live for many years to come. What a difference two little letters make.

RECRUITS ARE WANTED for Military Mounted Police, Siberian Force. Must be Category A and have mounted training. Apply at Headquarters, Military District No. 1, London, Ont.

A MEETING of the St. Clair District Press Association will be held in Petrolia on Friday next, when Mr. H. O. Hammond, manager of the "Victory Loan Advertising" will address the members.

RAINCOATS for ladies. Special heavy coats for High School girls.—SWIFT'S.

SARNIA CANADIAN-OBSERVER.—The sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Sawers last night was probably one of the most timely listened to in this city. His message was a message of encouragement. The sermon was well received and favorably commented on.

AS SOME of those attending the Teachers' Convention last year had difficulty in finding places to stay, the Women Teachers' Guild will try to find suitable accommodation for any who will communicate at once with Miss Jennie Ford, Secretary, Women Teachers' Guild, Petrolia, Ont.

WHAT Ontario will be practically without white sugar before Christmas is the assertion of H. E. Guppy, wholesale merchant, of Windsor. "There will be some relief in a week or two," said Mr. Guppy, "when the best sugar is ready for the market, but as Canada only grows enough beets to give the Dominion sugar for one week there seems to be no chance of a permanent supply until the Cuba crop is ready."

AN OBSERVANT PERSON passing along the street frequently hears young boys use cuss words. Those who are in the habit of using that kind of language are cautioned that the law does not permit its use and any person can be brought before a magistrate for such talk. Some lads when they think they are out of reach, belch out oaths and obscene language that they seem to be quite familiar with. Stop it, boys, it is a most unmanly thing.

OUR CUTTER, Mr. Letherland, is ready for that suit or overcoat.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

THE SARNIA CANADIAN-OBSERVER, Lambton's daily newspaper, issued a special 24-page edition on Sept. 21st that is a credit to the publishers. The edition was issued as a Fall Fair and Fashion number and contains an exceedingly interesting lot of news and special articles. Considering the many drawbacks consequent to war conditions it is exceedingly well gotten up and the editors, contributors and publishers may justly feel proud of it.

THE THAMESVILLE HERALD says:—"Mrs. Mead has received an official telegram reading as follows:—Sincerely regret to inform you 528784 etc. George Fredrick Mead, Medical Service, officially reported admitted 83 General Hospital, Boulogne, Sept. 12, shell-gas. In this connection Mrs. Mead received a cablegram from Mr. Mead Sunday, saying that he had seen George and that he was doing well. Mr. Mead also stated that he would be in Canada soon. George's schoolmates and friends will hope that he will make a speedy and complete recovery, and be none the worse for his unfortunate experience."

REV. A. C. TIFFIN received a cable on Sunday from his son, Lieut. J. B. Tiffin, R.A.F., that he had arrived safely in England. The cable was dated London, Sept. 28th. He sailed from Quebec on Friday, September 13th.

THE attention of the public is called to the fact that rural mail boxes may not be used for the free distribution of advertising matter or for free distribution of any publications or mail matter whatever—such as auction sale bills, samples, etc.

SAVE to make Canada secure. THE WILL that saves is the will that wins.

SAVE to save—both yourself and Canada.

HEAVY HOAR FROST the night of Sept. 30th.

THE PUBLIC are cautioned not to use water out of the fire tanks.

LIVE within your means and your means will be increased.

THE prayer service in Trinity Church will be held on Friday evening this week.

"STICK IT, CANADA," has been selected as the slogan for the approaching victory loan campaign.

IF YOUR BOY'S name is not in the "Roll of Honor" let us know and we will place it there.

OWING to the inclement weather only a few of the H. S. field day sports were pulled off last Thursday.

A SMART young lady commercial traveler attracted the attention of some of the "boys" on Main street, Tuesday morning.

SMART STYLES in Ladies' and Girls' Coats.—SWIFT'S.

PLACING the nation on a sugar ration is a great help to the frugal young man whose girl is trained and accustomed to bon bons.

123,618 PRISONERS captured by Haig in August and September is a pretty good bag, and the hunting season has hardly commenced yet.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE till Jan. 1st, 1919, for 35 cents to new subscribers. Have a paper of your own instead of reading your neighbor's.

A GOODLY NUMBER of Watford people attended the anniversary service at Zion Methodist church, 2nd line, Warwick, last Sunday afternoon and evening.

SOME people are getting so much profit of one sort and another out of their war gardens that they think of having themselves arrested for shameless profiteering.

MISS WILLIAMS' auction sale of hats, millinery and fancy goods on Saturday night attracted a large crowd of ladies, the store being packed to the door.

A CUBAN has invented a palm fiber substitute for cedar cigar boxes. Now if he'll just find a substitute for the Christmas cigars that once a year go in them!

THE sale of Nelson Chambers' household furniture was well patronized and fair prices realized. The house was not sold. The family will move to Detroit where Mr. Chambers has obtained a lucrative position.

You can always tell a lady with a well-tailored suit—she feels well dressed. See SWIFT'S Ladies' Tailoring Department.

THE Rev. Geo. W. Conners has resigned charge of the Watford and Calvary Baptist churches. He goes to Caledonia in about two weeks. A contributor submits an account of the matter in another column.

THE people of Canada are asked to deny themselves something the first week in October to aid the Belgian people. You won't need to deny yourself very much to take a tag of the Daughters of the Empire on Fair Day to help your country and her allies.

It is reported that the last "gasless" Sunday was fairly well observed in this locality, yet it appears that some were not loyal enough to carry out the government's request to refrain from joy riding. Sterner measures will likely be adopted so that some people may learn that war is really being waged.

A YOUNG fellow from Brooke went out for an automobile ride and of course took his girl with him. When about five miles from home the car gave him trouble and phoning home to his father he said, "Father, she won't spark." "Well, what will I send you," queried the father, "a new car or a new girl."

MANY OLD FRIENDS of the Rev. F. G. Newton of Sarnia attended service in Trinity church last Sunday evening, glad of the opportunity to again hear a sermon from the one-time rector of Warwick.

The reverend gentleman preached an exceedingly interesting and forceful sermon on the benediction, II. Cor. 13: 14. All his hearers were deeply impressed and enlightened by the telling discourse.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE service in the Methodist Church meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Last Friday evening Mr. Burton Cook had charge of the meeting and Miss Gretta Tiffin gave a very interesting topic. All the young people not otherwise engaged on Friday evening are invited to spend an interesting and profitable hour with the Epworth League.

RAINCOATS for men and young men.—SWIFT'S

THE FUNERAL service of the late William Thomas was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Hagle on Thursday evening by Rev. A. C. Tiffin, assisted by Rev. J. C. Forster. On Friday morning the remains were taken to Sole, Mich., where they were interred. Mrs. C. E. Smith went with the remains to Sole.

NOW THAT THE ALLIES are pressing on and driving the Hun to his hole, why not have a celebration in Watford on Thanksgiving Day? How does the idea strike you? It would be better to show our appreciation of the work of the boys at the front than to pass the day wandering about the streets as usual on Thanksgiving Day.

REV. A. E. SMITH, D. B. Toronto, representing the Dominion Alliance, will preach in Watford, Calvary and Wyoming Baptist churches next Sunday at the usual hours.

Pte. C. W. Haskett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haskett of Watford, is reported wounded. His name appeared in the casualty list last Monday as being from Watford. Mr. Haskett states that the number given is that of his son.

Mrs. TYE received a telegram on Friday stating that her granddaughter Jean, the five-year-old and only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Purdy was dangerously ill. She left at once for Toronto. Word was received later that the little one had passed away. This is the third child that Mr. and Mrs. Purdy have lost and much sympathy is felt for their friends and acquaintances.

SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT O'CLOCK on Thursday evening of last week fire was discovered issuing from the shed at the rear of Mrs. C. Willoughby's frame house on Warwick street. The firemen were on the spot in short order and had a stream playing on the burning building in a very few minutes. There was a brisk wind blowing from the northwest at the time which fanned the flames and made the most strenuous fighting necessary. At one time it was thought that the entire building was doomed, but through the excellent work of the firemen the blaze was extinguished before it got very much of a headway in the main part of the house, but nevertheless that part was badly damaged. Willing hands removed most of the furniture from the building but the loss from a small amount of insurance was on the premises. As the alarm sounded just at mail time many people were on the street and no time was lost in getting the engine on the spot. Mrs. Willoughby and her daughter, Miss Flossie, were in Chicago and the house had not been occupied for several weeks, consequently it looks as if the origin of the fire was incendiary.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown returned home Friday.

Mr. R. McLeay, Toronto, was here for the week end.

Miss Flossie Willoughby returned home from Chicago, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dodds are visiting relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. Chas. Kenward and children, Gary, Ind., are visiting Col. and Mrs. Kenward.

Mrs. A. Dunlop, Chatham, returned home Monday after visiting relatives and friends in this district.

Mr. John Reid, California, called on his niece, Mrs. Wm. M. Styles on Saturday last.

Miss Celestine McManus left Monday for Toronto, to attend Faculty of Education.

Mrs. Wright, Detroit, and Mrs. Oxenham, Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. A. D. Hone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Maloney, M. J. Maloney, Mrs. J. Costello and Miss Burke called on friends in Watford, on their way to Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Howard and Miss Kent of Lucan, and Mrs. Bryce of London spent the week end at Mrs. J. McGillicuddy's, Victoria street.

Mr. I. L. CONNORS, B.A., who has been holidaying under the parental roof, returned on Monday to his work as chemical inspector in service with the Imperial Munitions Ministry, Trenton, Ont.

W. Clarke Lee, of Louisville, Kentucky, who has spent the past six months visiting his relatives and friends in Watford and Grimsby, left for Beaumont, Texas, on Monday, where he will spend the winter with his son.

BROOKE

See the new Fordson Tractor and Plow at R. MORNINGSTAR'S, Watford. a 23 f

Divine Service will be held in St. James' Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Epworth League of Bethesda will hold its anniversary services next Sunday Oct. 6. The Rev. D. D. Thomson of Stratford, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. There will be special singing. A generous offering is requested in aid of the League church fund. Come and enjoy these services.

The Clover Club Mission Band gathered at the home of Miss Ella McCabe on Thursday evening, Sept. 12th, and gave her a miscellaneous show. The bride-to-be was taken completely by surprise. Many useful and beautiful presents were showered on her. Luncheon was served by the hostess after which the evening was spent in music and games.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wiley, 14th con, returned on Thursday night from a pleasant two months' visit with relatives in Northern Saskatchewan. While there they made their headquarters about two miles from Norquay and in numerous trips by auto viewed the surrounding country for a radius of about 75 miles and in this way had a good chance to see the country and crops. Mr. Wiley reports the grain crops in that district all good and heavy, with the exception of a small territory of gravel land where they

were haled out. The root and vegetable crops are also abundant. In some places the wheat was five feet high. This was cut some twelve inches from the ground. While there Mr. Wiley did his bit to help out with the rush, and with a four-horse team and seven-foot binder cut 215 acres of grain. He found tacking a fifty-acre field somewhat different from the small fields he is accustomed to at home.

An auto accident, which might have had fatal results, took place last night on the corner of the 4th concession and 18th sideroad, a half mile south of town.

Mr. Wm. Annett, Reeve of Brooke, had stopped his car to put some cattle in a field in the old McDermid Farm. Finishing this he got into his car and started for town, intending to put on his lights when the car got on to straight road. As he was turning the corner, the wheels of the car ran off the culvert crossing the ditch, with the result that the car turned completely over in the deep ditch, pinning Mr. Annett beneath it. As it happened though, he was able to pull himself free from the wreckage, with no bodily injuries. After summoning help, the car was hauled back onto the road, the only damage being the top of the car and the windshield were completely destroyed. Had the top been down, Mr. Annett would have been crushed beneath Alvinston Free Press.

WARWICK

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Remember Herbert's sale on October 9th. Calves will be sold first. Come early and get your pick.

Gunner G. W. Parker and Gunner Clare Fuller, of 2nd Royal Canadian Artillery Tank Battalion, Petawawa, spent the week end at their respective homes on the Main Road and 2nd line south. This was their last leave as they expect to leave for overseas this week. All unite in wishing them a safe and speedy return.

The congregations attending the anniversary services at Zion Methodist church, 2nd line, last Sunday afternoon and evening were very large and much interested. The floral decorations were tastefully arranged. The choir surpassed its general record of excellency in its appropriate selections for the occasion. The ministers, Rev. E. H. Sawers and Rev. A. C. Tiffin, gave splendid gospel messages of a stimulating and inspiring character. The response of the congregation in a financial way was fully up to or perhaps a little beyond any previous record, which is saying a good deal for their invariably do the generous thing.

Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E.

Fifteen members and two visitors attended the meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E. held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Brown on Tuesday. Letters were read from C. Gibbs, C. McCormick, W. Kent, W. Bruce and others thanking the chapter for parcels.

A knitting contest will be put on for the months of October and November with Mrs. D. Hamilton and Miss Margaret McLeay as captains. A prize has been donated to be given to the lady who knits the most pairs of socks and the losing side in the contest will treat the winners to a war time luncheon. It is hoped that every knitter in Watford will help in this sock drive. The boys need them for the winter months. The Box committees were authorized to send 50 Christmas boxes overseas the first week in November. Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Brown are Tecumseh Chapter delegates to the rally of 1st Military District at London this week.

Mrs. Kamms and Mrs. Baird two members who cannot regularly attend were welcomed at the meeting.

The autumn decorations of the tea table were most artistic. A very enjoyable meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Stapleford.

East Lambton Teachers' Institute

The annual meeting of the above Institute will be held in Petrolia on Thursday and Friday of next week. The program is an exceedingly interesting one this year. Mr. E. J. White of the London Normal School will deliver two addresses, one on Teaching of History, the other on Primary Arithmetic. Mr. A. B. Steer will speak on Entrance Geography, Miss A. Ross and Miss L. Park will report on the O. E. A., and Misses Mott, Lucas and Wordsworth on the Summer Courses. Miss Ford's class will give an illustration of Class Singing, and Miss Hoban and Miss Stevens will read papers on Oral Reading. There will also be addresses by Inspector MacDougall and President Shrapnell, and a solo by Miss Cameron. A discussion on the Ontario Readers will be led by Miss May Reid. On Thursday evening there will be the usual meeting in Victoria Hall.

Five head of young cattle dead, entailing a loss to their owner of \$500, was the experience of John W. Bradley, who turned a drove of nine head of cattle into a field of alfalfa clover, where they were grazing for just 20 minutes. The entire herd got bloated and five of them died after an unsuccessful effort of a veterinary surgeon to relieve them of the gas by punching holes in their sides.

The Fair

As the Guide-Advocate goes to press the judges are busy in the fair buildings making decisions on the fruits, grains, vegetables, ladies work, dairy products and other classes shown indoors. For the past few days Secretary Kenward and his assistants have been very busy receiving entries, making out entry tickets and generally attending to the numerous other matters that crop up on the last few days before the fair. Officials and workmen have been busy fixing up the grounds and making preparations to receive the big crowd expected at the fair. The entries so far are fully up to an previous year, 1500 being recorded at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Owing to the heavy rain Wednesday morning the exhibits are slow in coming in but those in at time of writing, have the appearance of being of first-class quality. The prospects are good for a splendid show and there will undoubtedly be a big crowd present if the weather is fine.

Resignation of Rev. Geo. W. Conners

The respective congregations of the Wyoming, Calvary and Watford Baptist Churches were surprised and saddened when at the close of each service last Sunday, their pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Conners, tendered his resignation and asked that he be relieved of the pastorate by the middle of October. On every hand evidences of deep and sincere regret were to be seen, for Mr. Conners has proven himself as a wise and capable leader, a good preacher, a fluent speaker, a faithful pastor and a kind and sympathetic friend to young and old alike, both within and without his own communion. He has rendered most acceptable service for almost three years. During his residence in Watford Mr. Conners has won the esteem and confidence of the citizens generally, has ever displayed the most cordial and fraternal feelings with his colleagues in the ministry, and has always identified himself with every movement having for its aim the public weal.

As teacher in the Sunday School and worker in the Mission Circle, as well as in the arduous tasks which fall upon a minister's wife, Mrs. Conners has shown herself to be a helpmate indeed.

Mr. Conners has accepted an unsolicited call to the pastorate of the Caledonia Baptist Church, which affords an opportunity for intensive work, eliminating the long and tedious driving which the work here requires.

Mr. Conners and family carry with them to their new field of labor the best wishes of their people and a host of friends.—COM.

Heaven helps those who help themselves. Moral—Save!

Don't be a victim of circumstances: help to shape circumstances by saving.



BEST CARTOON GETS \$50 BOND

In connection with the coming Victory Loan campaign, the Dominion Press News and Feature Committee announces a cartoon contest. Artists are invited to submit sketches suitable for a two-column engraving, which will be judged on their merits as to publicity calculated to assist in the selling of Victory Bonds. The committee offers a \$50.00 bond of the new issue for the best cartoon. A number of cartoons will also be awarded special mention. The sketches submitted are to become the property of the committee and a nominal fee will be paid for any that are used in the campaign.

Mr. C. F. Crandall, managing editor of the Montreal Star, and the editor of Victory Loan National Press News and Feature Service will be the judges.

The contest will close on October 15th, and awards will be announced a few days later.