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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 item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

WINTER has not lost its grippe.

LADIES' tailored suits at SWIFTS'.

How many January thaws have we had this year?

TEA imports increased 30 per cent. last year.

If this is the finest country in the world is it not worth dying for?

DAYLIGHT is stretching out. By the end of this month it will have lengthened forty-eight minutes.

TWENTY-ONE members of Parliament have gone on active service, and khaki is common on Parliament Hill.

ONTARIO'S gift of \$1,507,000 to the Trafalgar Day British Red Cross Fund is a generous one. All but \$15,000 has been paid.

In the local option bylaw recount for Petrolia, Judge MacWatt declared the by-law carried by a majority of 325 votes.

ALL WINTER GOODS must go, spring goods are crowding for room.—SWIFTS'.

No more than you can eat enough in one day to last you a week can a business man advertise enough in one week to last a year.

J. E. ARMSTRONG, M. P. for East Lambton, has been promoted to the front benches, and will occupy the seat of the late E. A. Laplaster.

Of course there is a reason why you have not enlisted! Are you afraid the farm, the factory or the store could not be run without you?

LIEUT. F. C. BROOKS and Sergt. W. D. Lamb of the Lambtons 149 at Watford are announced in the list of those taking instructions in signaling at London.

SARNIA will have a recruiting meeting in the city hall on Sunday evening next. The speakers will be J. P. Downey, ex-M.P.P., W. J. Hanna and Col. Bradley.

The British renegade, the Rev. Charles F. Aked gets \$25,000 as his price for joining the Ford Peace Party. Prices have increased since Judas got his thirty pieces of silver.

BIG CLEAN UP week before stock taking. Your price of cost is ours for winter goods.—SWIFTS'.

The regular monthly meeting of the I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Mrs. Hicks on Tuesday afternoon, February 1st, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. A. Mitchell assisting hostess. Quotations on "Patriotism."

THE Tom Marks Stock Company played "The Man From Canada" to a good audience Thursday night at last week. The acting and singing was good and those who attended were well pleased with the entertainment.

LETTERS received recently from boys at the front in Flanders state that a number of the men have been suffering from rat bites and some of the cases were of such a serious nature that the victims had to be removed to dressing stations.

IT HAS been discovered that Jupiter has another moon, making eight in all. With that many moons the denizens of the planet will likely have moonlight nights all the year round and consequently make a big saving in their electric light bills.

SOMEWHERE in France, an officer going the rounds said to a sentry, "What are you here for?" The sentry replied: "To report anything unusual, sir." Officer: "What would you do if you saw five battlehips steaming across the fields?" Sentry: "Sign the pledge, sir."

HAVE you subscribed for the Delinquent for 75c a year, regular price \$1.50. Order must be in before 1st February.—SWIFT SON'S & CO.

RECRUITING meetings in the interest of the 149th were held Sunday evening at Pt. Edward, Theford and Inwood. At Inwood a large crowd listened to Col. Kenward, Lieut. Wykesmith and Capt. Smyth. A number of recruits are expected as a result of this meeting.

The local recruits of the 149th were given a reception by the young people of the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening. Sunday morning they paraded to the Congregational Church where President Braithwaite of Western University, was the special preacher.

IRWIN W. HEATON the officer in charge of the American Legion at Sarnia, in a letter to the press deploring desertion of some of the recruits says: "Thanks to Queen Victoria's womanly tenderness, deserters are not shot at sunrise today, despite the fact that some of them are half-shot at sunset."

THE advisory committee of the Ancient Order of United Workmen accompanied by counsel, waited upon the Hon. I. B. Lucas at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, the discussion with him being a proposal to raise its rate to policy holders in order to increase their reserves. It is said that the Order now finds—aside the Home Circle last year—that the insurance funds on hand are not sufficient to meet the demands. This conference was for the purpose of discussing the proper course to be adopted in putting the change in the form of a private bill to be dealt with by the Legislature at the coming session.

TOUGH hockey weather.

MEN'S tailoring in city style.—SWIFTS'. COST what it will—this is a fight to a finish.

THE ice harvest was well underway when the thaw came last week.

THERE will be three eclipses of the sun and two of the moon this year.

NINE new recruits have been added to the Watford company, Lambton's 149, since our last issue.

IRELAND is outside the operation of the British Compulsion Bill. But what Irishman ever had to be compelled to fight?

OWING to mild weather conditions and consequently poor ice the carnival advertised for Monday night was canceled.

STRATHROY Masons held a military meeting last Friday night when the various officers' chairs were filled by men in khaki.

The rite of confirmation will be administered by Bishop Williams in Trinity church, Watford, on Sunday evening, February 8th.

THE JANUARY session of the county council is in session at Sarnia this week. Reeve Kenward is looking after the interests of Watford.

MORRIS SMITH was arraigned before T. B. Taylor, J. P., on Thursday last charged with disorderly conduct. He was fined \$5 and costs, \$1.50.

THE young unmarried women of Brittany, a province of France, have formed an association to boycott all bachelors who fail to enlist. Why not try it in Ontario.

4 PIECES blue worsted, bought at old prices, \$20 to \$25 a suit.—SWIFT'S TAILORING DEPT.

JOHN WELCH and Pearl Stocking were married at Mosa the other day. We have heard of men getting silk stockings and several other kinds of stockings but a pearl stocking is something new.

OFFICER (to recruit, who is learning trench digging)—"You're getting on very slowly with that trench, aren't you?" Recruit—"Ground as hard as iron, sir!" Officer—"Why don't you try blasting it?" Recruit—"Been doing nothing else all the morning, sir!"

IF we have a 149 Battalion Band, Watford should be its headquarters. It should be organized at once and kept on the move through the county for recruiting purposes. Let the Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia and Watford people get together in this matter and have the musicians mobilized at once.

PETROLIA ADVERTISER:—The Lambtons 149 are organizing a Regimental Band, under the leadership of band master J. A. Dawson, who has been connected with the Queen's Own, Toronto, and has had considerable experience with various bands of the Imperial Army. All applicants desirous of joining this band will report to Capt. H. A. Trainor, Recruiting Office, Petrolia.

INVITATIONS have been sent out for a banquet to be held in the Hotel Northern, Sarnia, on the evening of the 28th day of January, 1916. The idea is to bring together as many as possible of the county councillors and ex-county councillors for a social reunion. It is expected that many old-time municipal men will take advantage of this opportunity to meet with those who are now in active control of the county's affairs.

At a recruiting meeting recently the speaker, having got his audience in a high state of enthusiasm by telling them of the many brave deeds performed by our soldiers in France, suddenly espied a big strongly built man at the back of the hall. "My man," he cried, "how is it that you are not at the front?" "Oh, it is all right," replied the burly yokel, "I can hear every word you say from here."

YOUNG men of Watford and vicinity take notice! Men from every walk in life are now in the King's uniform: members of Parliament, lawyers, doctors, professors, journalists, merchants, bank managers, tradesmen, students and artisans, all classes and every grade of them are now at the front doing and daring, for love of homeland, for civilization, liberty and life. Are you satisfied to have these men fight for you without you doing your bit?

THE editor is indebted to Capt. B. C. Binks for a copy of the first issue of La Vie Canadienne, a monthly magazine for the Canadian section, general headquarters, 3rd echelon, printed and published at Rouen, France. The magazine contains 24 pages and is filled with trite sayings, sport notes, interesting poetry, etc., and is illustrated with some excellent views of historic spots in Rouen. We cannot wish the magazine a long life and prosperous career because we hope the war will be of short duration and its termination make the issue of the magazine unnecessary.

In an address at Trenton, Billy Sunday expressed his opinion of Germany and her allies in the following words:—"One thing I've got against Germany is that she has allied herself with the dirty, stinking, licentious, treacherous, vile, damnable Turks. If ever you hear me say a good word about them you can kick me out of my job. They are spewing and committing vice and murder in Christian lands and slaughtering millions of Christian Armenians. They are torturing men, ruining women, butchering babies. It is horrible, hellish." Billy has some vocabulary even if it is not very choice.

GEO. HARROWER, Sarnia, was here Wednesday.

TEN CENT grab bags of home-made candy in the Lyceum Friday night at the Spinners' Convention. Proceeds for Red Cross purposes.

REV. W. H. CLARIS of London will conduct the services in the Congregational church, Watford, next Sunday morning and evening, and at Zion in the afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. F. J. HUGHES were at Payne's Mills from Friday to Monday where they went to attend the funeral on Saturday of Mr. F. J. Payne, an uncle of Mr. Hughes, who passed away at the advanced age of 90 years.

THE very Rev. Dean Davis, past H. C. R. of the I.O.F., was in town last night for the purpose of installing the officers of Court Watford. Supper was served at Mitchell's bakery after the installation.

THOSE from a distance who attended the funeral of the late William Livingstone were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Down, Happen; Mr. and Mrs. Ramey and Mr. Arthur Thrower, London; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. House and Mr. Charles Livingstone, Port Dalhousie.

REBEV HALL of Warwick is being congratulated on all sides on his election by acclamation to the Warden's chair of Lambton. His father made an efficient and popular Warden in 1889 and no doubt the son will be just as capable in 1916.

MR. AND MRS. E. H. DE GEX, Chantry Farm, Kerwood, announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Isabel Frances and Major E. N. Chesham, 110th Battalion, C.E.F., Stratford, son of the late A. N. Chesham, of Hertford, Hertfordshire, England. The marriage to take place on Thursday, February 10th.

THE Lambton Corn Growers' Association opened the annual show in Petrolia on Wednesday with a record number of entries. It is the largest display the association has ever been able to present. Roads are in bad condition, but the attendance of exhibitors and spectators today was good. There are visitors from all parts of the country and the hall is well filled with exhibits.

THE Watford soldiers were entertained by the A. Y. P. A. in Trinity church basement on Tuesday evening. Lunch was served and a good program of music helped to pass a couple of hours away very pleasantly. On Wednesday the boys in khaki went out to Geo. Bowles's Brook, where they were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Bowke.

MR. MOSES BROWN of Spokane, Wash., a half-brother of J. D. Brown, of Watford, died on Saturday, January 15th, last week of a balance, aged 75 years. He is survived by two daughters, his wife having predeceased him nearly two years ago. Mr. Brown was here last fall and will be remembered by many as a hale and hearty old gentleman.

At the Old Maid's Convention to be held in the Lyceum on Friday evening, Miss Cleopatra Belle Brown will sing "Why don't the men propose?" Carrie Nation Pankhurst will give the audience many good reasons why women should vote. An interesting debate on dress reform will take place, the leading speakers being Sisters Belinda Bluegrass and Mary Ann Braddler. Doors open at 7.30. Convention called to order at 8 o'clock. Admission 25c. No seats reserved.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Congregational Church, Bramford, last week a balance on hand of nearly \$100 was reported. Rev. M. Kelly, formerly of Watford, in opening the meeting, thanked the congregation for their loyalty and devotion and in referring to his own efforts said that so many things came into the minister's life that it was impossible to report in full a list of his achievements. One could tabulate the number of baptisms or marriages or funerals, but it was impossible to definitely state the many little and various things a minister was called upon to do. All the various organizations in the church showed progress.

ON MONDAY evening a meeting was held in the public library for the purpose of organizing a Reading Club. Dr. Braithwaite, president of the Western University presided. A course of historical reading dealing with some of the countries engaged in the present war was decided upon. An outline of study was made which should prove very interesting and instructive to all who decide to follow the course of reading as mapped out. The first meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th, to which all who are interested are cordially invited. The following officers were appointed: Hon. Pres., Dr. Braithwaite; Pres., Mr. Arthur Brown; Executive Committee, Miss B. Mitchell, Mrs. Connolly, Dr. Howden; Sec. Treas., Miss E. Hume.

SOME of the curiosities of the dead letter branch of the P. O. Department as revealed by the annual report of the Postmaster-General were letters and parcels including four golf balls, six bibles, one cholera belt, one German militia book, 85 books, 85 brochures, two character certificates, 33 marriage certificates, 64 cigars, six crucifixes, eight corsets, five diamond rings, 150 gold rings, 63 gold watches, four hair switches, four marriage licenses, eight night robes, 17 pedicures, eight artificial teeth, one wedding vest, 18 towels, one wedding cake, thirteen wills, one lottery policy, 32 packages of gum, one package of champagne, two fur coats, 17 gold bracelets and nine pairs of trousers.



Lt.-Col. Bradley, C. O. Lambtons 149

For the past twelve years Col. Bradley has been a practicing physician in Sarnia. In July he joined the No. 2 Field Ambulance Corps at London, and was slated to take a draft of 60 men overseas, when on the sudden death of the late Col. Kelly he was offered the command of the Lambton Battalion. He is 43 years old.

MISS CLARA MORGAN is visiting friends in London.

It is not better to go willingly at \$1.10 a day, than by force at 12c a day. Which shall it be?

It is not the want of courage that keeps men from enlisting, but the failure to appreciate the seriousness of the situation.

MISS MATTIE BRYSON and Allie Harper leave Monday to enter the Port Huron Hospital to train for nurses. We wish the girls every success.

KITCHENER'S APPEAL: "I rely confidently on all sides on his election by acclamation to the Warden's chair of Lambton. His father made an efficient and popular Warden in 1889 and no doubt the son will be just as capable in 1916."

THE Watford Company of the 149th Battalion, will attend divine service on Sunday morning next at the Presbyterian Church.

MR. A. R. BROWN, of the Watford High School staff will conduct the service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening next.

J. E. ARMSTRONG, M.P., is rapidly recovering after an operation for appendicitis and is now located in Ottawa and will attend to all correspondence.

THERE are a great number of cases of illness in this district and the doctors are kept pretty busy. The unseasonable weather is responsible for a good deal of the illness.

THE Zion Epworth League will visit the Watford Epworth League on Monday evening next, taking full charge of the meeting. All are looking forward to a very profitable time. All are welcome.

AFTER this week lock box holders in the Watford postoffice will be able to get their mail until 9 o'clock each evening, as the front door will be left open until that hour.

MISS JEAN CAMERON, who has been an invalid with heart trouble for a very long time passed away on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Erie street. The funeral was held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock to the Watford cemetery, the Rev. J. C. Foster, Presbyterian minister, conducting the service.

The rearranged postoffice is completed and is a big improvement and more convenient for everyone concerned. The boxes run east and west on the north side of the building, with the general delivery near the center. At the west end of the public compartment is a roomy, wire-screened desk for money orders and registered matter, and at the rear of the premises there is ample room for the sorting tables and couriers' racks. The public will be quite satisfied with the re-arranged building until the new building is erected.

MR. WILLIAM LIVINGSTONE, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Livingstone, passed peacefully away on Thursday, Jan. 20th, at the Welland Hospital, St. Catharines, after a few days illness of pneumonia. The remains arrived in Watford on the noon train Friday and were taken to his father's home. The funeral was held on Monday the 24th. After a short service at the house the service was conducted at the Presbyterian church by Rev. J. C. Foster assisted by Rev. S. P. Irwin, town, and Rev. G. W. Connors, Toronto. The music was especially fitting; "Forever With the Lord"; "There is no Night in Heaven"; and a mixed quartette "Shall We Meet Beyond the River". The Rev. J. C. Foster concluded the last sad rites at the Watford cemetery in the presence of his near relatives and friends. The pall bearers were all old friends of the deceased, E. A. Brown, W. J. McLaren, P. J. Dodds, R. Moore, C. Howden and R. Prentiss. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, two sisters, Miss Edythe at home and Mrs. W. A. House, Port Dalhousie, and two brothers, Charlie at Port Dalhousie and Frank, Dundurn, Sask.

DESPITE the bad condition of the roads, the Watford Company, Lambtons 149, had an enjoyable march to Petrolia. The boys were delighted with the reception given them along the line. At

Kingscourt, John McCormick and James Thompson treated them to a generous lunch. Several farmers along the route gave the boys apples. The children of the schools on the road sang patriotic songs as they marched by. At Wyoming they were welcomed by Reeve Wilson and Council and given dinner and a pair of socks apiece. Continuing to Petrolia they were met at the out skirts by the band and the local recruits. Marching up Main Street they were cheered enthusiastically by the crowds of townspeople. An address of welcome was given them by Mayor Shirrett. The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church served the boys with supper and breakfast. Returning to Wyoming next day they were given dinner by the Red Cross Society and each man presented with another pair of socks and a box of candy. They then entrained for home well satisfied with their outing. The next long march will likely be south to Alvinston and Inwood.

BROOKE

Miss Bertha Edgar has returned to her home in Detroit after spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Pilot McLachlan.

Don't miss the famous play "A Kentucky Belle" to be given in the Walnut Methodist church on the evening of Friday, February 4th. Admission 25c and 15c.

P. D. McCallum, license inspector for East Lambton, brought action against three residents of the Township of Brooke, two from Sutorville, and one from Inwood, for being under the influence of liquor in Brooke, a local option municipality, and each was fined \$20.

Among the party of the detachment of the mechanical transport which left London on January 19 at 8.20 p.m. via the Grand trunk appears the name of Robert H. McCabe who is well known in this vicinity, having been a school teacher until he enlisted. "Bob" attended the Watford high school. He will make a good standard of soldier.

Owing to the very disagreeable weather on Jan. 6, the meeting of the Red Cross Workers' Union was not very well attended, but trust that all things being favorable there will be a good turnout of workers at the next meeting which is to be at Mrs. Bert King's on Wednesday, February 2. There is more than ever to be done, so everybody please try to come.

There was a fierce animal fight in the northern part of the township on Tuesday in which two bulls and an expert herdsman had a mixup. Despite the fact that one animal had no trainer and had to plan his own line of offense and defence he succeeded in conquering his opponent, to the utter disgust of the enraged animal. If the boss didn't pilot the boats in Lake Erie better than John can pilot a bull fight there would be many wrecks to report each season.

Watford Co. of Lambtons 149 Battalion were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bowles of the 12th line of Brooke on Wednesday. In spite of the fact that the roads were in such shape as would lead one to look for May 24th inside of a week, the quality and quantity of the meal provided at the end of the trip more than made up for the difficulties of the journey. Mr. Sherman Hair provided for some 15 or 20 of the company, the balance dining at Mr. Bowles'. After dinner a few songs were rendered by different members of the company and after photographs had been taken and cheers given for the host and hostess the boys started back for Watford, making the return trip in very good time. Friends along the road very kindly provided the boys with baskets of apples which were much appreciated.

WARWICK

Reeve Hall and Deputy Hobbs are in Sarnia this week attending the session of the county council.

The Warwick Branch of the W. I. held a very successful meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Fallon on Wednesday Jan. 13th. There were 13 members present and a pleasant afternoon was spent in working for the Red Cross.

Sarnia Councillor Resigns

Sarnia, Jan. 25.—W. J. Proctor, member of Sarnia's Municipal Council for 30 years, resigned his seat to-night on account of a charge made to the effect that he could not legally qualify for the position of alderman. Alderman Proctor's resignation was only one of many unusual features of the Council meeting to-night. At the time of the nominations for the last election there was an unsettled account between the chief of the fire department and Mr. Proctor, amounting to \$11.70, for which the chief had purchased four blankets. A letter to a local paper some time after the election pointed out that, since Mr. Proctor was a creditor of the town, he could not qualify for his seat, and therefore must resign. Alderman Proctor's resignation was accepted and an adjournment was made for three weeks to allow his place to be filled. Mr. Proctor is confident he will be back in his seat at the end of that time.

Norah Molton, a girl of about fifteen years of age, employed as a domestic at the home of J. J. Foley, Whitby, was found dead in bed. She had retired not feeling well and had taken a dose of medicine.