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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.

RAGS are going up in price, but nobody is wearing them blatantly.

DR. SAWIERS has moved into his residence, opposite Mr. Andrew McDonnell's, Ontario Street.

ANY PIECE of enamelled ware in our south window 25c cash, Saturday only.

ON CERTAIN days the most popular officer in the Lambtons 149 is paymaster Capt. Smyth.

A CHATHAM soldier is ill from German measles. This is the irony of fate with a vengeance.

NEW SILK and knitted cravats opened this week.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE Sportsmen's Patriotic Association will present the royal colors to the 70th Batt. Col. Towers is delighted with the thoughtfulness of the Association.

CAPT J. E. HAHN of the 27th Regt., who left here with the 1st Battalion as interpreter has been awarded the military cross for gallant and distinguished service.

AT present it does not look as though there would be any unemployment problem in the rural districts next summer, and there should be none in the cities and towns.

WYOMING boasts that its lock-up will compare favorably with any village of its size in Western Ontario. Probably no place its size needs a lock-up more than Wyoming.

A COMPANY of the Lambtons 149 will parade to the Congregational Church next Sunday morning. Dr. E. E. Braithwaite, principal of the Western University, London, will preach.

A GERMAN in Ottawa walked out of Church of the Blessed Sacrament when the parish priest delivered a recruiting sermon. What a man who approves of Germany doing in a church anyhow?

OVER 90,000 Presbyterians voted against church union, and it is considered unlikely that the General Assembly will attempt to force union on such a large minority. Less than 150,000 voted in favor of union.

NEW PRINTS, new galateas, new ginghams opened this week. The colors are absolutely fast.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE Dresden Times says:—"This is no time to keep the flag pole bare. The school authorities should keep the Union Jack waving at the masthead." This remark is as applicable to Watford as to Dresden.

THE Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church will entertain the soldiers at a social evening in the school room Friday from 8 to 10 o'clock, where a good program will be furnished and refreshments served.

THE Germans have lost over 25,000 men in their attack in the Champagne district. Well, Champagne has been the downfall of many men before this, but it looks as though it would be an unpopular tipple in Germany after the war.

THE DEATH of Charles Shaper of Newton, N.Y., of paralysis at the early age of 103 years should be a warning to those men who persist in using tobacco. Since a boy he had chewed tobacco and at one time ran a distillery. But for his bad habits he might have lived another 25 years.

THIS is the year for a liberal to occupy the Warden's chair. Several names are put forward as likely candidates, among them being Wm. Hall of Warwick, Reeve Simpson of Enniskillen and Reeve John McCallum of Alvinston. It is a long time since the honor came to this part of the county and Reeve Hall would make a capable warden. His chances of securing the position should be good.

INSTRUCTIONS have been issued by Robert Newman, Inspector of moving picture theatres for Ontario, stating that an order-in-council has been passed in Toronto, changing the theatre and cinematograph act, so that a moving picture house can put on only one act in the course of a performance, the act to last not more than 15 minutes, with only two people on the boards.

AMONG those mentioned in the list of honors accorded Canadians for distinguished service and bravery in action, announced by cable from London last week, is the name of Sergt. F. C. C. Newell of the 1st Battalion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newell of Warwick Village. In these strenuous times the letters D. C. M. after a man's name counts for more than all the college degrees put together. Sergt. Newell's friends and acquaintances are proud of him.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Watford Women's Institute was held at home of Mrs. P. Humphries on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12th, the president presiding. Meeting opened by singing "The Maple Leaf". The Institute has decided to do more Red Cross work for January month in making mattress covers and socks for the Canadian Hospital in England. Miss Nellie Kennel gave a violin solo with Mamie Moir playing the accompaniments on the piano, which was good. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.—Sec.

WHEAT up, butter and eggs down. Beans out of sight.

MR. HERB SMITH, Allan, Sask., called on Watford friends on Saturday.

FIRST SHOWING of new spring silks and dress goods this week.—A. BROWN & CO.

MRS. THEXTON left on Wednesday for Detroit where she will spend the balance of the winter.

THE REV. GEO. W. CONNER, of Toronto, has accepted the pastorate of the Watford and Calvary Baptist churches. He will commence his duties at once.

MRS. FRANK LEE, nee Miss Ada Finlayson, Reno, Neb., formerly of Watford, visited at Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Class' last week.

THERE will be a meeting of the Young Ladies' Patriotic Society on Monday afternoon at 4.30 at Mrs. Connolly's. Anyone interested in this work is welcome.

ALWAYS keep your temper. It is worth more to you than anyone else. It is as well to be careful also about giving a piece of your mind. Those who do it most frequently have little to spare.

BRITONS flocked in millions to the colors and showed the world that freemen are able and willing to defend their country without compulsion. Canadian freemen, you have as much at stake. Show up.

ENLIST! The British Empire is straining every nerve to hold the Huns in check. Will England and Canada share the fate of Belgium and Serbia, or will they use God given strength to combat barbarism's onslaught?

J. C. WEBBER, Rochester, N. Y., a reservist of the Queen's Own, Toronto, is returning to Canada to take a commission in one of the Toronto battalions. Mr. Webber is a brother of Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Snell of Watford.

DR. E. E. BRAITHWAITE, president of Western University, will preach another Sunday in the Watford and Zion Congregational churches. His subjects will be: Morning—"Does God care?" Evening—"Hereditry and its Gospel."

THERE will be a grand fancy dress carnival at Fowler's Rink on Monday evening next, Jan. 24th, when a long list of cash prizes will be competed for. The band will be in attendance and skaters in costume will be admitted free. See bills for prize list.

THERE is to be a public installation of the officers of Court Watford of the Independent Order of Foresters for 1916 on Wednesday evening of next week at their hall here. All members and visiting members and their lady friends are invited. One or more High Court officers are to be present and address the meeting.

AN old criminal was once asked what was the first step that led him to ruin, and he said: "The first thing that led me to my downfall was cheating an editor out of two year's subscription. When I had done that the devil had such a grip on me that I could not shake him off."—Greenwood Ledger.

THE Watford Company of the Lambtons 149 left Thursday morning at eight o'clock for a route march to Petrolia. The arrangements are for them to take dinner at Wyoming and then proceed to Petrolia, where they will remain all night, starting for home some time on Friday morning. At Wyoming they were entertained by the village council at dinner.

AN exchange says that an editor once applied at the door of Hades for admission. "Well," replied his sable majesty, "we let one of your profession in here many years ago, and I kept up a continual row with his former delinquent subscribers, and as we have more of that class of persons than any other, we have passed a law prohibiting the admission of editors."

DR. WINN, of Alvinston, D. D. G. M. of the Masonic craft for St. Clair District, No. 2, paid an official visit to Havelock lodge on Tuesday evening last. Bro. E. A. Brown, master of the lodge, put on the work in a perfect manner and he and his officers were complimented by the D. D. G. M. on their proficiency. After closing down refreshments were served in the lodge room and a pleasant hour spent in speech, song and story.

A MEETING will be held in the basement of the public library on Monday evening, Jan. 24, to organize a Reading Club. The purpose of the club is to take a short course of historical reading which will tend to throw light upon some of the phases of the present world-wide war. The organization and general conduct of the club will be under the control of Western University, London. President Braithwaite will be present on Monday evening to arrange details of organization. The public of Watford and vicinity are cordially invited to attend this meeting on Monday evening.

THE T. Marks Company played to a fair-sized audience in the Lyceum on Wednesday night. Owing to Mr. Tom Marks being called to London by serious illness in the family the Company changed the bill and played "Bought and Paid For." The play was well received, and the numerous vaudeville stunts between the acts gave pleasure and satisfaction to the audience. Tonight (Thursday) "The Man From Canada" will be produced and the prices will be reduced to 35, 25 and 15 cents. The Company is well worth hearing. If you enjoy good clean drama and vaudeville go to the Lyceum to-night.—Thurs. day.

MISS LULU G. CLARK visited friends in Arkona last Sunday.

MRS. W. D. CAMERON, who has been visiting in Forget, Sask., for some time, arrived home on Sunday.

MISS R. F. REED, trained nurse, Watford, has been notified that she has been added to the staff of nurses at the Ontario War Hospital at Orphington, Kent County, England, and she expects to start for the old land shortly. Miss Reed was one of the first nurses in Western Ontario to offer her services when the war broke out, and her many friends will be glad to hear that she is now going to do her bit for king and country.

AMONG the coming events that are being looked forward to with much interest is the amusing drama "The Spinner's Convention", which will be given in the Lyceum on Friday evening next, Jan. 28th, by a number of young ladies. The drama is an exceedingly amusing affair and as the proceeds will be divided between the Public Library and Red Cross work it will no doubt draw a big crowd.

THERE is hardly a house in Watford where one of the household is not afflicted with the gripe or heavy cold, the changeable weather of a week ago having left a lot of sickness behind. The gripe is no joke, as anyone who has had it can testify. The form it has taken this year is of such a character as to make it particularly dangerous. It has spread throughout the entire country with alarming rapidity and where people have persistently refused to care for themselves, it has developed in many instances into pneumonia of a most dangerous type. To those who have not yet been affected, we advise keeping out of crowded places and keeping away from those who have had coughs and heavy colds, and to keep the feet dry, first, last and all the time.

WORKMEN are busy making extensive changes in the Watford postoffice. Assistant Inspector McLean was here a short time ago and he reported to the Department that the accommodation was altogether inadequate for the large amount of business done through the office. Shortly afterwards Postmaster Luckham received word from Ottawa to make arrangements to extend the premises. This has been done by taking in the whole of the vacant store in front. A new furnace has been installed in the building. The lock and call boxes and general delivery wicket will be moved to the front, and the public entrance to the office will be on Main Street. The rear part of the building will be used as a sorting room for the rural mail carriers. It is expected that the new part will be ready for occupancy the end of this week or early next. The public will welcome the change as the old premises were a disgrace both to the Department and the town. With the changes made the public will be satisfied until after the close of the war, when the erection of the new building will likely be proceeded with.

THE Watford Company of 149th "Lambton's Own," attended divine service in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning last, in charge of Sergeant Davies. The pulpit and choir loft were draped with Union Jacks, and the hymns and sermon were specially appropriate. Rev. F. G. Robinson spoke from the words of David to Goliath, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the Armies of Israel, whom thou has defied." From this subject Mr. Robinson showed "the necessity of being actuated by a true spirit in order to win victories," and in conclusion congratulated the Watford boys on their splendid appearance, and trusted their numbers would increase until the unit was complete, and that they would bring added fame and lustre to the British flag, this fair domain and honor to the town of Watford, for Watford and Lambton will ever be proud of her boys. "Be strong, and of good courage, quit ye like men." Rev. Mr. Coupland led in prayer and Miss Lovell gave a solo.

Gray-Clark

St. Mary's Church, Watford, was the scene of a happy event on Saturday, January 15th, when Ivah L., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clark was united in marriage to Mr. Robt. S. Gray, son of Mrs. Robt. Gray, Parkhill. The Rev. Mr. Shore officiated. The wedding march was played by the bride's sister, Mrs. F. G. Doman. After the ceremony lunch was served at the bride's home, only the immediate relatives being present.

The bride who was a member of St. Mary's Church and A.Y.P.A. will be much missed in the church and surrounding community.

The happy couple left on the two forty train from Forest for a short trip to eastern points after which they will be at home to their friends at the groom's home in Parkhill.

Watford Postoffice Business

From the Postmaster General's report for the year ending March 31st, 1915, the following figures show to the business done at the Watford postoffice:—
Gross Postal Revenue.....\$4097 97
No. of Money Orders issued... 2575
Total amount M. O. issued...\$38748 25
No. of Moneys paid... 1396
Total amount M. O. paid...\$17365 26
Total amount of Postal Notes paid.....\$1938 78

East Lambton Agricultural Society

The annual meeting of the above Society was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was larger than for many years. J. Farrell, president, presided and the Secretary, Col. Kenward presented the financial statement for the year as follows:—

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Prizes, 1914.....	\$ 19 60
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Attractions.....	91 20
Concert.....	57 60
Printing, postage, etc.....	87 90
Meals.....	42 40
Judges.....	47 00
Assistance at show and repairs..	53 50
Sundry accounts.....	100 35
Salaries.....	42 00
Balance.....	261 95
\$1617 75	
DR.	
Balance on hand.....	\$177 98
Government grant.....	268 00
County grant.....	100 00
Members' fees.....	124 00
Gate receipts.....	657 40
Grand stand.....	40 57
Concert.....	61 80
Hoaths.....	42 00
Cash Subscriptions.....	67 00
Members retained, 1916.....	78 00
\$1617 75	

The following officers were elected for 1916:

President—John Farrell.
1st Vice-Pres.—S. Bailey.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Dr. McGillicuddy.
Directors—J. F. Elliott, C. E. Jones, W. H. Harper, E. A. Brown, R. McCormick, W. D. McKenzie, W. Parker, D. Cameron and John Zavitz.
Honorary Directors—W. Annett, E. Pressey, D. Campbell, J. Gilliland, S. Edwards and W. Taylor.
Auditors—W. McLeay and F. J. Hughes.

J. F. Elliott was elected delegate to the Western Fairs Association meeting to be held in Petrolia on the 27th inst., and J. Farrell delegate to the Ontario Fairs Association.

It was decided to conduct a Standing Field Competition, and to again secure Departmental Judges for the Fair. Meeting adjourned until the first Saturday in June.

From Old Subscribers

Dr. Kenward, of San Francisco, in paying for the Guide-Advocate up to Jan. 1915, says:—"Like all the rest of the Old Subscribers, I couldn't get along without it."

Phil McLeay, Irvine, Alberta, also pays for the paper to Jan. 1st, 1916. He says: "On Jan. 11th the glass dropped to 53 below at 8 o'clock—the coldest snap in 25 years."

Mrs. L. Hanna, Kelso, B. C., writes:—"We like to get the Watford news and would miss your paper very much."

There are several other Old Subscribers that we would like to hear from. Look at the label on your paper and see if it is not up to you to write us.

WARWICK.

Miss Eva M. Berryhill, London, visited her friend Miss Kate Saunders last week.

Mrs. Russel Clark and daughter, Helen, of Petrolia, are spending a week in Warwick.

Mr. Oliver Birchard, Dunkirk, Sask., formerly of the 4th line, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Miss Mabel McGugan and Miss Effie Sherk attended the Clark-Gray wedding in Warwick Saturday.

Mrs. G. R. Rivers and little son, Harold, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rivers, Strathroy.

Mr. John A. Morgan, of Duluth, Minn., arrived home Saturday to see his mother, Mrs. James Morgan, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Smith, of Allan, Sask., are spending the winter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Smith, Strathroy, formerly of 18 sideroad.

S. A. G. Barnes, who was elected School Trustee at Edmonton by a very large vote last month has now received the honor of chairman of the board. The Lambton boys get there every time.

A meeting of the Women's Patriotic League will be held at the home of Mrs. Maw, corner of Egremont Road and Warwick and Plympton Townline on Wednesday afternoon, January 26th.

The farm on the second line owned by the late Mrs. Mary Raney O'Rourke has been sold. Mrs. O'Rourke had this farm in her possession for 32 years ending this month. Quite a long time for a piece of property to remain in one person's possession.

Henry Shannon, whose death was reported recently in these columns was born in Waterloo County. He was a resident of Lambton for over thirty years prior to moving to Ohio four years ago. Mrs. Shannon survives also three sons, Elton, of Huntsburg, Ohio; Arthur, of Vancouver and Harry, of Montville, Ohio.

A very successful patriotic tea was held on Thursday Eve., Jan. 13th, under the auspices of the Wisbeach Patriotic League at the home of Mrs. George Conkey. The program was supplied by

local talent present. An interesting feature being a report given by Mrs. F. Conkey, who had just returned from the lecture given in Hyman Hall, London, on Red Cross work. A very dainty lunch was served and proceeds amounted to \$25, also 15 pairs of socks were taken in.

The annual meeting of Clark & Ross Warwick Butter Factory will be held in the Town Hall, Warwick Village, on Friday, January 21st, at 2 p.m. The Auditors and Secretary's reports for 1915 will be given and all business arrangements be made for the working of the factory for the year 1916. An expert on the care and testing of cream is expected to address the meeting. A large attendance of patrons and intending patrons is requested.—J. E. COLLIER, Secty.

Twenty-five ladies showed their interest in Red Cross work by attending the first meeting of the Women's Patriotic League held this year at the home of Mrs. Ed. Thomson, who graciously looked after the comfort of her guests. Quilting, shirt making and knitting occupied willing fingers and much work was accomplished. A letter of appreciation for the money contributed to the 149th Battalion from Lt.-Col. Bradley was read. The meeting closed with the reading of the 34th Psalm and prayers by Rev. Mr. Shore. Donations in cash \$12.75.

BROOKE

Come and see the famous play "A Kentucky Belle" to be given in the Walnut Methodist Church on the evening of Friday, February 4th.

The Willing Workers Sewing Circle of the Twelfth Line East Brooke, intend having a social evening in the school house No. 10, on Tuesday, January 25th. A pleasing program is being prepared. Mr. Neil McDougall, P.S.I., is expected to be present and give an address. After the program a lunch will be served. A silver collection is asked for to help in the work of the Sewing Circle.—Everybody welcome.

The regular meeting of the Brooke Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. Campbell. Despite the severe weather a goodly number were present and an interesting program took place. After the business was finished Miss Kate McLachlan gave a reading consisting of a poem written as a tribute to the late Miss Cavell; Miss Clark gave a splendid patriotic reading and Miss Ella Clothier an interesting paper on "Thoughts for the New Year." Mrs. Shugg gave an excellent demonstration on tart making. The roll call—jokes—was well responded to. After the usual closing the hostess served a really dainty lunch.

BORN

In Warwick, on January 6th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan a son.—James Burton.

In Warwick, on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Blythe, a son.

DIED.

In Forest, on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 1916, Mr. Charles Walker, in his 86th year.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Francis B. Doan, beloved husband of Charlotte Doan, who died 23rd of January, 1915. Gone to Heaven, to be forever with the Lord.

WIFE AND CHILDREN.

CHOP STUFF

A second battalion has been authorized for Essex County.

Essex fair received \$300 wet weather insurance from the Government.

The farmers of Anderdon will do a lot of tile draining in the spring, sufficient tile to put down 16 miles of drains having been purchased.

If the old saying about "whipped curs whining" has any substance to it, then Germany must be about whipped, for it has been strenuously and pitifully whining since its setback at the Marne.

Sarnia dog fanciers contemplate holding a show in that city at an early date. The show will be a ribbon show and will be open to quite a number of different breeds of dogs, and we have no doubt but will be a success.

James McLister, of Bothwell, has returned home from a continuous voyage from Southern Patagonia, South America, via Buenos Ayers and England, having spent nearly three years as driller in that foreign field.

Plympton township recount places Mr. Patterson in, and Mr. Burney out of the township council. The recount showed Mr. Patterson to have 348 votes and Mr. Burney 340. A mistake of placing 68 for 86 in sub-division five made the difference.

The Lambton County Council meets on Tuesday, January 25th, and at some time during the session it is expected that the increasing of the grant to the Canadian Patriotic Fund will be dealt with. The people want the County to grant \$5,000 monthly for this purpose, and it is to be hoped that their wish will be met without a murmur. This fund should be maintained through a system of taxation and the sooner the people of the Dominion realize it the better it will be for those charged with the duty of looking after the families of the men in khaki. We hope that Lambton will do its duty without further urging.—Petrolia Advertiser