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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.

THE pussy willows are in bud.
NEXT Sunday will be Palm Sunday.
EASTER LINEN DISPLAY at SWIFT'S.
ARE you going to make a garden this year?

FORD TIRES at \$15.00 and up.—R. MORNINGSTAR. mr8-1f

ALEX. ZIMMERMAN has purchased the pool room of Wm. Collins, Strathroy.

WATFORD FAIR will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

SPRING MILLINERY now ready.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE ash piles look untidy but they represent a heap of money, work and worry.

MR. JOHN LIVINGSTONE has sold his house on John street to Sergt.-Major A. Owens.

J. H. HUMPHRIES sold a fine team of heavy horses to a Tavistock man last week for \$400.

SOX for the boys at all, wool, 75c. and \$1.00 a pair.—SWIFT'S.

PORT HURON banks now charge a discount of two per cent on all Canadian money, checks and other paper.

THE MERCHANTS BANK has placed its newspaper advertising in the hands of A. McKim, Limited, Montreal, publicity agents.

BEAVER STRAK is the newest Canadian delicacy which the war has brought into use. It seems too bad to eat the national trade-mark.

COLORITE the perfect hot enamel, 10 new and popular colors to choose from.—T. DODDS & SON.

MISS WILLIAMS' MILLINERY STORE will be opened March 21st. Call and see the bargains in hats and other lines of fancy goods. 15-2

IN Sweden tea is selling at \$8 a pound, gasoline \$2 a gallon and auto tires \$500 each. Canadians apparently don't know what war really is.

FOR the purpose of food production Walkerville council will expend \$5,000 for the purchase of young hogs to eat up municipal garbage.

BIG RANGE of navy dress goods, 65c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50.—SWIFT'S.

AN exchange chuckles that after years of practice in showing others how they can't evade drafts, the bank clerks themselves are finally caught.

THE editor of the Alvinston paper intends to engage in farming this year and will leave the paper in the hands of Mr. Angus McLean after April 1st.

FRANCK has again adopted the daylight-saving plan for the summer months. The only countries opposed to it are those that have not tried it.

WE have a good heavy overall at \$1.60.—SWIFT'S.

RENEW your London papers at once if you wish to get in on the old rate. Our last remittance at the \$3.00 rate will be made Saturday noon, March 30th.

LEGISLATION is being passed carrying out a treaty entered into between Great Britain and the United States that no spring shooting will be permitted.

EASTER MILLINERY now ready for your inspection.—A. BROWN & CO.

AT a meeting of the casket manufacturers in London an advance of 10 per cent in their prices was made, making the coffin cost 50 per cent. above peace time.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT assembled on Monday without any of the usual fuss and immediately got down to the business of speeding up Canada's work in the war.

TOWNSHIP COUNCILS may now levy a poll tax of \$5 on foreigners, and councils may commute statute labor at \$3 per day instead of \$1.50, as labor is now worth more than the latter sum.

CHI-NAMEL varnish stains and graining system will make your home brighter for Easter visitors.—T. DODDS & SON.

THE NEW HATS—English, American and Canadian, \$2.50 and \$3.00.—SWIFT'S.

THE Rev. Murton Shore, rector of Watford, will preach in Trinity church this (Thursday) evening. Rev. H. K. Williams, of Wyoming, will be the special preacher next week.

TAM—"What sort of a meeniger hae ye the noo, Sandy?" Sandy—"We seldom get a glint of him. Sax days of the week he's enveesible and on the seventh he's incomprehensible."

THE 5th anniversary of the new Trinity church will be held on Sunday, April 7th. The Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, Rector of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, will preach morning and evening.

SANFORD LUCAS was elected Reeve of Alvinston Monday, by 92 votes over his opponent, John Brown. The vacancy was caused by the appointment of Reeve McCallum as county road inspector.

OUR SPRING STOCK of footwear has arrived, and comprises all styles for men, women, and the little folks. Dressy boots in dongola kid, gunmetal, patent colt and calf leathers. Call and let us show you. The prices are reasonable.—P. DODDS & SON.

EVERYTHING for house-cleaning from a tack to a washing machine.—T. DODDS & SON.

THE 1.16 train takes mail to Sarnia only, not intermediate points. This train also puts off a mail for Watford.

J. D. BROWN is rejoicing this week. He had another grandchild added to the number on Tuesday and now boasts of eight of them.

MISS MINIELLY will not have a formal millinery opening this season. Hats on display next week. Come and get Easter hat.

NO FORMAL OPENING this spring, but we will be pleased to have you visit our millinery show room at any time.—A. BROWN & CO.

THAT SPRING SUNSHINE this week seems to hit the spot and bring happiness to all. If it keeps on there will be an epidemic of spring fever.

THE time for the poster contest at the High School has been extended to Friday, April 12th, on account of examinations taking place before Easter.

MR. I. P. CHAMBERS, of Strathroy, has disposed of his property, corner Warwick and Erie streets, to Mr. S. J. Harper, who is living on the premises.

ACCORDING to the calendar to-day (Thursday) is the first day of spring, and it is certainly true to the name. Mild enough for May. Doors wide open, no fires on.

THE New Easter Suits and Coats Easter week.—SWIFT'S. Shown on living models every afternoon.

DR. MERRISON who opposed Mr. Pardee in West Lambton at the Federal elections, failed to receive half the number of votes polled by his opponent and consequently lost his deposit of \$200.

THE DIRECTORS of the East Lambton Agricultural Society will meet in Watford on Saturday, March 30th, at 2 p.m. to revise the prize list and transact any other business that may come before them.

DRAWING for the centrepiece donated to the Tecumseh Chapter, I.O.D.E., by Miss Marion Kelly, of Brockton, Alberta, was held Saturday evening. The lucky ticket, No. 98, was held by Russell Duncan, of Warwick.

EASTER DISPLAY in New Hats, Ties, Shirts and Collars.—SWIFT'S.

"BILLY" Sunday declares that he will never buy an article with the "Made in Germany" stamp on it. A whole lot of people have made up their minds in the same way. Fritz has a difficult time ahead of him after the signing of peace.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL St. Patrick's Day tea was held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald on Monday afternoon by a group of the members of Tecumseh Chapter, I.O.D.E. The proceeds amounted to about \$26.00.

A CHERFUL grate fire, shamrocks in abundance and a cordial welcome helped to make the shamrock tea held at Mrs. Fitzgerald's on Monday the 18th, a success. Twenty-six dollars to help buy yarn was the result.

THE Best Black Silks in Ontario, the kind that wears.—SWIFT'S.

A GOOD attendance is requested at Court Lane, C. O. F. on Monday evening next. The proposed readjustment of rates will be discussed, also delegates nominated to attend the next High Court meeting, to be held in Toronto in June.

THERE will be a union prayer meeting of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches on Thursday evening of this week. The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church at 7.45 p.m. Every person is invited to come and bring the "Songs for Service" hymn books.

OUR SPRING SHIPMENT of wall paper is here, comprising suitable patterns for every room in the house, English, Canadian, and American papers with borders to match, all shades, cut out and ordinary. Get your paper early while the stock is complete.—P. DODDS & SON.

ROCHE BROS. have resold the billiard tables purchased from Alex. Zimmerman to Temple & Chambers, finding that they had not sufficient room without cutting up their house in such a manner as to interfere with their commercial and farm accommodation.

WE have a complete line of tires, accessories and lenses and carry nothing but what our experience tells us is good. Buy your car wants at this garage and get our experience along with our service. Also free air.—R. MORNINGSTAR. mr8-1f

EASTER display at SWIFT'S. All the week from Saturday until Saturday.

T. A. GILLILAND and John J. Brown of the R.N.C.V.R., who are at present stationed at Devonport, England, have been promoted from ordinary seamen to petty officers. The friends of the young men in this vicinity will be glad to hear of their promotion.

SEVERAL RESIDENTS of Watford and vicinity are likely to be prosecuted for violation of the Ontario Temperance Act. At time of writing they are all on the anxious seat awaiting the action of the authorities, and in the meantime are gathering together a few dollars in case they should be needed.

TOM MARKS DRAMATIC CO. played "Peggie Me Darlint" to a fair-sized house in the Lyceum on Friday night. The play was well received as were also the different vaudeville acts. Tom Marks always gives a good clean show and pleases his audience.

EASTER SILK DISPLAY—lovely 36 inch in new shadings, \$1.00 to \$2.50.—SWIFT'S.

"One would think the war was an afternoon tea party," said Mrs. Gran Muldrew in speaking to the women of Edmonton last week. Mrs. Muldrew says, "Women still have afternoon teas, and many do not seem to realize that it is either food control or famine."

WHEN YOU WANT SHOES let us show you what we can do for you. Our spring shipment is here and comprises handsome, stylish shoes, well built, of fine quality and varied styles. Every pair an unusual value. A big assortment for ladies, men and children, and the price is right.—P. J. DODDS, the exclusive shoe store.

SILKS—best value in Ontario.—SWIFT'S.

BARGAIN SALES still continuing at Miss WILLIAMS' millinery store. Spring hats \$1.00. Flowers, feathers, ribbons, fancy silks, etc. Fancy chiffons for blouses 25c per yd., Berlin wools 10c oz., crocheted cottons 8c a spool, B.P.C. 3 spools for 25c, Cortecille silks 3 packages for 10c, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Call and get a bargain while the goods last. 15-2

THE wisdom of appointing a fuel controller for the town has been amply proved. Everyone now has a supply of coal, and no one was allowed to hog the shipments. The choice of Mr. W. H. Harper for the office was a good one. He has certainly earned the thanks of the public and whatever remuneration the council may give him. The settlement of coal bills through the bank is also a convenience.

EVERYTHING needed in a printing office has soared away up in price since the outbreak of the war. It is almost impossible to ask prices proportionate with the increased cost of material. To help to meet this increased cost we are forced to ask pay for many church, society and other announcements formerly printed for nothing. Also, we must ask prompt payment of all advertising and subscription accounts.

SMART TRENCH and pinch-back suits in long pants and bloomer.—SWIFT'S.

THE MEMBERS of Peabody Lodge, No. 99, I.O.O.F., their wives, sweethearts or other lady friends, spent an exceedingly profitable time in the lodge room on Wednesday evening. J. W. McNeil, of Strathroy, the district deputy grand master, was present, and the occasion was embraced to present Bro. P. J. Dodds with a D.D.G.M. medal as a mark of appreciation of his services to the district during last year. A tasty lunch was attractively served by the ladies, Bro. Cameron Coristine sang several songs in his usual pleasing manner and Bro. G. W. Conners gave an address, mellow with amusing reminiscences, ripe advice and kindly suggestion. Bro. W. Jones also gave a number of selections on his Victrola.

PERSONAL

Mr. E. F. Hawn left for his home in Tesser Sask. on Sunday.

Mr. I. P. Chambers, Strathroy, was a Watford visitor on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. C. Reid, Petrolia, is visiting her cousin, Miss Pearl Saunders.

Mr. E. C. Blake, of Goderich, is the new ledger keeper in the Sterling Bank here.

Mrs. J. Telfer and children, Roseton, Sask., are the guests of Mrs. W. S. Fuller.

T. W. Harris, who spent the winter in Watford, returned to Waskada, Man., on Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Hawn and daughter Jean left Sunday for their home in Westminster, B. C.

Mrs. Reginald F. Johnstone, of Saskatoon, Sask., was the guest last week of Mrs. F. A. McLean.

Mr. Marsh, superintendent of branches of the Sterling Bank, is visiting the Watford branch this week.

Colonel and Mrs. Kenward returned Wednesday from an extended visit with relatives in the United States.

BORN

In Watford, on Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Brandon, a son.

In Watford, on Tuesday, March 19th, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Ern Hume, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Watson Strathroy on March 17th, a daughter.—Mary Cathrine.

DIED

In Plympton, on Tuesday, March 5th, Wm. Hanley, aged 87 years.

In Forest on Wednesday, March 6th, Sarah, beloved wife of Donald Anderson, aged 67 years.

In Sarnia, on Saturday, March 9th, 1918, Andrew McMurtrie, aged 64 years.

In Watford, on Friday, March 15th, 1918, Dorothy Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Laird, aged 5 years, 1 month, 1 day.

Safe Register

Thursday, March 28th, farm stock of Mrs. McIlmurray, Watford. See ad.

The Grand Trunk will not pay any dividend this year.

WARWICK

Mr. Fred Eastman, Detroit, spent the week end with Birnam friends.

Mr. Russell Watson has returned home after spending a few days in Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezekie Vance, Sarnia, have moved to Birnam, where they will reside with their daughter, Mrs. Oliver Gare.

Miss Rheta Higgins returned home after spending a few weeks' visit with relatives in Sarnia, Port Huron and Marysville.

Mrs. Archie S. Wiley, of Brooke, is spending two weeks among friends and relatives on Main Road, Warwick, also in Adelaide.

Complete line of Spring Shoes at P. J. DODDS' shoe store. All the new styles in leading makes. Substantial, handsome goods at right prices.

Walter Hare of Bosanquet Township has sold his farm of 95 acres to Jonathan Davis of West Williams for \$8,000. Mr. Hare will move to Arkona shortly.

Capt. J. E. Thompson of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson, 18 sideroad, has been recently appointed head Dental Officer at Minto Barricks, Winnipeg.

The collections of the Wisbeach Patriotic League for the month of February amounted to \$25.10. Sent to Hyman Hall 12 suits of pyjamas and 7 pair of fingerless mittens; sent to Mrs. McPhedman 25 pair of socks.

At a meeting of the patrons of the Warwick Creamery held on Thursday last J. E. Collier was elected salesman to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Clark taking a position in a factory near Glencoe. At the close of the meeting Mr. Clark was tendered a resolution of appreciation of past services rendered the patrons and an assurance of their patronage should he ever again wish to locate amongst them.

The March meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday, 14th, at the home of Mrs. D. Falloon. This being a disagreeable day only 14 ladies were present. Meeting opened with singing and prayer. A busy afternoon was spent in sewing and knitting for soldiers' comforts. Mrs. Robinson gave a report of the Red Cross meeting at Uttoxeter on Feb. 19th in honor of Miss Kepple, a returned nurse and who has since returned to England. Bale packed contained 11 grey flannel shirts, 11 pyjama suits, 19 pairs socks to Toronto. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Laird in the death of their youngest daughter, Dorothy Jean, which occurred at their home, second line, S.E.R., on Friday, March 15th, at the age of 5 years, 1 month and 1 day. The little sufferer was ill for about two weeks with broncho-pneumonia and her death proved a serious shock to the bereaved parents. The funeral was held on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. from the residence of Mrs. Laird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fair, McGregor St., Watford, and was largely attended. Interment made in Watford cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Forster, assisted by Rev. A. C. Tiffin. The bearers were R. Auld, M. Leggate, Gordon and Allan McKenzie.

BROOKE

Mr. Thos. Higgins, 12th line, spent last week with friends in Sarnia and Point Edward.

Let us show you our new spring stock of shoes. We have the goods that will please you.—P. J. DODDS' Exclusive Shoe Store, Watford.

On Monday evening, March 4th, the young people of Sutorville gathered at the home of Mrs. Healy, twelfth line, to spend a social time with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mansfield, who are leaving shortly for the West. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield were presented with an address and a set of silver knives and forks as a slight token of the esteem in which the young people were held by the people of that vicinity. All joined in wishing them every success and happiness in their new home at Kincaid, Sask.

The concert given Friday evening under the auspices of the Red Cross Workers' Union was a decided success. A long and varied program, consisting of readings, solos and music, was presented to a crowded house. Mr. Farrel presided in his usual efficient manner. The floral cotillion given by the girls was especially pleasing, while the play, "A Perplexing Situation," held the attention of the audience from the beginning to the end. The tickets for the two pair of socks were drawn during the evening by Graham Woods. The lucky tickets were held by Mrs. K. McNaughton and Mr. J. Greer, the latter offering his for auction. Mr. P. Cran secured these for \$1.65. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$78.90, which will be devoted to patriotic purposes.

Canadian Casualties To Date

In his speech in the Commons Tuesday Sir Robert Borden gave the Canadian casualties to date as totalling 149,043, made up as follows:

Killed	25,744
Died of wounds	8,612
Died of disease	1,901
Wounded	105,250
Prisoners	2,757
Presumed dead	2,845
Missing	827

General News Boiled Down

Four thousand garment workers are on strike at Chicago.

The Canadian Banks will loan money to purchase seed at 6 per cent.

Sugar beets will be grown in the vacant part of a Hamilton cemetery.

Tests are again being made of Kettle Point shale for heating purposes.

The U. S. is now launching a ship a day and expects to double the output in May.

245 pounds of dynamite were found hidden in a shipbuilding yard at Chester, Pa.

The value of fish landed in Canada during February was almost a million dollars.

Six hundred and seventy million pounds of war bonds have been sold in Great Britain so far.

During February the allies made 23 air raids on German towns, 12 persons were killed and 36 injured.

Fifty horses of a government shipment of 726 were poisoned by Germans at Covington, Ky., the other day.

Twenty people were burned to death in a lumber camp at Alvin Siding, N. S., on Friday.

The British Board of Trade returns show increases in imports and exports for February, despite the submarine.

The politicians at Ottawa commenced scrapping before the house had been in session many hours.

The wheat crop in the vicinity of Woodstock is a failure. In East Missouri there is not an exception of ten fields.

It is proposed to abolish the police station at Brantford as there is little use for it now since the Ontario Temperance Act came in force.

Rioting of four hours duration occurred in Belfast last Saturday between Sinn Feiners, police and militia. There were many casualties.

The law regarding standard flour came into effect Friday. Most bakers claim it is just as good as the high grade for making palatable bread.

The food board has secured the consent of the U. S. food administrator to allow one million pounds of oleo per month to come to Canada.

Two young men in New York took in three-quarters of a million dollars in seven years by checking hats and coats in restaurants, etc.

Three American soldiers were asphyxiated by the fumes of a charcoal stove in the dugout where they went hoping to escape a German gas attack.

Germany is seeking to secure the assistance of Spain by promising the latter Portugal, Gibraltar, and the French possessions in North Africa.

The first of the wooden cargo steamers being constructed in the United States was launched at Newark last week. 22 others are under contract.

John Dillon thinks Ireland faces severe trials and that the country is verging on the most momentous struggle in tragic history in which the conditions will be terrible.

The Brantford Cordage Co., may close down this season on account of the shortage of hemp. This firm is one of the largest binder twine manufacturers in the Dominion.

Fifteen thousand boys between the ages of 15 and 19 are expected to be enrolled by the end of this week in Toronto as "Soldiers of the Soil" to help in raising the biggest crops Ontario has ever produced.

Although some gas employed by the Germans is sudden and deadly in action, they also use other kinds that steal on their victims so gradually that the victims hardly know it until they become deadly ill.

In 1871 the population of Alsace-Lorraine was about 1,600,000. All those who signed the declaration that they wanted to remain French, totalling 620,000, left the country. Since then, and prior to the present war, 400,000 more left.

Millers throughout Canada have been warned that insistence by them, as a condition in the shipment of feed for stock, that flour also be purchased, will be considered by the Canada food board as sufficient cause to warrant cancellation of the license of any offending mill.

Great quantities of fish and meat, valued at many thousands of dollars, and held in various cold storage plants throughout Montreal, were ordered destroyed during the past 30 days, as being unfit for human consumption, according to extracts from the records of Food Inspector Boucher, made public Tuesday.

Up to the end of October last, the time when an increase in pensions was authorized by order-in-council, the monthly sum of \$127,189 was paid to disabled Canadian soldiers since the war began, and \$307,720 monthly to dependants of soldiers who had given their lives in the country's service, these, together, making a monthly expenditure of \$484,909.

The Canadian exports of butter in February of this year as compared with February, 1917, have increased from about 50,000 pounds to 400,000 pounds; of cheese, from 3,600,000 pounds to about five million pounds; eggs, from 95,000 to 134,000 doz.; beef, from one and a half million to ten and a half million pounds; bacon and ham, from 15,600,000 pounds to 16,150,000.