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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.

HOLLY at Swift's. It looks like a green Christmas. Good books for boys and girls at McLaren's.

To all we wish a very Merry Christmas. —A. BROWN & CO.

CANDIES for the kiddies and particular people at Pearce's south end bakery. Don't fail to see Fuller Minstrels, Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Prices 25c and 35c.

SEND in the names of your Christmas visitors.

HAVE you got all your Christmas shopping done? If not, why not?

If you want to find out just what your neighbors think of you—run for Municipal office.

AFTER Dec. 21st the price of chopping will be lowered to five cents.—GEO. CHAMBERS.

LADIES' and gents' Christmas umbrellas.—SWIFT'S.

H. MERTON JACK was successful in passing the Pharmacy exams., taking second-class honors.

The revised census figures show the population of Canada to be 7,192,338. Ontario has 2,523,000.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE wishes all its readers a Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

EVERYTHING to gladden the hearts of the little folks at McLaren's.

J. F. ELLIOT is installing an up-to-date bathroom in his residence on St. Clair St. Allan A. Mellon, plumber, Sarnia, is doing the work.

THE executive committee of the Diocese of Huron at a meeting last week, fixed the salary of Bishop Williams from \$500 to \$500 a year.

NOTHING but the candies that are worth while at Pearce's confectionery. Let him supply you for Christmas.

A PAIR of house slippers is very acceptable Christmas present. F. Dodds & Son have some of the nicest goods in this line ever brought to town.

Church news, except for purposes where an admission fee is charged, are much appreciated in these columns. Otherwise 5c. per line each insertion.

ELECTIONS come and elections go, but some of our subscribers seem to think that we can go on forever without them sending in their subscriptions.

We can fill Christmas orders up to midnight Saturday.—SWIFT'S BROS.

By militia divisional order just issued by Col. Hodgins, the period of service of Capt. J. B. Watson, 27th Regiment, who has reached the age limit, is extended to September 1, 1912.

MANY a man is longing, longing for the good old times when people used to get yarn mittens for Christmas presents. Of course men still get the mittens occasionally, but that is another story.

MRS. JACK and son, Wilbert, have gone to Buffalo and Springville, N. Y., where they will spend the Christmas holidays. The other members of the family will also spend Christmas there.

SEE Holman, the Happy Frog, at the Lyceum, Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Prices 25c and 35c.

WATFORD will not send a representative to the good roads convention at Ottawa. This is a pity as the claims of this district should be placed before the public and everything possible done to improve the leading roads. Good roads to a town mean good business in that town.

PHIL FULLER disposed of the two big animals he took to the Fat Cattle Show at Toronto last week. Morris & Co., of Toronto, were the purchasers. The 1650 lb. two-year-old sold for \$7.95 per hundred and the 1170 lb. yearling for \$7.15 per hundred.

MISS NESBITT, Artist, will open in Mr. S. Howden's store in the Taylor Block Friday, Dec. 28th, with a very special line of Christmas novelties, and a large collection of water color pictures, also sepias, and black and white, at prices accommodating to you all. d1-4t

READ the London Daily Advertiser, the best metropolitan paper in Western Ontario. Contains latest market quotations and all general and local news worth printing. Special Offer.—Send \$2.00 for the London Daily Advertiser for 14 months in advance. This offer must be accepted before January 1st, 1912.

THE Lazarus held in Cook's vacant store on Saturday last by the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church was a successful affair. There was quite a large attendance, both afternoon and evening, and many pretty and useful articles and a quantity of homemade baking offered for sale were disposed of at good figures. Proceeds about \$50.00.

MAYOR ADAMS, of Lethbridge, after giving his time almost exclusively to the city's interests for the past two years, has declined a third term although strong pressure was brought to bear on him to let his name go before the electors. He has now gone to California to spend the winter. Mayor Adams is well known here, being an old Warwick boy.

READ the Want Column. HON. W. J. HANNA'S official majority is 1061.

METHODIST S. S. entertainment in the church this (Thursday) evening.

FINEST stock of Christmas goods west of London.—SWIFT'S.

FULLER MINSTRELS at Lyceum, Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Prices 25c and 35c.

THE Methodist ladies made about \$23 at their recent homemade baking sale.

THE latest designs in wedding cake boxes just to hand at the Guide-Advocate office.

TWENTY years ago Watford paid the town constable \$312 a year. Wm. Bryson held the office.

Boys' black beaver overcoats, velvet collar, any size, \$4.75.—A. BROWN & CO.

LITTLE drops of comfort, little grains of hope, fill the office secker full of election dope.

THE election returns show that Dr. Martyn is considered a pretty decent fellow in his own town.

THE Presbyterians gave their Sunday School children a Christmas treat in the school room on Tuesday evening.

The fall fair prize money is now being paid out. If you have any coming to you call on the Secretary, F. Kenward, Merchants Bank.

MEETING of Watford Tent, K.O.T.M., on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 26th, at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers and other important business.

THERE will be service in Trinity Church on Monday, Christmas Day, at 10 o'clock. There will be a celebration of the holy communion.

NOTHING NICER for a Christmas present than a dinner set or piece of fancy china. Call at P. Dodds & Son's and see the choice selection they are offering.

CUT CARNATIONS on sale Saturday morning at McLaren's. Leave your orders early.

Mr. Norbert Roche, who has been confined in the Isolation Hospital, Toronto, with an attack of diphtheria, is now about well and is expected home for Christmas.

COUNCILLOR BROWN has a communication in this issue in reply to those of "Tuesday Shopper" and "Tungsten." Read it and get some light on municipal matters.

IN 1901 the population of East Lambton was 26,919. The census of 1911 give it 22,224, a decrease of nearly five thousand. The Northwest fever is responsible for the shrinkage.

THE officers of the East Lambton Farmer's Institute are—President, John Forbes, Kertich; Sec. Treas., E. F. Augustine, Aughrim.

HE who neglects to read the papers neither knows what he wants or where to buy it. He who is wise, however, reads the ads., knows what he wants, and just where to get it at the best advantage and save money.

CHOICE GRAPES and other southern fruit, at Pearce's bakery. Get your oysters from him for Christmas.

THE Local Option meeting in the Lyceum on Wednesday evening was attended. Reeve Stapleford occupied the chair and introduced the speakers. The different phases of the subject were handled by the visitors in a clear and comprehensive manner and the speakers were listened to carefully and with apparent interest.

MR. JOHN JONES, Detroit, will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. Vail, for Christmas. Mr. Jones is one of the most expert photographic artists in the States and makes a specialty of photographing manufactured goods for advertising purposes, heavy articles such as stoves and artistic furniture being sent long distances to him to be photographed.

A LITTLE SCHOOL GIRL in town in speaking of Christmas presents, has her doubts about Santa Claus bringing her anything. She says she has already brought her a pair of new Sunday shoes, a doll, some handkerchiefs and candies. She thinks it a shame to make Santa come in the winter when he must nearly freeze, and that it's no wonder he forgets some things.

THE managers of the Watford Presbyterian church asked for a free will offering a week or so ago to clear off a debt on the church incurred by putting on a new roof and other repairs, and were met by the very generous response of over \$500.00, which will completely wipe out the debt and leave a nice surplus for other improvements the managers have in view.

NOMINATIONS will be held in the Town Hall on Friday evening and only men willing to serve should be nominated. In the past a number of men have been nominated the majority of whom had no intention of running, and such nominations entail a useless waste of time that could be utilized listening to the candidates. No person should be nominated who has not been consulted. In past years men have been nominated who were not present and had not the slightest thought of running, and often did not know of their nomination until many hours later. Let only those be nominated who have given their consent to stand or to give the matter consideration. A man may be excused for not consenting at once, but intending candidates would further their own interests by considering the matter beforehand and giving a decided answer on nomination night.

POULTRY is plentiful and prices reasonable.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Parker returned from the West on Tuesday.

BOSSY TIMES in the post office and express office these days.

C. B. MATTHEWS & SON shipped a car of flour to Toronto this week.

TRUNKOUT & Co. have had a striking sign painted for the front of their store.

Mr. John Roche, Kankakee, Ill., and Miss Loretta Roche, Forest, are home for Christmas.

ANOTHER shipment of Christmas goods open to-night.—SWIFT'S.

Mrs. T. Hockin and son, Dutton, were the guests of Mrs. Irwin at the Rectory this week.

Captain Adams and bride, Detroit, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Adams.

Mrs. Geo. R. Ashmore, Waskada, Man., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Harris, Erie street.

WATFORD MARKET:—Eggs 30c., butter 25c., pork \$8.25, turkeys 16c., chickens 8c., ducks 14c., geese 10c., wheat 85c.

SEVEN, only, men's good quality, black beaver coats, quilted lining, fur collar of fine quality marmot, \$16.50 for \$13.00.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE Flying Post between Toronto and London will be abolished on May 1st next. A good many hotel bars will go out of existence on the same date.

As this is the season of good will to men, Councillor Graham wishes to extend Christmas greetings to the man who stole his side of pork lately, and hopes he will enjoy eating it.

Mr. Frank Hillis Jr., Toronto, stopped off here for a short time to visit relatives in this district. He was on his way to Winnipeg where he has accepted a lucrative position in the offices of the C. N. Railway.

You can please her with one of McLaren's Xmas perfume or first quality Bon Best packages.

At the Rectory, Watford, on Wednesday, Miss Jane Seaton, youngest daughter of Mrs. John Seaton, 12th line, Brooke, was united in marriage to Mr. Roy Phillips, of Metcalfe, by the Rev. S. P. Irwin, B.A.

WHAT will Christmas bring to you? Visit the old home, make the hearts of your parents glad. You will not be able to see them many times. Make use of the happy Christmas time and go to them. Your best presents should be for the dear mother back in the old home.

A CHOICE LOT of Christmas cigars at Pearce's.

A MEDIUM SIZED AUDIENCE was present at the Trinity church Christmas entertainment held in Taylor's Hall on Tuesday evening. The entertainment was specially adapted to the children, the program consisting of songs, recitations, choir choruses, and two well-appreciated solos by Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Osborne. Col. Kenward acted as chairman to the satisfaction of all, and Santa Claus attended to the wants of the children at the close. The Watford Orchestra supplied some excellent music during the intervals of the program.

THE regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. P. J. Dodds on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 15 members and 15 visitors present. 4 new members were also received. Mrs. L. Millar and Miss Hume favored with good music for the evening and Mrs. Burton gave a paper on "Thoughts on the Closing Year" which were much appreciated by all. Samples of Xmas candies were passed, and a dainty lunch served by the hostess. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Graham. The meeting closed by singing "God Save the King."

Low rates for Christmas and New Year Excursions via Grand Trunk Railway System between all stations in Canada; also to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N. Y., Port Huron and Detroit, Mich. At single fare, good going Dec. 23, 24, 25. Return limit Dec. 26, 1911. Also good going Dec. 30, 31, and Jan. 1. Return limit, Jan. 2nd, 1912. At fare and one-third, good going Dec. 21 to Jan. 1, inclusive. Return limit Jan. 3rd, 1912. Full particulars from C. W. Vail, Grand Trunk agent.

MISS BLANCHE CHAMBERS, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Chambers, Oxford St., passed peacefully away on Tuesday afternoon in her 28th year. Miss Chambers had been ill for nearly two years with lung trouble and her death was not unexpected. She came to Stratford last June with her parents from Watford, where the family resided for a time. Miss Chambers was born and raised in Alvinston. She leaves beside her parents, a sister, Mrs. Hugh McDonald, of Essex.—Stratford Age.

MR. JOSEPH E. ARMSTRONG, M.P., has asked the Post Office Department to cover the whole of the township of Enniskillen with rural free mail delivery. The department has sent out inspectors who will look over the ground and report. It is altogether probable that the request will be complied with and Enniskillen will be the first township in Canada to be served completely with free delivery of mail. Mr. Armstrong further asked that his whole riding be served. This will not be done at the present time as the department will wait and see how the plan will work in the township.

CHRISTMAS FURS, see our ad.—SWIFT'S.

Essex Poultry Show will be held January 4th, 5th and 6th.

HOCKEY.

Representatives of Group 10, Intermediate C. H. A. composed of Sarnia, Stratford and Watford, met at the Rogers House, Watford, on Monday evening, at the call of Fred W. Rogers, the convenor. There were present N. D. Rougieve, Sarnia; A. P. Malone and Pat Jay, Stratford; Chas. Wilson and Alex. Elliot, Watford. The following schedule was adopted:—

INTERMEDIATE.
Jan. 4—Stratford at Sarnia.
Jan. 10—Sarnia at Watford.
Jan. 15—Watford at Stratford.
Jan. 22—Watford at Sarnia.
Jan. 26—Sarnia at Stratford.
Jan. 30—Stratford at Watford.
Secretaries—Sarnia, E. C. Miller; Stratford, Pat Jay; Watford, W. A. Wykesmith.
Referees—Sarnia, F. W. Rogers; Watford; Stratford, F. W. Robinson; Watford, Sidney Rankin, London.

JUNIOR GROUP 10 SCHEDULE.
Jan. 12—Sarnia at Alvinston.
Jan. 17—Alvinston at Sarnia.
Jan. 24—Sarnia at Alvinston.
Jan. 31—Alvinston at Sarnia.
Secretaries—Alvinston, C. Norsworthy; Sarnia, E. C. Miller.
Referees—Alvinston, F. A. Johns, Peterborough; Sarnia, F. W. Rogers, Watford.
The junior group was represented at the meeting by Sime Williams and Robt. McEachern, Alvinston, and E. C. Miller, Sarnia.

Williams—Mathers.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday, December 16th, at the Baptist parsonage, Lethbridge, Alta., when Miss Lulu Maude, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mathers, was united in marriage to Mr. Sime Williams, a prosperous young rancher of Sundial. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. A. Levitt, assisted by Rev. T. M. Lyttle. The happy couple drove to the home of the bride's parents, 1248 Eighth Ave. S., where a dainty wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will leave shortly for their new home in Sundial.

NAPIER.

Thursday, 21st inst., is the date of St. Andrew's S. S. Xmas tree entertainment.

A new fence around the school yard is a great improvement to the grounds.

Mrs. Bert Anthony and son Wilfrid, London, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Gough.

Fred Gough, London Normal, and Hibert Denning, London Collegiate, are spending the vacation at their homes here.

The W.M.F.S. met at the home of Mrs. C. Sutherland, Wednesday afternoon.

BROOKE.

Mr. Chas. May, Sutorville, has purchased 50 acre farm on the 10th con. Brooke.

Township Clerk Willoughby will go to Ottawa to represent the township at the good roads conference.

Quite a number of Normalites returned last Friday looking hale and hearty after the solid drill in the Forest City.

Miss Laura Holbrook, formerly of the 12th line, was married at her home in Alvinston last Thursday to Mr. Norman L. Hobbs.

Annett Bros. captured the County of Lambton prize for the best stallion on the grounds at the Winter Fair at Guelph last week.

Mr. Jas. Brown, Sutorville, had the misfortune to have his right hand lacerated on the stable door latch one windy morning this week.

The Christmas service will be held in St. James' church, Brooke, on Sunday morning at 10:30. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

Mailman Kersey thinks he had better run as alderman here for one term to see if he will be able to improve the roads. That's right, Jack, you will get the vote.

McLellan Bros. have purchased from James A. Hair, the west half of lot 27, con. 13, Brooke. Consideration \$5,500. The 200 acres adjoin the McLellan homestead.

Two very beautiful memorial windows have been placed in St. James' Church, Brooke, this week. They have been donated by Mr. John Cowan, of Calgary, formerly of Brooke. The subjects of the designs are, "Behold I stand at the door and knock" and "I am the Good Shepherd." They are erected to the memory of the late Isaac and Mrs. Cowan.

The once despised Brooke swamp is once more brought to mind when discussing the financial returns to the farmers of the sugar beet crop for 1911. Although the summer was the driest and hottest in years yet it seemed all for the best for the growing "sweets." In the neighborhood of \$15,000 were paid to farmers during the last two months. Mr. Williamson received \$1150 for the product of twenty-five acres after deducting some \$450 for hand-labor. Already a large acreage is factored for, and E. Kidd for the Cross II Co. and R. Williamson for the Dominion Sugar Co. are leaving nothing undone to make 1912 acreage one of the largest in history. No wonder Jim Davis has put on a span

of new horses on his delivery wagon, for few merchants have the opportunity of doing business in such a prosperous community. It is now generally conceded that although the popular candidate, Dr. Martyn, is defeated that eventually the demonstration farm will be found in close quarters to the once despised but now wide-famed "Sutorville."

WARWICK.

Correspondents should not seal their envelopes.

SEND in the names of your Christmas visitors.

Johnston Cowan arrived home from the West on Wednesday.

Albert Cook, Wilkie, Sask., is visiting relatives on the 4th line south.

The new open air skating rink is now completed and ready for ice.

Geo. Conkey, Wisbeach, has returned home after a week's visit in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harper, Rouleau, Sask., are visiting friends in Warwick.

W. J. Seymour, Wisbeach, left for Philadelphia this week, where he will spend the winter with his brother.

Many changes are looked forward to in next year's council, the reeve and Councillor Karr not offering themselves for re-election.

S. W. Edwards took second prize on his thoroughbred shorthorn heifer that he exhibited at the Guelph Fat Cattle Show last week.

Mrs. Samuel McCormick, 2nd line north, passed away on Wednesday after a long illness. Her husband predeceased her some years ago.

Confirmation service will be held in Grace Church, 4th line, by His Lordship the Bishop of Huron on Friday, 22nd inst., at 2:30 p. m.

R. Manders disposed of his big yearling that he took to the Fat Cattle Show to Mr. Roundtree, of Weston, for \$111.20. The animal weighed 1350 lbs. and sold for 8c. per lb.

Margaret Livingston, wife of Duncan Brodie, con. 5, died Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13th, in her 75th year. The funeral took place on Saturday, to Beechwood cemetery.

THE annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Warwick Methodist Sunday School, will be held in the Orange Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd. Songs, recitations, drills and dialogues by the school. Admission 15c, children under 12 years free.

Nominations will be held in the town hall to-day (Friday). It is said that Wm. Jones, the present reeve will not seek re-election and that Wm. Hall, the present deputy, will stand for that office.

The only name mentioned as his opponent is John Blain, and the fight will likely be between these two. Councillors Leach and Joint will likely stand for re-election and Arthur Hobbs and J. P. McCormick are spoken of as possible candidates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of Warwick Union L.O.L. No. 1029 held at their lodge room on December 13th, 1911, the following officers were elected for the incoming year:—

John Saunders, W. M. re-elected,
Joseph Acton, D. M. "
Absalom Lucas, Chap. "
Alex. Bryce, Rec. Sec. "
R. J. Lucas, Fin. Sec. "
Ed. H. Lucas, Treasurer "
Thos. Saunders, D. of C. "
Wm. Henderson, Lecturer "
Committee

Thos. H. Lucas 1st
A. J. Davis 2nd
Roy Lucas 3rd
Thos. E. Higgins 4th
Alvin M'Intosh 5th

The officers were then duly installed by Bro. R. J. Lucas, Past District Master. Short speeches were given from the officers elected.

From Old Subscribers.

Frank P. McDonnell, Edmonton:—We are having elegant weather up here this winter, only one week of cold weather so far and many days we do not need an overcoat except morning and evening. All the Watford people here are well and doing well.

G. R. Baird, Humboldt, Sask.:—This is a good town and there is a lot of business done here but the country around here is settled mostly by foreigners. Crops were good in this section this year but winter set in so early that a great deal of the grain is still in the shock and most of that which was stacked is still unthreshed.

J. W. Flavell, a Toronto millionaire provision dealer, is buying up lands in Kent county with the purpose of supplying his string of stores in Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and other points. He will bring over Scotch crofters to work the lands. Everything raised upon the farms will be handled through the firm's cold storage plants or stores, it is understood. There is a possibility that the Flavell operations will extend into Lambton county as well.

Ratepayers of Ailsa Craig will decide at the municipal elections whether they are favorable to making a contract for a supply of Niagara Power, with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.