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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THIS 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 fall wheat looks fine.

The new hats at SWIFTS'.

WATFORD COUNCIL, next Monday.

THE farmers are very busy these days.

STRATHROY spring horse show to-day (Friday).

WELSH CHOIR, the Armory, this Thursday evening, 25 cents.

OTHER towns have made successes of a "dollar day." Why not try it in Watford.

THE pessimist, like the poor, is always with us, but we don't have to be governed by him.

Eighty-six in the shade at the London observatory on Sunday. About 95 on the back veranda at home.

ANOTHER shipment of 4 yd. linoleums opened this week, beautiful patterns.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE Department of Agriculture has provided G. C. Bramhill, the district representative, with an auto.

MR. ELMER A. BROWN has purchased a handsome five-passenger Huppmobile with all the latest improvements.

CHIEF CHATTERSON says that hens must be shut up, also that bicyclists must keep off the sidewalks. Take warning.

MADE in Watford. Do you try hard to support home industry?—SWIFTS'.

MILITIA orders contain the following announcement: Provisional lieutenants, J. A. B. Chenney and G. H. Patterson, 27th Regt.

THERE will be morning service in Trinity Church next Sunday. Sermon for young people. Celebration of the Holy Communion.

A CONVENTION of the Liberal Conservatives of the new East Riding of Lambton will be held in Alvinston on May 12. See adv. elsewhere.

REFRIGERATORS \$9.00, \$14.00 and \$16.00; oil stoves 85c to \$18.50; screen doors \$1.00 to \$2.00; screen windows 20c to 35c; step ladders \$1.00. All summer hardware.—THE HOWDEN EST.

THE Greeks can hardly be expected to go to war with the ice cream and banana season upon us. Might as well ask a negro to go at melon time.

OUR soldiers on the firing line are not so eager to save themselves from the bullets as some of the civilians at home are to save paying war tax.

AT St. Mary's a wall has been built between the Salvation Army citadel and the bowling green. The bowlers must be a tough lot in that town.

THE very newest shapes in straw hats for men, young men and boys.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE warm weather beat the straw hat this year. Usually someone tries to rush the season by appearing in a straw lid before the snow is all out of the fence corners.

THE Canadian losses were heavy but their deeds will go down in history as the bravest of the war and their names will be writ large on the Empire's scroll of honored dead.

THOSE interested in keeping down the dust should read the article headed "Dust and Mud" elsewhere in this issue. They will get some good pointers on the use of oil on the roads.

SMART hats for girls and boys.—SWIFTS'.

WHAT Watford needs is more unity. The spirit of communal interest seems sadly lacking. Let a man display any initiative and the little support he receives soon cools his ardor.

ST. MARYS will oil the streets again this year. The oil has proved a vast improvement over the water in laying the dust, and it is only necessary to put it on a few times during the season.—Argus.

PORUS KNIT, B.V.D., and Balbriggan underwear, in single garments or combinations.—A. BROWN & CO.

A RAILWAY wreck at Hyde Park Friday morning delayed the west bound mail train a couple of hours. The accident was a rear end collision of two freight trains caused by fog. Three cars were burnt.

MR. AND MRS. JACOB SAUNDERS, of Sutorville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillie May, to Robert F. Capes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Capes, of Plympton. The marriage to take place early in June.

A CHANGE in the postal laws should be made so as to prevent departmental stores shipping their catalogues by freight to within a 20 mile zone to avoid extra postage. The zone system was not designed for this purpose.

LET us show you our summer shoes for men, women and children. We make a specialty of children's school shoes and keep a full line of footwear for older people. No advance in the price of our shoes.—P. DODDS & SON.

WORD has been received at Sarnia that the embargo that has been in effect for some months on all horses and cattle from the United States, owing to the foot and mouth disease, will be renewed and likely continued until next fall.

### SATURDAY is May day.

LOCAL piscatorians still report some big hauls.

A SHIPMENT of choice cured meats in on Friday at R. Haskett's.

RAIN coats are not in much demand this season. Fans have taken their place.

THE Welsh Choir concert this (Thursday) evening is under the auspices of the 27th Regt.

THE new middy blouses.—SWIFTS'.

SINCE the advent of hero spoons, a lot of people who are not young have taken to spooning.

WORKMEN are busy putting in the steps and other cement work at the Methodist church.

MR. E. DOWDING has closed his jewelry and stationery store and left this week to look after his farm.

EVERY citizen can do his bit towards licking the Germans by sticking to business and licking war stamps.

SOME interesting horse races will be held at Bayview Park, Sarnia, on May 24th. See ad. on another page.

THE flag on the Strathroy town hall was raised at half-mast in honor of Lieut. Arthur L. Lindsay, of that place who was killed in France.

CHILDREN'S wash suits, in Oliver Twists and Buster Browns, 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25.—A. BROWN & CO.

"No man can serve two masters." But the man with an adorable wife and a baby heir comes as near to doing the trick as is possible.

THE Postmaster here reports very few instances of having to return letters to sender or send to the dead letter office owing to lack of the war stamp.

FOUR THOUSAND gallons of oil have been ordered to oil our streets. This season a thorough trial of this dust layer will be made on Main and parts of intersecting streets.

MR. ALEX CAMERON is having his cottage on Erie street raised and placed on a brick and cement foundation, which will greatly improve the value of the property and the appearance of the street.

WHITMAN & BARNES or Brockville lawn mowers at prices from \$3.75 to \$6.00. See these makes anyway before you buy.—N. B. HOWDEN EST.

"THE Almighty Heart is stronger than the Almighty Dollar," declares Sir Gilbert Parker. Mebbe so, but the dollar is handier when you're trying to get a soup bone from the butcher.

E. D. SWIFT received word to-day from the front that the socks which were sent in to him have arrived safely in France, and have been distributed among the men. The boys express deep gratitude to all concerned.

THE regular monthly meeting of the I.O.O.F. will be held at the home of Mrs. Tye on Tuesday afternoon, May 4th, at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Brown assisting hostess. Quotations in keeping with "Mother's Day."

IF it's clothing, call at SWIFTS'.

MISS GLENN, of Canada's Fashion Store, Toronto, will be at Rogers' Hotel, Watford, on Tuesday next, May 4th, and will be pleased to demonstrate the use of hair goods to ladies needing anything in her line. See ad.

THE ladies of the Presbyterian church intend holding a sale of home-made cooking on Saturday, May 1st, in the store lately occupied by Mr. E. Dowding. Ice cream and cake will be served during the afternoon.

"THE Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly has been magnificent throughout." Some praise that. The British war office does not pay empty compliments.

CAPT. THOS. L. SWIFT is, at present, stationed at Harrogate, and is taking a course in musketry and map-reading prior to his departure for France. Capt. Bury C. Binks is at Canadian headquarters in France and is in the casualty reporting department.

FOUR pieces of navy worsted suitings made to order, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00. Best value in Canada.—SWIFTS' Tailoring Dept.

MR. RAY MORNINGSTAR, the popular and energetic Ford car dealer reports the sale of cars to the following gentlemen: P. J. Dodds, W. H. Shrapnell, Robt. Auld, Geo. Stephenson, Watford; J. G. Brown and W. G. Connolly, Arkona; John Cable, Birnam.

WILSON ABBOTT the eighteen-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Abbott, died at their home in St. Charles, Ill., on Tuesday, April 20th. The little fellow had a serious illness and was almost recovered, when a sudden relapse resulted in his death.

THE fourth Quarterly Service will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the close of the service. In the evening Rev. F. G. Robinson will preach a special sermon to "young men and young women."

MR. MCGUIRE, of London, who met the Council on Saturday last gave some very interesting facts regarding oiled roads and the information given helped the Council to come to the decision to give oil a trial. A tank containing 4000 gallons has been ordered and is expected to arrive in a few days.

### FOWNES' silk and lisle gloves, all lengths and sizes.

No one cares whether it is water or oil, so long as it will lay the dust.

MR. and Mrs. Wm. Sedwick, Sarnia, spent the week end in Watford.

MISS WILLIAMS is opening out on Saturday a nice selection of new hats, latest styles, for summer wear.

REV. J. ALVIN SHIRLEY, Winnipeg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shirley, both of whom are indisposed.

FOREST regrets the presence of a couple of horse beaters within its limits. Give them a taste of the same medicine.

THERE will be a meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter in L. O. L. hall on Friday May 7th at 8.30. J. W. Doak, Secretary.

MRS. E. G. MCKERCHER and two children, Frobisher, Sask., spent the past two weeks visiting their aunt, Mrs. S. D. Barnes.

MR. AND MRS. NORMAN WEAVER, of Portage la Prairie, returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Clark.

AT a recent meeting of the Library Board it was decided to improve the grounds about the building by planting flowers and shrubs.

SPARKS from a passing locomotive set fire to the roof of Chambers' coal shed on Tuesday. The fire was noticed by men shipping hogs and extinguished before much damage was done.

Mrs. W. A. House, Port Dalhousie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Livingstone, of this place, who underwent an operation at the Welland Hospital, St. Catharines, is progressing favorably.

SMART 2-piece suits.—SWIFTS'.

PRESBYTERIAN church services will be held as usual at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. S. C. Craeb, late of High Park Presbyterian Church, Toronto, will preach morning and evening.

SEE our wall paper before buying. All who have seen them say our patterns are ahead of anything previously shown in town. They are going fast, the price selling them without any trouble.—P. DODDS & SON.

R. Dimond Swift left for Kingston on Monday, where he will attend the Royal School of Artillery in connection with the Royal Military College. Mr. Swift has obtained a commission in the 31st Canadian Field Artillery.

THE License Commissioners for East Lambton met at the Roche House last Friday and granted licenses for the coming year to all those holding them in this year. Commissioner Shirley was unable to attend the meeting on account of illness.

LADIES' suits, samples \$7.50 and \$10. Half price.—SWIFTS'.

CHILDREN under 15 years of age will in future be granted admission to moving picture theatres if accompanied by an adult, the law now being shifted back to the position it held for several years. The law has always been a dead letter in some places.

CLARK'S JEWEL is the last word in oil stoves—larger top, glass tank which holds imperial gallon, new fighting device. Must be seen to be appreciated and we want to show you.—THE N. B. HOWDEN EST. New Perfection and Hot Blast stoves at lowest prices.

COL. SHANNON, O. C. this division, has received word from Ottawa that this year the King's birthday will be celebrated only by the flying of flags from the public buildings. His Majesty has especially requested that this be the only observance of the day.

BLENHHEIM town council has decided that the cost of oiling the streets this year shall be paid for by the frontage tax system by keeping a record of the amount of oil used on each street and charging in proportion, each street to pay two-thirds of the cost, a 25 per cent. discount being allowed corner lots.

An important notice from the council appears on another page of this issue. Readers should carefully peruse it and do all in their power to improve the sanitary conditions of the town. The authorities should receive the hearty co-operation of every citizen in the town in their efforts to preserve the health of the public.

ON Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, there will be a meeting in the schoolroom of the Presbyterian church at which Mrs. D. Cameron, of Barrie, will give an account of the work done at the W. M. S. Presbyterial held recently in Petrolia. There will be an offering in aid of the Auxiliaries funds. A hearty invitation to be present, is extended to all.

A BARNARDO boy writes a letter of protest to The Globe, against the wholesale condemnation of all "home boys," because a few go wrong. He is right. Dr. Barnardo has done a great work for homeless boys, and has turned hundreds of waifs into useful citizens. It could hardly be expected that there would not be a few black sheep among so large a flock.

The banks would respectfully ask all customers, and especially those in town, to transact their business at the banks before 3 o'clock p.m. The requirement of all postings, checking and daily balances, and so many returns and reports to the head offices for bank and government purposes enforces work on the branch staffs which they cannot do in reasonable working time if the customers encroach on the later afternoon hours.

## WATFORD MEN WOUNDED

Official notice was received here on Thursday morning that Sergt. Major Owens and Corporal Sydney Welsh, of the 27th Regt., were wounded. No particulars.

THE Guide-Advocate received by mail an unstamped cheque dated after April 15. Our patrons are asked to be very careful to place the necessary stamps on cheques, as failure to do so leaves them liable to a fine of \$50 to \$100. Besides, when we have to stamp the cheques we receive as well as those we write, it means considerable outlay. Always stamp your cheques.

DESPITE the fact that Wellington condemned the practice of smoking as being "a species of intoxication occasioned by the fumes of tobacco," the War Office to-day recognizes the great value of tobacco to the fighting qualities of Tommy Atkins. The government is providing free tobacco to the troops, as by its aid much of the discomforts of active service is alleviated.

AMONG those killed in the engagement at Langemarck, who were well known to military men in Lambton was Lt.-Col. Hart-McHarg, who served in the 1st Canadian contingent in Africa as a non-commissioned officer in "A" company. Col. Hart-McHarg was a noted rifle shot, having won the world's championship at Camp Perry, Ohio, at the last international matches. He was also author of "From Quebec to Pretoria," which gave a realistic account of the first contingent's experiences in South Africa. Major Donald Sutherland and Capt. J. L. Smith, of Chatham, were also well known in this district.

MISS LAURA JANE MCPHEDRAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McPhedran, of the second concession of Plympton, passed peacefully to rest on Monday after a long and trying illness with tuberculosis, in her 26th year. Miss McPhedran was well known in Watford, having lived for many years with her aunt, Mrs. D. Alexander. She was educated in the Watford public and high schools, and after gaining her certificate taught school in this neighborhood for three years. She followed her chosen profession until about two years ago, when failing health compelled her to give up teaching. Miss Laura had many warm friends in Watford and vicinity who deeply sympathize with the bereaved family. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from family residence, lot 30, con. 2, Plympton, to Wyaning cemetery.

IN reply to an enquiry about oiling the streets of Blenheim, the town clerk of that place writes:—"I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 17th inst. Last year was the first year that Blenheim oiled the streets and I must say it was a success in every way, and I do not think the people here would like to go back to the other system of sprinkling with water. It costs more than to sprinkle with oil, but gives far better satisfaction, as the dust is down day and night, Sundays included. We gave our streets two applications last year and in all probability they will require two this year. I do not know the exact cost per mile; some of the councillors figured up what we oiled last year and they told me it amounted to about two miles. Nearly all of this had two applications. Some of the streets were residential ones and not very wide, while others, such as the main street, were very wide. The total outlay for oil last year was a little over \$900, and it does not cost very much to put it on. It helps to keep the roads in repair and gives it a hard surface. I think the probability is we will be oiling more this year than we did last year."

## CHOP STUFF

Harrow canning factory will be closed this season.

John McIntyre, of Poplar Hill, died Friday aged 86.

The town of Essex is to have a new Anglican church.

Ernest Thorpe, of South Gosfield lost a large barn, 5 horses and 5 cows by fire on Friday.

Allan Campbell has been appointed constable of Bridgen on the conditions of "full duty or no pay."

Rodney council has issued an edict against the small boy and his wagon on the sidewalks of that village.

The shareholders of the Strathroy curling rink, after paying all expenses, have about \$150 in the treasury.

G. A. Hadden, the Alvinston Ford dealer has sold fifteen autos this spring, this being the same number as sold altogether last season.

Leamington canning factory will not operate this year on account of the high scale of prices farmers ask for tomatoes, corn, etc., it is claimed.

Mrs. Thos. Ewart died at the family residence 2nd line west, Tuesday, afternoon after a lingering illness. Another of Plympton's pioneers gone to her rest.

Gordon Clydale con. 7, Moore, 24 years old, was thrown from a farm wagon by a runaway team. He alighted on his head receiving external and internal injuries that resulted in his death a short time later.

Denver women are forming home and school clubs in the churches.

## Watford Concert Band

The annual meeting of the Watford Band was held in the council chamber on Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected:—  
Hon. President—Col. Kenward.  
President—F. Luckham.  
Vice President—W. E. Fitzgerald.  
Secretary—P. J. Dodds.  
Managing Committee—D. A. Maxwell, L. H. Aylesworth and Melville Brock.  
The band is now open for engagements and prepared to furnish a first class program for socials or other entertainments. Some new members have been added to the organization and if the institution receives adequate support citizens may expect some good music during the summer. Some special music is being studied for the 12th of July celebration.

## Lawn Tennis

A meeting was held in the Armory on Friday evening to organize a Lawn Tennis Club, when the following officers were elected for the season:—  
Hon. Pres.—Rev. F. G. Robinson.  
President—P. C. Smyth.  
Vice-Pres.—Miss H. McCaw.  
Sec.—Treas.—F. O. McIlveen.  
Executive Committee—Miss V. Swift, Miss A. Tanner, Rev. W. G. Connolly and E. Hicks.  
Miss E. McLeay and H. D. Robinson were appointed to assist the Secretary in canvassing for members and collecting the fees.  
It is proposed to join the western Ontario Association.  
The bowling green will be improved and placed in good condition at once.

## WARWICK.

Mrs. R. J. McCormick fell down the cellar steps one day last week and received some serious injuries.  
Miss Anna Caughlin has returned home, after spending the past two weeks with her sisters in London.  
Rev. S. C. Craeb, of Toronto, will preach at Knox Church, Warwick, at 2.30, next Sunday afternoon.  
Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at Zion Methodist church, 2nd line, next Sunday at 2.30 p.m.  
Annie Smith and Earl Fuller will lead the Epworth League in Zion Methodist church next Sunday evening. The topic will be:—"What is the Christian religion?"

The council will not affix stamps to their orders, so any one presenting them at the bank for payment will have to put a stamp on them, but they are payable by the treasurer at par and he will attend all meetings of the council for the purpose of cashing them.  
Sarah Williamson, wife of Mr. Benj. F. Williamson, Main road, passed to the great majority on Tuesday evening last April 27th, after an illness of some months' duration, aged 51 years, 5 months and 11 days. She leaves no family. The funeral took place on Thursday from her husband's residence, lot 19, to the Watford cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret Thompson, widow of the late James Thompson, passed away on Friday, April 23rd, at the advanced age of 82 years, 6 months and 6 days. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Campbell, 15 sideroad, to Bethel church, where service was held, interment being made in the church cemetery.

The Women's Patriotic League will meet at the home of Mrs. Maurice Smith, 2nd line north, on Wednesday afternoon, May 6th, at 2 o'clock. Rigs will be provided for those wishing to go from the Village. A large attendance is requested, as there is a quantity of work to be done. Contributions of sheets, 60x90; pillow cases, 34x17, not necessarily of a good quality of cotton, and pillows, 25x17, are asked for by the Red Cross Society, and the League will be thankful for any contributions. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Henry Cory died at her home in Flint, Mich., on Saturday last, in her 41st year, after a long illness terminating in a stroke which caused her death. Her maiden name was Emma Hipkins, of Warwick. The family resided for many years in Warwick and Arkona and a few years ago moved to Flint, Mich. She leaves 2 husband and eight children, five boys and three girls, to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and loving mother. The remains were brought here on Tuesday to the home of her sister, Mrs. James McIntosh, Main road, from where the funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon to the Arkona cemetery.

A very sudden death occurred on Wednesday morning, when Mr. James Squires, lot 3, con. 6, S.E.R., passed to the great beyond without a moment's warning. He was engaged doing chores around the premises about 7 o'clock. When the rest of the family returned from milking they found him lying on his face just outside the house door. Assistance was at once called, but the spark of life had fled, apoplexy being the cause of death. Mr. Squires was a native of Devonshire, England, and was 68 years old. For some years he lived in Watford, where he followed the trade of carpenter. About 25 years ago he moved to the farm where he died. He was a man with many friends, highly esteemed as a straightforward, honest citizen. He leaves a wife, who is a daughter of the late John Smith, J.P., and a grown-up family.