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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.

LOOK at your label. Did you lose your vote Monday? SPECIAL Xmas gloves.—SWIFT'S. Toys and picture books for the children at McLAREN'S.

C. S. WYNNE, Toronto, was home for Sunday. READ Browns' advertisement for Christmas suggestions.

TIFFANY, English, American wedding ring styles.—CLASS, The Jeweler. THE Sarnia tunnel was opened twenty years ago this month.

REV. T. B. HOWARD was the guest of Col. Kenward Sunday. MEN'S fur lined coats, \$25.00 to \$80.00.—SWIFT'S Xmas furs.

MR. AND MRS. T. COLLINS are home from the West for the winter. NOT fur coat weather, but coning. Our prices are right.—A. BROWN & CO.

MR. JOHN GILPIN, London, is the new operator at the G.T.R. station here. CONTRIBUTION of Public School towards Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, \$5.57.

FOR your engagement or wedding ring, marriage license.—CARL A. CLASS. DR. C. O. FAIRBANK'S expenses in the election contest last fall amounted to \$1,373.19.

THE heavy rain and bad roads prevented quite a few of the electors from going out to vote on Monday. LADIES' fur lined coats, \$30.00 to \$100.00.—SWIFT'S Xmas furs.

J. MURRAY MITCHELL, Toronto, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mitchell, this week. A LABOR consignment of fancy china suitable for wedding and Christmas presents just to hand at P. Dodds & Son's.

You will not be satisfied if you miss our display of Christmas goods.—A. BROWN & CO. AUTOMOBILE, Velox, Dominion, Peerless and cheaper lines of hockey skates. Pucks, sticks, guns and rifles for the boys at Howden's.

THESE are busy days with our merchants. Watford has the reputation of being the best Christmas shopping town in the county. PHIL FULLER shipped two fine specimens of cattle to the Toronto Fat Stock Show this week, a yearling and a two-year-old.

CARPET sweepers are an interesting line to the lady of the house. Buy her one for Christmas. We have them from \$2.50 to \$4.00.—HOWDEN'S. MINK sets \$40.00 to \$150.00.—SWIFT'S Xmas furs.

MRS. RYD, librarian at the Public Library, fell down the steps at her house the other day and severely injured her left hand. REV. T. B. HOWARD, Organizing Secretary for Sunday Schools for the Diocese of Huron preached in Trinity Church Sunday evening, on Sunday Schools.

THE Jolly Jim Carson show is playing to fair sized audiences Monday and Tuesday. The program presented each evening is a good one and worthy the patronage of the public. TEN per cent. discount on every suit or overcoat sold this month.—A. BROWN & CO.

MCLAREN'S Xmas goods display tonight (Thursday) 7:30 to 10 p.m. On his return from the Northwest Saturday, Mr. J. F. Elliot distributed among some of his friends a number of plump prairie chickens, brought down by his unerring aim.

THE Children's Aid Society have for adoption a little girl of six years, fair, also a baby girl nine months old, dark hair, blue eyes. Attractive child. Apply to John Wilkinson, Town Hall, Sarnia. HANDBAGS CHEAP from the cheapest to the best.—SWIFT'S.

THERE was a fair attendance at the lecture on tuberculosis given in the Methodist church on Friday evening last by Mr. J. B. Watson. In the absence of Dr. Kelly the chair was taken by Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald. The lecture was an interesting one and attentively listened to by those present.

THERE will be a Local Option meeting in the Lyceum on Wednesday, Dec. 20th. The special speakers are Mr. Joseph Gibson, President of Dominion Alliance; Mr. Stritrett, of Patroia; Mr. S. M. Smyth, and Mr. R. Dickinson, of Strathroy. Special singing by Male Quartette, Chair to be taken by Mr. S. Stapleford at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

THE Missionary Auxiliary and Ladies' Aid, of the Watford Congregational Church, will hold a Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 16th, in Mr. Oscar Cook's shop opposite E. D. Swift's store. There will be lots of useful articles on sale, and also home-made cooking and candy in connection with it. The Mission Band will also have lots of up-to-date things that will be suitable for Christmas presents. Ladies please remember the date. 8:20 P.M. HOLLY and holly ribbons for Xmas.—SWIFT'S.

SEND in the news. P. S. INSPECTOR McDOUGALL was in town Monday.

EAST LAMBTON Farmers' Institute has a membership of 479. MEN'S fur-lined overcoats and good ones too, for \$16.75.—A. BROWN & CO.

MISS SARAH MAVITY is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl A. Class. WHITNEY brought on the elections in December but did not meet with the "iron" predicted by some.

DR. RYD was home for a few hours on Saturday evening of last week and also again on Sunday for a short time. ALEX. ELLIOT, Forget, Sask., arrived here with his father, J. F. Elliot, on Saturday. Alex. will spend the winter at home.

SPECIAL sealette coats for Xmas, open to-day.—SWIFT'S BROS. WHEN a package is delivered at a house, the little girls of the family hope it is dry goods; the little boys hope it is something to eat.

MARJORIE, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mavity, formerly of Watford, died in Vancouver on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, aged eight years. DRESSED TURKEYS wanted. Highest price paid. Birds must be bled in the mouth and well picked. Also all kinds of fowl either alive or dressed.—P. DODDS & SON, Watford.

WE are sole agents for Kant Crack rubbers, all sizes and kinds in stock. Also rubber boots and a full line of stylish and serviceable winter shoes.—P. DODDS & SON. THE Board of Education will receive from the County of Middlesex \$112.40 for twelve pupils from that county who attended the Watford High School a total of 1,117 days.

MISS ETHEL HOLMAN, of Arkona, and Mr. John Rowland, of Strathroy, were married at the Baptist Parsonage, Watford, by Rev. T. M. Mead, on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. THE store windows are worthy of a close inspection this week. Some elegant goods are artistically displayed. The display does credit to the owners and the designers and dressers.

THE balance of our ladies' misses' and children's coats at one quarter off.—A. BROWN & CO. MR. SHIRLEY KERTON, senior operator at the G.T.R. station here for some time, has been appointed agent at Burford station and left for that place last Friday.

HARPER BROS., embalmers and undertakers, have received their license for 1912 from the Provincial Board of Health in accordance with the new legislation passed by the Ontario Government last session. THE annual report of the Veterinary Director General and Live Stock Commissioner for the year ending March 31st, 1911, has just been issued. Copies can be obtained on application to the Veterinary Director General, Ottawa.

HAND PAINTED CHINA for Xmas. A large stock to choose from.—ROSE LAWN STUDIO and SWIFT BROS. A CONFECTIONIST, having Old King Bacchus as a partner, endeavored to give a free entertainment on Main Street Tuesday. County Constables Elliot and Cook vetoed the performance and conducted the actor to the cooler.

THREE died in Moose Jaw, Sask., on Monday, Dec. 4th, John Henry McMurray, the youngest son of Bernard McMurray, of Foom Lake, Sask., in his 26th year. The McMurrays are old residents of the 4th line, Watford. WE have received a copy of the Gratiot Herald of Sept. 21st, a twenty-page paper published at Ithaca, Mich. It contains an excellent portrait of our late townsman, Wm. Willoughby, who carries on an extensive blacksmith business there. Mr. Willoughby is the only horseshoer in the county of Gratiot who holds a certificate from the National Horse Shoers' Protective Association.

AN overcoat or suit is a gift worth while. Of course it would be a C. N. & R. or a 20th Century.—A. BROWN & CO. ALTHOUGH nomination day is only one week off no one has yet publicly announced himself as a candidate for the office of Reeve or Councillor, but it is stated by Reeve Stapleford's friends that he will again be in the field. Ex-reeve Fitzgerald is also spoken of as a likely candidate, and some of J. D. Brown's friends are pressing him to stand for the Reeveship. Councillors Williams, Graham and Willoughby will again be nominated, and Robt. Johnston, L. H. Cook, Joshua Saunders and D. A. Maxwell are spoken of as possible candidates. No doubt when the time arrives there will be plenty of material to choose from.

WATFORD merchants are already doing considerable Christmas trade and large and varied stocks are displayed. To the people who buy the necessities of life and secure their medical aid in Watford, it is surely not necessary to say, Buy your Christmas goods there too. In the home stores you can see and examine the goods you require; you can get accommodation in your purchase if you want it; you can get values such as city stores; you can get what you want when you want it, with all danger of delay or disappointment eliminated. Read then, the announcements that are being made and remember, even in your business relationship, that good will toward men which is supposed to be characteristic of the merry Christmas time.

New line of handbags at Taylors'. FANCY VESTS for Xmas.—SWIFT'S. XMAS boxes of stationery, 25c to \$2.50 at Taylors'. ALEXINGTON goes into the Junior O.H.A. series this winter.

GROUP No. 10, Intermediate O. H. A., is comprised of Watford, Strathroy and Sarnia, to meet at Watford. THE next meeting of Watford Camp No. 23, C. O. W. of W. will be held on Tuesday, December 26th, instead of the 19th. Election of officers. All members requested to be present. Remember the date—the 26th.

MR. AND MRS. ALF. TELFER, Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. W. S. Fuller this week. Mr. Telfer is ticket agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System at the Union Station, Toronto, and one of the oldest employees of the road. MR. AND MRS. T. A. ADAMS left Monday morning for Orangeville to attend the marriage of Capt. Adams, of Detroit, to Miss Estella Rowan, which took place at The Maples on Tuesday. Capt. Adams is a brother of Mr. T. A. Adams.

THE public is cordially invited to inspect our Xmas showing. Seeing involves no obligation to buy. Defiance Fire Co. The above company met in the Fire Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Joshua Saunders and S. Smith were recommended to the Council for Chief and Assistant, respectively. R. E. Johnston—Captain. W. Drury—1st Lieutenant. W. A. Wykesmith—2nd Lieutenant. J. D. Brown—Secretary. P. J. Dodds—Treasurer.

J. S. Willoughby—1st Branchman. W. Sedgwick—2nd Branchman. W. Scott—Caretaker. N. Hawn—Foreman of Hose. E. Clark—2nd Hoseman. C. A. Class and S. Mitchell—Auditors. J. Kersey and D. Hamilton—Suction Hose. J. S. Williams and J. Shaw—Flagmen.

Chosen Friends. Watford Council of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening elected the following officers for the year 1912, viz: P. C. C.—Stapleford. Assistant Recorder—Miss S. C. McKenzie. Treasurer—Dr. George Hicks. Marshal—William Westgate. Warden—Chester Skillen. Guard—Thomas Kert. Sentry—Lloyd E. C. Eastbrook. Organist—Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald. Trustees—August Mitchell, Mrs. A. G. Brown and Charles Joynt.

The above officers are to be installed at the next regular meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday evening, January 9th, 1912. After installation a social time is to be held at which some Grand Council officers are expected to be present. WARWICK. Rich. Manders took his big yearling to the Toronto show this week.

The Warwick Methodist S. S. will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Friday evening Dec. 22nd. Further announcements next week. The Christmas Sunday School entertainment of St. Mary's Church, Warwick Village, will (D.V.) be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 21st, in the Orange Hall.

The annual Grace Church Christmas entertainment will be held on Dec. 21st in School Section No. 12, Warwick, (4th line east). Everybody come and enjoy a good time. Dressed turkeys wanted. Highest price paid. Birds must be bled in the mouth and well picked. Also all kinds of fowl either alive or dressed.—P. DODDS & SON, Watford.

Mr. Robert J. Stewart returned last week from Smith's Falls where he has been visiting relations and friends for the last three months. Mr. Stewart enjoyed his trip to the utmost, and reports Smith's Falls as being a very progressive business town.

The annual business meeting of the W. A. of St. Mary's church was held at the rectory on Dec. 6th. Twenty-six members and friends were present. The former officers were re-appointed.—Mrs. C. Hawkins, Pres.; Mrs. B. Dann, Treas.; Mrs. E. Barnes, Sec.; Mrs. F. Smith, 1st Vice Pres.; Mrs. J. Robinson, 2nd Vice Pres.; Mrs. J. Kirvell, Assistant Sec. A large bale of clothing was packed for the Rev. S. Brigham, Walpole Island. The new clothing and groceries was valued at \$3.00. Mrs. C. Hawkins will hold the next meeting the last Thursday in January.

A grand school entertainment will be held in S. S. No. 5, Warwick, on Friday evening, Dec. 22. Mr. Richard Brock, of Adelaide, has been secured to act as chairman, and the following excellent program will be given:—Miss Edna Smith, elocutionist, London; the Arkona and Adelaide Orchestra; vocal selections, Miss Beatrice McAdam; Misses Ida and Lou Richardson, (late of Whitty College); two good dialogues entitled "The Country Cousin," and "The Ticket

Agent," by professionals. Also dialogues and music by pupils of the school. A good time is assured to all. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Program at 8. Admiss 25c, children 15c. WARWICK ORANGEMEN. The annual election of officers of Pioneer L.O.L. No. 516 was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th, when the following members were duly elected and installed by the County Master, Bro. Jas. Rankin. After the installation lunch was served:—W.M.—P. J. Reynolds; D.M.—C. E. Lester; Chaplain, Chas. Barnes; Rec. Sec.—Hanson Holbrook; Fin. Sec.; Harold Stewart; Treas., Chas. Hawkins; Dir. of Cer., Geo. Smith; Lecturer, Oscar Lester; Committeemen, Albert Hawkins; Ed. Karr, R. Cope, Chas. Stewart and S. J. Harper. Tylers, T. McCausland and D. Falloon; Auditors, Geo. Lester and Wm. Bartley.

Homes'ader, Richdale, Alta., writes:—The weather is beautiful here, for a week it was very cold, but for the last three weeks it's been fine and mild just enough snow for sleighing. Who says the homesteader's days are sad and lonesome and nights long and dreary, where neighbors are almost as plentiful as in Warwick. The night of Nov. 30th upwards of 60 people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunt, where the time was spent in music, songs and dancing, several Warwick people being present, all enjoying themselves to the fullest extent, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hunt for the pleasant evening, started in different directions across the prairies, thinking that the East did not contain all the good times in the world.

BROOKE. Miss Ella McLean, of 10th line, spent Sunday last with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Searson, sixth line. Mrs. Walter Fisher and daughter, Glorious, of Petrolia, are spending a few days with Mrs. Fisher's mother, Mrs. D. L. McLean.

The Sterling Bank, Watford, will receive taxes for the Township of Brooke from all who find it more convenient to pay there than to the collector.—W. J. WREED. W. and W. B. Annett took six imported horses to the winter show at Guelph this week. No doubt they will give a good account of themselves in the prize ring.

Dressed turkeys wanted. Highest price paid. Birds must be bled in the mouth and well picked. Also all kinds of fowl either alive or dressed.—P. DODDS & SON, Watford. The annual Xmas tree of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, 10th line, Brooke and Enniskillen, will be held on the night of Dec. 19th. The folks have a well prepared program of dialogues, recitations and the orchestra will be present. Everybody come and have a good time.

A meeting of the North Brooke Literary Society was held on Friday evening, December 8th, in Chalmers' church. The debate "Resolved, that the horse is more beneficial to man than the automobile" was taken by Miss Sadie Logan and Mr. B. McDougal on the affirmative side and Mr. Archie Fisher and Miss Ada McGugan on the negative. Both sides scored even points. The next meeting will be held in Fisher's school house. Con. 10, Brooke, on Dec. 29th.

Another old traveller has crossed the bourne from which no traveller returns, of one person of David Walkerdine, who died at his residence, southeast cor. lot 15, con. 5, Brooke, Sunday evening. Deceased was in his 82nd year and had been ailing for some time. A large family of grown-up sons and daughters mourn the loss of a revered and respected father. A peculiar coincidence appears in Mr. Walkerdine's death—the body of his father being the first to be interred in the Alvington cemetery thirty years ago, he having died on the same day, Dec. 3rd. The funeral of the late David Walkerdine took place Wednesday to the same cemetery.—Free Press.

To U. S. Readers. As the imposition of a heavy postal rate necessitates the payment strictly in advance of all American subscriptions, at this time of year we direct the attention of our American readers to the Address Labels on their Guide-Advocate and ask them kindly to see that their subscriptions are paid in advance.

Dr. Mumford is manager of the Glencoe hockey team this year. Albert Backey's house at Glencoe was consumed by fire last week. Dan Hurley, grocer, Glencoe, has sold out to Charles George, the Appin school teacher.

The Strathroy Women's Christian Society paid out \$98.66 in relief to the poor last year. Fred Klinefeldt, of Atwood, died from heart trouble while sitting at the table taking a meal.

Barney Bros., butchers, Forest, have sold out to W. B. Faulds and will go stock raising in Lambton. The tobacco crop of Essex this season is estimated at 11,000,000 pounds for which the growers are receiving 11 1/2c per pound.

Earl McDougall, aged 17, who lives near Blenheim, was shot through the arm while rabbit hunting through the careless handling of his gun.