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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 LetterBox.

WHITE quilts a spec'ul at \$1.—SWIFTS'.
WHAT has become of our boy scouts?
SUMMER temperature on Monday, 78 in the shade.

DON'T forget to clean up—and, while doing it, sweat the fly.

SOME one now suggests that the god of war be re-christened Ananias.

HEAR the Welsh Choir on Thursday next, at the Armory.

LAWN MOWERS \$3.50 up. See our complete line.—T. DODDS & SON.

THE tulip and lily-of-the-valley beds about town are coming along nicely.

IF David Harum were only alive now! Foster and Garland could give him some pointers.

THE License Commissioners for East Lambton meet at the Roche House today (Friday).

WHILE it is hard to climb up in the world, it is still harder to be obliged to climb down again.

THE one trouble with European strong-holds is that they are not strong enough to keep out a modern foe.

CHIEF CHATTESSON has been instructed to enforce the by-law regarding poultry running at large.

SEE our floor rugs from \$6.00 to \$10.00 for rooms 9ft by 10ft.—SWIFTS'.

GREAT BRITAIN, as mistress of the seas, is clearly entitled to go on the water-wagon during the war.

WHEN a man stops learning he stops growing, and when he stops growing he soon dries up and goes to seed.

THE 25th annual report of the Industrial Mortgage & Savings Co., Sarnia, has been issued in handsome booklet form.

NOTICE.—Any person allowing fowl to run at large after this notice will be severely dealt with.—N. CHATTESSON, Constable.

DON'T fight shy of the war tax. Meet it like a man. With your neighbor in the trenches the least you can do is to pay his bills cheerfully.

A POST CARD will bring an oil stove to your door. Read our ad.—T. DODDS & SON.

ENGLISH railways have discontinued cheap excursion fares. But the English government still runs free excursions to France for able-bodied men.

PETROLEA has leased a few old oil tanks to be used as the town dump. It is a pity that we have not an old oil tank in Watford, for a town dump is badly needed.

THE ladies of the Presbyterian Church intend holding a sale of home-made crooking on Saturday May 1st. Place of sale will be announced in next weeks Guide-Advocate.

New rain coats and capes, \$5 to \$15.—SWIFTS'.

FOR this time of the year the country roads are the best we have known for very many years. In fact the roads at the present time are as good as are generally found in the middle of summer.

REMEMBER, the war tax stamps will not be accepted in any case for the prepayment of postage, but ordinary postage stamps may be used for the extra war stamp when that is not procurable.

CITIZENS in different parts of the town have been performing the commendable task of cleaning up their premises. The good example they have set should be followed until the cleaning process has covered the town.

"THE Welsh Choir is magnificent, they are perfectly splendid and you may say I said so."—Melba.—Thursday, April 22nd, in the Armory.

SHEETS H. S. ready to use, \$2 a pair.—SWIFTS'.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE BOWIE, of Brooke, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Hilda Mae, to Ernest R. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDonald, of Metcalfe. The wedding to take place in June.

COMPLAINT is made in some parts of the town that the chickens have commenced a general survey of the locality and are scratching for a living in the neighbor's flower beds. An investigation by the chief will probably be made. See his notice elsewhere.

In reply to enquiries regarding the protest entered against the election of Dr. Martyn to the Legislative Assembly, the time allowed for the hearing of the case expired on February 12th, and on its expiration the protest became null and void, thus definitely deciding the matter, and no further action can be taken.

OIL, CLOTHS, linoleums, roller blinds, curtains.—SWIFTS'.

THERE is no doubt but that a large per cent. of the degradation, disgrace, ruin and crime among the young springs from the habit of night prowling, corner loafing and kindred acts by both sexes in city, town and hamlet all over this broad country. Any person who keeps his or her eyes open knows this. Hundreds of boys and girls are out at night and we all know that many influences for evil and none for good surround them continually.

SMART new blouses.—SWIFTS'.

How many letters have you posted without the war stamp on?

MR. T. ROCHE now sports a handsome new seven-passenger Hippmobile.

MRS. BEVEN, Ancaster, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. G. Brown, who is very ill.

MRS. THEXTON, who has spent the winter in Detroit, returned home last week.

MISS EDVIE THE LIVINGSTONE is visiting her sister Mrs. W. H. House, Port Dalsousie.

SPECIAL new wash dress goods.—SWIFTS'.

THE Wallaceburg Record-Herald office was badly damaged by fire Monday night.

THE Old Pioneer was wearing his "Sunday best" on Wednesday. It was his 75th birthday.

THE Electric Light plant was shut down for three days this week while repairs were made to the boiler.

FOR leaky roofs, tanks, chimneys, worn out gutters, use Arco Sealit and forget about your troubles.—G. CHAMBERS.

ACCORDING to the amended Education Act trustees will be required to give a declaration of office before taking their seats after election.

OUR rugs are the best value in Ontario.—SWIFTS'.

MR. CHAS. WILLSON left this week for Chatham, where he has secured a position with Jaques & Co., harness manufacturers.

CANADA'S second contingent is likely to be despatched to the front at any time now. The mounted rifles, it is rumored, will go to Egypt.

MESSRS. JOHN KINGSTON, W. G. Willoughby, John Cowan and R. J. McCormick attended the funeral of the late Donald Sutherland at Forest on Saturday.

Do not forget to stamp your bank cheques. Banks have no authority to stamp them. Any person now issuing a cheque without the special war tax stamp affixed thereto, is liable to a fine of \$50.

NEXT Sunday, April 25th, the Methodist and Presbyterian Congregations will unite for worship. In the morning at 11 the service will be in the Methodist church, and in the evening at 7 the Presbyterian Church. Rev. E. G. Robinson will have charge of both services.

THE law now requires that all pound prints of butter must have on the wrapper the words "Dairy Butter" or "Creamery Butter." Why not have your name printed on the wrappers as well? The Guide-Advocate office can supply you wrappers.

CORP. S. JERRED, of the Princess Pats, writes to his wife at Toronto:—"We have only 125 of the original Princess Pats that left Ottawa with us last August. Rather a small number out of 1,100, although I expect we will get a few back again that went out with frozen feet."

BEST work shirts and overalls in Canada.—SWIFTS'.

WELL, you Welsh people are passionately fond of music, and you have beautiful voices. I have certainly enjoyed your Choir immensely. I must congratulate you (Madame Thomas) and your Choir on your excellent performance.—H. I. M. The King, at Cardiff.—Thursday, April 22nd, in the Armory.

A CONVENTION of the Liberals of the riding of East Lambton will be held in the music hall, Alvinston, on Friday next, April 30th, at 2 p.m. to nominate a candidate to represent the riding in the Dominion Parliament. Addresses will be given by F. F. Pardee, M. P., A. B. McCoig, M. P., D. C. Ross, M. P., and others.

The self-made man was in a caustic mood. "These schools, ye know," he said, "they're no good. Don't give a boy no practical knowledge; see what I mean? Now, my son, he's supposed to be learning Greek, an' Latin, an algebra. An' the other day I asked 'im to tell me the algebra for fried potatoes, and he couldn't."

EVERY good citizen of this town should take a special local pride in all that pertains to home. The schools, the churches, the amusements, the business, the pleasures, the picnics, the celebrations, in fact everything should be looked on by our own people as just as good as can be gotten up elsewhere. The town that says "we can" will always succeed.

THE new Ontario game laws provide an open season for all small birds, quail, partridge, grouse, pheasants, etc., and the dates will be October 15 to November 15th. Under this will be included woodcocks, grey squirrels and hares. A bag limit of 25 for the season is set on quail, and not more than six per day can be taken. It is likely that action will be taken towards licensing guns in Ontario.

The members of the Watford Women's Institute have been sewing for the Canadian Red Cross and have forwarded a bale of garments to Mr. Noel Marshall, of Toronto, consisting of bed sheets, gowns, 75 cheesecloth handkerchiefs and another parcel containing 28 pair of good homemade socks, which were kindly knitted by the members and friends. The Secretary has received a reply from Toronto thanking the Institute for their kindly efforts in that behalf.

THE new hats at Swifits'.

REGULAR meeting of Havelock Lodge on Thursday evening next. Third degree work.

DR. E. KENWARD, Chicago, is spending a week with his parents, Col. and Mrs. Kenward.

MR. CLAYTON O. FULLER left on Wednesday for Sarnia, where he has secured a position with the Northern Navigation Co.

A SUIT well tailored. Go to Swifits'.

DAUGHTERS of the Empire contributing to the consignment of fruit to be sent to the boys at the front, will please have the goods sent to Mrs. Tye's by Saturday.

CAPT. KELLY has received an interesting letter from the front from Sergt Owens, of the Watford company, 27th Regt. It will be published in the Guide-Advocate next week.

JUDGE MACWATT was presented with a magnificent silver plate and suitable regalia of the office of Immediate Past Grand First Principal of the meeting of the Royal Arch Masons in Toronto last week.

REV. "BILLY" SUNDAY, the evangelist, says he was offered \$1,000 a day for a month on the Chautauqua circuit. He had been asked to name his own price to act for the movies in a series. He had an offer of \$20,000 a week from a New York vaudeville house, for two fifteen minute appearances a day. But he would not accept any of these offers.

New cars come and old cars go from the street and are hardly noticed, but the loss of Tom Roke's fast trotter, Gonzola, from its daily exercise on the drive causes the Main street to look as if it lacked something. The horse and outfit have been sold. Tom, driving a high-power car, might pass unnoticed, but the trotter caught the eye of all pedestrians, whether animal lovers or not.

SEE the new lace curtains, white cream ecru.—SWIFTS'.

According to militia orders, the sum of \$10 is to be withheld for a period of six months from the pay of every man enlisted on or before the 1st of March, 1915, for overseas service. This amount is to provide for the cost of civilian clothing for men discharged within six months of enlistment, and also to partly compensate the Government for military issues made to men who subsequently desert. After six months' service, or on termination of engagement, the amount may be repaid and civilian clothing issued free on discharge.

Now that the excursions to Port Huron and Detroit are nearly due Watford ladies will do well to resist the temptation of buying across the line. The smartest smuggler will be caught sooner or later. Read what happened in Kitchener:—"Several prominent young Ridgeway ladies have learned to their cost that it is a crime to beat His Majesty's Government out of its customs duties. A week ago these young ladies went to Detroit on a short visit and on their return brought with them new suits, forgetting to pay the customs duty on their purchase. On Thursday a female officer of the department dropped into town and explained to the young ladies the enormity of their offense. However, on paying over the original price of the goods, plus the duty, they would be allowed to retain their apparel."

A PLEASANT evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Bambridge when the ladies of the Watford Women's Institute held their April meeting, the president presiding. After the singing of the Maple Leaf the members answered roll call by some spring flowers. After hearing reports of different committees of work done, Mrs. Wilson gave a reading on the preparing of foods. Mrs. Kennel also gave a reading on "Our Flag, and what it stands for." Both papers were much appreciated by all present. Mrs. Pentland and Mrs. Humphries sang a duet very nicely. Miss M. Hume gave a short reading on some of our Canadian poets, which was good. Meeting closed by singing God Save the King after which some good homemade candy was sampled. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilson.—SIC.

THE dust on Main street on Monday was almost unbearable and tended to remind us that the dusty season is here, and ask how the nuisance is to be kept in subjection. For several years past the sprinkling with water has not proved satisfactory, and on that account some subscribers either refused to pay or very reluctantly discharged their indebtedness for the service. Probably if the street was well covered early in the morning and again several times during the day the dust might be kept down to a minimum, but unless more water is used than heretofore there will be the same dissatisfaction as in previous years. Would it not be well for the Council to consider a trial of oiling? Three-fourths of Ontario towns now oil their streets and claim to be satisfied with the result. Of course the oiling must be thoroughly done or it will be no more efficacious than the water. We would suggest a trial. The cost could be distributed about the same ratio as is now paid for water, and doubtless the business men would be willing to pay a little extra, if need be, to have a dustless Main street. The Council should make enquiries from municipalities using oil and then they would have more than hearsay evidence to work on, and also find how the cost compares with the water system. Blenheim, Glencoe,

Forest, and other towns not far away use oil and from all accounts are well pleased with it as a dust laver. One thing is certain; unless a better system than heretofore is inaugurated there will be more firms each year who will refuse to contribute to the half-measure system that has been in vogue in the past.

A Question For The Council

A town subscriber makes the following enquiry:

"A notice appeared in last week's paper, signed by the Constable, telling citizens to remove ashes from the street and save trouble. I wish to know if the Council is not compelled to provide a place to dump said ashes and other refuse when they order citizens to remove same? Many people are only too glad to clean up their premises if a place is provided for dumping the trash."

Will the Reeve, Clerk, Constable, or someone in authority kindly answer the above question in next week's paper. It is a subject that interests many ratepayers and we do not know the answer.

Armory Progress Club

A very pleasant evening was spent by the Progress Club and officers of the 27th Regt. in the Armory on Friday, when they had for their guest Rev. J. M. McGillivray, of Petrolia, who kindly consented to address them on "What the war will mean to Canada." The officers and visitors present from a distance were Major McVicar and Capt. Kougyie, of Sarnia; Capt. Waddell, Lieut. R. J. Campbell and Mr. A. C. Millie, of Petrolia; Lieut. Williams, of Arkona, and Adjutant Browne of Alvinston. Luncheon was served about 7 o'clock and about thirty-five partook of a tasty repast, after which Rev. J. M. McGillivray was introduced by the presiding officer, Col. Kelly. Mr. McGillivray gave a highly-entertaining talk that was much enjoyed and appreciated by all present. He claimed that the result of the war would be the purification of national life; that there would be closer union between all parts of the Empire and that, as a people, Canadians would become more conscious of their national life and responsibilities. The problems of immigration were discussed, the speaker claiming that more attention would be required to helping those coming to our shores, by guiding and assisting them to become useful members of the community. National defence would need to be put on a firm and more extensive scale. These things together would result in the stimulation and extension of trade and commerce and a general wave of prosperity.

At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker and he was made an honorary member of the Progress Club. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the gentlemen present from a distance, which was neatly replied to by Mayor McVicar, of Sarnia.

Postal Laws of Canada

Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada.

Under the Post Office Act, sections 65 and 69, the Postmaster General has the exclusive privilege of receiving, collecting, conveying and delivering letters within Canada.

Bills and accounts, whether in open or sealed envelopes, as well as circulars or other printed matter enclosed in envelopes sealed or ready to be sealed, are "Letters" within the meaning of the Post Office Act.

There is a penalty under section 136 of the Post Office Act which may amount to \$20.00 for each letter unlawfully carried.

It has been brought to the attention of the Post Office Department that some business firms, desiring to avoid the war tax which became effective on the 15th April, propose making arrangements for the delivery of accounts, bills, circulars, etc., through means other than the Post Office, contrary to the Postal Act, and a warning is hereby given that the Post Office Department intends to insist that the law shall be rigidly lived up to, and will in no circumstances allow these parties to avoid paying the one cent tax which has been imposed for war purposes.

All letters conveyed, received, collected, sent or delivered in contravention of the Post Office Act will be seized and necessary steps immediately taken for the prosecution of the offenders in all places where the law has been contravened.

The Welsh Choir Will Give Concert in Armory

The famous and talented Welsh Choir are again visiting Watford and will appear at the Armory on Thursday, 29th inst., under the auspices of the 27th Regt. A classical program will be rendered by artists whom we seldom have the chance to hear. Those failing to take advantage of this opportunity now presented to them will regret the chance they have missed. See lithographs and posters announcing further particulars.

Do not fail to hear them. Ample accommodation will be found for all. Remember the boys at the front. More may be required, therefore help and assist in defending your homes. Reserved seats 35c.

Methodist Sunday School

The annual business meeting of the Watford Methodist Sabbath School was held in the Sabbath School room of the church on Tuesday evening, April 20th. The following officers and teachers were appointed for the year:

Superintendent—Dr. Hicks.

Assistant—Mr. T. B. Taylor.

Secretary—Austin Potter.

Assistant—Bert Cook and T. Fortune.

Treas.—Mr. D. Maxwell.

Librarian—Eston Fowler.

Assistant Librarian—Barrie Vail.

Sup. Home Department—Mrs. Rapson.

Ass't "—Mrs. Thompson.

Sup. Cradle Roll—Miss Fortune.

Pianist—Miss Kerr.

Leader of Orchestra—Mr. D. Maxwell.

Auditors—Rev. Connolly, Mr. Crosse.

Teachers—Class No. 1.—Mr. Humphries, Mrs. Kellar, Mrs. Baker; (2) Miss Waugh; (3) Rev. Connolly; (4) Mrs. Thompson; (5) Mr. Crosse; (6) Mr. Marsh; (7) Mrs. Fowler; (8) Miss Kerr; (9) Miss Lovell; (10) Mrs. Potter; (11) Mrs. Fortune.

WARWICK.

Cecil Patterson and Clarence F. Luckham, of the O.A.C., Guelph, are home for the summer vacation.

Jacob Throver's sale on Monday was well attended and good prices were obtained, especially for cattle.

All lovers of good singing should hear the Welsh Choir in the Armory, Watford, next Thursday evening. Reserve your seats early.

Mrs. Mack Luckham entertained on Monday evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Helen Shepherd, Almonte, Mich., and Miss Mary Detwiler, Chesaning, Mich.

On Sunday evening next, April 25th, divine service will be held in Zion Congregational church at 7.30 p.m. Rev. R. Stevenson the pastor will preach on the subject: "The much abused story of Jonah and the whale." Everybody made welcome.

Rev. M. Kelly, of Brantford, attended the western Conference held in Forest on Thursday of last week. Rev. Kelly was formerly pastor of Zion and Watford Congregational churches and is highly esteemed by his many friends here who were pleased to have him call and renew old acquaintances.

Mrs. James McIntosh, mention of whose illness was made in last week's paper, passed peacefully away on Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James of Sarnia. Deceased had been in poor health since last fall, at which time she had a stroke, but was no worse than usual when she went to Sarnia two weeks ago. Before marriage she was Miss Annie Shipley, of Lobo, and was born in that township. Some 38 years ago the family moved to Bosanquet, but for the last 29 years she has resided on lot 25, Main road, Warwick, where her husband died about 15 years ago. She spent a long life in usefulness, bringing up a large family of children who are all highly respected, energetic and useful citizens. Two daughter and six sons survive her, namely, Mrs. W. Phillips and Mrs. H. James, of Sarnia; James, John, George, Reginald, Fred and Norman, all of this district but Fred, who resides in Toronto. One sister, and one brother, Miss Lizzie and James Shipley, of Brantford, also survive. The remains were conveyed to the old home-stead on the Main road on Monday and the funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon to Wisbeach cemetery and was well attended, many old friends wishing to show their respects to the deceased. The Rev. W. Murton Shore conducted the service in St. Paul's church, assisted by Rev. F. C. Newton, of Sarnia, and the pallbearers were Robt. Willoughby, Geo. Bryson, C. Cates, J. Watson, H. Williams and T. Adams.

BROOKE

Hear the celebrated Welsh Choir on Thursday next, April 29th in the Armory, Watford.

Mr. John Davis has returned from Hamilton, where he took a course in undertaking. He left Wednesday for Pittsburg where he has accepted a position.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN

If your hair is thin, faded or discolored, or if you are bald, if you would make your appearance attractive and youthful and benefit your health and comfort, be sure you see the Dorenwend Company's wonderful display of quality hair-goods at the Roche House, Watford, on Friday May 7th. Switches, Braids, Transformations, Pompadours, Wavelets, etc., of unsurpassed quality hair and workmanship. Also Dorenwend Art Hair-toupees for bald men, including the famous sanitary patent structures. You are offered a free demonstration of any style. Remember the date, Friday May 7th. 2

James H. Ronan died at his home in Sarnia on Sunday after several weeks' illness. Deceased was one of the most widely known and most popular passenger steamboat men on the Great Lakes. For many years he was connected with the Beatty line of steamers, and then with the steamers of the Northern Navigation Company when that company took over the Beatty line. Up to a few years ago he was purser of the steamer Hamilton.