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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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Big pile of towels, 2 for 25c. July sale. —SWIFT'S.

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It is noticed that the mosquito crop is one of the best in years throughout this district.

W. J. REID, for many years President of the Western Fair Board, died at London this week.

THE season of summer vacation is now in full swing. Why, even the Huns are busy vacating their trenches east and west.

PERHAPS the Kaiser himself will use the submarine route to take afternoon tea with his old correspondence chum, Mr. Wilson.

AT the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge in London this week W. Carter of Sarnia was elected deputy grand master for St. Clair district.

MR. SWIFT was to the market this week and secured a lot of July Bargains. —SWIFT, SON'S & CO.

"PAT" Jay, Strathroy, was reported killed in Wednesday's casualty lists, and Pte. Nelson L. Gough, of Alvinston, reported wounded.

WHY all this talk about scarcity of labor? Listowel High School advertised for two teachers and seventy-seven applications were received.

FARMERS around here had splendid weather for haying. The crop was put in in much better shape than usual and is undoubtedly the largest crop in many years.

MRS. R. H. STAPLEFORD received a telegram on Wednesday from her husband at Camp Borden which stated that he has been promoted to Staff Captain on the 8th Brigade.

A NUMBER of citizens are complaining of the disregard bicyclists show towards their rights by persisting to ride on the sidewalks during the summer season when the streets are in excellent condition for wheeling.

MR. BEN CRAIG has a narrow escape from serious accident Tuesday. While cementing a well at rear of the Taylor Block a board on which he was standing gave way precipitating him into the well. Luckily he escaped with only a few bruises.

TWO young ladies from Watford went boating at Port Frank last Sunday, capsized the boat, and had to stand in nearly five feet of water until two gentlemen paddled from shore to rescue them. They are trying to keep the matter quiet, but O, my! nearly everybody knows about it.

WHEN the new telephone directory is issued in August, the a's and b's attached to numbers will be done away with. The new letters will be w and j. There has been considerable confusion experienced over the a's and b's and it is believed the substituted letters will do away with this trouble.

NEW blouses, middies and wash skirts for Saturday. —SWIFT'S.

THE entrance results came to hand on Saturday and were posted up outside the Guide-Advocate office a short time after being received, much to the satisfaction of the young people who had been waiting very anxiously for some time for the news. They can now settle down and enjoy the holidays in earnest.

LETTERS of as late date as July 6, received from soldiers in the 70th state that very few of the 70th are now in England and those are employed as instructors or on special duties. All the officers are said to have gone to the front except Lt.-Col. Towers and Quartermaster Mackenzie. The destinations of the officers and men are not known.

THE weekly meeting of the Patriotic League was held in the Lyceum on Thursday afternoon. The member's present worked on hospital supplies. Donations of money or old white linen can be left with Mr. A. G. Brown, Mr. E. D. Swift or at the Lyceum every Thursday afternoon. Any ladies who take an interest in patriotic work will be welcome Thursday afternoon. —M. Osborn, Sec.

WATFORD PEOPLE had an excellent opportunity on Friday night of watching a partial eclipse of the moon, which was particularly clear because of the favorable weather conditions. A little after 10 o'clock a dark shadow began to cover the face and at a quarter to 12 the greatest point of eclipse was reached. No clouds showed in the sky, and the clear atmosphere gave a rare opportunity to see the phenomenon.

AS noted last week Miss Alice May Pearce passed away on July 12th, after a long and tedious illness extending over two years which she bore with much patience. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pearce, Huron Street, to the Watford cemetery, the Rev. S. P. Irwin taking the service. The pall bearers were R. Brock, T. Glenn, D. Roberts, I. J. Hastings, N. Chatterton, and W. Williamson. Interment in Watford Cemetery.

WHITE flannel gloves, ladies, for July sale. —SWIFT'S.

ANSICO FILMS fit any camera and they cost you no more than inferior grades. —TAYLOR sells them.

LHUT, Ernest W. Lawrence landed in France on July 2nd, and is now taking a course in a military school there.

ONE only wishes that one of those ocean-going German submarines would make a mistake and put into a Canadian port.

A NUMBER of members of Havelock Lodge A. F. & A. M. motored to London to attend the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge.

MRS. W. J. THOMPSON will have charge of the Topic at the Epworth League, and Prayer Service this Thursday evening in the Methodist Church at 8 o'clock.

BRITISH expenditures have now reached a total of more than \$38,000,000 daily, according to a statement made by Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

PERSONS who are forever asking the question, "How long will the war last?" should consult old Father Time. He's the only man who knows exactly how many weeks will elapse before Germany will admit her defeat.

ROBT. Johnston met with a nasty accident on Saturday evening. While erecting a hay loader a prop under the steel frame dropping on Mr. Johnston's head making an ugly gash which required three stitches to close. His cheek was also cut.

THE Wednesday half holiday will be observed by the merchants of Watford this summer as before, commencing on Wednesday, June 7th, and continuing until the end of August. Make a note of this and do your shopping in the morning. —ms-tf

FARMERS are very busy from daylight till dark just now picking potato bugs. The bugs are a veritable plague this year, as the potato plants are simply covered with them. The plants are in good condition otherwise, being healthy looking and well blossomed.

BOYS' khaki pants, bloomers and overalls. —SWIFT'S July Sale.

ALL persons in Watford and the surrounding country who have old books and magazines which they wish to donate to the 149th Battalion please leave them on Saturday, July 22nd at the store under Dr. Hicks' office where they will be looked after by the members of the Kewpie Club. —Sec.

HISTORIANS will divide the great war into three parts, the first being the great German attack; the second being the period when the Allies held on, waiting their time to strike, and the third the period of the German retreat and ultimate defeat. We seem to be getting pretty well into the third part now.

"YOU are complaining in America of thirty-cent gasoline," writes a Britisher to an American friend, "but that means to you thirty cents a gallon; what would you say if it meant, as it does to us at this moment, thirty cents a quart? When gasoline went up to \$1.25 a gallon, I put up the car and got my old reliable bicycle."

THE results of the School of Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training held in London from May 15 to June 10 is announced. The following noncommissioned officers have completed the 21 days' course and are qualified to act as assistant instructors. The certificates will be issued shortly. 149th Overseas Battalion —Sergts. A. W. Murphy, G. O. Trick, Corps. C. H. McLean, S. G. Richardson, J. S. Young, Pte. E. H. Webster.

SINCE 1912 the paper contained in a thousand letterheads has advanced in price over 50 cents on the cheaper grades, and on some of the more expensive papers 75c and \$1.00; colored cardboard exact doubled in price; colored poster paper has advanced 25 per cent; book paper and cover paper has advanced 37 per cent, and memorial cards 35 per cent. As a matter of fact there is not a thing which enters into the printing and publishing business that has not advanced in price.

MR. W. A. CORK, government inspector of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies was here last week making his annual inspection of the books of the Lambton Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co. He called at the Guide-Advocate office on Friday and reports that the company is in a very flourishing condition with a large surplus on hand and invested in debentures. He said the Company was to be congratulated on having such an efficient secretary in the person of Mr. W. G. Willoughby, whose books are exceptionally neat and well kept.

ACCORDING to the records of the casualty office the total number of killed, wounded and missing during the heavy fighting on the Canadian front since June 2nd is a little less than the grim record of St. Julien. The casualties so far received aggregate between eight and nine thousand, including several hundred reported "missing." Practically all the casualties of the first three weeks of June, during the period of the heaviest fighting, have now been received and next of kin have been notified. The total of Canadian casualties since the outbreak of the war is now more than thirty thousand.

WHITE wash skirts in repp. duck, drill, at July bargain prices. —SWIFT'S July Sale.

Pushing the hands of the clock an hour ahead may be all right—some say yes and some say no—but it wouldn't make the birds sing any earlier in the morning.

ALVINSTON Free Press:—"It is said, and we can see no reason for disputing it, that there are four or five of the most promising horses in Western Ontario to be found at the Alvinston race-track under the eagle eye of Trainer John Roche. Besides Texas Jim, who is known abroad as well as at home, there is P. A. McDiarmid's Win Fast, Harry Laird's son of Uno, Dan McIntyre's grey, Jim Kenny's pacer and others. Every one of these horses has the breeding and the speed, and miles under twenty are as common as flies. And the track is in splendid condition."

OVER 500 Bandsmen will be engaged for the musical program at the Canadian National Exhibition. In all over 20 bands have been engaged to play at various times and there will be nearly 400 each night in the massed concert in connection with the Federation of Empire Spectacle. The musical festival will be led by Conway's famous band of soloists, the Director of which has the reputation of being the king of program makers. There will be concerts throughout the grounds every hour of the day and well into the night.

WHEN about to close a jar of preserved goods, the housewife very often finds herself short of a rubber band, or else the last one breaks. A very good substitute can be made from newspaper. This is better than other paper, because, as plumbers say, "it packs better." They often use it to make small pipe joints air and water-tight. Cut several layers of the paper the required size, put them on the can and screw the lid down as tightly as possible. If preferred rings of soft leather, cut from the tops of old shoes, may be used, but they are not as satisfactory as those made from newspapers.

MRS. F. TANNER has received information regarding the death of her son Lieut.-Col. Tanner. "He was wounded in the abdomen by a bursting shell while superintending the loading of the wounded into Ambulance cars and although he knew he was mortally wounded he stood by till every man was removed to a place of safety before asking for assistance for himself. He was wounded the evening of June 2nd and lived till 3.30 in the morning of June 4th. He was laid to rest in the Military Cemetery about one mile and a half out of Poperinghi and was given a full military funeral. There were friends from almost all the Canadian units present. His grave was covered with flowers. The grave will be marked by a cross with his name on it and will always be cared for. He was to have had a promotion in the near future. Extract from Chaplain's letter."

MR. Warren K. Cook, Toronto, who was visiting here over Sunday, entertained a number of citizens to an exhibition of automatic machine gun firing on Monday morning. The gun used is an Italian invention and is called the Revelli. It is manufactured in Canada by Canada General Electric Co., of Toronto, Mr. Cook being their representative. The features of the gun are simplicity, lightness and rapidity of fire. It has two barrels and shoots 50 shots a second—3000 a minute—and the barrels can be used separately or together. Its range is 1200 to 1500 yards and the bullets, which are a trifle larger than a .32, will penetrate three inches of hard wood at 500 yards. The velocity of the bullets is 325 yards a second, and the gun is guaranteed for 25,000 rounds. The exhibition was a very interesting and instructive affair and Mr. Cook's kindness in giving the demonstration much appreciated by all who witnessed it.

BROOKE

St. Andrews B. & E. will hold their reopening services on July 30th. Morning service 11 o'clock, evening service half past seven. Service as usual on Sunday July 23rd.

Tuesday afternoon July 25 the Tipperary Red Cross Aid will hold their annual meeting at Mrs. Thos. Corestine's. All members are asked to be present in order that the year's report may be completed.

The Red Cross Society 6th line west will hold a "Garden Party" in the orchard opposite Bethesda Church, on Thursday August 5th. A first class program is anticipated. Watch for particulars next week.

The 6th line west branch of the Red Cross Society met at the home of Mrs. Squires on Wednesday of last week. Notwithstanding the intense heat, a large number were present and a number of garments and hospital supplies were completed. Mrs. Snell the president, took charge. The invitation of Mrs. Walter Thrower to meet at their beautiful new home on July 26th was heartily accepted.

Mr. McMeans, Dominion Government Seed Inspector paid an official visit to R. Williamson, Sutorville, who is growing several acres of mangle seed. Mr. McMeans reports the crop of Mr. Williamson to be one of the best in his inspection which goes to show that even Lambton County is capable of producing seed that heretofore has largely been grown in Germany. Quite a number throughout the province of Ontario are experimenting with small amounts this season. The government purposes giving all assistance possible in order to put the seed growing in Canada on a profitable basis.

A Few Reasons Why We Need Hydro

Forest with its own electric light plant, costing \$35,000 only three years ago, has voted in favor of Hydro. There's a reason.

Sarnia's electric plant cost that city \$175,000 a very short time ago. They have decided by an overwhelming majority to install Hydro.

Strathroy owned its own electric plant. Since installing Hydro the rates have been reduced to consumers nearly one third and the financial statement of the light department shows a net surplus of \$480.00 for the last six months.

The Hydro Commission will not advise the use of their power unless certain that the revenue derived will meet all expenses. No town using Hydro has yet reported a deficit.

Would Watford be an exception and Hydro a failure here? We should say not, when every like hamlet in the country has proved it a success.

More light with greater candle power will make our back streets at night as bright as noon-day, and the cost will be less.

If you do not use Hydro it will not cost you a cent.

What we now pay for street lighting will more than pay the debenture rate each year.

Cheaper lamps will naturally reduce your lighting bill for the year. Hydro lamps are much cheaper.

Don't let the opportunity to keep up with other towns pass. Vote for the by-law.

Amherstburg Bowling Tournament

The Amherstburg Bowling Club will hold its Fourth Annual Tournament, on Monday and Tuesday, August 7th and 8th. As last year's event was practically spoiled by rain, Amherstburg bowlers are arranging to make it up to their friends from Western Ontario this year by putting on some splendid stunts. In addition to the Old Boys, Amherst House and Park trophies and prizes with same, four beautiful Special prizes have been donated as a fourth event, by S. J. Johnston of Detroit, Honorary President of the Club. Constant work on the greens have put them in first class condition, and the grounds are a bower of beauty surrounded by flowers and shrubs. The usual moonlight dance will be given the first evening. It may be interesting to our readers to be reminded who won the trophies in former years: Old Boys, 1913, R. Fairall, Leamington; 1914, A. Pow, Ridgeway; 1915, N. Cornwall, Walkerville. Amherst House, 1913, Dr. Rogers, Essex; 1914, Dr. Watson, Windsor; 1915, Dr. Teeter, Amherstburg. Dr. Park trophy, 1913, W. H. Wilton, Leamington; 1914, N. Wigle, Kingsville; 1915, Dr. Dounsbury, Wheatley. Mullen Special, 1914, Broad of Windsor; Stephenson Special, 1915, J. H. Sutton, Amherstburg.

BORN.

In the C. E. E. Hospital, on Saturday, July 8, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. David Hone, a daughter.

In Brooke, on Friday, July 7th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLachlan, a son (Lloyd George).

In Warwick, on Thursday, July 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Levitt, a son.

In Regina, Sask., on Sunday, July 9th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McGregor, a daughter.

In Arkona, on Tuesday, July 11, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, a daughter, Helen Mae.

MARRIED.

In Edmonton, on Thursday, June 29th, 1916, by the Rev. A. T. Barnard, Mr. Humphrey P. May, of Wainwright, Alta., to E. Jane English, of Edmonton, daughter of Mr. J. English, Forest.

In Bosanquet, on Wednesday, July 5th, 1916, by the Rev. J. H. Osterhout, Mr. John F. Bettger, of Moncton, to Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hamilton, of Bosanquet.

On Saturday, July 1st, 1916, at Carlton Street Methodist Church, Toronto, by the Rev. R. J. D. Simpson, William A. Rose, of Prelate, Sask., to Syla Reed, of Orton, Ontario.

DIED.

In Warwick, (near Arkona) on July 7, Robert W. Riggs, aged 29 years, 11 months and two days.

In Warwick, on Wednesday, July 5th, 1916, Mr. Alfred Chalk, aged 81 years.

In Metcalfe, on Wednesday, July 5th, 1916, Mr. Wm. Reid, formerly of Warwick, in his 77 year.

PERSONAL.

Miss Sadie Mains is visiting at Cam-lachie.

Miss Mattie McLeay is visiting relatives in Toronto.

Charles M. Fitzgerald is visiting in London and vicinity.

W. E. Fitzgerald was in London this week on legal business.

Miss Verna Bambridge is visiting her sister at Ninevah, N. Y.

Miss Etta McLeay returned to Vancouver, B. C. on Monday.

Mr. Wm. Virgo, sr., Sarnia, was a Watford visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Abbott, Chicago, are visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. S. Stapleford visited relatives in Yale, Michigan, over Sunday.

Mr. Jas. Vicary, St. Thomas, was a visitor at T. Harris' this week.

Mr. John James spent the week end visiting old friends in Watford.

Capt. R. H. Stapleford was home from Camp Borden for the week end.

Mr. D. G. Bryson, Calgary, is spending a few days at his old home here.

Mrs. Bambridge is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wyse in Ninevah, N. Y.

Miss May Reid attended the Library Institute at Leamington on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pearce, Strathroy, attended the funeral of the late Miss Pearce on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tanner, Toronto, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Swift over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Frabery and daughter Essie, of Winnipeg, visited Watford relatives last week.

Mrs. Jos. McManus who was dangerously ill this week was reported somewhat better Thursday morning.

Mrs. John Matthews and Miss Blanche, Birmingham, Alabama, are visiting relatives and friends in Watford.

Miss Agnes Ward and Marion and Edward Ward, of Detroit, visited their aunt, Mrs. John Reid, last week.

Miss Martha Mains and Miss Minnie Hamilton are visiting friends in Brantford, Elora and Alton this week.

Mrs. H. Graham left Monday for London where she will remain for a few days before returning to her home in Burlington.

Miss Marjorie Walker, of Haysville, has returned home after spending a few days with her friend, Jean McKercher.

Mrs. (Dr.) Bert Kenward and three children, and her mother, Mrs. Allen, of San Francisco, Cal., are visiting at Colonel Kenward's.

Mr. W. K. Cook, Toronto, was here for the week end. He motored home on Monday taking his wife, his two children and Misses Etta and Mattie McLeay with him.

Mrs. P. Bearrs and daughter, Mrs. G. Gaetz, of Moosejaw, have returned from a visit with friends in Appleton, St. Thomas, London and with W. H. Harper, of Watford.

Arthur McKercher has enlisted as a transport driver with the Canadian Army Service Company and is now stationed at the Niagara Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dennis and two daughters, Misses Edna and Margaret, and Miss Pearl Humphries of Dresden and Mrs. Dennis, of Windsor, motored to Watford and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harper and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hawes.

WARWICK.

Miss Madge Ross, Regina, is visiting at her home here.

Mr. D. M. Ross, Miss Kate and Annie Ross left last week on a trip to Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Regina and Rouleau.

Fred Cook, who lives east of Warwick Village, had two colts killed by lightning during the electric storm Wednesday afternoon. They were insured in the Lambton Farmers' Mutual.

The garden party given by the young people of the Women's Patriotic League on the beautiful lawn of Mr. Robert McKenzie, was very successful. The young people deserve praise for the excellent manner, with which everything was arranged and carried out. The gate receipts amounted to \$144.50.

Sarnia, July 14.—The police are keeping a sharp lookout for supposed deserters from military units. A long list has been furnished by the officers of men who are now absent without leave. So far the police have been successful along this line, and have turned over a number of the absent-without-leave men to their commanding officers.

Mount Bridges, Ont., July 18.—Arthur Drover, an eighteen-year-old English boy employed by R. A. Williams of concession 1, Caradoc, suddenly ran amuck to-day. He was apparently made insane by the excessive heat, and attacked Mrs. Williams with an axe, wounding her seriously in several places. Then he fled toward Dawn township, where his brother lives, stopping in his flight at the home of Mrs. Cushman, whom he struck with an axe that he found in the woodshed. After knocking her unconscious, Drover continued his flight and was captured by officers near Melbourn. Both of the axeman's victims will recover, it is reported.