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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.

THE HOBBY HATS AT SWIFTS', COUNCIL meeting next Monday night. No day is long enough to waste any of it nursing a grouch.

SOME spinsters are so timid that they would jump at a proposal.

COL. KENWARD and Robt. Auld got their new Ford cars this week.

ASK for the "Vesto" Overalls, the new thing.—A. BROWN & CO.

SARNIA will observe the Victoria Day holiday on Saturday, May 24th.

"NORONIC" is the name chosen for the Northern Navigation Co's new boat.

ONE telephone to every eight persons in Canada is what the latest returns show.

TO-DAY (Thursday) being Ascension Day, service will be held in Trinity church this evening.

READ our ad. See special in clothing.—SWIFTS'.

REV. M. KELLY, of Brantford, formerly of Watford, has undergone an operation for appendicitis.

WHEN you want a new pair of shoes remember P. Dodds & Son always have a full stock of most reliable makes.

BROOKE and Alvinston Agricultural Society have decided to abandon the 24th of May celebration this year.

ROLLER BLINDS at 25c. A lace or insertion trimmed blind, very special at 50c.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE Lambton Publicity Association is having 10,000 pamphlets printed, to still further advertise the resources of the county.

MR. WM. HARPER, of Harper Bros., Watford, was married on Wednesday last to Miss Marian Dennis, of Windsor, at the latter place.

MR. POTTER and Miss Mitchell, of the High School staff, have been appointed associate examiners in Mathematics and English respectively.

DRESSES for young ladies in gingham, Zephyrs, white dress skirts.—SWIFTS'.

JUNE 16 to 27, inclusive, has been set as the date of the annual training camp of Division No. 1, and Goderich has again been chosen.

THE branch of the Sterling Bank at Kerwood has been closed. Mr. V. R. McCallum, the manager, is on the Watford staff for the present.

VICTORIA DAY falls on Saturday. Is it the intention of the business men of Watford to hold the holiday on that day or on the following Monday?

JAPANESE matting squares, right for bedrooms, \$2.50 each.—A. BROWN & CO.

F. D. MATHEWS, V.S., has had a comfortable office fitted up in the Auld building opposite the Wagon Works, where he will be found in future.

THE Bank of Toronto has opened a branch at Kerwood. J. Mathers and R. W. Dawe, of the Wyoming branch have been transferred to the former place.

SEVERAL Watford young ladies will go to London next Wednesday to hear the great actor, Robert Mantell, in the "Merchant of Venice" at the London Opera House.

UNDER the new marriage law a bridegroom will not be able to take a bracer before the wedding for fear the minister will smell his breath and refuse to go on with the ceremony.

THE Bulgaria trimmings are right.—SWIFTS'.

THE hired help proposition is one that is causing the farmer quite a lot of concern in this district. Big wages are being paid to experienced men, and men are hard to get at any price.

UNDER the new health Act any butcher found guilty of buying from a farmer, or any farmer found guilty of selling to a butcher, a veal calf under four weeks old, for eating purposes, is liable to a fine of \$50.

THE movies and vaudeville show billed for Wednesday and Thursday met a frost. The first night about 25 people were present and the second night the performance was called off, less than a dozen being present.

TEACHERS and parents can accomplish a real service to their country by instructing the children to spare the robins. The robin and its nestlings are perfect gardeners when it comes to making a meal of bugs and caterpillars—the enemies of mankind. The fledglings eat one and two-fifths times their own weight of worms and insects each day.

WHY should there not be a general house cleaning? And let it be thorough when you're about it. Gather together the accumulated rubbish of unkindness, of envy and of selfishness and make a bonfire of it. Search out the corners for some old grudge and put it on the bonfire too. Empty out those old misunderstandings from the pigeon holes of your memory and burn them too. Wipe out that old ill feeling. Polish the windows of your mind. Let cheerfulness and charity have control. Clean up and keep clean.

LADIES' long silk gloves in tan, white or black, at 75c.—A. BROWN & CO.

SEND in the news, and send it in early in the week.

A VICTORIA DAY celebration in Watford is being talked of.

NEW "King" and "Panama" hats opened this week.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE masons commenced on the Carnegie library foundation Wednesday.

Women are difficult to understand because they never make themselves plain.

No, dear reader, you will never again see May Day and Ascension Day fall on the same day.

MISS WILLIAMS will open up a special line of Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats, this Saturday. Call and see them.

SARNIA Electric Light Co. has reduced the meter rate to 10c per month. The rate for electricity has also been lessened.

THE new lace for dress trimming.—SWIFTS'.

ANGUS McLEAN, a printer in the Alvinston Free Press office, had his arm crushed through getting it caught in a power press.

THIS sentence contains the entire alphabet: "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs." Thirty-two letters, can you beat it?

THE Grand Trunk Railway will issue round trip tickets to all points in Canada at single fare for the Victoria Day holiday, good going May 23rd and 24th and returning May 27th.

A NEW dinner set would be nice to have when your summer visitors come. Let us show you those new designs just in.—P. DODDS & SON.

T. G. MITCHELL shipped a car of barley to London this week and a car of oats to Galt. W. W. Edwards made his usual shipment of hogs to Toronto, also a car of cattle.

QUARTERLY communion services will be held in the Methodist Church here at 11 a.m. and in Zion at 2.30 p.m. next Sabbath. Evening service as usual. Everybody welcome.

10 PIECES fancy curtain muslin, worth 25c, to clear 15c per yard.—B. Browns & Co.

SOME of the new skirts shown for women have pockets in them just like a man's. But the contents of the pockets will be altogether different. Powder rag and samples will take the place of pipe and tobacco.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 1st the Grand Trunk Railway Company will give a single fare rate into Sarnia on Wednesday and Saturday of each week. The Saturday tickets will be good for return trip on Monday.

MISS JEAN MCPHEE, of McDonald College, Guelph, will lecture and demonstrate on bread, buns, pies, etc., in the Lyceum, Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. under the auspices of the Women's Institute. Silver collection. All ladies welcome.

THE bowling club re-organized for the season on Tuesday evening with Rev. S. P. Irwin president; J. W. McLaren vice-president, and John McKercher secretary-treasurer. The club has bought out the interests of the Bowling Syndicate and will have matters entirely in their own hands in future.

THE rainfall for April was 3.42 inches, and for the same month last year it was 3.13 inches. No snow fell in April last year, but this year 4 1/2 inches were recorded. The highest temperature for the month was 83 degrees, on the 25th, and last year 68 degrees on the 5th was the highest. The lowest temperature for the month was 21 on the 21st, and for last year the lowest was 20 degrees on the 3rd.

THE best waterproof coats in Ontario.—SWIFTS'.

THE Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church held their annual thank offering in the schoolroom Wednesday evening. Mrs. Kannwin, of Strathroy, gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Our Churches Opportunities and Canada's Inspiration" which was much appreciated by all. Mr. F. Luckham also favored the society with a solo. There was a good attendance that shows the interest that is taken in that branch of the Mission work of the church.

THERE will be a general exchange of pulpits in the Anglican churches next Sunday, when missionary sermons will be preached throughout the diocese. The Rev. C. R. Gunne, M.A., rector of Christ Church, London, will preach in Trinity Church here at evening service, and also at the usual services in St. James' church, Brooke, and Christ Church, Sutorville. Rev. S. P. Irwin will preach in All Saints' Church, London, in the morning and in St. Mat thew's Church, London, at evening service.

R. C. McLEAVY has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new drill shed and armory. The estimate for the building and site is \$15,000 and work thereon will be commenced at once. The building will be 42 x 92 feet. The main room will be finished with fine hardwood floor. At the rear are three rooms for officers, non-commissioned officers and men. In the basement will be rifle ranges for the men to improve their shooting, also lavatory, furnace room, etc. The building will be of white brick with cement facings and steel roof, and will be completed within five months. It will be situated 15 feet from street.

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THE Canadian Press Association will meet in Toronto on June 3rd and 4th. A three-day excursion to the mining camps of Cobalt, South Porcupine and Timmins and Algonquin Park, will follow the convention.

THE Ontario Retail Grocers' Association believes there should be a law to prosecute the man who orders groceries and does not pay for them. There should be. The deadbeat is one of the causes of the high cost of living for honest folk.

PETROLIA TOPIC.—S. Stapleford & Son, of Watford, were in town this week buying the surplus egg supply from the local merchants. On Wednesday morning they shipped one hundred cases, or over three thousand dozen to the eastern markets.

ALL are invited to hear the addresses by the Rev. T. B. R. Westgate, the well-known missionary to Africa, and the Rev. Canon Tucker, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in Trinity Church next Wednesday evening. Both gentlemen are very interesting speakers.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, I.O.O.F., will meet at the home of Mrs. A. Mitchell, on Tuesday, May 6th. Members please have quotations from any favorite author, prose Subject—"Which is the pleasant-er to live with, a good natured slothful wife or a clean scold." Paper pro and con to be given.—Sec.

Now that citizens are busy planting their gardens many complaints are heard as to the destruction caused by hens. 'Tis a pity that some of our good citizens need to be annually reminded of the offence caused by allowing their hens to run at large when a sense of justice to their neighbors should guide them in this respect.

A LETTER has been issued from the department of the deputy-registrar-general, warning that physicians and parents to be more accurate in reporting births and deaths as is required by law. Both parents and physicians who attend are liable to prosecution if they neglect to register the birth or death, and the letter intimates this is being neglected in many places.

THE C. & B. Line passenger steamers, City of Buffalo and City of Erie, are now running daily between Cleveland and Buffalo, leaving either city in the evening, arriving at destination early the following morning. Railroad tickets are honored for transportation on this line, and when traveling either east or west, the railroad journey may be broken by a delightful lake trip on these magnificent steamers. The Great Ship "SHELDON" the largest and most costly passenger steamer on inland waters of the world, being 500 feet long, with 510 staterooms, accommodating 1500 passengers, is now rapidly nearing completion, and will be placed on the route about the middle of June.

"AN old-time Ladies' Aid Business Meeting at Mohawk Cross-Roads" was presented by twenty-six ladies of the Watford Methodist Church in the Lyceum on Friday evening, April 25th. During the part of the program Misses Agnes Williams and Alma Glass sang very acceptably and Miss Winnie Fowler gave an amusing reading. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

PERSONAL

Mrs. H. F. Aylesworth, Inwood, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. B. McFadden, London, was a guest at the Rectory over Sunday.

A. Owens, section foreman at Norval, spent several days in this vicinity this week.

Dr. Vern L. Newell, West Branch, has opened an office in Battle Creek.

Dr. Nixon, Holloway, Mich., spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Nixon, St. Clair street.

Mrs. Joseph Clark, Huron St., is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Miss Laura Clark, of London.

Mrs. J. S. McLeay and children, Grandy, Neb., are visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLeay and other relatives.

A. M. Wynne, Toronto, formerly of Watford, was successful in getting his Bachelor of Arts degree at the recent Queens University exams.

The body of Charles Fisher, aged 35, one of the two Walpole Island Indians who were drowned off the American shore, near the mouth of the St. Clair river, during the severe windstorm of Friday, was found Friday at Darcy Pt. The body was in a good state of preservation.

CHOP STUFF

The wireless station at Point Edward is now open.

The Wright piano factory, Strathroy, puts out six pianos a week.

Strathroy's population increased 150 since last spring's assessment.

The Merchants Bank will erect a handsome two-storey building in Glencoe.

During the first three months of 1913 Alvinston had 2 births, 3 marriages and 4 deaths.

Mike Broderick, G.T.R. agent at Petrolia, has been promoted to Port Colborne.

Wm. Brown, a former resident of Enniskillen and Petrolia, died lately at Bay City, Mich.

W. C. McNeil, Kerwood, took his B.A. degree at Queens University exams, recently.

Strathroy Daughters of the Empire have so far raised \$450 in aid of the proposed hospital.

The White Star boats between Sarnia and Detroit will commence a two-boats-a-day service on May 15th.

Geo. Fisher, a Sarnia moulder, was found drowned in the St. Clair river near Wallaceburg last week.

J. H. Bruton, Alvinston, has sold his grocery business there to J. S. Wilkie and J. I. Fulcher, of Forest.

The employees of White & May, Ailsa Craig, presented Mr. McFarlane, the manager, with a club bag last week.

The Wardsville Reed and Brass Band celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization on the 14th ult. by a concert.

A team belonging to B. Bressette, Kettle Point, ran away at Forest Monday and fell through a large plate glass window.

The Sarnia Ferry Co. has terminated the contract for carrying mails between Port Huron and Sarnia on account of rush of business.

Wm. Neal, a prominent business man of Glencoe, died last week, aged 71 years. He was afflicted with cancer of the stomach and passed away at Victoria Hospital.

While Bert Culley, of Forest, was pouring roofing cement from one can to another he lit a match, and the mixture exploded, badly burning his face.

Sol. Waite, a well-known resident of Adelaide, died suddenly in Detroit on Wednesday last, and was buried from the residence of his son at Kerwood on Friday.

Herbert Spencer, a little English lad, employed at Norman Dobbin's, Plympton, fell from the barn loft, alighting on the tines of a fork and sustaining severe injuries to his right leg and abdomen.

The death occurred at the home of her son, Robert, lot 26, con. 11, Euphemia, at noon on Saturday, April 12th, of Mary Ann, beloved wife of George Plaine. Her age was 80 years, 4 months and 7 days.

Henry McDonald, the driver of the Petrolia express delivery, was seriously injured by falling from the wagon on Friday afternoon. He was carried to the office of Dr. Dunfield in an unconscious condition.

Mr. J. Hamilton Sr., Forest, had his upper lip so badly cut Saturday, that a few stitches were necessary to close the wound. He ran out of a door at Hamilton & Prout's mill when one of the men was coming in with a screen door.

According to reports, which are current on the street this week, Lambton County will be favored with an influx of American farmers during the coming summer. Several have already purchased properties. It is expected that some twenty-five families will arrive next week to take up their residence under the Union Jack.—Forest Standard.

There is considerable agitation in Sarnia at present for a by-law to prohibit grocers and other dealers from placing food-stuffs in front of their stores, when they are not protected from the dust by a suitable covers. There is also a movement on foot to have all the bakers wrap their bread in paper so as to protect it from dirt and germs.

The Chatham Board of Trade has decided on a novel way of interesting farmers of the county in the improvement of country roads. It is probable that split log drags will be purchased and distributed to the farmers at cost price and that cash prizes will be offered for the best kept pieces of road in the county.

Dr. T. J. Symington, a native of Plympton, died on Tuesday at his home in Ashley, Iowa, aged 58 years. Alfred Symington, Plympton, his brother, and Miss Maggie Cairns, of Forest, his niece, left that day for Ackley to attend the funeral. He is survived by his wife and five children. Other relatives living are his mother, Mrs. Mary Symington, Plympton, and five brothers and two sisters, viz., Alfred, Harry and Fred Symington, and Mrs. John Hillier, Plympton; Wm. and Edward Symington, Provost, Alta., and Mrs. Peter Cairns, Forest.

A young son of O. D. Ward, of Lobo Township, near Hickory Corner, had a thrilling escape in an accident which happened on Monday last. He was working in the field with a nine foot disc harrow and driving four horses

abreast, when the tongue of the implement broke, precipitating the boy off the seat to the ground in front of the machine and behind the horses' heels. The horses started and the tongue stuck in the ground, causing the harrow to turn completely over the boy, who miraculously escaped without a scratch. The sharp discs struck the legs of one of the horses and cut them so badly it is feared it will die.

Mary Eliza Harris, relict of the late George Dodge, another of the old pioneers of Middlesex, passed away Thursday evening in Caradoc, after a continuous residence in that township for a period of about 60 years. Deceased was born in Halifax, was in her 91st year, and came to Caradoc with her husband more than half a century ago. She leaves seven grownup children to mourn her loss.—Mrs. J. Chalmers, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Thomas Watson, of West Williams; Mrs. Levi Bryant, of Arkona; Oscar, of Toronto; William, of Strathroy; John on the old homestead, and Thor in Caradoc. Her husband predeceased her about nine years ago. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon from the residence of her son, John Dodge, lot 3, con. 10, Caradoc, to Strathroy cemetery. Rev. Mr. Fortner and Rev. Mr. Jackson officiating.

Spring Horse Show

The annual spring horse show under the auspices of the East Lambton Agricultural Society was held in the Roche House yards on Friday afternoon. The attendance was small, owing no doubt to the fact that the farmers of the neighborhood are extremely busy with their spring work. The following entries were made:—

IMPORTED CLYDE—"Masterman," G. Hollingsworth, Watford; "Black Baron," Kingston, Skinner & Pickering, Forest.

PERCHERON—"Jardineer," Jos. A. McManus, Watford.

ROADSTER—"Castine," Kingston, Skinner & Pickering, Forest; "Alta Electric," J. McGillicuddy, V.S., Watford.

Epworth League Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Epworth League of the Watford Methodist Church was held in the church on Tuesday, April 29th. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mr. W. H. Harper.
1st Vice-President (Christian Endeavor Dept.)—Mrs. T. Fortune.
2nd Vice-President (Missionary Dept.)—Miss Verna Brambridge.

3rd Vice-President (Literary and Social Dept.)—Mr. A. Andrews.
4th Vice-President (Citizenship Dept.)—Miss M. Waugh.

Secretary—Miss B. Mitchell.
Treasurer—Miss A. Williams.
Pianist—Mr. Cully Pentland.
Assistant Pianist—Miss Alice Harper.

Conveners of Floral Committee—Miss W. Harper and Miss M. Fortune.

BROOKE

The Rev. C. R. Gunne M. A., of London, will preach in St. James' church on Sunday morning, on the mission work of the church.

There will be service next Sunday night, May 4th, in the Walnut Methodist church; service to begin at 7.30. All are welcome.

The service in Christ Church, Sutorville, Sunday afternoon, will be conducted by the Rev. C. R. Gunne, M. A., rector of Christ Church, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ormerod, who were about to remove from their home in Brooke, lot 11, concession 5, were taken by surprise last Thursday evening when about fifty of the neighbors, assembled at their home to bid them farewell. Part of the evening's program was a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Ormerod. They were made the recipients of a combination writing desk and book-case and a beautiful oak rocker accompanied by an address.

The annual meeting of the Brooke Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, May 8th, at the home of Mrs. Donald McNeil, Rokeby. Subjects: "Essay on Spring" by Miss Bertha Rundle, and "What dishes to prepare when the appetite requires coaxing" by Mrs. Kincaid. Roll call: "Spring thoughts and renew your membership." All the members are requested to be present at this meeting. Visitors always welcome.

A very pleasant time was spent at School No. 13, Brooke, the event being that of Miss Verna Smith, one of their school mates, leaving for Sarnia, where she will make her home. Their teacher had a select program, which was rendered by the scholars, followed by the following address being read:

TO MISS VERNA SMITH:
Dear Verna—We, your schoolmates and teacher, have learned with regret that you are about to sever your connections with us. We shall miss you in our lessons and in our pastimes but shall remember with pleasure, the happy days we once had together.

We ask you to accept this little gift, hoping that in your new home it may sometimes remind you of the friends you have left behind in School Section No. 13, Brooke. We wish you every happiness in the home to which you go, and, when our lives here are ended, may we all meet around the Father's throne where parting is no more.

Signed on behalf of the School
MERRILYN McINTURRAT
GLADYS LUCAS