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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

**THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE** welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 77, send by mail or drop item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letterbox.

**HAVE YOU SEEN ANY ROBINS YET?**

**KING WINTER** is suffering from senile decay.

**FORD** size guaranteed tires at \$15.00 up.

**RAY MORNINGSTAR.**

**A WOMAN'S** tears are the greatest water-power known to man.

**THE PROFIT** on the Watford hydro system for 1919 was in the neighborhood of \$800.00.

**C. H. BUTLER** having decided to give up business offers his stock at sacrifice prices. See ad.

**YOU** are invited to call and inspect the New Spring Millinery on Saturday, March 13.—MISS GEORGE.

**IT** takes the Sick Man of Europe a long time to die. The sight of a few Armenians revives him every time.

**BUY** your silks now, we have a fine stock at old prices.—SWIFT'S.

**THE** man who talks most about community improvement is not always the one who first shovels his side-walk.

**AS** soon as spring opens the Bowling Club will continue the work of putting their new lawn on Huron street into shape.

**THE** London daily papers will advance their rates on March 15th. After that date the price of the mail editions will be \$5.00 a year.

**THE** ADLAIDE OIL CO. are drilling for oil in that township on the farm of Mr. Richard Brock of Watford. A five-barrel-a-day well has been struck on the adjoining farm of Geo. Glenn.

**TO** OFFER to bet a dollar to a doughnut is a rash wager. Far better to buy a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup or some paregoric to ease the pain in the region of the abdomen.

**THIS** week the Guide-Advocate received a shipment of a couple of tons of newspaper which is invoiced at \$206.50. Four years ago a similar shipment cost \$100. Is it any wonder that subscription prices are going up everywhere?

**IT** was somewhat amusing last week when the temperature was around the zero mark to refer to some of the almanacs and read the prediction of warm and clear, rain and mild weather and the like made therein.

**DEALERS** are already booming the price of ice for next summer. The size of the crop this winter is not likely to make the commodity cheap in the hot weather. People would get restless and uneasy if they got anything at a reasonable price.

**THE** demand for cheaper and easier divorce is increasing. It takes an expert financier to keep a wife in these days of high prices when one frock costs more than a whole trousseau did ten years ago.

**A** Winnipeg reader writes that he had an interview with a doctor last week which cost him per word just a little more than if he had cabbed a man in London. He says: "The doctor came in, gave me the once-over and said: 'Flu!' I said, 'Who?' He said 'You!' And that was all but paying for the conversation."

**HAVE** you made out your income tax returns yet? Every unmarried person or widow or widower without children under 21 years of age who during 1919 received or earned \$1,000 or more, and all other persons who received \$2000 or more must fill out a report. The fee for failure to do so is \$100 a day. Forms can be had at all postoffices for the asking.

**THE** new Middies and Smocks, they are smart.—SWIFT'S.

**THE** Guide-Advocate had a very flattering offer this week from a Detroit retail firm for advertising space. In keeping with our policy to guard the interests of the local merchants and the town generally we immediately turned down the offer. One sometimes wonders whether business men appreciate the heart trouble paper sustains by its endeavors to promote the welfare of the town and its business men.

**EXCURSIONS** are a thing of the past and in the near future all railroads will discontinue concessions to travellers and other persons who enjoy special privileges, is the opinion expressed by railway officials. It is stated that within a few years the sale of return tickets will in all probability be discontinued and the traveller will only be able to buy his ticket one way. Special rates for conventions will be discontinued, and other persons connected with the church, who now enjoy special privileges, will pay the regular fare.

**MR. I. J. HASTINGS** received a message last Friday from Windsor stating that his sister Margaret, Mrs. Mitchell Bell, was very seriously ill with heart trouble. He left Saturday morning for Windsor, arriving only three hours before she passed away. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, one son, Clarence, and daughter Hazel, her mother, who resides in Windsor, two sisters namely, Mrs. W. Holleran, Sarnia, and Mrs. Chas. Lowry, Windsor, also three brothers, Thomas, Petrolia, Isaac, Watford, and John, Windsor. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, 88 Oak Avenue, to the Windsor Grove Cemetery.

## BWARE OF OVERHANGING ICICLES.

Boys' bloomer suits, smart styles.—SWIFT'S.

**THE** cost of living is terrible but mightily few people are anxious to die to save money.

**JEAN G. KNIPPER** will lead the Petrolia band. He was gold medal conductor of the French Academy of Music.

**IT** will soon be time to go fishing. After this long and cruel winter there must be some extra big fish to slip off the hook.

**IT** isn't always safe to think

The man with spats on is an ass, Nor that the girl whose cheeks are pink Has doubted it on before her glass.

**A** SPECIAL meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E. will be held at the home of Mrs. F. G. Mitchell on Friday evening, March 12th, at 8 o'clock.

**YOUNG MEN'S** suits, smart cut styles, sizes 33 to 37. Step into SWIFT'S and try on a coat.

**SPRING MILLINERY**—The New Spring Styles in hats will be on display at A. Browns & Co's, on and after Wednesday, March 17th.

**NEIL WALKER**, an employee of the Alvinston flax mill was caught in the engine belting Wednesday and fatally injured, dying a short time afterwards.

"Enclosed find \$1.50 for the ever welcome paper which we receive each week," writes James McClure of Hanna, Alberta. He sends well-wishes to all old friends.

**SHAKESPEARE** wrote: "The idea of March remember." There is not much danger of our forgetting them very soon this year or the amount of fuel required to keep warm.

**FIRST** shipment of Ladies Spring Coats open at SWIFT'S.

**A** SUBSCRIBER writes from Toronto:—"I enjoy the Guide-Advocate very much, with all the home news, and wish to thank you for your promptness in sending it every week."

**THE** very latest Spring Millinery fashions in Pattern Hats, Tailored and Trimmed Hats on display Saturday, March 12th, at MISS GEORGE'S MILLINERY PARLOR.

**THIRTEEN** consecutive weeks of a freeze-up this winter, from Nov. 29th to March 1st. No January thaw. Record this in your scrap book for future reference.

**THE** Anniversary services of the Methodist Church will be held here on Monday, March 22nd. The name of the minister in charge and other items of interest will appear later.

**NOTICE**—As we have disposed of our business and are clearing all our stock, all accounts must be settled by March 15th. Kindly act at once. See ad. on page 5.—C. H. BUTLER.

**THE** undergrads at Victoria Hospital, London, went on strike last week declaring the food served them was poor. We suppose they wish the authorities to serve a hot bird and a cold bottle after the day's labor.

**WE** are now completely equipped to take care of all your battery troubles. We can repair, rebuild and recharge your battery right here in first class shape saving you city prices, transportation charges, transportation breakages, and time. We have also rental batteries so as not to hold you up when your battery is out. New batteries in stock all the time.—R. MORNINGSTAR.

**OWING** to the illness of the Rev. Mr. Forster, the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of Watford will hold united services on Sunday. The morning service will be held in the Presbyterian Church, and the evening service will be held in the Cong'l Church. The Rev. T. D. Rayner will preach at both services. The members of the two congregations are requested to make note of this arrangement of the services.

**A** CRITICAL young lady was recently expatiating vigorously against the silly way that women have of kissing each other every time they get together. She said: "If twenty women were to meet in the street every last one of them would have to kiss the other nineteen, and there would be—let me see—380 kisses worse than thrown away, for probably in ten minutes the whole party would separate into squads and go off talking about each other. When you see one of these violent miscellaneous kisses—everything-in-sight kind of a woman, it is safe to set her down as a fraud, which she generally is. If I had my way, kissing should be confined to family uses and medicinal purposes. Now don't you put my name to this or I will kiss you the first chance I have right on Main street."

**SILK** HOSE made by Holesproof Hosiery Co., \$1.50 per pair, all shades.—SWIFT'S.

**AFTER** an illness extending over two weeks from influenza which developed into pneumonia, Robert John Francis, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, passed away early on Friday morning. He was improving nicely from his illness when he had a relapse and the end followed quickly. Deceased was a smart young man over 18 years old and a great help to his parents. The sympathy of many friends and acquaintances is extended to the family. The funeral was held from the family residence, Huron street, on Saturday morning at 9:30 to the Watford cemetery and was private. The Rev. A. C. Tiffin, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the service at the house and cemetery. The pallbearers were L. Harper, C. McCormick, Earl Roberts, Neff McCormick, Frank Roberts and J. Stapleford.

## STAND TOGETHER

All the residents of a town are partners not opponents. In all likelihood the more business done by your rival, the more you will do. Every merchant who treats his customers honestly and fairly will get his share and the more business that can be secured by united effort, the better it will be for all. When a town ceases to grow it commences to die, and the more people try to kill each other off in business and good name the more rapidly will utter ruin come to all. Stand together for the advancement of all.

**PERSONAL**

**R. D. Swift** is in Toronto this week.

The Carolina Girls will be in Watford on Monday, March 22nd.

**Mrs. Lowry** is improving slowly from her lengthened illness.

**Miss Vera Bryson**, Toronto, spent the week end with Watford friends.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Kingston**, who have been visiting at George Dodds' have returned to Sarnia.

**Andrew Harrower** is moving into the house purchased from the S. B. Howden Estate on Erie street.

**Mrs. Arthur Muxlow** and daughter, Phyllis, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Restorick.

**Mrs. H. C. Cares** and children, Harold and Helen, Sarnia, have returned home after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Restorick.

**Mr. Willard Routley**, of Biggar, Sask., left for his home Wednesday, after having spent the winter with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Routley.

**Mr. and Mrs. Russell Muxlow**, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Watford and vicinity, left Wednesday, March 3rd, for their home in Biggar, Sask.

## THE MEMBER FOR E. LAMBTON

Would Bring All Boats Under Control of Railway Board.

Notice has been given by J. E. Armstrong, East Lambton, of a bill to amend the Railway Act, which is carried would bring all Lake, canal and coast wise traffic in Canada under the Board of Railway Commissioners. A similar bill had been introduced in the preceding session but had been defeated. Many associations representing both consumers and producers are said to be in favor of the move, as at the present time outside of certain steamship lines which are operated by railway companies the vessels are practically a law unto themselves in regard to tariffs and time and manner of calling at ports.

**Mr. Armstrong** has been invited to address the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce and explain the bill.

## Y. M. C. A. Classes for Watford

Major F. Spry, senior supply and transport officer in Military District No. 1, acting on behalf of the department of militia and defence, has given permission to the Y. M. C. A. to use the Armories located in several of the smaller towns of the district as "Y" buildings, it was announced Monday by F. Poole, district secretary of the Y. M. C. A. This step was taken to facilitate the work of extending the activities of the association to the surrounding counties which are being organized by Mr. Poole.

Several weeks ago the work of extension was started by Mr. Poole, and as the result of his labors the county of Lambton containing the towns of Watford, Petrolia and Forest, has been completely organized. Plans for the organizing of other counties are being prepared. Enthusiastic meetings were held in the three towns, and committees, consisting of some of the most prominent men to look after the work of the association.

The armories in Watford will be the first building to be taken over by the association, and a three-years' lease has been arranged for. Under the contract, the Y. M. C. A. is to have free use of the building, and will pay the insurance. The agreement can be terminated without notice at any time by either party.

It is planned to have rooms set aside for meeting and class purposes. While no gymnastic equipment will be installed drill classes and physical exercises will be conducted in the building. The work will be carried on chiefly among the boys and youth of the community. The great difficulty that has presented itself to Mr. Poole and to the different committees is the supplying of trained leaders from among the men.

In as many towns as possible the armories will be used. It was hoped that in several of the places the work could be carried on through the collegiate institutes.

Plans for a huge summer camp, which will be operated jointly by the many different associations in the district are being prepared. The camp is to be under the supervision of W. Pierce, general secretary of the Woodstock "Y." The location of the camp has not been definitely decided upon, but it will probably be situated on either the shores of Lake Huron or Erie, according to Mr. Poole. He hoped that the county organizations would be well represented. The committees in the different towns were to be asked to co-operate to bring this about.

## BROOKE

The flu ban was lifted at Alvinston last Sunday.

**Mr. George Kingston**, Sarnia, has sold his farm on the 12th con. to Mr. L. McCicar.

**There** will be service in St. James' church, next Sunday morning and at Sutorville in the afternoon.

**We** are now completely equipped to take care of all your battery troubles. We can repair, rebuild and recharge your battery right here in first class shape saving you city prices, transportation charges, transportation breakages, and time. We have also rental batteries so as not to hold you up when your battery is out. New batteries in stock all the time.—R. MORNINGSTAR.

## WARWICK

The Medical Health Officer has removed the ban on all meetings and gatherings, the township being now free from serious cases of influenza.

The remains of the late Mrs. William Luckham of Winnipeg, who died very suddenly on Wednesday of last week, arrived in Watford on the 10th inst. on Saturday and were conveyed to the home of Mr. Nicholas Luckham, where service was held by the Rev. A. C. Tiffin, pastor of the Watford Methodist church. Interment was made in Bethel cemetery.

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**Influenza** with its attendant pneumonia claimed another victim on Friday last when Miss Janey Meriam, aged 24 years, 8 months and 26 days, passed away at the home of Mrs. Perry, Main road, where she had lived for about ten years. The remains were brought into Watford and the funeral held from Harper Bros. undertaking rooms on Sunday afternoon to the Watford cemetery and was private. Rev. A. C. Tiffin, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the service. The pallbearers were K. and D. Ross, A. Miniey, R. Williams, T. McLeay and H. Leggate.

## POST OFFICE RECEIPTS

The following figures gleaned from the Report of the Postmaster General, show the gross revenue of the undernamed post offices in Lambton for the year ended March 31st, 1919.

Alvinston.....\$ 4,554.26

Arkon..... 1,948.79

Forest..... 6,810.21

Petrolia..... 13,555.93

Wanstead..... 661.99

Warwick..... 273.22

Wyoming..... 3,347.22

Watford..... 7,132.11

## Lambton's 149 I. O. D. E.

Thirteen members were present at the March meeting of Lambton's 149, I. O. D. E., held at the home of Mrs. Ralston Dodds on Tuesday afternoon.

**A** communication was read on I. O. D. E. educational work concerning a lecture and slides on "Canada and Her Resources," which was highly approved of and a date is being arranged for same.

The Lambton's 149 committee in charge of the cemetery work which was commenced in the fall, was instructed to meet other committees interested in same and plan some immediate action by the Chapter.

Luncheon was served by the hostess, after which this pleasant meeting closed by the singing of the national anthem.

## Special Service at the Congregational Church

A special service was held in the Congregational Church on Sunday evening, Mar. 7th in the course of which the Officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. were installed in their offices for the ensuing year, as follows:

President—Miss Maude Marwick

Vice-President—Thomas McCormick

Secretary—Miss Gladys Lamb

Treasurer—Russell Duncan

Organist—Miss Estelle Craig

Conveners of Committee: Prayer Meeting—Miss Ruby McCormick

Music and Missionary—Miss Elsie Brown

Social—Miss Jean McCormick

Look-out—Vice-President

The pastor, the Rev. T. D. Rayner preached a sermon on "Christian Endeavour for Young and Old."

Following this service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, when the Y. P. S. C. E. presented the church with a beautiful individual communion service, the presentation being made by the President, Miss Maude Marwick, assisted by the Vice-President, Thomas McCormick, and the Secretary, Miss Gladys Lamb. The pastor and deacons accepted the splendid gift in the name of the Church. At this service fourteen new members were received into the church, eleven being present to receive the right hand of fellowship. Five of the new members were baptized prior to their reception into the Church.

## BRIEFLETS

The U. F. O. have bought a store at Delhi.

Toronto will have a ten-story parking station for autos.

Montreal is to have a million dollar movie production plant.

Chatham doctors have declared a weekly half holiday for themselves.

A branch of the 18th Batt. Veterans' Society has been organized at Sarnia.

Chief Justice Falconbridge left an estate of \$42,396 to his only daughter.

Many Indians are dying of flu in the White River district near Port Arthur.

Three California women went insane after a 24-hour seance with ouija boards.

Major E. R. Mills of Winnipeg has been murdered by Bolsheviki in Siberia.

There is a probability that the C. P. R. will extend its line from London to Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hammond, of Thamesford, died within an hour of each other on Sunday.

Louis Private, a storekeeper at Williamsford, died of sleeping sickness after a month's illness.

Three men were seriously burned when a two-ton scale of molten metal exploded on Saturday at Windsor.

The brewers of Ontario are asking the government to permit the making of slightly stronger beer.

Sixty-six farmers with their families came from Bloomington, Ill., to Manitoba on one train of 46 cars.

Mrs. Croft, formerly of Ailsa Craig, died in Toronto last week. Her son, R. J. Croft, is a former editor of the Banner.

Maurice Rappaport, a Windsor butcher, was shot to death by an unknown man Saturday night, the murderer escaping.

The Hon. H. J. Cody, minister of education in the late Hearst government, has given up his seat in the Legislature.

The provincial Legislature opened Tuesday, with the customary ceremony, Nelson Parliament was chosen speaker.

Mackenzie King's motion in the Commons calling for a general election was voted down on Tuesday by a majority of 34.

Chas. Kelly for 40 years a resident of Chatham, was found dead in his bed on Monday morning. He was in his usual health when he retired.

John Law, one of the best known newspapers men in Ontario, died at his home in Tillsonburg on Saturday. He was prominent in Masonic circles.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Touchard living near Quebec last week. They now have twenty children. No race suicide in this home.

A Chatham youth, 20 years old, who worked at the Packing Factory, slipped and fell into a vat of boiling lard. He died three days later.

Two New York robbers were sentenced to fifty-two years and six months in jail. The judge might have made a bargain of the sentence and knocked off six months.

Five children of Wm. Watts of Hampshire, P. E. I. died of flu within six days. Their father is ill and the seven other children are also down with the flu.

Held up by armed bandits as he was closing his store, James Edwards, Walkerville, merchant, was locked in a rear room, his pockets rifled of \$375 in cash and his bill relieved of \$25 more.

A family of four was wiped out in Toronto when a can of benzene exploded Sunday. The father who ran a tailor shop, was trying to fit a spout in the can when the fluid exploded.

Annette Bonner, a noted diamond smuggler and known as the "Queen of Diamonds," drank poison when arrested in New York. She had \$50,000 worth of uncut diamonds in her hand bag.

A fifty gallon illicit still was seized on the premises of a French Canadian squatter near Parry Sound. The worm and other attachments were fitted to an ordinary washing boiler.

Insanity is increasing among women in England because they are taking a much greater share in the world's work, according to a report of Dr. Edward Oswald, superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Asylum.

The G. T. R. freight sheds and offices at London were burned Saturday night the loss being estimated at \$150,000. This is the second time within five years that the sheds have been destroyed by fire.

A Michigan boy, 16 years old, was convicted of train wrecking, was sentenced by the Court to attend church every Sunday, remain at home every night, and pay from his own earnings a fine of \$100 within a year.

Charles Campbell, a Moore township farmer was adjudged insane and removed to the Ontario Hospital for the Insane at London. Campbell was taken into custody a week ago by the provincial authorities on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Trapped in heavy ice floes a half mile off Ludington harbor Sunday night, Pere Marquette steamer No. 3 was crushed at the stern like an egg shell and sank within a few minutes. Ten passengers and 25 members of the crew escaped across the ice to the Pere Marquette car ferry No. 18 in a violent storm, remaining aboard all night, and walking ashore on the ice next morning.