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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.

A BAG of potatoes will soon be a luxury and a curiosity. If all this snow goes off with a rush there sure will be some food.

FORD size guaranteed tires at \$15.00 up. —RAY MORNINGSTAR.

THE Toronto Globe increased the price of its mail edition to \$5.00 a year on Monday.

PARLIAMENT will be petitioned this session for a new distinctive Dominion flag.

Wife—Do you see figures in the fire like some people? Hubby—Yes, I see \$15 a ton.

CHILDREN attending Forest schools must produce to their teacher a certificate of vaccination.

THE new spring styles in King and Borsalino hats—A. BROWN & CO.

It is expected that quite a number in town will be effected by the sleepy sickness as spring advances.

THE Montreal Witness was not published last week for the first time in 75 years. Inability to secure paper was the reason.

TAILORING right at SWIFT'S. New fashion plates.

SARNA Board of Education raised the salaries of the teachers, disengaging its year's contract, and gave them a bonus also.

SOME slightly used Fords and one Chevrolet Baby Grand at exceptional prices.—R. MORNINGSTAR.

THE monthly meeting of Lambton's 149 I.O.O.F. will be held next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ralston Hodds.

THERE will be the usual service in the Baptist church, Watford, on Sunday evening next. Seats free and everybody welcome.

THE doctors have had a strenuous time during the past month owing to the number of people in town and country who are ill.

THE prophet said "an open winter," One editor says that if this is an open winter he would like to see the fellow that opened it.

"This hand to dwell in 1920
And keep you all alive,
On pay that wouldn't purchase plenty
In 1895.

BOYS all wool Jerseys—V-neck—sizes 24 to 32, from \$1.90 to \$2.30.—A. BROWN & CO.

POOR PEOPLE who died in England are being buried in concrete coffins, which are cheaper than wood and every blamed bit as comfortable.

DON'T send away for goods before you see our stock.—SWIFT'S.

BRADSTREET'S makes the statement that in the United States in the last year 85 per cent of the commercial failures were due to lack of advertising.

THE Provincial government will go out of the fish business which was plan of the Hearst government to supply cheap fish to the people of the province.

MEATS are liable to reach such a price that the memory of the roasts they used to get so cheaply will be the only taste of them that some people will know.

THERE is likely to be a change in the Ontario Succession Duty Act. When that occurs the law cannot be evaded by a distribution of wealth prior to a man's death.

BE cheerful as you go your way
And have a kindly word to say.
And though you do not rise to fame
The world will like you just the same.

DUXTON Waterproof Coats—Swagger new styles in all wool fabrics.—A. BROWN & CO.

MANY of the daily papers have increased their subscription price. It is only a matter of a very short time before all weeklies will go up to \$2.00 a year. Wise subscribers will renew before the raise in price.

OUR Dress Goods are surprising value.—SWIFT'S.

FROM our exchanges we note that the influenza epidemic has shown similar features in other towns as here, largely seizing the country districts first and being more malignant than in town.

A STRANGER with a suave manner made some easy money in Glencoe last week by buying one-cent picture post cards at the stationer's and selling them to the women folk in their homes at 10 cents apiece.

1920 FORD is exactly what you want and has "Ford Service" behind it—and still is lowest in price. See ad, on page 5.—R. MORNINGSTAR.

THE Woodstock Sentinel Review says, "Only recently there was published a statement of the heavy increase in the price of wearing apparel for women and a warning that even more serious increases were coming." The inconsistency of man! Here the poor women have been trying to save by wearing dresses abbreviated at both ends. Men complain when she wears little and man complains when she wears more and it costs more. So what can a poor girl do anyway!

THE new silks are fine value at SWIFT'S. Mather's livery barn, Parkhill, was burned to the ground Monday night. Two horses perished.

J. E. Armstrong, M. P., and Mrs. Armstrong are in Ottawa where Mr. Armstrong is attending to his parliamentary duties.

If any friend still wishes to aid the freshly stricken Armenians, Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E. will gladly forward names and contributions to the Globe fund which is still open. Please leave any sums with the Treasurer Mrs. S. Stapleford or the Regent Mrs. T. G. Mitchell at as early a date as possible.

CELIA BAMBURGE, wife of Mr. Joseph H. Hume, passed away at the Ontario Hospital, London, on Wednesday, aged 75 years. The remains were brought here Wednesday night and interment took place in the Watford cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

THOSE who attended the concert given by the Florentine Musicians in the Lyceum on Friday night enjoyed a cultured entertainment of much merit by the three excellent artists. Andrew Vissocchi's inimitable playing on the accordion was a revelation of what can be accomplished by an expert musician on that instrument. The assisting artists were excellent and added much to the pleasure of the program. The next concert of the series will be on March 22nd when The Carolina Girls, three charming entertainers, will occupy the boards.

SPECIAL values in clothing at SWIFT'S. A SPECIAL young people's service will be held in the Congregational Church, Watford, on Sunday evening, when the officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be installed. The pastor's topic will be "Christian endeavor for young and old." Following this service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, when a fine Individual Communion service will be presented to the Church by the young people, and a large number of new members will be received into the church fellowship. Every member of the Church should aim to be present.

MRS. MARGARET KERFOOT, widow of the late Thomas Kerfoot, of Watford, passed away at London early Wednesday morning. About seven years ago Mrs. Kerfoot, who was badly crippled from a fall which fractured her hip, decided to give up housekeeping here and enter the Victoria Home for Incurables at London. The remains were brought here and the funeral service will be held in the Methodist church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at Watford cemetery beside aged 65 years and her husband. She had no family. One sister survives.

THE NEW Fashion Plates are here—see the new spring styles.—SWIFT'S.

Mrs. John Coughlin, who has been ill with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

A number of families around Birsam have had the flu, but are now recovering.

Mr. J. J. Coughlin arrived home Monday from London accompanied by his sister, Mrs. G. Cundick.

Mr. Nell Graham, who has spent the winter here with relatives, returned home to London last week.

Messrs. Ellwood, Orville and Lloyd Jones are up and out again after a severe attack of the flu and bronchitis.

Dr. R. J. Seymour, Philadelphia, was here this week to see his mother, who is quite ill at her home near Arkona.

The ban has been lifted off the schools in the township by the Medical Health Officer, Dr. Siddall, but remains on all other gatherings.

Mrs. William Luchman (see Hagle) died in Winnipeg Wednesday. The remains left Winnipeg on Wednesday night for here and interment will take place in Bethel cemetery on arrival.

Sarah Bullock, wife of George Stillwell, died at her home in Warwick Village, on Sunday, Feb. 29th, aged 65 years and 9 months. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary's church cemetery, the Rev. W. M. Shore officiating and was private. Mrs. Stillwell was married about 40 years ago and since then has resided in the village. Besides her husband she is mourned by three sons and one daughter, namely George and William in Alberta, Ernest in Rainy River, and Mrs. John Levan, Warwick.

PARTICULARS OF MR. HALL'S ACCIDENT. Mr. W. G. Hall, who has been getting out timber preparatory to building in the spring, had his right leg badly broken on Monday afternoon about 8 o'clock, while he and Mr. Frank Nichols were engaged in felling a tree in the latter's woods. The tree lodged in another tree and the came back, striking Mr. Hall, and all fell they had a miraculous escape from being killed. Mr. Nichols brought Mr. Hall home and Dr. Stevenson, London, was summoned, but did not arrive till 1 a.m. as the train was two hours late. Mr. Hall's leg was broken below the knee and was a double fracture. Dr. Huffman, Arkona, assisted in setting it and the patient is doing as well as can be expected. The fracture was such a bad one that the Dr. could not put the leg in a cast, but will return at the expiration of ten days to do it. Just ten years ago now Mr. Hall had his other leg broken by a kick from a horse. He has the sympathy of many friends who hope for his speedy recovery.

PERSONAL

Miss Brock, Strathroy, is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Brown.

Miss M. E. George, milliner, has returned for the spring season.

Nursing Sister Clara Tye, Toronto, spent the week end at her home here.

Rev. E. H. Savers attended a meeting of the presbytery at Sarnia on Tuesday.

Miss Holmes, Petrolia, head milliner for A. Brown & Co., is here getting ready for the spring millinery season.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Mitchell, returned to his home in Prince Albert, Sask., on Monday.

Among those who are confined to the house with illness this week is Mr. David Watt of the postoffice staff. Mr. Joseph H. Hume is improving nicely and it is hoped will be out shortly. Rev. Mr. Irwin was reported not quite so well on Wednesday as earlier in the week.

HOCKEY

WATFORD 7, G. W. V. 4

The local Intermediates defeated the Sarnia Great War Veterans in an exhibition game here Wednesday night by a score of 7-4. The ice was not in the best of condition and was the means of showing up the game considerably. Many of the locals were not up to their usual form—possibly not yet fully recovered from their recent heavy battles—but had no difficulty in completely outclassing the Veterans. F. W. Rogers handled the game.

Watford	Sarnia
Rogers	Goal
Brown	McIntosh
Dodd	defence
Greer	Harding
Harper	centre
Irwin	McKenna
Trenouth	R. Wing
	Harris
	L. Wing
	Cotch
	Sub.
	Lamb

Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E.

Mrs. Newell was hostess at the March meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E. held on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Fifteen members and visitor were present. Treasurer reported the need of funds and the members were asked to make personal efforts to raise money during the present month. A quilt and a tatted handkerchief border, the work of members of the chapter, were sold at the meeting. \$6 was realized on these articles.

A cash donation from two outside friends was handed to the treasurer to be forwarded to the Armenian fund.

Mrs. Stapleford and Mrs. Brown were asked to convey to the Committee on cemetery improvements the appreciation the Chapter feels for the work they have begun and to express a willingness to cooperate in any way possible in same.

Miss H. McCaw was appointed Educational Secretary for 1920. Programs for future meetings were mapped out. Mrs. G. Hicks will be hostess for April. Serving of refreshments and the singing of the National Anthem brought a busy meeting to a close.

BROOKE

Dr. H. L. Blair, formerly of Inwood, died at Dryden, Ont., on Feb. 16th.

The funeral of the late Robert Coristine took place at the Alvinston cemetery on Thursday. He was in his 76th year.

Owing to unfavorable health conditions the March meeting of the Brooke Women's Institute has been cancelled.—Sec.

Special Fire Sale of Store Stock, commencing 10th of March, composed of General Merchandise, at Sutorville Estate.

Petrolia Topic—Mrs. Thos. Kelly and Mrs. Wm. Kelly, of Watford, are in attendance on their sister, Mrs. Wm. Hopkins, who is very low at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thos. McLean.

Albert Mitchell who up to a few weeks ago was a resident of Brooke township died in Sarnia where he had gone to work, on Tuesday of last week. The funeral was held on Thursday at the Alvinston cemetery under Masonic auspices.

Another old and much esteemed resident of the township died Tuesday evening after a week's illness with heart trouble, in the person of Mrs. Robert Coristine. The death occurred just one week after that of her husband.

The funeral was held on Thursday at Alvinston cemetery. She is survived by three sons, David at home, who is just recovering from a severe illness, Cameron of London, and John of Prince Albert, also by four sisters, Mrs. John Bowie of Brooke, Mrs. McGinnis of London, Mrs. Holmes and Miss Phoebe of Alvinston, and three brothers, David Armstrong of Walkerville, William of Strathroy and John of Port Huron.

Mr. Ernie Crummer, Ridge road near Chatham, has realized \$10,000 off his 15 acres of tobacco. Some fortunes are being made from tobacco, the enhanced prices being the result of selling direct to English markets.

David, the three-year-old son of Mr. Albert Saunders, 10th line, Enniskillen, died of the flu last week. Ten other children and the father are ill with the same disease. The mother of the family is dead.

MULTUM IN PARVO

Steps are being taken to build a Y. W. C. A. at Sarnia.

Vienna city had over 1800 deaths in one week and only 8 births.

Fifty autos were destroyed in a Detroit garage fire on Sunday night. Loss over \$100,000.

Wm. Scott, B. A., former Principal of Toronto Normal School, died Sunday in his 74th year.

Capt. Ross of Melbourne, received \$50,000 for his airplane flight from England to Australia.

It has already cost the city of Montreal \$90,000 to remove the snow from its streets this winter.

The tax mill at Lucan was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. Loss \$10,000. The mill employed 25 men.

At a congress at Geneva a report showed that over a million children are receiving government aid.

Sarnia council will do everything possible to have the P. M. and M. C. R. railways turned into hydro radials.

James Anderson a noted horticulturist and also a breeder of high class live stock, died at Guelph on Monday.

Bela Kun, the Communist dictator of Hungary, has escaped from prison in Austria with several of his henchmen.

The Canadian custom receipts for the fiscal year just ended show an increase of nearly 20 millions over previous year.

The governor-general will go to England next week to attend the marriage of his daughter, Lady Dorothy Cavendish.

Dr. Charles Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, and a noted educationist died of pneumonia at Ottawa on Monday.

The Western Fair Board will extend the present show grounds, and will add about 150 lots on the east of the present site.

\$100 conscience money was handed to the Customs at Niagara by a man who smuggled goods across the line 20 years ago.

An Illinois man investigated spooky sounds coming from the roof of his house and found several hundred pounds of honey.

Chief of Police Wilson of Strathroy has been appointed trustee officer by the public school board at a salary of \$120 a year.

H. V. C. Fisher, of Niagara township, will run as independent U. F. O. candidate in Lincoln against the convention's candidate.

Burglars nearly murdered two men in their beds in Toronto Sunday night. The victims are suffering from serious wounds at the Western hospital.

An ice jam is forming between Lake Ontario and the Niagara bridge at Lewiston, which may rival the 50-foot high jam of eleven years ago.

Mrs. Robt. J. Stewart, of Paris went to bed in apparently her usual health, but was shortly seized with a violent fit of coughing and died of heart failure.

The affairs of the overseas military forces of Canada have been wound up. The 750 Canadians still remaining in Europe will be known as the C. E. F.

Building has commenced for the new auto corporation on the Sarnia Indian Reserve. It is said that this new plant will be the largest in Canada when completed.

Chas. Everett, his wife and twelve-year-old son, at Bracebridge, all ill in bed with the "flu," were obliged to crawl into the snow when their home caught fire.

Two hundred miles of interurban electric railway in western and central Maine were temporarily abandoned after a prolonged struggle against drifts caused by successive storms.

A tramway conductor at Montreal tickled a boy passenger, causing him to fall off the car. The boy's mother was awarded \$300 damages by the court for the injuries received.

In Bulgaria profiteers are being placarded and marched in chains through the streets. If this method were adopted in Canada what a monster procession would be the result.

The strike on French railroads has been settled. The men will not get any pay for the lost time. During the strike hundreds of young society girls acted as conductors and stockers.

Herbert Webster Phillip, aged 60, accountant of the MacKenzie, Milne Company, was found dead in bed at his home, at Sarnia on Monday, when an attempt was made to call him for breakfast.

The house of Gaudois Dupont, a farmer, near Quebec, was destroyed by fire, and four of his children were burned to death, together with Mrs. Dupont's father and mother. Mr. Dupont was out in the woods with his two eldest sons when the fire broke out. Mrs. Dupont was in the house with her six children and Mr. and Mrs. Tremblay.

Fire Chief Harry Guerin, at the risk of his own life, dashed into the flaming residence of Victor Sloan, at Kitchener, Monday night and rescued Mrs. Sloan, who was confined to her bed, from certain death. Thinking that Mrs. Sloan's three-day-old baby was still in the house, the fire chief went back into the house, but was unable to find it. The child had been saved by the father and the nurse while the chief was rescuing the mother.

CHOP STUFF

Alvinston had six deaths within a week.

Miss Ellen Sanson of Petrolia died of flu at Port Arthur where she was teaching school.

Thomas Luscombe, one of Strathroy's oldest and most esteemed residents, passed away Monday in his 82nd year.

A western United States cold storage company acknowledged there is more food stored now than ever before.

Any person who sneezes more than once in a Manistree, Mich., theatre must be ejected, the health department ruled.

Wilson Grieve of Parkhill has a flock of Barred Rocks that gave an average yield of 150 eggs per hen in nine months of 1919.

Lloyd Bourne's house, Enniskillen, was burned to the ground early on Friday morning. Most of the furniture was saved. A defective chimney is given as the cause.

Farmers in the United States are suffering with discontent over the recent big profits taken by middlemen between them and the consumer.

It is proposed to build an arena at Bothwell in which to hold future grain and poultry shows. Plans have been prepared for a building 140 by 50 feet, and it is stated that one Bothwell citizen has offered to invest \$1000 in the project.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board at their session at Sarnia last week decided that the County of Lambton and County of Huron would each have to bear half the cost of the new bridge over the river at Grand Bend.

Effie McArthur, the wife of Stanley Catt, of London, formerly of the 4th con., died at her home on Monday, Feb. 23rd, after a short illness of influenza. She was married on March 6, 1912, and for a while lived in Beauport and Warwick before going to London.

Charlie Bennett, a well-known resident of Petrolia for fifty years, died last week, aged 78 years. In his younger days he was a noted strong man, and has been known to pick up, put on his back and carry a 32 foot rail such as is used to lay railway tracks.

Fire, said to have originated from a kitchen stove, destroyed the residence of Dr. J. B. Martyn, ex-M. P. P., Alvinston, at 8 o'clock Sunday night. Some of the furniture was saved, but most of the contents, including personal clothing, etc., were burned. The loss is estimated at \$3000. Mrs. Martyn is in Detroit.

J. F. Donald, 2nd line west, Plympton, has sold the homestead to his son Frank who will return here and resume farming.

He has given up a clerical position in Toronto with \$3000 salary to come back to the land and his childhood home. Rent was \$65 per month in the city. Mr. Donald, sr., purposes building a new house for himself and wife on his 50-acre farm, north side of the 2nd line, where he has a large peach orchard.

James H. Penfold, engaged in the fur-trade business in Oil Springs for the past twelve years, died last week. The deceased had had a bad cold for several weeks, but, not being one to give up easily, he continued with his duties, hoping his cold would get better. Instead of improving it got worse, and other diseases setting in, he was forced to take to his bed. In spite of all that three doctors and loving friends could do he passed away in less than three days.

Frank Bolton, while working in the Wyoming Flax Mill last Friday met with a severe accident, by his right arm coming in contact with the knives of the hutching machine, inflicting two deep gashes, one below and one above the elbow near the shoulder. Dr. Reid dressed the wounds, but it will be some time before he can resume work. Mr. Bolton served on military duty in France.

The fruitgrowers of the Niagara fruit belt are getting ready for an energetic campaign this year against the pests which beset the fruit trees. The cold steady winter has been good for the fruit trees, the large amount of snow protecting them, and the growers expect the trees to come out in the spring in a most healthy condition. Energetic spraying to prevent the curl leaf, which last year devastated the fruit orchards, is being planned. Last spring the continued wet weather prevented spraying, and the curl leaf was the result. The growers say, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conkey, of West Adelaide, have received the Mons Star, the decoration conferred upon their son, "Toots," for his conspicuous bravery and valorous service to the Empire at Mons during the years 1914 and 1915. It is a beautiful decoration and is justly prized by the family. "Toots," who went overseas with the first Canadian contingent and returned home at the close of the struggle practically unscathed, is enjoying an extended trip through the Canadian and U.S. West.

John Hambly & Sons, of the Strathroy Marble and Granite Works, received on Friday last the six-foot figure of a Canadian soldier, to be placed on the monument to be erected in memory of the brave boys of Caradoc Township who lost their lives in the great war for freedom. The figure was carved in free stone, and is artistically done. When completed the monument will be placed on the town hall grounds at Mt. Brydges. The above firm has just completed the tablet containing some 44 names, of the boys who enlisted from Metcalfe Township. This will be placed in the town hall, Napier.