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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.

HAVE you started seeding?
READ our large ad.—P. DODDS & SON.
AUTO owners are taking advantage of the good roads this week.

EGGS are just as good as cash at Taylor's.

HAVE your Baby Carriage re-tired at BROWN'S Furniture Emporium.

MAIN STREET has been scraped and cleaned up this week, which adds much to its appearance.

KING hats for men and boys.—A. BROWN & CO.

MR. A. W. ANDREWS, manager of the Wire Works, has a new five passenger McLaughlin auto.

MISS WILLIAMS has just opened out a special line of ladies' and children's hats. Call and see them.

TAILORING, tailoring, tailoring.—SWIFTS.

WHAT is the matter with the town bell? Complaints are made that it does not ring regularly at 7 o'clock a.m.

WOMANKIND in general resembles the Easter lily. Womankind of the suffragette variety resembles the tiger lily.

THE meetings of the Western Congregationalists here this week, was well attended and were of a very interesting character.

C. B. MATTHEWS & SON are still selling flour at cut prices. Buy your flour from them and save money.

A WOMAN in Chicago subdued a lion by using a broomstick. But, that's nothing. Many a man has been subdued in the same way.

"REPROVE a wise man and he will love thee; reprove a fool and he will hate thee." So said Solomon. The proverb can easily be corroborated.

TAYLOR'S new wall paper certainly is worth seeing.

ROOFING guaranteed from 5 to 15 years.—T. DODDS & SON.

It will soon be time for horsemen to order their route bills and cards. The Guide-Advocate guarantees first-class work and prompt service in this line.

THE joy contained in the realization that the snow shovelling is done is only exceeded by the anticipation of having to push the lawn mower some hot night.

LADIES' raincoats, guaranteed quality, \$5.00.—A. BROWN & CO.

GARDEN SEED. We have a full line at two packages for five cents.—C. B. MATTHEWS & SON.

ROBT. AULD has a good well with 65 feet of water in rear of the premises he is fitting up for a livery stable and garage. Wright Bros. of Petrolia struck water at 105 feet.

WHILE making preparations to fight the housefly don't overlook another pest—the enemy of the shade trees—the tent caterpillar. Now is the time to make war on this rascal.

FINEST range of black and blue worsted in the county. Imported direct from the looms in the Old Country. Made to order. \$16.50 to \$27.50.—SWIFTS' Tailoring Dept.

ONLY one-tenth as many silk hats are manufactured nowadays as were made twenty years ago. It is just one hundred years since the first "topper" was introduced, and the man wearing it was mobbed.

We have a larger assortment of boots and shoes this season than ever before. Several new lines of well-made stylish shoes that are worthy of your inspection. Our prices are always right. Let us fit you.—P. DODDS & SON.

A MEETING of the Junior High School Entrance Boards was held here on Friday last for organization purposes. Inspector McDougall, W. Clyde, R. J. Campbell, Petrolia, and Mr. Shrapnell were present.

THERE will be a social meeting of the A.Y.P.A. in Trinity Church school room on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, open to the public. A good musical and literary program will be provided. All young people are invited to attend.

TAPESTRY squares at \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50, great values.—A. BROWN & CO.

MRS. ARTHUR MURPHY, "Janey Canuck" was taken seriously ill while visiting her sister at Rochester, Minn., and underwent an operation at Dr. Mayo's hospital there. Reports say that her condition is serious.

FEWER people are leaving this part of Ontario for the West this season than for many years past. People are beginning to find that in the long run a person can make as much money in Ontario as anywhere and have more comforts into the bargain.

THE Ladies of Watford No. 95, L.O.B.A. will hold a social evening in Watford L.O.L. 505 Lodge room on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 8 o'clock p.m. All members of L.O.L. 505 and their ladies and L.O.B.A. ladies and their gentlemen friends are cordially invited.—MRS. GEO. RIVERS, Rec. Sec. of L.O.B.A. No. 95, Watford.

LADIES' new suits and odd coats open Saturday.—SWIFTS.

NEW dress goods and yard wide silks.—SWIFTS.

LET us supply your needs in Furniture during housecleaning.—W. C. BROWN & SON.

P. E. FULLER sold six of his collic pups, getting as high as \$15 for some of them.

MR. JAMES ANNETT is re-shingling and otherwise improving his residence on Huron street.

TAYLOR will put new tires on your old baby buggy.

THE beautiful spring weather has enabled the farmers to do a lot of work this week.

WM. DOAN has sold his brick residence on Wall street to Mr. John Richardson who takes possession at once.

H. S. PRENTIS, formerly of Sarnia, has purchased a residence in Toronto, where he intends to reside.

POULTRY netting and screen wire in all sizes.—T. DODDS & SON.

MATT BOYLE, for some years a resident of Watford, died in the House of Refuge at Sarnia on Tuesday last.

A GENERAL brightening up of store fronts with paint is going on all along the line this week. A little paint makes a big improvement.

EAST LAMTON License Commissioners will hold a meeting at Rogers' Hotel on Saturday afternoon to grant licenses for the coming year.

THE best 75c curtain you have ever seen, in white or ecru.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE penalty for hiring teams for carrying voters to the polls at municipal elections has been increased from \$20 to \$200 in the revised Municipal Act now before the Ontario Legislature.

AN adjourned meeting of the Woodmen of the World will be held in their lodge room on Tuesday evening next, for the initiation of candidates. All members requested to be present.

THE New Perfection oil cook stove is conceded to be the best oil stove on the market. Made in three sizes, two, three or four burners. Call and let us show you them.—T. DODDS & SON.

ANOTHER small lot of seconds in table cloths and naps. Come quick if interested.—SWIFTS.

In future every driver of a motor car in the province must carry a license. This means that everyone driving an auto must be subject to a complete system of registration, and have an official license.

BOILED water is too often lukewarm and flat. It may be cooled simply by leaving it out overnight, or by wrapping a damp cloth around the vessel. The life and sparkle may be restored by pouring the boiled water several times from vessel to vessel.

AMONG the large shipments from the G.T.R. depot here this week were:—P. DODDS & Son a car of eggs to Montreal; W. W. Edwards two cars of mixed stock to Toronto; C. B. Matthews & Son a car of flour to Montreal; John Sharp, three cars of maple logs to Montreal for export, and S. Stapleford & Son a car of eggs to Montreal.

Do you count 10 per cent. on money a good investment? 10 per cent saved is the same as 10 per cent. made. Buy your flour and feed from C. B. Matthews & Son and you will save 10 per cent. Our prices guarantee you that saving.

R. E. PRENTIS, invites all men, young or old, to inspect his new stock of spring and summer tweeds, and assures them that if an order is placed with him it will receive the utmost care in making and a guarantee that it is right in every particular as regards style and material. If you need a fine suit we carry a full line of suitable goods. Order early, we are very busy.—R. E. PRENTIS, the fashionable tailor.

MISS MAV L. ARMITAGE, now of Edmonton, is making quite a success as editor of the International Sunshine Department of the Edmonton Journal. This is similar work to that which Mrs. Cynthia Alder organized and conducted on a page of the Ladies' Home Journal. The objects of the Sunshine Society are: To scatter sunshine everywhere; To feed and clothe some hungry child; To gratify the wish of some invalid; To provide an annual outing for poor children.

SWIFT BROS' books were closed on 31st January. If your name is there and your bill unpaid be good enough to call and settle and oblige.—E. D. SWIFT.

MR. N. McDUGALL, P. S. I., finished his half-yearly inspection of the Watford public school on Monday, and reports good work being done by the teaching staff. Many people labor under the illusion that the job of Public School Inspector is very much of a sinecure. Were these people to follow Inspector McDougall around on his semi-yearly visits to the 124 schools which lie in his territory they would no doubt change their opinion. Mr. McDougall, with Petrolia as the centre of his district, visits all of the many schools twice every year. To the north the one farthest from his office is 35 miles distant. To reach the southern limit of the county and visit the outlying sections, Mr. McDougall must travel thirty miles. Besides the inspection he must attend to all his correspondence, examination papers and the multitude of detail duties which accompany any office position.

We will teach you to grain in five minutes.—T. DODDS & SON.

ARROW collars and shirts.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE Cookstown Advocate says:—"If some women read the Bible as often as they read the mail order catalogue, they'd be real angels. In some homes to-day more dust will be found on the Holy Bible than on these catalogues.

PETROLIA has purchased a new town flag. Watford has a good one but it is never in evidence when it should be. The school regulations are also persistently violated with regard to the public school flag. Who is responsible?

\$15.00 for model suit, ready to wear. Only 24 of those, all over \$20.00, sizes 36 to 40.—SWIFTS.

DR. W. E. NORTON, of Toronto, superintendent Home Missions of Baptist Churches will preach in Watford Baptist Church Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Dr. Norton will preach at Calvary Baptist Church in the afternoon at 8 o'clock.

As a result of the frost which has been general throughout California this year, during the time of growing, oranges are going up in price, and, worst of all, no hope of a reduction is given unless the next crop escapes the ravages of the frost. Lemons are also on the up-grade.

If you require something dainty in china—a dinner or tea set or odd pieces—we would ask you to see our stock before you make a purchase. No use paying a big price when you can get dainty goods for little money.—P. DODDS & SON.

It is said that the Minister of Militia is about to establish a remount station in Western Ontario, and that fifteen stallions are to be imported from England from this station, stallions to travel in various districts during breeding season, and to return to the station when the season closes.

THE Watford Concert Band, under the leadership of F.K. Matthews, is in first class shape to supply an excellent musical program. The music for this season has been selected and the citizens may consider their band as second to none in this district. For dates and terms re engagements see P. J. Dodds or C. D. Wilson.

TAYLORS sell a new bicycle complete with best tires and coaster brake, spring seat and adjustable handlebars, for \$28.50, spot cash.

GREAT interest is being taken by the Ladies Aid of the Watford Methodist church in the entertainment called "Mohawk Cross Roads" which will be given in the Lyceum on Friday evening, April 25th. It will be under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. The public is cordially invited to attend and a good time is promised to all who can be present. Admission 25c and 15c.

At a meeting of the St. Clair District Press Association, held in Sarnia on Thursday afternoon of last week, Mr. Thos. Harris, editor of the Watford Guide-Advocate, was appointed as the association's representative on the executive of the Amalgamated Boards of Trade. Mr. H. J. Pettypiece was appointed a member at large.—Petrolia Topic.

RUBBER COATS, direct from the makers in Manchester, England, ladies' and gent's. They keep out the rain.—SWIFT, SON & CO.

A LIVELY runaway caused a few exciting moments on Monday morning. A team, belonging to Mr. Rector, of Petrolia, hitched to a loaded wagon, made a dash up Main street from the south and turned the postoffice corner, colliding with and damaging rig belonging to Robt. Fleming and Jas. McManus. The runaway team was stopped after turning in near the old English church.

THE Amalgamated Boards of Trade of Lambton County are now dealing with the discrimination of railway and express companies in the charges for transportation. In order to carry out their investigation the executive of the association would like information from individuals who know of concrete examples where such discrimination has been made. Your assistance is asked in helping make the work of the board a success.

CALL at C. B. Matthews & Son for clover, alfalfa, alsike and timothy seeds. We have a full line and prices are right.

THE Watford Concert Band has added a number of new instruments this season, making a total strength of 25 pieces. The instruments cost the band \$191.50, laid down in Watford, being purchased through the firm of Harper Bros., direct from the makers at big saving. The instruments are the property of the town the council granting \$175.00 to pay for same. It must be understood that \$191.50 is the initial cost of the instruments, cases not included. It is the desire of the band executive to have all the new instruments cased, which will entail an additional expense of about \$50.00. The instruments will last much longer if cased. The executive of the band is working in the town's interests in protecting their property by casing the instruments. Should you be interviewed by a representative citizen, in the near future, you will understand the object. Your co-operation is needed to make the band a success. At the present time the band is a great credit to the town and as such deserves the ready support of everyone.—COM.

Coco matting squares, correct for bedrooms, at \$2.50 each.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE third annual report of the Vancouver Juvenile Court and Detention Home is to hand and shows the excellent and far-reaching work being accomplished in reclaiming children who had entered the downward path of crime. Mr. Herbert W. Collier, formerly of Watford, is the Chief Probation Officer and Superintendent of the Detention Home and Mrs. Collier is the Matron.—Mrs. T. H. Collier is also connected with the work, his duties being to follow up the children who have passed through the Court and are on probation.

DR. D. B. BENTLEY, of Sarnia, Health Officer of District No. 1, which includes the counties of Essex, Kent, Elgin, Oxford, Middlesex, and Lambton, spent last Thursday in Watford visiting the various public institutions. He spent some time inspecting the interior and surroundings of the Public and High Schools and reported everything in an excellent sanitary condition. In the evening he addressed a public meeting in Taylor's Lyceum but owing to weather conditions the attendance was small. The Doctor gave a very interesting talk on matters pertaining to the health, emphasizing particularly the great necessity for cleanliness. He claims that nearly all diseases are preventable if proper precautions are observed. The back yards should be as clean as the lawns in front, no garbage should be thrown out or left exposed to flies as they are the great carriers of disease, that animals furnishing the meat and milk supply should be inspected, to insure against contagion, that merchants should not be allowed to leave fruit and foodstuffs unduly exposed, and that medical inspection of pupils should be made frequently. The Doctor is a pleasing talker, speaking to the point, and we trust that he will be greeted with a large audience on his next appearance here. Dr. Kelly occupied the chair.

PERSONAL

Clare Dunlop returned to the West Tuesday.

Miss Mavity has returned to Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mrs. E. D. Swift is in London this week.

Mr. A. G. Brown was in Hamilton this week on business.

Mr. Jack Nichol, Wyoming, made a business trip to town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Carl A. Class and son are visiting Mrs. A. K. Wanless, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mrs. (Dr.) James, Sarnia, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Brown, last week.

Mrs. Fedden, who has been visiting Mrs. N. B. Howden, returned to her home in London on Saturday.

Miss Essa Howden returned to London this week after spending the past six months with Watford relatives.

Mr. Geo. Rivers returned from Regina on Sunday where he was called through the serious illness of his son, Norman, who underwent an operation for appendicitis and is now doing well.

Watford Institute

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. T. Dodds on Wednesday evening, April 9th. 14 members and 10 visitors were present. Roll call was answered by an Easter clipping. After the usual business the program was as follows:—Miss MacLure of the High School, rendered two solos and sang very sweetly, and Miss Cameron, teacher in the Public School, also sang a solo which we appreciated very much, also Mr. Binks favored us with two instrumentals on the piano, which we were pleased to hear. Mrs. J. D. Brown and Miss N. Eccles each gave a paper on the beauties of spring and its work. Both were interesting papers. Mrs. L. Millar also gave a paper on labor saving devices, giving some very good suggestions. A vote of thanks was extended to all the young people who took part in the program. Meeting closed by singing "God Save the King." Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Tanner.—SECRETARY.

BROOKE

H. J. Vearcombe, who has been a resident of Brooke and Warwick for years, moved to Thedford this week.

The Brooke Branch of the Women's Institute held their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 10th, at the home of Mrs. P. McLean. The president, Mrs. M. J. Campbell, presided. Owing to the unfavorable weather, a large number of the members were unable to be present, but those present the meeting proved to be most interesting and instructive. Mrs. D. McNeil gave a splendid demonstration on "Mending and Darning." Misses Maggie McLean and Jennie McIlwain each gave an instrumental solo in a manner which proved their musical abilities. Mrs. M. J. Campbell then read a splendid paper on "Why we should belong to the Women's Institute." The meeting was then brought to a close by singing the National anthem, after which lunch was served. The next meeting will be held on May 8th, at the home of Mrs. Donald McNeil, Roseby.

The ladies of St. John's church, Glercoe, expended nearly \$600 on the church during the past year.

WARWICK

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, 2nd line S., is critically ill.

Mr. Well Smith, Birnam, left Tuesday for London, where he expects to undergo a critical operation.

Mrs. Foster, of London, spent the end of last week with her friend, Mrs. Robt. Campbell, 2nd line of Warwick.

FOR SALE—A good shed, 30x60, beamed with overlays. JEREMIAH THOMPSON, Lot 23, Con. 8, N. E. R., Warwick, or Arkona P. O.

Miss Mary McCormick, who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, for three months, returned to her home last week, not much improved.

At the adjourned vestry meeting of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, the Rev. H. P. Westgate, the assistant minister, was given a raise of \$200 in salary.

Eph. Doan, of Biggar, Sask., formerly of Warwick, died on Saturday last after several months illness. Funeral to Biggar cemetery. He leaves a wife and large family.

Mr. Jas. P. McCormick left for the West, where he intends engaging in the hardware business. His sister, Miss Ella McCormick, has gone to Forest, where she will make her home in the future. Their many friends and neighbors regret very much their removal from the neighborhood.

The death occurred in Calgary, April 1st, of William Batchelor Shipley, aged eight months, only son of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Shipley. The funeral, which was private, took place from the family residence, Suite 4 Brennan Apartments, 532 Fourth Avenue, West, services conducted by Rev. Dr. Akbray. Interment took place in Union Cemetery.

A meeting for the organization of a baseball club was held at Warwick Village, on Tuesday of last week and a club formed with the following officers:—H. Morningstar, president; D. Auld, vice president; A. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer; V. Barnes, manager. The team is open for games with neighboring clubs, and arrangements can be made by writing the secretary or manager.

The monthly meeting of the Warwick Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Robinson, Egremont Road, on Thursday, April 10th. In spite of the inclement weather quite a number were present. The meeting was opened by singing "The Maple Leaf Forever," and prayer. Those who were to take the subject were not present. Questions were distributed for discussion as follows: "How to bring the girls into the Institute," "How to make homes happy," "Is the question drawer a benefit to the meeting." These were answered very nicely and made a pleasant discussion. Miss Mildred Archer sang a very solo. The roll call was answered by different ways to serve eggs. The meeting closed by singing "God Save the King."

Egg Dealers Plan Radical Change

That the system known as the "case count" which has prevailed in the egg trade for a number of years, provides no discrimination whatever, and that under it the producer, with no reflection on the hen, is not encouraged to market an article of high quality, was the decision come to in the rooms of the Board of Trade, Montreal, at a largely attended meeting of the egg trade of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The remedy for this state of affairs was suggested as taking the form of an Eggs Marks Act, similar to the act governing fruit. The formation of a new produce association was also proposed.

Determining means whereby consumers and merchants could be protected against the marketing of stale and rotten eggs was the primary object of the meeting. Under the present system when bad eggs are found in the cases there is no resource for the dealer to take, and the opinion of the meeting was that the "case count," where a flat rate is quoted, stale and bad eggs commanding just as high a price as those of the highest grade, is equivalent to placing a premium on careless and dilatory methods in the production and care of this product. Moreover, it was pointed out that the country storekeepers received no encouragement to market an article of high quality.

The opinion was unanimous that legislation should be secured to prevent the sale of such products and full approval was given to the proposal to adopt a new system whereby due discrimination should be made between good and bad eggs.

Steps will be taken for the passage by the Federal Parliament of an Eggs Marks Act, similar to the Fruit Marks Act, making it unlawful to buy or trade in rotten eggs.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Report of S. S. No. 5, Brooke, for the month of March. Names in order of merit. Class IV.—Gordon Sutton, Stella Higgins. Class III.—Romelia Clark, Bert Sutton, Katie McLachlan, Bertha Whitehead. Part II.—Leonard Annett, Clifford Higgins, Maggie Watson (absent). Class I.—Harold Sutton, Ethel Watson, Rato Clark, Merrelline Whitehead.—W. KELLY, Teacher.

The Rev. D. J. Cornish, of Forest, has been appointed Immigration Employment Agent for Forest and vicinity by Dominion Government.