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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Send them to the Editor, Guide-Advocate, Watford, Ont.

**MIGHT** be a good idea to revive the home guard. A sidewalk clear of snow advertises a good citizen. A rush cash sale of two cats of cedar posts at CHAMBERS'. F. AND H. THOMAS, father and son, are now members of Lambton's 149. A COMMUNICATION on "Automobile Licenses" will appear in the next issue. Boys' heavy tweed pants, sizes 28 to 33, Friday bargains 90 cents.—SWIFTS'. If your paper comes to you in a wrapper each week the date label will be found on the wrapper. BRITAIN has barred luxuries. War is driving the world back to the simple life. There is room for a change in Canada. SEVERAL unsigned items have been dropped into our letter box this week. If the writers wish them inserted they must sign their names. OUR stock of wall paper for the coming season is complete and shows some distinctive new patterns. Call and see them.—P. DOODIE & SON. CALL and see how nice and complete we can make a Ford car with our starting and lighting outfit with dimmer attachment.—K. MORNINGSTAR. An article in an exchange is headed "Blind Pig Found in a Fig Pen." Pray where else would you expect to find a pig? Better there than in a dwelling house. FOR all lines in choice fresh groceries go to R. HASKETT'S. It is estimated that it will cost Great Britain nine billion dollars, about six times the value of all the farm property in Ontario, to pay her share of the war, this year. GERMAN conspiracies in Canada, which bring the war more closely home to us, will only have the effect of stirring up renewed efforts in the war on Transismian. UNTIL further notice the post office will be closed at 7.30. Some changes are about to be made and when these are completed the office will again be open until 9 o'clock each evening. SPECIAL ranges of satin ribbons, all shades, 12 1/2, 18 and 25c., much below value.—SWIFTS'. A DRUM and bugle band has been organized by "C" Company 149. It helps to make the daily march out more attractive and pleasant. The boys are doing fine considering the length of time they have been practicing. THE baseball writers are now thinking up new and startling slang for the sport pages. If a man can play ball he should make a good soldier, and in the latter capacity he would be more useful just now than on the ball field. WHEN the school teacher in years to come enquires of her pupils how many had fathers or brothers in the army in the great European War, will children relate to you or descended from you able to hold up their hands? Yes or no. HASKETT'S spiced and salt meats, sausage, jelly hock and head cheese is an easy thing for young ladies to "make up" as confirmed old maids but when they try to turn back the hands of time and try to make themselves look like children they have a big contract on hand. "It can't be did." MR. and MRS. ARTHUR ERSKINE, Toronto, announce the marriage of their daughter, Jeanne Gertrude, to Harry Franklin Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harper, Watford. The marriage is to take place quietly on March 1st. If every man turned to and did what was in him, by enlisting, by subscribing, by taking some share of the burden, however slight, the whole force of the country would soon be able to settle the question. It must be settled this way sooner or later. EIDERDOWN wool in pink, cream, scarlet, black, 10 cents, Friday bargains.—SWIFTS'. FORD car repairs don't amount to much. From a bill just to hand a new radiator tube cost 3c and a fin 5c. The solder, painting and labor for placing these repairs was 60c. No need to worry about the cost of repairs if you buy a Ford car. THE anniversary of the re-opening of the Watford Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, March 6th, when Rev. Melbourne Anderson, of Lambton, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Congregational supper will be held on the Monday evening following. AT the last regular meeting of the Public Library Board of 1915 the Board passed on record its appreciation of the services of Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald, the retiring member. The existence of the Carnegie Library is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Fitzgerald in securing the grant, and later in successfully conducting the business in connection with the erection of the building. The Library Board is glad to thus publicly recognize his valuable services as a member.

WATFORD is 783 feet above mean sea level. LAMBTON'S BATTALION is now over 600 strong. WIDE corset cover embroidery, 15 cents, Friday bargains.—SWIFTS'. THE rural mail couriers in this section have been more than earning their salaries lately, on account of the rough and drifted roads. THE death took place in Toronto of Angus B. McColl, a former resident of Aldborough. He was the founder of McColl Bros., the well-known oil dealers. THE Guild of Christ Church, Sutorville, held their annual meeting at the Rectory, Watford, on Tuesday afternoon and were entertained by the Rector and Mrs. Irwin. FOOT TABLES and bowling alleys have been placed in the basement of St. James' Methodist Church, Montreal, for the use of the boys in khaki. The opposition to these games is gradually disappearing. GO to R. HASKETT'S for good bread and pastry flour, oatmeal, cornmeal, wheat germ, and all lines in feed. THE hockey match between A and C companies of the 149th in Fowler's rink on Monday night was well patronized and a good clean game was witnessed. The Watford team defeated the Sarnia boys by a score of 9 to 5. AN Honor Roll has been placed in the tower vestibule of Trinity church. The roll contains the names of forty-seven men of the parish who have enlisted. Four on the list have given their lives and many others have been wounded. ALL PARTIES owing the estate of the late Doctor Kelly, for professional services or otherwise, are requested to make payment at once. Books of account and amounts due are in our office in Watford. COWAN, TOWN & CO., Solicitors for the Administratrix. IN the casualty list published Wednesday appears the name of Pte. Chas. Jamieson, son of Mr. Wesley Jamieson of Watford. Pte. Jamieson is a member of the 21st Battalion and is known to almost everyone in Watford. No particulars as to the nature of his wounds. BOY'S linen collars 3 for 25c., size 12, 13, Friday bargains.—SWIFTS'. DR. BRAITHEWATER will again occupy the pulpit of Watford's Congregational churches next Sunday. This will probably be the last occasion for some time that this talented gentleman will preach in Watford and no doubt many will embrace the opportunity to hear him. THE parliament buildings at Ottawa will be rebuilt on a grander and more modern scale on the same site. Portions of walls that remain will likely be utilized, or at least the unharmed material they contain. In the rebuilding the whole will have to be taken down. A WEATHER prophet who swears by the goose quill, muskrat holes and the fur on the rabbit signs, says that we are going to have an early spring this year. Another prophet says that a late Easter and a late spring go hand in hand. Bostero must be wrong. Time will tell. 3 PAIR men's heavy wool socks for a dollar, post paid to our boys in the trenches.—SWIFTS'. RECUMSER CHAPTER I.O.O.F. are preparing a bale to be forwarded to the Red Cross Society for Serbian relief. Any one wishing to help may leave contributions at A. Brown & Co's store. Warm clothing for men, women and children either new or second hand in good repair, also bedding will be most acceptable. THE reason for the yellow appearance of nearly all newspapers in Canada today is due to the scarcity of chemicals used for bleaching, and to the fact that the blue coloring matter which is used to impart a brilliant white to the paper, is also scarce. It is only one of the visible effects of the war. DURING the past year Canadians have made great but willing sacrifices for a just cause and in looking back upon the fleeting but care-laden months we all have the satisfaction of knowing that those sacrifices have not been in vain. There are other sacrifices yet to be made. Will you measure up to the occasion as it presents itself? MEN'S heavy pig skin mitts, good linings 50 cents.—SWIFTS' FRIDAY BARGAINS. CHIEF INSPECTOR P. J. CAREY, Dominion Government Packing and Orchard Demonstrator, Toronto, and Mr. H. Dunham, Forest, were here on Wednesday and gave a demonstration of apple packing in R. McIntosh's warehouses. They gave some useful hints on pruning and grafting. Quite a number of fruit growers and others interested were in attendance and much useful information was obtained by the growers. F. TROLLEY, who hails from St. Clair Mich., but who was born at Alvinston 37 years ago, has signed up with Lambton's 149. He is a man of fine physique, and varied military experience. He served one year in the 27th Regiment, one year in the Kent County Regiment, six months in the R. C. R., two years in the 1st Canadian contingent, South African, for which he received a medal with three bars; he also has an honorable discharge from the American regular army, having served for nine years in the 19th and 21st Regiments; he was at Vera Cruz during the recent Mexican trouble; he is anxious to do his bit for the King and the land of his birth.

THE soldier boys hiked to Warwick Village and back on Wednesday, where they were entertained to dinner. MANY merchants throughout the county are donating for a few weeks part of their advertising space in the local papers to Lambton's 149 for recruiting purposes. Several Watford merchants have commenced this week and others will begin next week. Read the ads. and buy your goods from men who act so generously. A small order house would not give the 149 one cent's worth of advertising space and should not have a dollar of your money that can be spent with Lambton men who act so generously. THE Watford Woman's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Fulcher on Wednesday evening, February 9th. Vice-President presiding. The Institute have been working for the Red Cross, and have sent a bale consisting of mattress covers and socks for the Canadian Hospital. A reading was given by Mrs. C. Butler and Mrs. Kennel, and little Mildred Fulcher a solo, also Gertrude Fulcher an instrumental, both were much appreciated. Meeting closed by singing God Save the King.—S.R.C. It is reported that hardware prices are advancing as a result of the war. Cutlery that formerly came from Great Britain and Germany cannot be had and the supply comes from the United States, where the prices are higher. The articles that have advanced the most are those in which copper is used. Brass screws and wire have advanced 200 per cent. Nails are \$1.05 a keg higher than a year ago. Glass, formerly imported from Belgium, now has to be imported altogether from the United States. Household cutlery, pocket knives and scissors, largely imported in the past from Britain and Germany, now are secured almost entirely from the United States. WATFORD had two fire alarms on Saturday. The first about 6.30 a.m., when the Andrews Wire Works narrowly escaped destruction, and the second at 6.15, when the chimney on G. Goodman's house burnt out. The fire at the Wire Works was noticed by a farmer who at once telephoned the Bell central office. The young man on night duty ran to the fire alarm and in his hurry neglected to put on his shoes and sock but did not notice much from his trip. The fire was checked by chemical engine, and was extinguished without the aid of the regular fire engine, which was fortunate, as very few engines heard the alarm and consequently there was some difficulty in getting out the engine. The origin is supposed to be from an overheated furnace igniting the wrapping on some of the steam pipes, which set fire to the building near the roof. The greasy material made greater headway only for the fact that the flat roof was heavily laden with snow and ice. There was a large stock of raw material in the building at the time. The loss is covered by insurance.

**Address to Corp. Willie Bruce**  
A most enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. Wm. Bruce on Feb. 2nd, when about 50 of the friends and associates met to spend a social time with Willie who has enrolled his name in the 149th Lambton Battalion. Rev. Mr. Forster was called to the chair and made some very appropriate remarks, then calling on Miss Williamson for instrumental music, followed by many vocal and instrumental selections and patriotic addresses by Mr. R. Brock, Misses Moore and Stanger, also songs by Pte. George Gibbs and other soldiers. At 10.30 a most delicious supper was served which satisfied the inner man, when our young soldier Willie Bruce made a very apt reply to the many kindnesses shown to him. The social event was brought to a close by all singing the "National Anthem" when the repaired. The homes delighted with the evening so well spent. The following address was presented:—  
Watford, Feb. 2nd, 1916.  
TO MR. WILLIE BRUCE.  
DEAR SIR—We your relations and friends have assembled here at your home this evening to express our sincere regard for you as a relation and friend, and our high appreciation of your many excellent qualities. We know that you have joined Lambton's Battalion 149, you have heard the call of King and Country. We know that you have taken a very serious step and we will regret your departure from us very much, but we will admit you for your response when duty calls, and if it is God's will that you will have to go to the front it is our earnest prayer that you will put your trust in Him at all times, and that you will be spared to come back to us when peace has been restored. We feel that we could not allow this occasion to pass without in some way expressing our esteem and good will for you and as a pleasant remembrance we beg you to accept this wrist watch as a small token of our regard to you, and when you look upon it may you remember the many relations and friends in Watford.  
Signed on behalf of your aunt—  
BESSIE SHANNON  
FANNIE SHANNON.

**Lord and Lady Aberdeen Will Co-operate.**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Swift wrote last month to Lord and Lady Aberdeen, asking them to use their influence in getting information about their son, Capt. T. L. Swift, sent Tuesday they received the following telegram:—  
Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 15, 1916.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Swift,  
Watford.  
Your letter of 27th Jan. has reached us after regretted delay. We deeply sympathize and shall heartily endeavor to co-operate in efforts to obtain information. Earnestly hoping anxiety may soon be relieved.  
Lord and Lady Aberdeen.

## Public Library Board Organization Meeting

The organization meeting of the Public Library Board of 1916 was held in the Board room on the evening of February 9th. The following officers and committees were appointed:—  
Chairman—The Rev. S. P. Irwin.  
Secretary—Miss M. Reid.  
Librarian—Mrs. Reid.  
Book Committee—The Library Board as a whole, with the following division of work:—  
Fiction—Mrs. T. G. Mitchell and Mr. C. H. Howden.  
Science and Art, History—The Reeve and Dr. Sawers.  
Juvenile—The Secretary and the Librarian.  
All other classes—The Rev. S. P. Irwin and the Rev. F. G. Robinson.  
Finance Committee—The Reeve and the Secretary-Treasurer.  
The regular meeting of the Board will be held in the Board room on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.—MAY RIDD, Secretary.

**BROOKE**  
The Tipperary Red Cross Aid will meet at Mrs. Ed. Carroll's, Tuesday, Feb. 22nd at 1.30 o'clock.  
Don't forget the patriotic concert in McCachern's school house, S. S. No. 13, Brooke, this Friday evening, February 18th. Everybody welcome.  
Rev. J. A. Snell will preach educational sermons in the Methodist Church, Alvinston, next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Brown will take the work on the Brooke Circuit.

The boys in khaki, Watford, will march to Bethesda church, Brooke circuit, the first Sunday in March, when the pastor, Rev. J. A. Snell, will preach a special sermon on the war at 11 a.m. Everybody welcome.  
The members of the Epworth League, Watford, visited the League at Bethesda last Friday evening and gave a most excellent program, after which the young ladies of Bethesda League served luncheon to all present. All reported having spent a most enjoyable time.  
A very successful entertainment was given at Walnut church on Friday, Feb. 11th, by the young people, when they presented the three act play "A Kentucky Belle". Between the acts a dialogue entitled "The Secret" was given very ably by the Misses A. Edgar and G. Johnson. Mr. Cameron Corsetine sang in usual good style and a trio was given by Mrs. Shugg, Mrs. Utter and Mr. Corsetine, with violin obligato by Mr. Harry Utter. Rev. J. A. Snell, Watford, acted as chairman of the evening. The proceeds amounted to \$40.

The North Brooke W. I. held their regular meeting on the tenth of the month at the home of Mrs. Geo. Campbell. After the meeting was opened, those present were entertained for a few minutes by music on the gramophone. Mrs. Watts, the gov't delegate, gave a splendid address. She was well acquainted with her subject and imparted some good information. After another selection on the Victrola the meeting was closed and the hostess served a dainty luncheon. During the month the following table was served to the Red Cross by the Institute: 21 handkerchiefs, 24 hand towels, 31 pair socks, 11 yards bandages and 12 quarts and 2 pints of fruit.

**WARWICK.**  
Mrs. Fountain has gone to Quebec to be with the hon. Pte. G. Morton Fountain of the 33rd Battalion, who is in the hospital very ill.  
Don't get the idea that farm will not be worked without you. Let those who are unable to pass the medical examination do your work.  
The boys of the Warwick Hockey Club are giving the proceeds of Friday (Feb. 18) night's skating to Red Cross Work. Admission 10c. Come along and help the boys.  
A meeting of the Woman's Patriotic League will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Archer, Egremont Road, Plymouth on Wednesday afternoon, February 23rd. As this is the first meeting in the neighborhood we hope for a good attendance.  
The Red Cross Society of the sixth line west purpose holding a box social in the Foresters' Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 25th. A good program is promised, including dialogues, recitations and vocal selections. Miss Hazel Lannon, elocutionist, of Petrolia, will be present. Everybody welcome. Bring a box and have a good time.  
The Warwick branch of the Women's Institute held a very successful meeting on Thursday, February 10th, at the home of Mrs. D. Fullon. Meeting opened by singing Maple Leaf. Roll call was answered by valentine sentiments. A paper on "Prevention of Colds" was read by Mrs. E. H. H. Mrs. Minkley gave a demonstration in first aid work and preparation of a bed for sick and wounded. Two quilts were quilted and treewill offering amounted to \$13.00. There were 21 members and friends present. Meeting closed by singing God Save the King. Next meeting to be held in Foresters' Hall.  
About forty persons enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Thomas McLeay on Wednesday afternoon, when the Women's Patriotic League met there. The work

consisted of quilting, making shirts and towels. Lunch was served by the hostess. Mr. Shore read a passage of Scripture while Rev. Mr. Forster closed the meeting with prayer, donations \$10. The Red Cross Society have issued a new way of closing the toe of a sock which is called the kitchen toe, and the following directions will be found quite simple, put 10 stitches on one needle across front and ten on back needle, break off wool about 12 inches long and thread through a darning needle. Begin on front needle put wool needle in as if to knit, pull wool through and take off stitch, put needle in next stitch as if to knit, pull wool through but leave stitch on. Go to back needle put needle in first stitch as if to knit, pull wool through and take off stitch, put needle in next stitch as if to knit, pull wool through but leave stitch on. Repeat. The bale packed contained 23 grey flannel shirts, 2 quilts, 10 pairs socks and 4 dozen handkerchiefs.

On Wednesday evening of last week, the people of Wisbeach and its immediate vicinity assembled at the home of Mr. J. Y. Williams to show their appreciation of the loyalty and self-sacrifice of the young men volunteering for overseas service. They are Pte. Alf. Williams, son of Mr. Williams, Ptes. Will Kent and Fred Adams of the 149th Battalion and Henry Thorpe who will shortly leave for Toronto to qualify for enlistment with the Mechanical Transport Division. During the evening these young men were called upon and were each made the recipient of a wrist watch as Mr. Jas. McIntosh read the following address:

It is with hearts full of sincere gratitude that we, your neighbors and friends, have assembled to spend a social evening with you before your departure for our midst. You have nobly responded to your country's call to fight under the proud folds of the Union Jack, to assist in crushing the German despot and his murderous system of militarism. His spirit of patriotism which has prompted your action is to be highly commended, and we realize that by enlisting you have offered to help protect us and our homes. As slight tokens of appreciation we ask you to accept these wrist watches, trusting that they will be useful, and will serve as reminders of the people of Wisbeach.

We hope you may never see active service and that the flag of peace will soon wave triumphant on land and sea, conserving our cherished ideas of justice and liberty. We look forward to the time when we may welcome you on your safe return, and may our Heavenly Father guide and protect you till that time arrives. May the light of His countenance be shed upon you to light the path which duty summons you to follow.  
Signed on behalf of the neighbors and friends.

GEORGE HAWKIN  
JAS. MCINTOSH  
Immediately after the reading of the above address, Mr. Will Bryson, Superintendent of Wisbeach Sunday School, presented each with a leather bound New Testament and made a few appropriate remarks. On behalf of Wisbeach Patriotic League, Miss Esther Seymour, the President, then donated to each a pair of home-made socks. Speeches, music and singing were the chief sources of entertainment during the rest of the evening.

**PERSONAL.**  
Mr. O. W. Eyre, London, spent the week-end in Watford.  
Miss Flo Lovell is attending the Millinery Openings this week.  
Frank Reed, Sarnia, called on Watford friends on Monday.  
Miss Linglebach, Tavistock, was the guest of Miss Muriel Brown over Sunday.  
Mrs. Taylor, Winnipeg, is visiting her daughter, Muriel.  
W. E. Fitzgerald was in Toronto last Monday and Tuesday on court and other business.  
E. A. Dodds left for London on Monday to commence training for the machine gun section of the 149th.

Miss Myrtle Richardson is attending the Millinery openings in London this week.  
Miss Agnes Williams is visiting friends in Toronto and will attend the Millinery Openings before returning home.  
Pte. Cameron Anderson of 149th Lambton Battalion, spent Sunday with his cousin, Mrs. Ernest McDonald, Stratroy.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Lambert, Oil Springs, were here on Saturday on their way to Kerwood to spend Sunday with their son.  
Mr. R. E. LeSueur, Sarnia, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Humphries.

Messrs Wm. Weed and John Zavitz, of Brooke, Geo. Zavitz and William Warwick, Watford, attended the funeral of the late David Treherne, at Denfield on Tuesday.  
Mr. John Kingston, president, and Mr. W. G. Willoughby, manager and secretary of the Lambton Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co., go to Toronto on Monday to attend the annual meeting of the Mutual Underwriters Association.  
Mrs. Lieut.-Col. Campbell, of London, organizing secretary of the I.O.O.F. for the First Military District visited Watford on Tuesday, February 8th. She spoke to about thirty daughters of the Empire and friends at the home of Mrs. T. G. Mitchell in the afternoon.

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