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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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JANUARY 2nd, 1919.
HAVE you renewed your subscription? WITH this issue the Guide-Advocate commences its forty-fifth volume.

THE editor acknowledges receipt of Salt Lake City papers from Mr. Albert Jones of Provo, Utah.

MONARCH floss and down open today.

SWIFT'S.
MAJOR C. O. FAIRBANK has resigned from the headquarters staff of Military District No. 1.

THE yearning for "an old-fashioned winter" isn't so widespread as it would be if we hadn't one of that kind last winter.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE sends greetings to its readers at home and abroad, with the fervent hope that the year 1919 may be a happy and prosperous one for all.

THE Dominion Minister of Public Works says the cost of living will begin to decline next spring. Thanks. Most of us may be able to pull through till then.

THE postoffice staff had a busy time of it during the Christmas rush. The amount of mail handled was very large and it kept the inside staff and the carriers busy.

A GOOD resolve for 1919—If you find or lose anything; want to sell, buy or exchange, talk through the Guide-Advocate Want Column about it in your own interests and in the interests of the other party.

THE Sarnia Canadian-Observer issued an exceedingly creditable 32 page Christmas number last week. Among the attractive feature were several pages of half-tone engravings of Lambton's war heroes with particulars of their military career.

REV. S. W. MUXWORTHY was unable to conduct the service in the Methodist Church, Forest, on Sunday morning, and his daughter, Miss Laverna Muxworthy, took his place, preaching a splendid sermon very efficiently.

THE repatriation of Canadian soldiers is proceeding with fairly good expedition. Since the armistice was signed on November 11, 18,298 men have landed in Canada from overseas, and 8,500 are now at sea on the way over.

I will be in the office making out receipts Thursday, Friday and Saturday. See that I am kept busy.—E. D. SWIFT.

REGULAR meeting of Tecumseh Chapter, I.O.D.E., will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Thompson on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 7th, at the usual hour. Quotations appropriate to the occasion.

A meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Humphries on Wednesday evening, Jan. 8th. Members are requested to be present to arrange for our Domestic Science Class which will be held this month. Particulars later.—Sec.

THE Roll of Honour of British women who have given up their lives that Britain might endure now numbers 650 and the list is by no means complete. This roll regards service and not rank and shows that, to England, this "choir invisible" is indeed immortal.

THIS was to have been the happiest Christmas for four years but the children whose Christmas concerts were called off by the health authorities fail to see it that way. In all their young lives perhaps this has been the greatest disappointment coming as it did after weeks of hard work.

SWIFT'S for fine tailored suits, ladies' and gents.

AT A RECENT sale of Hereford cattle "Conny Boy" sold for \$190; "Cruiser 2nd" for \$200 and "Cruiser 2nd" for \$280. All three were bred by John Maylor, of Forest, and were yearlings. "Little Beauty" aged five years, bred by T. J. Archer, Plympton, brought \$285. "Montey," aged one year, bred and owned by A. J. Moffat, Watford, brought \$200; and "Ruby" 15 months old, bred and owned by J. Leach, Watford, brought \$200.

THE "World-Spectator" of Moosomin, Alberta, has the following notice of the death of Alexander Moffatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moffatt, formerly of this district. Deceased is survived by his parents, five brothers and two sisters. The paper says:—"We regret to record the death of Alexander Moffatt, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moffatt, of New Hastings. The deceased, who was only 21 years of age passed away on Saturday, 30th ult, after a brief illness. The funeral took place at Welwyn on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased was a member of the I. O. O. F., also of the Orange Order in Moosomin; in the latter he was Deputy Master of the Lodge. A number of the Brethren performed the last rites in an affectionate and impressive manner. Alex. was a young man of considerable promise, and profound sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents and family. When the epidemic subsides a memorial service will be held at New Hastings."

A MUDDY New Year.
ALL accounts due S. H. Mitchell must positively be in by Jan. 15th.

1919 is here and we thank you for 1918 business. It was good and we look forward to great things this year.—SWIFT, SONS & Co.

THE officials who will look after the vote on Monday next are Div. No. 1, John Bruce, Deputy Returning Officer, and P. E. Fuller, poll clerk. Div. No. 2, J. D. Brown deputy and F. J. Hughes clerk.

ANYONE having an account against the East Lambton Agricultural Society will please present the same to J. F. Elliot so that the affairs of the Society can be closed for the year.

W. E. FITZGERALD kindly requests the support and influence of the electors of Watford for re-election as Reeve for 1919. Mr. Fitzgerald has served in different capacities for 18 years and thoroughly understands all municipal matters.

AMONG the list of returned soldiers who arrived on the Carmania on Monday are the names of Gunner S. W. Mitchell and Pte Frank Wiley of Watford. Both of these have seen long service at the war front.

THE directors of The Lambton Farmer's Insurance Co. held their final meeting for the year on Tuesday. They report a very satisfactory year's business with the prospects of a little better credit balance than last year.

A MESSAGE was received by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLaren containing the sad news of the death of their sister-in-law Ruth, wife of Harry A. Kelly, at Denver, Colorado, on Saturday, December 28th, of violent influenza, after an illness of only three days.

THE EDITOR of the Clifford Express is blowing because he was presented with a chicken all ready for the oven. Brother, you must have a smooth line of talk to get it that easy. Most editors are so highly esteemed that they are generally handed a brick. Of course they tell the truth.—Kincardine Reporter.

If you reside on the farm you will surely find The Farmers' Sun a profitable and candid friend. Its market reports, both stock and grain, are unequalled, while its independent views have long been appreciated. One Dollar for a full year's subscription. The (Farmers') Weekly Sun, TORONTO.

Mrs. THOS. NEWELL has just forwarded to the Toronto Red Cross 28 pairs of socks which completes 140 pairs for the past year. She has also received from Adjutant Verpillot of the French Army Ambulance Corps the following acknowledgement:—"Your socks became the property of a French soldier who has left his home there 4½ years, and received them with much pleasure. He sufficiently knows the English language to thank sincerely the generous giver to France by Canada. Please continue to remember France—France is more seriously wounded than speech and papers ever described, and still deserves aid and assistance."

PERSONAL

Mr. E. F. Bodaly, London, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. F. Just is spending the holidays with relatives in Plympton.

Mr. Chas. A. Moore, Sarnia, was a Watford visitor on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm McKercher returned from the West on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, London, spent Christmas with friends in Watford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell spent New Year's Day at the home of Mr. T. G. Mitchell.

Mr. John Saunders, Oil City, spent several days with his brother, Mr. S. J. Saunders, John street.

John W. Restorick, Jr., Toronto, is spending the holidays with his grandfather, Frank Restorick.

Mrs. A. H. Gillett and children, of London, spent the New Year holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. F. Aylesworth.

Harold Lawrence, with the Republican Motor Company, Alma, Mich., spent a couple of days last week in town, the guest of T. G. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Fuller, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Fuller, London, and families, spent Christmas in Watford at the parental home.

Miss Clara Mitchell, Toronto, is spending the holidays with her brother S. H. Mitchell Main St.

Misses Harriet, Florence and Marguerite Cooke and Mr. Clarence Cooke spent Christmas at the home of their father, Mr. Walter Cooke, Sr.

Mrs. J. M. McKay and children, and Miss Lorena Humphries, Galt, are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Humphries, Wall street.

Mrs. Lillian E. Chambers and son, Robert, are spending the New Year holidays with the latter's great-grandmother, Mrs. Francis Kitt, Lucan, who is nearing the 100 mark.

Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson, of Plympton, who has just returned from overseas, was presented with a handsome gold watch by his old friends here. The address was read by Miss Effie Sherk and the presentation made by Miss Marjorie Dodge.

Atkinson—Johns

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Johns, Enniskillen township on Dec. 25th, when their second eldest daughter, Stella May, was united in marriage to John Robert Atkinson, of Plympton Township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Jewitt in the presence of immediate relatives. After a short honeymoon in parts in Michigan the happy couple will reside in Plympton.

Taylor—Marwick

A quiet wedding took place in the Southern Congregational Church, London, on Thursday, December 28th, 1918, at 3 p.m., when Ruth Annie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marwick, of Watford, became the bride of Harold Dixon Taylor, of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Taylor, Brooke. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. A. Claris, pastor of the church. They were accompanied by Miss Maude Marwick, sister of the bride, and James Taylor, brother of the groom. The bride wore a becoming suit of Burgundy serge, her only ornament being a pearl crescent, the gift of the groom. The happy couple left on Thursday, Jan. 2nd, for Toronto, where they will reside.

Contest for Reeve Only

The only contest that Watford ratepayers will have a chance to vote on this year is one for the Reeveship, and the fight for the office of chief magistrate will be a battle royal. W. E. Fitzgerald the present Reeve, and Robt. E. Johnston are the candidates. They are both old campaigners and locked horns last January in a very close contest when Mr. Fitzgerald polled 150 votes and Mr. Johnston 148. The result is looked to with interest.

The council will be composed of Wm. Doan, George Harper, Harry Hollingsworth and Richard H. Stapleford. No one seemed to care much for the job and it looked at one time as if there would not be enough qualifications to fill the bill.

There is one new man on the Board of Education this year, Dr. J. McGillicuddy, who takes the place of Dr. Hicks, and with Dr. Siddall, Mr. W. H. Harper and Dr. Howden will form the needed quartette to complete the Board for 1919.

Lloyd George Returned with Large Majority

London, Dec. 29.—Complete returns for the election of the new parliament give the following results: Coalition Liberals, 127; Coalition Laborites, 10; Unionists 46; Asquithian Liberals, 37; Laborites, 65; National party, 2; Independent, 5; Socialists, 1; Sinn Feiners, 73; Irish Nationalists, 7.

All coalitions with the Unionists and National party may be regarded roughly as supporting Lloyd George. The only opposition will be formed by the Asquithian Liberals, Laborites and Independents.

ARKONA

Come to the New Year's 8 p.m. Praise Service in the Baptist Church Thursday. Annual meeting Tuesday at 2:30.

Nominations—Councillors, Augustine, Utter, Johnston, Jaynes, George, Eastman, Ready, Rivers, Clark. Reeve—Langlan, Smith, Ready, Rivers, Trustees Wait, Lucas, Johnston.

Miss Fox, Strathroy, was a week end guest of Mrs. E. L. George.

Murry McLeish is home from Stratford for the holidays.

A course in music is a nice New Year present for boy or girl. See Miss Stark about it.

BROOKE

Service at St. James 2:30 Sunday.

Brooke Township lost one of its oldest and most respected pioneers in the person of William Dolbear, who died at his home on Tuesday of last week, aged 84. William Dolbear was prominent in the Masonic lodge here being chaplain for many years. Short service was held at the house at 2 p. m. Thursday, interment being in the Alvinston Cemetery. He is survived by Mrs. Charlie McCarter at home, Mrs. William Alderman of Brooke, Fred and Peter Dolbear.

Warden Annett, H. A. Gilroy, W. R. Dawson, together with the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of the township of Brooke have been appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a committee from Alvinston re the erection of a Memorial to the soldiers or those who have given their lives in the service of their country.

A very pleasing closing entertainment was held at S. S. No. 1, Warwick on Dec. 20th consisting of songs and recitations by the scholars and violin selections by Mr. Geo. Mathews and Oscar Lester. Lunch was served and candy bags passed to everyone. A pleasing feature was an address by Mr. Orville Weaver a former teacher. Mr. W. Minelli acted as chairman. A very creditable collection of drawings and specimens of handwriting work of the pupils was exhibited.

WATFORD NOMINATIONS

The nomination meeting held in the Music Hall on Monday night was one of the largest ever held in the town. Although over a score of names were placed on the list for the different positions in the gift of the people, only one of those nominated, Reeve Fitzgerald, took the platform to express their views or criticism on municipal affairs. At the close of the hour set aside to receive nominations the following had been made:—

FOR REEVE
Robert E. Johnston, nominated by George N. Howden and C. W. Vail
W. E. Fitzgerald, by Joseph McCormick and Samuel James.
Wm. Doan, by N. Hawn and Wm. Phair.
Nelson Hawn, by R. E. Johnston and P. E. Fuller.
W. E. Fitzgerald, by Joseph McCormick and Samuel James.
Wm. Doan, by N. Hawn and Wm. Phair.
George Harper, by C. W. Vail and G. N. Howden.
Harry Hollingsworth, by J. McKercher and P. E. Fuller.
Rich. H. Stapleford, by J. Coupland and W. S. Fuller.
Joshua Saunders, by E. A. Brown and W. C. Howden.
Wm. J. Trenouth, by S. James and G. N. Howden.
E. A. Brown, by R. H. Stapleford, and J. F. Elliot.
Philip E. Fuller, by N. Hawn and R. E. Johnston.
Robert E. Johnston, by N. Hawn and P. E. Fuller.
Nelson Hawn by Wm. Doan and J. Coupland.
Fred Rogers, by W. E. Fitzgerald and C. W. Vail.
Wm. Doan, by J. D. Brown and Robt. Hollingsworth.
BOARD OF EDUCATION
George Hicks, nominated by J. McKercher and P. E. Fuller.
Geo. N. Howden, by J. McKercher and C. W. Vail.
Dr. John McGillicuddy, by Jas. F. Elliot and H. Stapleford.
Wm. H. Harper, by W. E. Fitzgerald and Jos. McCormick.
Wm. G. Siddall, by W. E. Fitzgerald and Jos. McCormick.
Mr. W. S. Fuller, the town Clerk, was elected to the chair for the afternoon and performed the duties of that office with ability, supplying some valuable information regarding certain municipal matters. The members of the 1918 council were first called on.

Reeve Fitzgerald said we had passed through a critical period. Everything was high, but taxes were not as high as most things. Ratepayers must make allowance for the high cost of labor and material and cannot expect taxes to decrease very rapidly. The county rate this year amounted to \$3164.00 or 8 7-10 mills, while last year only 6 mills were required. Among other things that made the Village rate heavy were the grants to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, the British Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., and the war tax. Since the Good Roads by-law was passed at the special meeting of the County Council last February, many bridges had been built through the county and much improvement made. Watford had to raise \$720.41 for good roads, which will be repaid after the final passing of the by-law. The town would also receive 40 per cent of this amount from the government. The village rate was higher this year because the Public Library debenture was not paid last year, \$132 was paid Victoria Hospital and \$83 to the House of Providence for the late T. Malone and the council had to face a deficit on coming into office. This year there will be a credit balance of about \$2000 for the incoming council. Instead of having to borrow and pay interest the new council will find themselves in good financial shape and will have enough money on hand to last into February. The lines collected during the year went a long way toward paying the Constable's salary. During the year the Council had bought a pumping ground, made a lot of repairs to sidewalks and to Main Street, also appointed a fuel controller which was a very necessary office during the coal shortage. Speaking of fire protection the speaker said that he got into the matter with an Engineer from London who said the cost of water works would be from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. It was there put in, lower rates would be obtainable for fire insurance and the town might possibly get from the G. T. R. enough to pay interest on the debenture by supplying the company with water. The water could be obtained from one or two deep wells. A good water supply and hydro would be an inducement for manufacturers to locate here. If elected the speaker would continue to push the matter of a gaining factory, and now that the war is over he thought the chances of obtaining one were good. He spoke of the new post office and thought the erection would be proceeded with if the matter were pushed by the Council. He advocated the reorganization of a town band as one was especially needed in the reception of returned soldiers. The council this year had granted \$50 extra to the Public Library, the raising of teachers' salaries, purchase of council chamber furniture and the higher figures for material and wages all tended to make taxes higher. Speaking of the Hydro System he said that the debt to the Hydro Power Co. of Ontario had been paid-off and the local system would show a clean sheet at the end of the year. He submitted the following statement of receipts and expenditures since the commencement of operation on August 23rd, 1917, and thought a reduction in lighting rate would soon be due.

Received from Debentures.....\$9775 14
" old plant sold... 1363 44
" street lighting... 1963 13
" commercial light. 1734 69
" residential light. 1943 52
" power..... 1901 94
" lamps, meters, etc. 639 00

\$13328 86
To paid for old plant.....\$2500 00
" power to Commission 3066 11
" labor, instal'g, salaries 2672 57
" Hydro Power of Ont. 9813.01
" 1917 Debenture..... 836 79

\$18839 08
Balance on hand.....\$ 439 78 (approximated)

Mr. Doan and Mr. Hollingsworth were not present on account of illness in their families.

Mr. Frank Taylor, being now in London, was not a candidate.

The retiring members of the Board of Education were then called on. Dr. Hicks said he had been on the Board since it was organized, and previous to that was on the high school board. He had endeavored to look after the interests of education to the best of his ability.

Mr. David Watt, the efficient secretary of the Board, read a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for public and high schools, thus supplying much valuable information. At the close of the year the public school account shows a credit balance of \$12.18, and that of the high school \$4,211.57. Against the latter amount is an account of \$910 for new furnaces and a large coal account which has not yet been passed by the Board.

Dr. Howden, chairman of the Board, explained about the large surplus on hand. He had the assurance of high authority that this surplus should not be turned over to the corporation as some claimed.

Mr. W. H. Harper and Dr. Siddall were not present and Mr. McKercher said he could not add anything to the complete statement given by the Secretary.

Of the new aspirants for Council Mr. R. E. Johnston and W. Doan were not present. Mr. Hawn said he would be in the field for one of the offices.

None of the other nominees answered to their names except Mr. W. J. Trenouth, who said he was in the field but had no time to canvass. If the ratepayers favored him with their votes and he was elected he would do his duty and fill the office to the best of his ability.

The call for nominees for the Board of Education to take the platform was the signal for a rush to the doors and the hall was emptied in a few minutes. The meeting lasted a little over an hour.

Brooke Nominations

FOR REEVE
Lachlan Lindsay, Wm. J. Johnston.
FOR DEPUTY-REEVE
Albert E. Sutton, Leslie W. Oke.
COUNCILLORS
C. Atkin, D. M. Campbell, D. L. Fisher, Arthur Loosmore.

Warwick Nominations

FOR REEVE
B. B. Dann and W. E. Parker.
FOR DEPUTY-REEVE
John W. Blein and Adam Higgins.
COUNCILLORS BY ACCLAMATION
B. Munia, M. Campbell and H. Williams.

Bozarquet Nominations

FOR REEVE
Robert Tidball, by John Vivian and Alex. Lithgow.
R. D. Thomson, by Roy Teetzel and Geo. Jameison.
*Nicholas Sitter, R. D. Thomson and Alex. Lithgow.

COUNCILLORS
*R. D. Thomson, Geo. Jameison and Alex. Lithgow.
W. M. McDonald, by Geo. Jameison and Wm. Waller.
Hugh Russell, by Alex. Lithgow and Hugh Kermohan.
Wm. Stewardson, by R. D. Thomson and Hugh Russell.
*John Walker, by John Vivian and H. Fawcett.
John Vivian, by John Walker and W. W. Anderson.
John Menherick, by Austin Nutt, John Walker.
*Nicholas Sitter, by Jas. Elliott, Wm. Fleming.
Those marked with a star (*) have withdrawn.

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In advertising tell your readers the same story you would tell them if they came to your store personally and asked about your goods. You are not expected to write a college president's thesis.