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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.

SPECIAL ties for 24th.—SWIFTS.

GROW something. Use that lot or give it to somebody you will.

By order of the government waste paper is being baled at the different post-offices.

THE proposal to kill all the dogs in England shows how seriously the food situation is viewed.

THE business places will be closed on Wednesday at twelve o'clock from May 15th to September 15th.

THE temperature has moderated sufficiently to enable the frog to pluck up courage enough to begin croaking.

UNCLÉ SAM will send 12,000 men or nine engineering regiments to France within a few weeks. This sounds like real business.

D. A. MAXWELL recently sold Maxwell touring cars to Mr. D. Saunders, of Sutorville, and Mr. James A. Thompson, of Kingscourt.

If prices keep going up, it won't be necessary soon to "enforce" two meatless days in Canada. One pig's foot a month will be the limit.

KING GEORGE will issue a proclamation urging the people to economize to the extent of 25 per cent. in the consumption of food, owing to the gravity of the situation.

Among the casualties this week are Pte. Howe of Sarnia, killed in action and Pte. W. G. Sims died of wounds. Among the wounded are Pte. E. M. Hunter and Pte. G. Maidment of Forest.

THE dust on main street has been very disagreeable lately. Why not put the oil on now instead of later in the season. The work has been done in several other towns already.

BARGAINS IN SHOES — P. J. Dodds has arranged a bargain table of shoes of various kinds, which he is offering at less than the cost of the leather. Call and see, at White's old stand.

AN exchange says: "A late spring means a better fruit crop and better gardens. Everything is held back and not forced ahead to meet a destructive frost." What fine gardens, and what a whale of a crop we are going to have.

THE 24th May showing in new blouses.—SWIFTS.

On account of Victoria Day (May 24) a public holiday, falling on our publication day the Guide-Advocate will be printed a day earlier next week. Advertisers and correspondents will please take notice and send in their favors earlier in the week.

IN order that farmers may not be inconvenienced by being compelled to serve on juries during harvest, the autumn sitting of the Ontario Supreme Court will not be held until harvest is finished. Non-jury and jury sittings will be combined in every circuit.

MANY High school boys will experience this summer the delight of knocking potato bugs off into a pan, to be later crunched on a flat board. The face of tan and brawny arm they will bring back to school can only be grown by many "bushings" in the harvest field.

WHEN doing your spring cleaning and renovating a little fresh paper on the walls will make a big improvement. P. DODDS & SON invite you to see their large stock of wall paper and borders. No need to say anything about prices. They are always the lowest.

MR. WM. McLEAY received a cable from his son, Dr. Charles McLeay, stating he had safely arrived in England. Dr. McLeay has been in German East Africa for several years, serving under the British Government. He will do hospital work at the front for some months.

SEE our window for the newest in skirts.—SWIFTS.

A PARKHILL merchant says the H. C. of L. will make a business of house keeping and the women will soon depend on themselves and not on the telephone and the well stocked shelves of the grocer. In other words we will practice some of the arts our grandmothers knew along with sock knitting.

MRS. THOS. WILLIAMS of Lethbridge, Alberta, nee Lulu Mathers of Watford, who with her two small children was the guest of Mrs. Frank Restorick last week, received a message from the Record office Monday morning stating that her husband, Pte. Thos. Williams 736322, who was previously reported wounded, was now officially reported killed in action on April 9th. Mrs. Williams left for Sarnia on Monday evening to visit friends there.

WE have Giant Intermediate Mangle in bulk at 25c. a lb. Also pkgs. 30c., regular 45c. Phone 89.—ROGERS & JACKLIN.

PARTIES who are in the habit of opening and reading their correspondence in the Post Office are respectfully reminded that the waste paper receptacles are for use and not for ornament. The desk provided for the convenience of the public is frequently littered with envelopes and scraps of torn-up letters, which should be thrown into the waste paper baskets. Evidently just an oversight. Look for the "Waste Paper" basket.

ALBERTA will have a general election on June 7th.

OUR suits for the 24th have few equals. See them.—SWIFTS.

FARMERS wanting to hire competent men, please apply at once to J. H. Hume, Watford.

BE a live wire and you won't get stepped on—it's the dead ones that are used for door mats.

BREKFAST and onions used to be a workman's ordinary dinner. Now it is a feast for a king.

THE Rev. Mr. Crogh will conduct the service in the Presbyterian church, Watford, on Sunday evening.

FREEMAN KERSEY's sale on Saturday afternoon was well attended and the goods sold rapidly at good prices.

CORP. J. McRAE, of Sombra, and Pte. N. E. Lamb, of Petrolia, are reported in the casualty list among the wounded.

THE members of the Glencoe Book Club, pledged themselves by resolution to abstain from the use of meat in their homes one day a week during the continuance of the war. A similar resolve made individually by us all, would not be a hardship and materially help the cause of the allies.

LOCAL Courts of Revision on the assessment rolls will be of more than usual interest this year, as under the new Franchise Act, it is at these meetings women who under the Act this year are entitled to legislative votes, are placed on the assessment roll, the basis of the list of voters afterwards to be made out by municipal clerks. Failing to get on the voters' list in the regular way, the ladies have the same right of appeal as men, at the voters' list court held by the County Judge later in the season, and that is the court of last resort.

PINEAPPLES for canning, by the dozen at right prices. Also all kinds of green vegetables. Phone 89.—ROGERS & JACKLIN.

PARKHILL GAZETTE:—Gardening for the town's people begins to look like a reality and very few places will be uncultivated. A tract of land east of the town is being negotiated for and it will be divided among those wishing land at the rate of \$10 per acre. School children will be given plots 8 rods square for which they will pay 50c. rent and each child will have all vegetables grown by himself. Waving the hoe handle will not only be patriotic but it will be profitable and healthful. It will be the antidote Canada has needed badly for some years, Canada the over-spacious, its people learning habits of indolence and wastefulness, because they were so blessed. Few people can stand the acid test of prosperity and practicing the habits of our pioneer forefathers will make us a saner and better people.

SOME time ago each High School in Ontario received a circular stating that three prizes were to be offered to each school by the Organization of Resources Committee, Toronto, for the best answer to the question, "How can the Ontario High School boy by working on a farm this summer help (1) Himself, (2) the Farmer, (3) the Empire?" There was also a cash prize of twenty-five dollars offered for the best answer in the province. Seven excellent answers were handed in at the Watford High School. The first prize of five dollars was awarded to Miss Bessie Forster, the second of three dollars to Miss Belle Knisely, the third of two dollars to Orville Fuller. Miss Forster's answer will be sent to Toronto to compete with those from the schools of the province for the twenty-five dollar prize.

## BROOKE

The Tipperary Red Cross circle will meet at Mrs. O. Corestine's, on Tuesday, May 22nd.

The Bishop of Huron will conduct confirmation services at Christ Church, Sutorville, on Friday afternoon, May 25th, at 2:30.

The Sutorville Red Cross met Thursday last at the home of Mrs. Ches. Coristine, and packed for Hyman Hall a bale containing 43 pillow-slips, 20 grey shirts, 25 pairs socks, 1 pyjama suit, and a quantity of old linen. The work was valued at sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

Walnut Red Cross Society met at the home of Mrs. W. S. Shugg on Tuesday, May 15th. 17 suits of pyjamas were brought in for shipment. The next meeting will be held one week earlier than usual at the home of Mrs. W. Mellis on June 5th. This society will hold a garden party in aid of Red Cross work on Tuesday, June 12th. Particulars will be given later.

The annual meeting of the Brooke W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. E. Carroll on Thursday afternoon, May 10. A large number of the members were present as well as some visitors. The meeting opened by singing "The Maple Leaf." The business part of the program was then discussed and the following officers elected for the coming year. Hon. Pres.—Mrs. Margaret Campbell; Pres. Mrs. H. Lett; Vice Pres. Mrs. D. McDonald; 2nd Vice-Pres. Miss B. McIntyre; Sec. Treas. Miss M. McGugan; Pianist—Mrs. R. McGregor. Miss Campbell then rendered an instrumental solo and Miss R. Clark a vocal solo and both were much enjoyed. Miss Mabel Bowie gave a paper on "Gratitude" which brought out some helpful ideas. The meeting was then closed and the hostess served a very dainty lunch.

## CHINAMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Charley Marks, Watford's Celestial Laundryman, Slashes Himself With a Razor

There was considerable excitement in the business district on Friday afternoon when it was learned that Charley Marks, the Chinese laundryman, who came here about two years ago, had been found in his shop in a pool of blood with his throat cut in three places and body badly slashed with a razor.

About five o'clock some people who called for laundry were unable to make the Celestial hear from the front shop. Fearing that something was wrong an alarm was given and Mr. Wm. McLeay, landlord of the premises, accompanied by Mr. L. R. Kinnell went to investigate, and on opening the door into the workshop, which was locked, found the Chinaman lying on his bed with three cuts on his throat and a slash on his abdomen. A razor covered with blood was found on a bench across the room from the bed.

Dr. Siddall was called and after giving first aid the man was taken to the hospital at Sarnia. He was in a very weak condition when found, was fully conscious but unable to speak.

On Monday Mr. W. McLeay and a brother of Charley Marks from Toronto (who by the way has the same name as the injured man) went to Sarnia and obtained a confession of attempted suicide from Charley, who stated that he committed the deed about 12 o'clock. He has been in poor health for some time, complaining of pains in the head, and it is surmised that he became dispondent and decided to end his life.

Thus all the wild stories about foul play, attempted murder, robbery, and so forth are dispelled by the admittance that the wounds were self-inflicted and premeditated. Marks had placed his affairs in good order, having sold out the business the morning the deed was committed to Wong Dip, a St. Thomas man. Of course the stories about financial trouble were altogether without foundation, Marks having a substantial bank account.

Wong Dip came here again on Monday with Charley Marks' brother, and took possession of the laundry business.

At last report from Sarnia hospital the patient was doing well. He will recover from his wounds unless complications set in.

## I. O. D. E. Concert

There was not an uninteresting moment at the I. O. D. E. concert on Monday evening. Col. Kenward filled the chair ably and the following program was presented:—

Two choruses—"O Canada" and a lullaby recitation..... Mary Fowler  
Novel drill and chorus, "Quaker Town".....  
..... Ten girls  
An amusing half hour sketch—"Not a Man in the House"—by Five Young Ladies Duet..... Misses Robinson and Harper  
Special act..... "Maggie and Jiggs" Solo..... W. G. Connelly  
Monologue—"The Man Behind the Man behind the Gun"—by Mr. Connelly and chorus.

Proceeds \$70, with expenses of about \$6. Tecumseh Chapter takes this opportunity to thank everyone who kindly assisted in any way to make the concert a success.

## Thrift Exhibit Prize List

The following is the special prize list to date for the Thrift Exhibit:—

Best vegetable garden in Watford—1st prize \$3, 2nd prize \$2, Tecumseh Chapter, I. O. D. E., 3rd prize \$1, by Mrs. R. E. Prentiss.  
Best model of a chicken coop made by a pupil of Watford High School. 1st prize, thoroughbred Banded Rock rooster, given by Mrs. Geo. Baird, 2nd prize \$1, by T. G. Mitchell.  
Largest potato 50c, by Mrs. Lawrence.  
Best head cabbage 50c, by Miss McCaw.  
Best bouquet of asters 50c, by Mrs. C. Howden.  
Best pair socks knitted by Public School pupil, 50c, by Mrs. T. G. Mitchell.  
Any individual or society wishing to offer a prize please notify Col. Kenward or Mrs. T. G. Mitchell.  
There is no entry fee but please send in names before the last day of May for the first number on the list as the gardens will be inspected in June for the first time. There are already fourteen gardens in this competition.

## MARRIED

At Brandon, Man., on April 25th, at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Bence McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McIntyre, 6th con. Bosanquet, to Edith Hardy.

## DIED

In Theford, Sunday, May 6th, Charles Sylvester, in his 73rd year.

SEE our windows for May specials.—SWIFTS.

8 SUIT lengths of old blue worsted \$27.50 and \$30.00.—SWIFTS' Tailoring Department.

THE man without a garden this year will be as much out of fashion as a girl with boot tops less than 12 inches.

## Watford Boy Takes High Honors

The many friends of Mr. A. R. Brown, lately on the High School staff here, will be pleased to learn that at the recent University of Saskatchewan examinations he passed with high honors in eleven subjects taken in the Faculties of Arts and Agriculture. In each case he obtained over 80%—in several over 90%. On the strength of this he has been given the University scholarship for the highest standing taken in the 1st year on the B.S.A. course, value \$30. At present he is engaged as assistant to the Director of School Agriculture, Department of Education. This is a line of work for which he is highly qualified and deeply interested. His work consists of lecturing at Rural Educational Association meetings, Teachers' Institutes, etc., inspecting school grounds where application has been made for free trees, judging at school fairs, and assisting at the summer school for teachers held at the University each summer. In this connection he has charge of a demonstration school garden and will give the practical lessons in school garden work.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. W. H. Shrapnell spent over Sunday with friends in London.

Dr. Vern L. Newell, Detroit, paid a flying visit to his home here on Friday.

Mrs. Frank Somerfeldt, Dundurn, Sask., is the guest of Mrs. R. McIntosh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Conkey, St. Lawrence, Dakota, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers.

Mr. Harris attended the funeral of the late Mr. James Vicary at St. Thomas on Saturday.

William Clark, of Yale, Mich., an old Watford boy, was here for a few days this week renewing old acquaintances.

The Guide-Advocate had a pleasant call from Mr. H. Fraleigh and Mr. Geo. E. McIntosh, of Forest, on Friday, who were on their way to the Shriners' gathering in London.

Provincial Detective Stringer was here Saturday and Monday investigating the Charley Marks case, but Charley's confession has solved the matter for the Detective Department.

Petrolia Advertiser: "Mr. J. R. Hastings has returned to Petrolia from Windsor and will remain here, having secured his old job at the wagon works. J. R.'s many friends welcome him back."

## WARWICK.

On Sunday next services will be held in Knox church, Warwick, at 2:30 and 7:30.

Clarence Luckham, of the 64th Battery, Guelph, was home on his last leave over Sunday.

Prof. Cutler, of the Saskatchewan University, has taken the position of head of the Department of Cereal Husbandry at Edmonton.

The Bishop of Huron will visit Warwick Village and hold a confirmation service (D.V.) in St. Mary's church, on Friday, May 25th, at 10:30 a.m.

Miss Sara Caughlin is one of the successful candidates for graduate nurse at St. Joseph training school, Mt. Clemens, Mich. Congratulations.

The members of the Warwick W. I. desire to thank all those who contributed so generously to the \$50 being raised towards the furnishing and equipment of a room at Byron Sanatorium, near London. The call was so well responded to that the amount totalled \$86.50.

The Warwick branch of the Women's Institute held their annual business meeting in the Foresters' Hall on Thursday, May 10th. The meeting opened by singing and prayer, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted. By the distribution of penny bags the sum of \$86.50 had been raised for the purpose of helping to furnish and equip a room at Byron Sanatorium to be used by the returned tubercular soldiers. Seventy-nine pair of socks had been knit and shipped to Mrs. McPhedran, Toronto, for Red Cross. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—president, Mrs. Jno. Robinson, 1st vice-pres., Mrs. R. C. Burton; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. D. R. Falloon; sec.-treas., Miss Annie Barnes; Red Cross treas., Miss Anna Auld; auditors, Miss M. Minelly and Miss Annie Thomson; district director, Mrs. H. Morningstar; representatives to district meeting, Mrs. D. Ross and Mrs. J. Thomson; branch director, Mrs. D. Auld. Next meeting to be held in the Foresters' Hall, May 23rd, for Red Cross work.

## A Lesson in Grammar

Grace's uncle met her on the street one spring day and asked her whether she was going out with a picnic party from her school.

"No," replied his 8-year-old niece, "I ain't going."  
"My dear," said the uncle, "you must not say, 'I ain't going.'" You must say, 'I am not going.'" And he proceeded to give her a little lesson in grammar: "You are not going. He is not going. We are not going. They are not going." Now, can you say all that?"  
"Sure I can," responded Grace quite heartily. "There ain't nobody going."

SPECIAL Wednesday morning bargains at SWIFTS.

## School Reports

Report of S. S. No 11, Warwick, for April. Class IV Sr.—Beatrice Edwards 267, Susie Westgate 241, Florence Edwards 219, Mary Tanner 165. Class IV Jr.—Winie Fuller 211, Hazel Keycraft 200, LaVera Edwards 134.\* Class III Sr.—Gladys Parker 300, Francis Edwards 296, Meryle Fuller 204, Fred Tanner 154, Elgin Cooper 123. Class III Jr.—Thelma Ward 208, Carrie Jarriot 50.\* Pt. II—Margaret McKenzie 339, Clara Parker 324, Stanley Edwards 254. Primer—Cecil Keycraft, Albert Kerr, Gordon Keycraft, Donald Edwards.

Those marked \* were absent part of the examinations.

FLORENCE EDWARDS, Teacher.

The following is the report of S. S. No 16 and 20 Bosanquet and Warwick for April. Class IV—History, Hygiene, Art, Arithmetic, Composition and Spelling. Laura Munroe 81, Minnie Fuller 68, Florence MacPherson 62, Allan Cundick 60. Class III—History, Geography and Spelling. Earia Evans 91, Sarah Cunkick 87, Louise MacPherson 60, Perry Wilcocks 45, Ardon Curtis 37. Class II—Geography, Composition, Arithmetic and Spelling. Edw. Cundick 84, Grace McCall 83, Clarence McCall 80, Grant Evans 74, George Fuller 68, Frank Fuller and Donald MacPherson (equal) 60, Lawrence Cates 37. Class I—Arithmetic, Composition, Writing and Spelling. Mildred MacPherson and Mary Turner (equal) 98, Edward Brande 73, Marjorie Munroe 60, Frank Cundick 38. Primer Class.—Leah Welsh, Elva Hart, Melvin Turner, Ivy Fuller, C. MARIE DAVIDSON, Teacher.

## Saved by Prayer at Vimy Ridge

Almost the only one of his platoon to escape death or injury in the terrific fighting of Vimy Ridge was Pte. E. C. Chesher, now in the Crescent War Hospital, looks on his escape as the answer to his prayer uttered as he swept into action "Oh, God! If it be thy will, for my mother's sake, save me."

Pte. Chester was one of 250 who decided to lead a Christian life at a meeting conducted by Rev. H. H. Bingham at Barriefield last summer. In a letter to the minister, he says: "I don't suppose you will remember me, but I am one of the many whom you saved for Christ last summer at Barriefield."

"For a while I remained true, but in July, my little brother, aged 3, fell into a vessel of boiling water. It was so terrible that I went almost insane. When I first got word of the accident, I implored God to save him. Then he died. I hardened my heart, and tried to make myself believe there was no God.

"God was stronger than I, and one night in October while I was sitting in the Y. M. C. A. hut at West Sandling Camp, Kent, he spoke to me so strongly that I had to give in, and in his great and infinite mercy he forgave me all.

"Never before had I felt him so close as that wet and misty morning we captured Vimy Ridge. I was in the second wave. When about 100 yards from our objective, we broke into a double. The next minute my platoon was almost annihilated. My prayer at that moment was 'Oh, God! If it be thy will, for my mother's sake, save me.' From the moment that I uttered that prayer, I seemed to feel an invisible presence and a feeling of peace and safety entered my soul and remained there throughout the whole action. I came through without a scratch. Tuesday I had to leave the line owing to an attack of trench feet."

## CHOP STUFF

Robt. Whiting, for many years past a resident of Alvinston, has moved to Bridgen, where he has bought a dray business.

In response to an appeal by the central I. O. D. E. the members of the Woodstock chapter have pledged themselves to observe two meatless days and two potatoless days each week in order to help in the conservation of food and to permit of the sending of more adequate supplies to the boys at the front. The chapters also have placed themselves on record as unanimously favoring compulsory military service.

Geo. B. McIntosh resigned his office as Secretary-Treasurer of the People's Telephone Co., Forest, and has been succeeded by R. B. Crossbie. Mr. McIntosh gave up the position in order to enable him to devote more time to his work as transportation agent for the Dominion Fruit Growers' Association. He expects to leave this week on a month's visit to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to study transportation methods in those provinces. Indications are that ere many months have passed he will be appointed to the permanent office of transportation manager for fruit branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Canada farmers are planting in most cases only the acreage of potatoes grown in ordinary years, according to Mr. Archibald Lyon, one of the growers of that widely famed potato township. Five to eight acres is, as in other years, about the average number of acres being planted by each farmer. Were seed plentiful they would probably plant more, but they do not regard it as a safe investment to purchase extra seed at the present high prices, bearing the risk of the crop being a failure, or the possibility of potatoes being given down to 50 cents a bag next fall through over-production.

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