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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.

Cheer up, clean up, spade up. BOY'S FIFTY SUITS for 24th.—SWIFT'S. FORD TIRES at \$15.00 and up.—R. MORNINGSTAR. mr8-ft

MILITARY OFFICERS were here Thursday looking for draft evaders. HYDRO went out of commission during the fierce gale on Thursday night.

A SCIENTIST has discovered that hens lay eggs in the daytime because at night they are roosters.

NEXT SUNDAY being Whit Sunday Holy Communion will be administered in Trinity Church at 8.30 a.m.

GOODS REDUCED still lower at Miss WILLIAMS' Selling-Out Sale. See the windows each day for bargains.

ANSCO FILMS at TAYLOR'S cost no more than the ordinary film and fit all makes and sizes of cameras or kodaks.

THE HEAVY FROST on Friday night wiped out tender vegetable plants in some places, but the damage done was not great.

THE gentle showers on Sunday and the fine weather of the past few days have made vegetation shoot ahead and the prospects for garden crops are bright.

CONTRIBUTORS dropping items into the Guide-Advocate letter box will please sign their name. Unless we know the writing unsigned items will not be inserted.

TECUMSEH I.O.D.E. will hold a home-made baking sale of war-cooking and supper dishes at Mr. R. Johnston's shop on Saturday, May 18th, commencing at 2 o'clock.

At the 11 a.m. service in the Presbyterian church next Sunday the Rev. E. H. Sowers will preach. In the evening at 7.30 the Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of Napier, will conduct the service.

SMART COLLARS and ties for the 24th, for young men.—SWIFT'S.

THE BOWLING GREEN has been greatly improved during the past two weeks. The lawn has been levelled, fence and seats painted, and the grounds now present a very attractive appearance.

DURING the summer months, while the Wednesday afternoon holiday is in force, contributors, correspondents and advertisers will oblige by sending in their favors as early in the week as possible.

THE casualty list on Monday contained the name of Lance-Sergt. A. D. Happer, of Alvinston, died of wounds. Sergt. Happer was well known to many in Watford and district as an exemplary young man.

GORDON BARKER one of the editorial staff of the Sarnia Canadian Observer, died at his home in St. Thomas last Sunday. He went home to attend the funeral of his mother and took typhoid fever from which he died.

SEE our ad for 24th new toggery.—SWIFT'S.

JUNE IS COMING—the time to put out plants. We have now ready all kinds of vegetable and bedding plants and others will be ready from now on during the planting season. Good healthy plants only supplied. Order now.—PHILIP AUSTIN, ARKONA. 17-3

THE NAMES of the prize winners in the Poster contest in connection with the Thrift Exhibit are as follows:—First—Margaret Cameron; Second—Nellie Kinnell; Third—Gertrude Manders. The committee is grateful to the merchants for their kindness in displaying the posters in their windows.

THE CANADA FOOD BOARD issued a sharp warning that the recent order restricting the amount of flour and sugar which may lawfully be held must be strictly observed, and that excess holdings must be returned at once to the dealers from whom purchased. A large quantity has been returned to local dealers as a consequence.

Mrs. MYAD is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Mead saying that he is improving. This will be good news for his friends. He will soon be examined by a medical board, and then it is expected that he will be transferred to a different work that his commission as chaplain will bring him. George Mead is still near the front lines.

NEW CONGOLEUMS for that room 2 1/2 by 3, 3 1/2 by 3, and 3 by 4.—SWIFT'S.

NEVER send a dollar away from home when the article that the dollar will purchase can be obtained at home. Money is our financial blood. Its circulation keeps the business body alive. Bleed that body by sending money away and business will soon put on a look of lethargy. Watch the bargains offered by the enterprising advertisers in this paper and you will learn the best places to spend these home dollars.

TECUMSEH I.O.D.E. will under take a Treasure and Tricket Fund Campaign in which the citizens are asked to assist by saving old jewelry of any kind, silverware, plated ware, brass or copper articles. Collectors will call during next week, beginning on Monday. Kindly have your gifts ready when they call. The money derived from the sale of the articles collected will be used to buy yarn for the soldiers.

EVERYBODY is gardening.

FOR USED CARS SEE RAY MORNING-STAR.

THE 24th of May is the next holiday and only a week off.

"LICK your plate or be licked" is the slogan of the Port Arthur Food Control Committee.

THINGS are coming to a pretty pass when a loafer has to earn his loaf by the sweat of his brow.

ON account of the legal holiday falling on next Friday there will be no Wednesday half holiday next week.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE OFFICE is open every Saturday night until 9.30 for payment of subscriptions or other business.

A FEW YEARS ago it was a rare sight to see an auto upon the road, but now it will soon be a rare sight to see a horse and buggy.

A PANAMA HAT for the 24th, we have the new styles.—SWIFT'S.

PTE. WM. FERNS, Petrolia, killed in action and Corp. J. C. Reid, of the same place, injured, are among the casualties reported this week.

BACON COSTS the ordinary consumer more than 50 cents a pound, while the government buys it for the troops at 36 cents. Who gets the rake off.

LITTLE drops of water, Little flecks of soap Do the Springtime cleaning Rapidly, we hope.

IT IS estimated that in the application of the new tariff, tobacco users will contribute about eight and a half millions to the treasury.

SUBSCRIBERS sending cheques on banks outside of Watford in payment of their subscription should add ten cents to cover bank exchange.

PRODUCTION has ceased to be the most important service. It is now more important to keep Fritz from grabbing our crops for himself next Fall.

ALL school teachers must now take the oath of allegiance. No teacher will hereafter be granted a permanent certificate, unless a British subject by birth or naturalization.

DON'T FORGET that TAYLOR develops any size roll of films and gives you one print off each picture—all for 25c. This work is done by experts, so why pay more.

THE largest amount of money ever paid for one hog by Watford buyers was paid last week to W. R. Thompson, who received from W. W. Edwards \$131.40 for one hog. The hog weighed 730 pounds and the price paid 18c. per pound. Another high priced animal was bought from T. Williams by T. Gavigan, who paid Mr. Williams \$105.00.

SOME years ago it was the bicycle that took folks from church; later it was the automobile; while in the future it will be the flying machine. Then church members, as they fly over the church will look down—

"And shout while passing through the air, Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer."

OWING to an omission in the published casualty list it is not generally known in this community that Pte. John S. Acton was killed in action on June 19th, 1917. He was the third son of W. J. Acton, formerly of Brooke. He will be remembered by a number of people in Brooke and Watford, having graduated from the Watford High School eight years ago. He taught school in Alberta for a number of years. He was a grandson of Mrs. Richard Acton, Huron street.

PEOPLE who complain because they cannot get some of the little luxuries they used to enjoy in the pre-war days might do well to remember that their forefathers lived without sugar till the thirteenth century, without coal till the fourteenth, without butter on their bread till the fifteenth, without tobacco and potatoes till the sixteenth, without tea, coffee and soap till the seventeenth, without umbrellas and lamps till the eighteenth, and without trains, telephones, gas and matches till the nineteenth.

IT will be good news to those automobile dealers here who are affected by the new war tax that all the taxes do not have to be paid at once. Official word has been received from Ottawa that each dealer may obtain a warehouse license by paying a nominal sum. Dealers so licensed need not pay the special war tax on their goods at this time, but only as sales are actually made. Thus an automobile dealer, for instance, becomes in a sense a Government agent authorized to collect and at once turn over to the Government collector the tax on each car in stock at the time it is sold. The same applies to dealers in tea, jewelry, etc.

A VERY PLEASANT EVENING was spent at the home of Mrs. A. Mitchell, Friday, May 10th, when the members of Tecumseh I.O.D.E. met for the purpose of extending a welcome to Nursing Sister R. F. Reed and bidding farewell to Mrs. Raper, a highly valued member of the society, who is leaving town very soon.

A dainty luncheon was served, after which the regent, Mrs. Fitzgerald, proposed a list of toasts: our King, our hostess, our town, our society, our men, our departing guest, our returned guest, which were responded to by members of the society. Nursing Sister Reed responded to "Our Boys." The remainder of the evening was spent in knitting and social intercourse.

THERE is a good opportunity for a smart boy, about 14 or 15 years old, to learn the printing business. Apply at the GUIDE-ADVOCATE office.

THE airplane mail service between New York, Philadelphia and Washington will be in operation in a few days. The service calls for the movement of mail from New York to Philadelphia in an hour and a half, from Philadelphia to Washington in three hours and a half. The postage rate will be 12 cents per ounce.

WHEN a man goes to buy a box of matches that costs one cent he will be charged two cents, because the tax on the sale is one cent. When a householder buys a large box of matches for six cents he will be charged eleven cents, as the tax on each box is five cents. The public is just beginning to realize what his new tax on matches will be. It is one cent on the hundred. That does not mean one cent on the dollar, but one cent on each hundred matches. The one-cent box contains about 50 matches, the six-cent box about five hundred. The tax on matches promises to be a fruitful one, and it is estimated that it will bring in nearly three million dollars.

SPEAKING of the new play put on at St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, lately, a local paper says:—"In the presentation of the musical comedy, 'The New Servant,' staged at St. Jerome's auditorium Saturday afternoon Professor Roche added another link to his lengthy list of successes. The large and representative audience which witnessed the performance is praising Director Roche's dramatic abilities, admiring his talents and enjoying the memories that linger at the pleasant surprise offered in his 'Valse Pathetique' during the third act. In fact so greatly appreciated is the work of Prof. Roche and his caste that it has been found necessary to repeat this pleasing comedy in order that all his Kitchener admirers may have a chance to witness 'The New Servant.'"

WITHIN a short time, all over the country, hundreds of young people will be wearying and worrying over their studies in preparation for the great mid-summer test which looms up before them like a dreaded barrier— the entrance examination. While some parents are indifferent, apparently, as to whether their children pass the entrance or not, there are others who are over-anxious, and their continual admonitions and harping fears get on the nerves of the candidates, rendering them nervous and irritable, and sometimes, actually terrified at the prospect of failure. Just a word of warning, parents. Don't be over-anxious or irritatingly insistent. Don't reproach or shame, or ridicule, or threaten, or lament, or belittle the ability of the young candidate. Encourage and help all that is possible in the preparation of students, and give all the encouragement due, but don't dishearten.

A RECEPTION was tendered Sergt. Claude Newell by his brethren of the Orange Order on Friday evening last, when over fifty ladies and gentlemen assembled at the Orange Hall with Sergt. Newell as their guest. The chair was occupied for the occasion by Bro. Richard Brock, who introduced the various speakers and conducted the proceedings in his usual delicious manner. The Kerwood band was in attendance and furnished some excellent music at intervals. Among those who made addresses to welcome home Bro. Newell were Rev. S. P. Irwin, Reeve Fitzgerald, Mr. E. D. Swift, Mr. Wm. Davidson, Mr. Freer and the Master of the lodge, Mr. John Dear. During the evening the ladies of the L.O.O.B.A. joined with the brethren of L.O.L. 505 in the presentation to Sergt. Newell of a handsome gold chain and fob. The presentation was made by Mesdames Kerton and Stanger. Sergt. Newell made reply, thanking all for their welcome home and the numerous acts of kindness shown him since his return. Nursing Sister Reed, who was among the guests, was called on to speak and in a fluent and interesting manner told of the noble way our boys are conducting themselves at the front. A tasty lunch was supplied by the ladies and shortly after partaking of it the assembly broke up, all joining in singing the national anthem, thus ending one of the pleasantest evenings ever spent in the lodge room.

PERSONAL

Dr. Eccles, London, called on relatives here Thursday last.

Mr. John Bambridge, Dutton, visited his mother here this week.

Frank Elliott, C. A. S. C., Petawawa Camp, was home for the week-end.

C. E. Blake, of the Sterling Bank staff, has been transferred to Sombra.

Miss Mildred Fortune, of London, spent the week-end with her mother in town.

Mrs. Sarah A. White went to Victoria Hospital, London, last week for medical treatment.

Miss Ada Mimielly spent the week end at the home of Miss Hazel Bowie, twelfth line, Brooke.

T. G. Mitchell returned from B. C. Tuesday evening. Mrs. Mitchell will return in a few weeks.

Reg. McIntosh and John McKeercher represented Peabody Lodge at the I.O.O. F. district meeting at Strathroy Tuesday.

Masonic Lodge of Instruction

A lodge of instruction for St. Clair Masonic District will be held at Wallaceburg on Monday, May 27th, afternoon and evening.

The Sarnia Masons have chartered a boat to leave Sarnia on arrival of the morning train from the east. The boat will return after the close of the lodge of instruction. This will give Masons from this district an opportunity to make close travelling connections to Wallaceburg.

Bowlers Elect Officers

At the annual meeting of the Watford Bowling Club held last week the following officers were elected for the season: President—F. O. McIlveen.

Vice-President—F. Lovell. Sec.—Treasurer—F. A. MacLean. Grounds Committee—R. Stapleford, L. Kinell, S. W. Louks.

Tourney Committee—F. A. MacLean, F. O. McIlveen and Rev. S. P. Irwin.

Lambton Chapter, I.O.D.E.

The regular meeting of Lambton's 149, I.O.D.E., was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. J. Dodds with 20 members present. Nursing Sister Reed gave a most interesting and vivid account of her two years' overseas experience, calling special attention to the magnificent bravery of our own Canadian boys. The Chapter is planning a bale of hospital supplies and soldiers' comforts for the huts in France of which Sister Reed had charge. Knitting committee reported the purchase of \$28 worth of yarn from E. D. Swart. Moved and seconded that the account be paid. Treasurer reported net proceeds of play \$108. A communication from the Young People's Patriotic Society of Forest was read, inviting the Chapter to re-produce the play, "The New Minister," in Forest. Matter left in the hands of executive.

During the month letters of thanks for parcels sent by the Chapter were received from Ptes. G. Lawrence, A. McKeercher, W. Pearce, G. Mead, Sergt. F. Collins, Sig. L. Johnston, W. R. Kent and G. Redfern.

It was decided to purchase a knitting machine.

Miss M. McLeay—Mrs. Howden, that the knitting committee take charge of this.

Mrs. Connolly—Mrs. Sowers, that we dispense with lunch at all regular Chapter meetings during the war.

Miss McLeay—Mrs. Millar, that we hold our annual bazaar June 21st and 22nd.

Mrs. Adams—Mrs. Morningstar, that \$15 be given to the Sewing Committee to purchase bazaar supplies.

Next meeting at Mrs. A. Elliott's.

After refreshments the meeting adjourned with God Save the King.

ROOKE

Sale of 35 head of cattle at the Roche House, Watford, on Saturday, May 18th. See ad.

Mrs. E. J. Burns, Detroit, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Fisher.

Sunday school will be held in St. James' Church, Brooke, on Sunday morning at 10.15.

The Red Cross Workers' Union acknowledged with thanks the receipt of \$15 from the Brooke Council.

Mrs. G. Odell and two sons, Elmer and Blake, of Petrolia, spent the week end with the aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Saunders.

St. Andrew's Clover Club Mission Band held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Jennie Fisher, Thursday, May 9th. Fourteen members and three visitors were present. A report of the convention at Forest was given by Katie Campbell and a very interesting paper read by Merrilline McMurray on "Progress Among the Indians." The afternoon was spent in sewing for the little orphan children in Miss Rattii's home at Toronto. Next meeting to be held at the home of Misses Ella and Lizzie McCabe on Thursday, June 13th.

WARWICK

R. J. McCormick, who has been on the sick list is again able to be around.

35 head of choice cattle by auction at the Roche House, Watford on Saturday, May 18th. See ad.

Mr. John Miller and family, fourth line, move to London this week where they will make their home in future.

Mrs. George Brent, Sr., who is confined to bed with pleuro pneumonia is improving as fast as can be expected.

John Hall and Andrew Auld were two of the big delegation that went to Ottawa this week to ask the government for exemption for farmers' sons.

Services will be held in Knox Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m., on Sunday next. The Rev. E. H. Sowers will preach at both services.

William G. Gardiner, Moosejaw, Sask., Labor Union representative to the big convention at Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of W. H. Luckham, on his way home.

Miss Mery J. Luckham, was one of the graduate nurses of Victoria Hospital, London, last Wednesday. Her parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luckham and sister Amy, attended the exercises which were held in the 1st Methodist church.

William Anderson Smith, who has been in declining health for a number of years, passed away at the home of his brother Benj. Smith, con. 2, N. E. R., on Monday last, aged 54 years, 6 months and 7 days. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon to the Watford cemetery.

The Birnam Red Cross League met at the home of Mrs. W. Vance on Thursday afternoon May 2nd, when a bale containing the following was packed and shipped to Hyman Hall: 18 grey flannel shirts, 9 pairs socks, 10 housewives, 12 personal property bags, 24 wash cloths, 18 roll bandages, 10 stretcher caps, 26 pairs of socks were sent to Mrs. McPnebran, Toronto.

On Tuesday evening the young ladies of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. A. Auld and packed eleven boxes for a number of their friends overseas:—Namely—Helen Leggett, G. Young, C. Burton, C. Barnes, W. Auterson, W. McKenzie, N. McKenzie, R. James, L. James, W. McCausland, W. Blunt.

On Friday evening, May 3rd, one of the most successful entertainments ever held in Warwick Village, was given by the Young People of Uttoxeter when they presented the Drama, "Only a Country Girl." The Women's Institute under whose auspices it was held were very much pleased. Proceeds amounted to \$65.00, which they will use for Red Cross Work.

On Monday evening of this week about one hundred neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Cameron to spend a few social hours with their son, Herman, and Russell Hollingsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hollingsworth, of Watford, before they are called to London to report for service. During the evening they were called to the floor; Herman presented with a wrist watch and trench mirror, and Russell with a gold signet ring and a wrist watch, the gift of Mr. S. Burchill with whom he has been employed for some time. The young men, although taken by surprise, gave very suitable replies, thanking the people for the gifts. After lunch all departed to their homes wishing Russell and Herman good luck and a safe return.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Foresters' Hall, on May 8th. Meeting opened with Maple Leaf and Prayer. President gave a short address. Secretary's report showed an increase in Red Cross funds and work. The following officers were elected for the coming year. President—Mrs. J. Robinson; 1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. R. C. Burton; 2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. D. R. Falloon; Sec. Treas.—Miss A. M. Barnes; Red Cross Sec.—Mrs. A. Auld; Ass't Sec.—Miss A. Auld; Branch Director—Mrs. D. Auld; District Director—Mrs. H. Morningstar; Dis. Representatives—Mrs. D. Ross, Mrs. J. Thomson; Auditors—Miss Annie Thomson, Miss Mable Mimielly; Sock Committee—Mrs. D. Auld, Mrs. H. Morningstar, Mrs. J. Thomson; Concert Committee—Misses A. Auld, T. Thomson, A. Thomson, M. Mimielly, N. Myers, A. Barnes. 3 new members were added to our list. Meeting closed with National Anthem.—Sec.

CHOP STUFF

St. Thomas newspapers have increased their rate to \$5 a year.

On June 1st the merchants of Bothwell will adopt the Cash system.

In Strathroy the dog tax has increased from \$2 and \$4 to \$3 and \$6.

Camden township council gave \$500 to the Y. M. C. A. campaign.

Edward Tyhurst, the well known peach king of Leamington, died last week.

James Banting, 2nd line Plympton, fell from a ladder last week, breaking his ribs.

Strathroy people have decided not to hold a celebration on Dominion Day this year.

The Department of Agriculture will appoint five egg inspectors for the Dominion.

Alvinston council will purchase three or four cars of coal to be stored for next winter.

The gale Thursday night blew in the large plate glass window of the agricultural office at Petrolia.

It is probable that Alvinston will lose its canning factory for the reason that farmers will not grow the necessary produce.

An overheated gas stove in a barber shop in Leamington caused a fire that destroyed \$3,500 worth of property on Thursday night.

All exemptions for medical, dental and veterinary students who come in the 20 to 22 class for military service, granted to enable them to complete their course, will, it is stated at headquarters cease to be effective after close of this year's academic year.

Persons along the Detroit river have been interested in seeing, this week, at first hand "camouflaging", of which they have been reading so much. The ocean going vessels built during the past winter at up-the-river points are now passing down, and before leaving were painted in fantasmal streaks resembling the tumbling waves of the ocean to deceive the under-sea boats.