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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Phone 11, send by mail or drop them in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

RENEW.

DOAN & Co. had a grand display of Christmas beef and poultry this year.

The Christmas trade done by the Watford merchants on Monday far surpassed their most sanguine expectations.

A SNAK-THIEF stole about \$15 from the till in the Alvinston Free Press office one day last week.

The open winter may not be good for some lines of business but it is just the thing for those who are short of fuel.

An eastern clergyman says kissing is a relic of the dark ages. However that may be, much of it is still done in the dark.

The people of Port Huron voted six to one to use Eastern time. The new time will come into effect on Sunday.

The entertainment given by the Methodist Sunday School last Friday evening was a success and greatly enjoyed by all, especially by the children.

Mrs. Wm. H. Ward received word on Dec. 17th, that her sister, Mrs. W. T. Fuller, had died in Saskatoon of pneumonia.

PEOPLE should get into the habit of taking some of their change in Thrift Stamps. If this is done, a lot of loose money will thus be saved.

LONDON'S mayor, C. R. Somerville, has been elected by acclamation for another term. There are 42 aspirants for the office of councillor.

CHRISTMAS DAY was spent quietly in Watford, mostly around the fireside. The day was somewhat raw and disagreeable turning colder at night. There were few visitors in town.

THE SOLDIERS who returned from overseas in time for Christmas must certainly have enjoyed that day after so long an absence from the family circle, but a number of our boys from this district had to eat their Christmas dinner somewhere in Germany.

The inauguration was announced at Sarina by Hon. W. J. Hanna, President of the Imperial Oil Co., Limited, of a plan of co-operative partnership between the company and its six thousand employees in a sort of industrial republic.

THE regular monthly meeting of Court Watford, Independent Order of Foresters, will be held in the usual place this Thursday evening, December 26th, at 8 o'clock. Election of officers and general business. Every member is kindly requested to be present.

WE've often heard it said what we would do to give the returned soldiers a rousing welcome home from the war. Well, the boys are coming. Some have already dropped in, and, apparently, nothing as yet has been done to arrange for the civic welcome. Isn't it about time action were taken?

WITH the object of helping to conserve Canada's supply of wheat, an order in council has been passed providing that no person shall sell or purchase any wheat fit for milling purposes for feeding of poultry. The only exception is wheat grown together with other grain, which cannot be separated for milling purposes.

HONOR and distinction has been conferred upon Dr. W. H. Woods, of Mt. Brydges, who was appointed by the executive of the order, on Friday last, to the position of grand medical examiner for the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends succeeding Dr. J. H. Bell, of Hamilton, who has resigned.

INDIGNANT Mother—"Why did you strike little Elsie, you naughty boy?" Dick—"What did she want to cheat for, then?" Mother—"How did she cheat?" Dick—"Why, we were playing at Adam and Eve, and she had the apple to tempt me with, and she never tempted me, but went and ate it up herself."

ONE of our citizens who occasionally wipes the dishes for his wife, became tired of the job and refused, saying that "it is not a man's work." Not feeling disposed to lose his help she brought out the Bible to convince him of his error and read as follows from II Kings, 21:13, "And will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down." It is needless to say that he is still doing his occasional stunt.

MANY PARENTS seem to think that it makes little difference whether their children are prompt in their attendance at school or not. They think that five minutes of the end of a half day now and then will be little hindrance to their child's progress. Well, the pupil will not lose much real information by being occasionally a few minutes late, but he will lose that which is more important—he will lose his interest in school.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 30th from 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock. Electors will note that the meeting this year will be held in the Music Hall, not in the Lyceum as heretofore. As has occurred in town for some years past very little interest is being taken so far in the matter. The ratepayers should take more interest in the town's affairs and see that able, responsible men are placed in the field for all the positions.

THE financial statements for the Village of Watford have been printed, and copies of same can be had from the treasurer or at this office.

THE name of W. Brain of Watford appears in the list of returned soldiers who landed at Halifax on Christmas Day from the Northland.

REV. MR. STEVENSON the representative of the Lord's Day Alliance was in town this week arranging work in the interests of the Alliance.

THE sleet storm put the Hydro service out of commission on Christmas eve and all users, especially the merchants suffered great inconvenience.

THE union services commence next Sunday in the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Forster preaches in the morning and Mr. Tiffin in the evening. Every person is welcome to share in these services.

No matter how much or how little land you farm, you will do it more profitably if you are a subscriber for The Weekly Sun, the farmers' business paper, \$1.00 per year. Send your order direct to the Weekly Sun, Toronto.

DR. CHARLES McLEAY, son of Wm. McLeay local manager of the Bell Telephone Co., Watford, has arrived in England from West Africa, where he has been serving under the Imperial Government for several years. His furlough was not quite due, but as he was a victim of the "flu" he left a few months earlier.

THE numerous friends of the family will be sorry to learn of the death at Imperial, Sask., on Dec. 12th, of Mrs. Alex. T. Turney, nee Grace Kelly. Mrs. Turney was the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly, of Watford and was born in Brooke township. She left here about four years ago to make her home in the west, and was married two years ago last September. She had been in failing health for some time but the end came suddenly. The funeral took place on the 14th, interment being made at Imperial.

THE North Bay Dispatch and Tribune of Dec. 18th has the following reference to Miss Lottie McCormick of Watford:—"The many friends of Miss McCormick will very much regret to learn of her removal from North Bay. Miss McCormick has been one of our District Nurses for the past three years and is very highly esteemed. As a recognition of her faithful and untiring efforts the Association presented her yesterday afternoon with a fancy diamond and pearl ring. The happy event took place at the residence of Mrs. Jas. Smith, who also made the presentation on behalf of the Association. Miss McCormick is a tennis player for almost where she has received the appointment as matron in the hospital there."

Death of Mrs. W. B. Laws

On Saturday, December 21st, 1918, Mrs. Wm. B. Laws of Watford passed away, the cause of her death being pleurisy.

The late Mrs. Laws was before her marriage Margaret Logan Laird. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1845 and came to Canada with her parents when very young, settling near Hamilton, Ont., then moving to Watford about 1877, where in 1875 she was married to Mr. W. B. Laws of Sunnydale Farm, lot 11, con. 2, S. E. R., where they lived until 1911, when they moved into Watford where she resided until her death. Her kind disposition and christian character was well known in Watford and Watford, "faithful unto death." She is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters, namely, Robert on the old homestead, Mrs. W. D. McKenzie, Mrs. J. A. McKenzie and Mrs. E. Cundick, all of Watford.

"We all do fade,"—Isaiah 64:6, but "He shall change our human body and conform it with His glorious body according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto himself."—Phil. 3:21.

The funeral took place on Monday, Dec. 23rd, at the Watford cemetery, conducted by Revs. J. C. Forster, E. H. Savers and A. C. Tiffin, the pallbearers being W. S. Fuller, John McKecher, Robert McKenzie, Milton Barrett, Wm. McLeay and David Roche. Friends were present from St. Thomas, Leamington and Camanche.

Teumseh Chapter I. O. D. E.

Teumseh Chapter I.O.D.E. sent to Nursing Sister Rose Reed, London Convalescent Military Hospital the following:

Twenty-five comfort bags each containing soap, tobacco, figs, gum and Xmas greeting card. Also twenty-five pairs sock extra to be distributed where needed; a box of fine apples given by a country member; a large box containing Xmas cakes, cookies of all kinds, doughnuts, fruit rocks, Xmas pudding, tea, homemade candy, books, note paper, etc. Each member sending some gift appropriately wrapped for the boys from Western Ontario who have come home to London Hospital.

A letter from Nurse Reed says:—"The boys say the cooking was like Mother used to make only better."

Flowers were sent to Chester Cook now in Hospital at Ottawa. Fifty pairs sock were also sent to French Relief Headquarters at Toronto.

PERSONAL

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Prof. John Roche, Kitchener. Miss Gladys Shrapnell, Ingersoll. Miss Isabel Harris, Welland. The Misses Tanner, St. Thomas. Sergt. Arthur Owens, London. Miss G. Davidson, Mt. Brydges. Miss Jean McKecher, Fonthill. Miss Elizabeth McKecher, Windsor. Miss Stella McManus, Owen Sound. Miss Rita Logan, Pt. Edward.

Miss Maude Marwick, of Sudbury, is spending her holidays at her home. Miss Mary McDonald, Petrolia, was a guest at Mrs. Neil Bennett's, Christmas. Robert Tiffin, is home from London over Christmas.

Mr. Sam White, London, spent Sunday with Watford relatives.

Mr. B. McPadden, Windsor, spent Christmas at the Rectory.

Sergt. Glen Nichol of London, was here this week.

Mr. Bruce Marwick, Principal of Continuation School, Webbwood, is home for the holidays.

Miss Lizzie Jones, of London, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Zavitz, Wail street.

Mrs. Wykesmith and daughter spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dodds.

Mrs. C. Willoughby and Miss Flossie Willoughby are visiting relatives in London.

Mr. Albert J. Lovell, Vancouver, B. C. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lovell.

Mrs. J. J. Ross, Aberfeldy, and son Oscar, visited her mother, Mrs. Zavitz this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Vern L. Newell, Detroit, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. James Newell.

Mrs. Neil McLean, Sarina, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Neil Bennett.

Cadet McKecher, Camp Borden, is the guest of his uncle, Mr. John McKecher.

Mrs. Tiffin, who has been spending a month visiting at the Methodist parsonage, has returned home to Goderich.

Mrs. Clayton Fuller (nee Miss Vera Swift) and son, arrived from England on Saturday coming over on the Melita.

Mr. Whitcroft, Flint, Mich., spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. S. J. Saunders, John street. Mr. Whitcroft has not visited Watford since the Old Boys Reunion in 1907.

Pte. Stanley Shanks, who returned from overseas last March and is still a patient in Byron Sanitarium, suffering from being gassed, spent Christmas in Watford, the guest of Mrs. Holt.

Sergt. Clare F. Roche returned from overseas on Sunday last, having crossed the ocean on the Regina which docked at Halifax on Friday. Sergt. Roche enlisted in the 149th Battalion and afterwards transferred to the Canadian Engineers, and saw active service for some time on the western front. His many friends are now giving him a warm welcome home. A large crowd turned out to meet the train and give him a welcome home on Sunday night.

Death of Mr. James Willoughby

The second death in Watford from pneumonia following Spanish influenza, occurred early Friday morning, Dec. 20th, when James Willoughby, a prominent business man of the town passed away after a little over a week's illness, aged 42 years. Deceased succeeded his father the late Christopher Willoughby, in the blacksmith business about 14 years ago. He was well-known throughout the district as an energetic and prosperous business man enjoying the confidence of the public, and was at his shop to the Saturday before his death. He leaves a wife, who was a Miss McMacken, and one son, George, to mourn the loss of a kind husband and indulgent father. His aged mother, Mrs. C. Willoughby, of Watford four brothers and four sisters also survive, namely William, Itasca, Mich; Robert, Bushnell, Ill.; Wesley, London; Herbert, Paris; Mrs. H. M. Irons, Chicago; Mrs. L. W. Pike, Sarina; Mrs. J. Segrue, Stratford, and Miss Flossie Watford. Deceased took a great interest in the Defence Fire Co., and was Assistant Chief at the time of his death. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon to Watford Cemetery and was private. The Rev. S. P. Irwin, rector of Trinity Church, conducted the service. The pall bearers were E. A. Brown, C. Howden, P. J. Dodds, F. O. McIlveen, G. Stevenson and H. Humphries.

Benjamin Myers, a resident of Enniskillen for the past nine years, died on Sunday after three years' illness, at the age of 53 years, 6 months and 15 days. Mr. Myers was born in Gorbeton, Lincolnshire, England and with his family came to Canada in 1908. They lived in Watford for a year and afterwards on Lot 19 of the 6th Concession of Enniskillen. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon to Hillside cemetery. Besides his widow he is survived by four children, Nellie, Edith, Harry and Sapper Frederick Myers.

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Just now when our thoughts are turning particularly towards our friends—permit us to extend to you the Season's Greetings coupled with our best wishes for your health and happiness through the coming year. For the first time since the world was thrown into the awful war which brought sorrow and mourning to so many homes, we may once more extend heartily to our readers the old-time wish of

"A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR."

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BROOKE

Miss Kathleen Kingston, Brantford, is home for the holidays.

Mr. O. B. Taylor, of Detroit, husband of a former Brooke girl, Miss Jennie McLachlan, died of influenza last week.

The service on Sunday morning at St. James' church will be in keeping with Christmas. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

At the annual meeting of Brooke L. O. L. No. 746 the following officers were elected for 1919: W. M.—Bro. Paul S. Kingston; D. M.—Bro. John Gilliland; C. L.—Wm. Sutton, Rec. Sec.—Paul Kingston; A. Fin. Sec.—A. E. Sutton; Treas.—Thos. Freer; D. of C.—Robert Sutton; Sec.—Joseph Styles, Committee—Bros. Wm. Higgins, A. E. Trowbridge, George Freer, W. G. Lucas, Wm. Styles.

After the business of the last meeting of the Brooke Council was finished on Saturday last, the Councillors, together with the Advisory Board of the Brooke Municipal Telephone System, held a banquet in the Revere House. After partaking of a sumptuous repast an impromptu program was given, with Mr. Clarence Atkin acting as chairman. Speeches were given by several of the members and at the close Mr. Johnston, on behalf of the Council and Board, presented the Reeve, Mr. Annett, with a pair of horn-rimmed glasses, as a token of his faithfulness during the past number of years on the Council as Reeve. The speakers of the evening felt great regret at the resigning of Mr. Annett from municipal affairs. Saturday being the last meeting. He has served the interest of the township for many years and for the past year had been Warden of Lambton. During his public career he has reached the pinnacle of office and he can now withdraw with the feeling that his mark had been attained. The very pleasant evening broke up after the gathering sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Great credit is due the host and hostess of the Revere House for the excellent way in which the banquet was prepared and served.—Free Press.

The following item is from the Picking News:—"On Wednesday last about midnight Dr. E. J. Shirley had a most unpleasant and exciting experience which might have been much more serious to himself. He was on his road to Port Union to make a professional visit. When near Dunbarton he met an auto driven by Mr. Scott, of Columbus. Dr. Shirley was driving on the right side of the road and was not noticed by Mr. Scott, who collided with him with very great force. Dr. Shirley called out loudly, but the autoists, who were going at about thirty miles an hour, did not hear the warning, although Mrs. Smales, who was in bed, heard the call which was immediately followed by the crash. Dr. Shirley was rendered unconscious, but his injuries otherwise were very slight, and he soon recovered. The horse was badly injured and it is not expected that it will be as reliable in future. The buggy was only slightly damaged, but the auto will have to undergo considerable repairs. Mr. Scott stopped to assist in every possible way and admitted that the fault was his and promised to pay all damages sustained by the doctor, who is to be congratulated on escaping as he did."

WARWICK

Dr. J. T. Woods Chelsea, Mich., spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atkin of Leamington are visiting friends in Warwick and Arkona.

Mrs. A. C. Kersey and Miss Vera Kersey, fourth-line east, are spending Christmas holidays in Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Gordon Brent of Edmonton is visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. George Brent Sr.

Miss Sarah Vance of Toronto is spending the holidays at her old home on the fourth line.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morrison and daughter Leila of Windsor spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mack Luckham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doan and children of Belmont are spending Christmas week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brent.

Scott Luckham of Win Isor, Clarence of Guelph, and Miss Mary Luckham of London spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luckham.

Aspirants for Municipal honors are getting busy. Reeve Brodie is retiring from the Reeveship and W. E. Parker and B. B. Dann are desirous of filling the Reeve's chair.

NOTICE—Having purchased the general store business of Mr. G. H. McDonald at Warwick Village, I am prepared to take any quantity of butter and eggs, for which the highest price will be paid.—R. B. JAMES.

The Women's Patriotic League met at the home of Mrs. Carroll on Tuesday Dec. 17th and spent a pleasant afternoon at sewing for the refugees. We are asked from headquarters to continue sewing for the refugees until the end of January when Red Cross supplies will again be needed for the many wounded and convalescent men expected from the war zone about that time. The collection was \$19.55.

Municipal matters are looking up in the township and from present appearances there will be a contest for all the offices. Among the new men spoken of for councillor are Benjamin Muma and Swanton Reyvart, both well known throughout the township. It is also said that Mr. B. B. Dann will again take the field for the Reeveship. The financial statements are printed. Get one and study the standing of the Municipality.

Worse Than War

The London Times' medical correspondent says that it seems reasonable to believe that about 6,000,000 persons perished from influenza pneumonia during the past twelve weeks. It has been estimated that the war caused the death of 20,000,000 persons in four and a half years.

Thus, the correspondent points out, influenza has proved itself five times deadlier than war, because, in the same period, at its epidemic rate, influenza would have killed 100,000,000. Never since the Black Death has such a plague swept over the world. The need of a new survey of public health measures has never been more forcibly illustrated.

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