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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 them in GUIDE-ADVOCATE, Letterbox.

**GREAT** growth these days. THE fifty shirts for 24th.—SWIFTS'. MR. FRED JONES is quite ill this week. WATFORD COURT OF REVISION will be held on Friday next, 29th inst. SERVICE in Trinity church this (Thursday) evening, Ascension Day. WE grow better by remembering only the good things we know about each other.

THERE are fifteen applicants for the position of Principal of the Strathroy Collegiate. NEXT Sunday will be Victoria Day. The day following will be observed as a holiday.

THE glove and hosiery Department show nifty style.—SWIFTS'. It is said that the fine, warm weather is having a bad effect on the church attendance.

SOME business men are advocating a trial of oil to keep down the dust on main street. WHEN the new railway act passes parliament next session railway men will be paid semi-monthly.

RAY MORNINGSTAR, the energetic agent for the Ford Motor Co., has already sold seven cars this season. STANLEY ROGERS is slowly recovering from his recent accident. He is now able to leave his room on crutches.

THE PRESBYTERIAN BOOK of Praise is being revised, and it is expected the work will be completed in 1916. NIFTY 24th May fixings for the ladies.—SWIFTS'.

WITH the automobile here to stay the roads require a great deal more attention to keep them in good condition. It is estimated that on an average, 2500 dozen eggs are shipped from Watford each week during the year.

SILVERWOODS are handling a large amount of cream, butter and eggs, since they established themselves in town.

PUT yourself in the other fellow's place and take a peep at yourself. The sight will likely startle you, but it may help.

WHILE in town don't forget the rest-room which the Women's Institute has established for ladies and children from the country to rest in. A Panama for 24th, it will be a fine day.—SWIFTS'.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SERVICES in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Leader—Mrs. Fortune. Topic—"Courage."

MRS. KERFOOT is getting along as well as can be expected from her accident. She will, however, be obliged to go on crutches for the rest of her days.

A MEETING of the Watford Liberals will be held in the Oddfellow's Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 26th, at 8 o'clock, to appoint delegates, etc., for the convention to be held on the 28th.

A MEETING of the Watford Conservative Association will be held in Fitzgerald's law office this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock, to appoint delegates for the Convention to be held here on May 29th.

"GOD made women beautiful," says Tuck, "so that men would love them, and he made them foolish so that they would love men." And there's something that was never so well figured out before.

BIG days at Swifts', Friday and Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER KELLY, of Sarnia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Adelaide Louise, to Mr. James Walker McLaren, of Watford, Ont. The marriage will take place quietly in June.

WHEN a duck lays an egg, she waddles off as if nothing had happened. When a hen lays an egg there's a whole of a noise. The hen advertises. Hence the demand for hens' eggs, instead of ducks' eggs.

C. P. VANAUKEN, Hackensack, N. J. writes:—Enclosed find \$1.50 my subscription for one year. It is certainly good to get the old Guide every week. I would feel lost without it. Wish you the greatest success.

THE trouble with most of us is that we don't have to live here, we do it from choice. There is no place else in Canada like Watford. You couldn't chase us out of this town with a club for it's the best old town of all.

WANTED, on Friday and Saturday 10 ladies to save \$3.00 to \$4.00 each on a nifty suit.—SWIFTS'.

THE new Anglican prayer book for Canada will be issued shortly. The committee, of which Mr. Charles Jenkins of Petrolia, is a member, has worked for three years on the revision of the old book and has completed its work. Prayers are made more adaptable to Canada and to modern thought, but otherwise it is substantially the same as the old prayer book which has been in use since 1862.

GET the new hats for 24th.—SWIFTS'.

SENATOR COFFEY is dying. SINGLE fare on the railway on Monday.

MITCHELL & AULD shipped two cars of axes to Beaufort this week. DURING the four months ending April 30th, there were 2480 tons of freight shipped from Watford on the G. T. R., an increase of 981 tons over last year for the same period.

A QUEEN'S Birthday without a new pair of shoes would be like eating apple pie without cheese—something lacking. Let us supply you with the new shoes for the holiday.—P. DODDS & SON.

WATFORD Woodmen of the World and visiting members of the Order in this vicinity are to attend divine worship in Trinity church here on Sunday evening, June 7th. The rector, Rev. S. P. Irwin, B. A., is to officiate.

LIBERAL CONVENTION in Watford next Thursday. The candidates for the Legislature likely to come before the convention are H. J. Pettypiece, editor of the Forest Free Press and the present member, R. J. McCormick.

It is said that man lives on one-third the food he eats, and that the doctors live on the other two-thirds. If the cost of living is soaring as fast as many agitators seem to believe the doctor may soon be on half rations.

WE see by the reports of the recent examinations held at Queens University, Kingston, Ont., that Mr. A. A. Acton, an old Watford boy, has succeeded in passing his final examinations in theology, carrying off the Leitch Memorial Scholarship for \$250.00.

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY will issue reduced rate tickets for the Victoria Day holiday as follows:—Fare and one-third, good going May 23rd, 24th and 25th, good for return on May 26th. Single fare on Monday, May 25th good for return on same day only.

THE ANNUAL LONDON METHODIST conference will open in Sarnia on June 3rd; the annual meetings of the Congregational Union of Canada will be held in Hamilton from June 10 to 15; the annual Synod of the Diocese of Huron, Anglican, opens in London on June 16th.

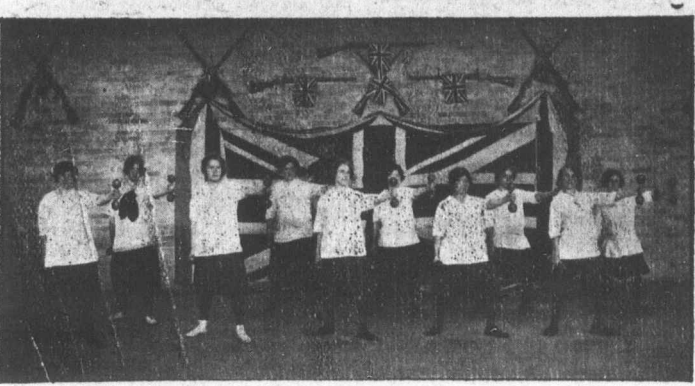
THE advertising manager of R. S. Williams & Co., speaking at Hamilton the other night said that after a thorough trial it had been found that a printing medium that gave the best results was the newspaper. He said that by that means every nook and corner in the selling fields was reached.

ALEX. MAVITY, of Vancouver, in renewing his subscription to the Guide-Advocate says:—"It is like getting a letter from home. All the Watford people here are well. Colonel Williams (Dad) is the same as ever—no change. Time is very quiet here. Regards to all the old boys."

SUNDAY MORNING the Sarnia members of the 27th regiment, accompanied by the Guide, whether they subscribe for it or not. We know folks who never miss reading a single copy; who never pay a cent, and who complain more about what is in the paper or what is not in it than any of our most faithful patrons. If you have anything free to offer, these folks will be the first to see it.

SOME of the Watford merchants are paying considerable attention to attractive window dressing and originality is shown in the character of the work done. It is an extremely commendable feature in any man's business, and creates a decidedly favorable impression on the mind of any visitor when he sees such evidences of progressiveness in our merchants. Next to the use of printer's ink it is the most effective method of advertising any business.

THE new parcel box for rural mail routes will be ready about the middle of June. Price \$4.50. In order that the holders of the present box may not suffer any hardship by reason of their having already paid \$3.00 for the "King Edward" box, they will be allowed (on their returning the automatic self-locking signal device and their paying an additional \$1.50 to the Department) to get the new box, the Department having undertaken to make good the balance of the purchase price, thus enabling the present boxholders to procure a new box at the same price required of new subscribers.



—Photo by Aylesworth.

## The Armory Physical Culture Class

Mr. M. T. Davies' class of young ladies who charmed the audience at the Choral Society Concert last week. Reading from left to right, Misses Elleda Moody, Leone Harper, Bessie Forster, Lillian McKercher, Esther Weight, Geraldine Elliot, Kathleen Elliot, Mary Cameron, Elsie Weight, Florence Cook.

It is proposed to hold another sacred concert on Sunday, May 31st, in the Armory.

THERE was a big bunch of Methodist ministers and lay delegates here this week attending the Strathroy district meeting.

LOGS are still being shipped from the Watford station. This week two cars went to Chatham for the Sutherland-Innis Co.

MR. JOHN FARRELL sailed from Liverpool by the Cunard steamer Aulania on Thursday last with a party of three hundred immigrants for Ontario.

LIEUT. F. O. HODGINS, Royal Canadian Engineers, was here this week inspecting the Armory and passed the fittings recently put in by E. C. McLeay. He reported the work well done and the building in good shape.

S. B. HOWDEN invites the public to call and inspect his new stock of spring and summer shoes for ladies, men and children. Everything up-to-date and at reasonable prices. If you need a grip, trunk or suitcase he can supply you.

IT was announced that the post office department has postponed the inauguration of insurance for parcels post. Definite instructions with regard to the matter will be issued shortly. In the meantime postmasters are authorized to register parcels.

NEXT Sabbath morning Rev. H. J. Fair will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church here and in the evening. Services will be conducted by the pastor and Rev. F. G. Rutherford, B. A., B. D., of the B. C. Conference. Mr. Rutherford will preach.

THERE were sixty-nine tons of eggs shipped from the Watford station between April 1st and May 14th. During the same period last year 48 tons were shipped, or 21 tons less than the present year. There is some egg trade done in Watford.

W. EDWARDS made his usual shipment of hogs Tuesday. It is surprising the number of hogs there are ready for market each week. Probably more stock has been shipped from here during the past year than in any year in the history of the town.

THE Armory Progress Club had for their guest Tuesday evening the Rev. W. G. Connolly, who with his wife has been living in town since his return from the mission field in Japan. During the evening the reverend gentleman gave an exceedingly interesting informal talk on Japanese affairs which was much enjoyed by the members of the club. Before the meeting adjourned the Rev. Mr. Connolly was made an honorary member of the club. A light lunch was served in the supper room.

THOSE who were fortunate enough to witness the physical culture exercises by the class of young ladies in the Armory Thursday evening of last week were much impressed with the idea that such evolutions are of a vast benefit in building up the physique of those taking part, and the girls themselves were not slow in learning that the exercises were a great aid in developing the figure and rectifying any tendency to awkwardness in carriage. If all young people would take up this mode of exercise the result would produce graceful, easy-moving, erect and robust men and women, and would tend to make the present and succeeding generations more like what the Creator intended they should be.

Mr. Davies, who trained the class, has offered to instruct as many young people as may wish to improve themselves in this way, and parents who desire the physical welfare of their children should cheerfully embrace his generous offer.

THE regular meeting of the Woman's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Brown on Tuesday evening, May 12th. Mrs. W. C. Browne presiding. Meeting commenced by singing "The Maple Leaf Forever." 15 members answered to roll call. After hearing reports of the different committees, the auditors report for the year was given. Mrs. L. Miller sang a solo very sweetly, also Instrumentals by Miss Elsie Brown and Miss Mamie Moir which were good, a reading was then given by Mrs. J. D. Brown on the Queen Mary Hospital.

## SAD SHOOTING FATALITY SUNDAY MORNING

Six-Year-Old Boy Accidentally Killed By Five-Year-Old Girl Cousin

A very sad fatal accident marred the peace of the morning on Sunday last in our town, when six-year-old Howard Doan was hurried into eternity through the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of his little five-year-old cousin, Alice Pearce.

The little Doan boy was an orphan, the son of the late Ephraim Doan, who died of tuberculosis a little over a year ago, and within a few months of the demise of his wife with the same affliction. The boy was placed in the care of his aunt, Mrs. Harry Pearce, at that time.

The older members of the Pearce family were not at home when the accident happened. Little Howard, with his two girl cousins, aged five and seven, were playing in the barn when they found a rifle that had been used by an older Pearce boy to shoot rats about the place. The children had been in the barn for some little time when the report of a rifle was heard by the people in a nearby house. Investigation disclosed the body of the little fellow in a pool of blood, the vital spark almost extinguished. Physicians were hastily summoned, but death claimed the child soon after help arrived.

From what can be learned from the little tots it seems that the elder Pearce girl and little Howard started towards a hen's nest to look for eggs. Little Alice is supposed to have followed them, dragging the rifle by the barrel, when it accidentally discharged, the 22 calibre bullet entering the back of the boy's head, making a wound from which he died in a few minutes.

Coroner Dr. Kelly investigated the affair and was convinced that the shooting was purely accidental and that an inquest was unnecessary.

Little Howard was a bright boy, highly spoken of by his day and Sunday School teachers, and quite a favorite with his companions.

The remains were taken to Plymouth, Mich., on Tuesday, and buried beside his parents. The children in his class at public school sent a handsome wreath, and all the class regret the untimely removal of their popular little companion.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Hutton is here from the Northwest visiting Mrs. Kerfoot. Mrs. Dodge, Almont, Mich., is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. G. Mitchell.

Clifford Leigh left this week for Aylmer, where he has secured a position. Mrs. Ferguson left on Thursday for Seattle, Wash., to spend the summer with her son.

Mrs. A. K. Wanless, Sarnia, spent several days this week with her sister, Mrs. Carl A. Class.

Mrs. R. C. Nickerson and children, Milwaukee, Wis., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. M. O'Meara.

Miss Margaret Bell Saunders spent a few days in town this week, prior to sailing for England and the continent.

Dr. G. N. Howden, Mrs. Howden, and family leave on Friday for Winnipeg, where Mr. Howden will attend the Dentists' Convention.

Lieut.-Col. Kelly, Capt. Swift and McLaren and Lieut. Binks went to Sarnia Sunday to attend the military church parade of the 27th Regt.

H. A. Cook, W. K. Cook and Mr. Allan motored from Toronto Saturday and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. McLeay and other relatives.

Mrs. H. F. Aylesworth returned home this week after spending three weeks with her son, Lee, of Inwood, who is just recovering from a critical operation.

Mr. John Ellenbush and Mr. Chas. Holmes, Plymouth, Mich., uncles of little Howard Doan, were here this week and returned home Tuesday in charge of the remains.

Mr. John Shaw was in Detroit this week. He went there at the request of Mrs. Hudson, formerly Mary Ann McDonald, of Warwick, who is seriously ill with gangrene and cannot live many days.

## Good Service Appreciated

G. T. R. agent C. W. Vail has received the following letter signed by W. R. Davidson, Superintendent of the London Division of the Grand Trunk System:—Dear Sir—In connection with the handling of the Royal Train conveying their royal highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Princess Patricia on tour over the Ontario lines, I wish to compliment you and your subordinates on the perfect service. Every move was anticipated and carried out according to program. Station buildings and grounds presented the best possible appearance, not only at points where stops made but all along the line. The track was in perfect condition, which indicated that the track supervisors, section foremen and section laborers had done their part.

His Royal Highness took notice of conditions as he personally looked the track over at different stopping places and where there was no crowd to bother him.

The hearty co-operation of all concerned is highly appreciated by myself and our General Superintendent as well as our officials at Montreal.

## E. L. Conservative Convention

East Lambton Conservatives will meet in convention at the Lyceum, Watford next Friday afternoon to elect officers and select a candidate to contest the Riding for the seat in the Legislature. Additional interest is added to the event by the fact that the Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, has accepted the invitation of the executive to be present and he will deliver an address.

—W. E. DARLING, Journal Secretary.