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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.

HAVE you had the mumps?

These days are getting noticeably longer.

The Arkona mail now leaves after the arrival of the 11.16 train.

LAMBTON COUNTY council visited the town show at Petrolia on Wednesday.

PALMALINE SOAP 3 for 25c. at TAYLOR'S.

THE AVERAGE increase in foodstuffs in England since the war began is 84 per cent.

1,670 GERMANS took out naturalization papers in Canada the year war was declared.

THE Lambton Poultry Exhibition is being held in Petrolia this week. Friday is the last day.

BIG SALE of men's and boy's overcoats.—SWIFT'S.

NORWAY has more reindeer than horses. But just wait till Henry Ford gets well established in that country!

RICHARD BELL, of Sarnia, had his back broken by being whirled around a fly wheel at the pump house on Tuesday.

A DRYWELL man was awarded a divorce because his wife called him a bald-headed ekate. Some fellows are so touchy.

ELIGIBLES who sing "God Save the King" and wave the Union Jack, without getting into khaki, are an insult to the cause.

PROBABLY President Wilson knows by this time what the Allies are fighting for. He is a little slow at learning some things.

TAYLOR'S Cream of Roses is the ideal skin lotion and 5c an ounce at TAYLOR'S.

THE storm on Sunday effected the attendance in most of the churches. Those ministers who have country charges had some difficulty in getting through in time.

A NUMBER of Bohemian women are said to be employed as miners. Nothing new. Plenty of Wattford women have been digging into hubby's pockets for years.

WE NEED PATRIOTS now more than we ever did before in Canada. The man who will enlist now, knowing the hardships and dangers of a campaign, is a patriot indeed.

IT IS A FACT perhaps not generally known that any ratepayer may demand, and must receive, an itemized statement of all accounts paid by a school board or other municipal institution.

OVER 35,000 bottles of TAYLOR'S throat and lung balm were used in 1916. It must give results, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at TAYLOR'S.

DONALD SUTHERLAND, M.P. for South Oxford, will introduce a bill in the House of Commons this session, asking for the extension of the franchise to women.

ON June 30th, 1916, there were fewer hogs in this country than at any time during the previous ten years, and from 1911 to 1916 there was a decrease of one million.

THE annual meeting of the Wattford Presbyterian Church will be held to-day (Friday) when the reports of the different schemes of the church for the past year will be submitted.

THE woman who packs eggs when they are 20 cents a dozen, and the man who gets his cellar filled with coal at summer prices, have made use of the weapons at hand to whack the H. C. of L.

ALL day Sunday and Sunday night a blinding snow-storm prevailed and on Monday morning many of the sidewalks were blocked with drifts. Town people had quite a job on hand Monday shovelling snow.

BIG SALE of ladies and girl's coats.—SWIFT'S.

THE hen that lays the "golden" egg is not entitled to all the distinction these days. The pig and the cow are in the same category; in fact, everything that the farmer has in his possession has the same golden hue.

ED. FOLLARD, of Petrolia, died of pneumonia after a short illness, in his 60th year. He was chairman of the local Hydro Commission, and had been Mayor of Petrolia for four years, and for many years a member of the municipal council.

REV. Geo. W. Conners, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach next Sunday a Christian patriotic sermon on the theme "The Imperial Call to the Colors." Services for the day as follows.—Worshiping 11 a. m., Calvary 3 p. m., and Wattford 7 p. m. The public cordially invited.

BEFORE the advanced rate on weekly newspapers took place, the subscription to the United States was \$1.50, owing to the postage. With the new rate the Guide-Advocate to the U. S., as with other Canadian weeklies, is \$2.00. Please remember this when renewing.

AN ALARM of fire about eleven o'clock Monday morning gave the fire brigade a run to Mr. J. E. Callahan's home, where there was an incipient blaze which had started from a defective chimney. Their services were not required as the fire was easily extinguished before they had time to arrive. The damage done was small.

HESSE's and Royal Purple stock preparations guaranteed fresh at TAYLOR'S.

THE new Warden of Lambton will be provided with a gown and cocked hat. Some style, what!

THE CARNIVAL at Fowler's rink on Tuesday night was well attended and the prizes keenly contested for.

MR. RAY MORNINGSTAR has purchased from the Chambers Estate the house now occupied by Mr. Carl Class.

IT IS STATED that an order-in-council is about to be passed requiring passports from all persons leaving Canada.

THE Caldwell property on the corner of Eric and McGregor streets has changed hands, Mr. Alex. Fair, of Wattford, being the purchaser.

A FULL assortment of Waterman's ideal fountain pens at TAYLOR'S. All repairs promptly done and work guaranteed.

ENGLISH SURGEONS can now transfer a living nerve from one man to another. We have some nifty people around here who could be spared for subjects, for the party of the first part.

THERE IS considerable sickness in town. The two lady teachers on the high school staff were unable to attend to their duties the early part of the week, through illness.

BIG SALE of young men's and boy's suits.—SWIFT'S.

ALL accounts due the Estate of Miss S. J. Williams must be paid at the store by Jan. 31st, 1917. After that date all accounts owing will be handed to the lawyers for collection.

CANADA is well rid of the young men who are said to be crossing the border into the United States in order to get away from army service. We have no place for them here.

AN old Presbyterian was asked for his views on Church Union. "Union, he exclaimed, "Union will the fey congregationalists and the gadabout Methodists, Mon. I'd give up religion altogether first, an' join the Anglicans."

THE Ontario Government announces that they are appropriating one million dollars to assist returned soldiers to go on the land. The money will be devoted to establishing training schools, to help the men clear the land in Northern Ontario, stock their farms and make whatever improvements may be necessary. The money will be advanced and paid back in instalments.

THE annual meeting of the Lambton Farmers' Insurance Co. was held in Petrolia on Thursday, when the auditors' report for 1916 was submitted. The report shows that during the year 115 claims, amounting to \$25,548.56, were paid, 47 of which were for stock killed by lightning. The total assets of the Company are \$163,446.92, with no liabilities.

Six (6) pounds of either Epon or Glauber salts for 25c at TAYLOR'S.

OFFICIALS of the Ontario Agricultural College are fitting up two cars with an agricultural display, preparatory to starting out on a two months' tour of Western Ontario. The tour is under the charge of George A. Putnam, superintendent of the farmer's institutes. There are several new features being used this year.

DON'T bark, let the dog do that, take TAYLOR'S throat and lung balm.

A LETTER has been sent to each teacher in the Province by Sir John Hendrie, Honorary President of the Penny Bank, asking co-operation in instilling in the minds of the children ideas of thrift and saving. Much can be done, the letter asserts, for the cause of the Allies by denying oneself needless luxuries.

IT may not be generally known that there is an Ontario statute by which any elector whose taxes are in arrears may be debarred from voting at the municipal elections. It is not known that the law has ever put into force in this respect, but there was talk of doing at Walkerville in the last elections.

IT IS not unlikely that the less frequent train service on the railways will become somewhat of a permanency. With the great increase in automobile traffic, the railways must be losing considerably in passenger earnings, and it will not be surprising if, even when the war is over, some of the trains are not restored.

TUCUMSEH CHAPTER I. O. D. R. wish contributions of anything in the shape of old cotton over 18 inches square (except curtains) for the French Red Cross. There is a great shortage of supplies for this branch of the Red Cross and all are earnestly urged to do all in their power to assist the cause. Donations can be left at the home of Mrs. C. A. Class.

A RIDGEWATER clergyman Sunday evening got after the poor pays, the ones who endeavor to travel on the church railway at half-price or as full "dead heads." If a person belongs to a church or any other organization, he should willingly and cheerfully contribute his share of the upkeep and running expenses.—It was ever thus; even salvation costs money.

I DESIRE to express my sincere gratitude to the citizens of Wattford and friends on my mail route and elsewhere for their kind expression and generous assistance given me and my family since the fire which burned our home and much of the contents therein, and trust that I may always conduct myself so as to maintain the confidence and respect that has been bestowed me.—JOHN T. KERSKEY.

AND NOW the candy shops are closed two days a week in France. If the war continues much longer they will be entirely out of business like the saloons.

MAJOR SURVEY of Divisional Headquarters, London, was here on Tuesday to look into the application of the council to purchase or borrow the twelve or thirteen tons of furnace coal stored in the Armyory. An agreement was arrived at whereby the coal will be distributed in small lots, the council guaranteeing that the amount of coal used will be returned when more plentiful. Lieut. Mathews has the supervision of the distribution.

THE Canadian Year Book for 1915, published by authority of the Minister of Trade and Commerce for Canada, is crammed full of useful information and contains a good deal of that which is interesting as well as useful. There are articles on the local government of the various provinces, the physical characteristics of Canada, the flora and fauna of Canada and various other subjects. Some of these are beautifully illustrated. The statistical information seems to be very complete.

AT the inaugural meeting of the Chatham Board of Education, Dr. A. A. Hicks, brother of Dr. Geo. Hicks of Wattford, was the unanimous choice of the Board as Chairman for the year. In his address to his colleagues he urged the adoption of physical inspection of the pupils under the direction of a physician and competent nurse, as he was of the opinion that many pupils were suffering from defects of eyes, ears, nose or throat, of which the child is scarcely conscious, and the parents wholly ignorant. He also suggested that the bible be placed in the schools as a text book.

PERSONAL
Col. Kenward is attending the County council this week.
Mrs. Ried, Stonewall, Man., and Mrs. Lutz, Detroit, are visiting relatives here.
Mrs. Winnie Scharf and Mrs. J. Hay, Wyoming, spent the week end with relatives here.
Petrolia Topic.—Miss Mary Kelly, of Wattford, spent a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Thos. McLean.
P. J. Dodds, D. D. G. M., of the district went to Strathroy Wednesday night to install the officers of the Oddfellows. He was accompanied by T. A. Adams and Reg. McIntosh.

HOCKEY
A picked up team went to Forest Monday night for a friendly game which resulted in a favor of Forest with a score of 8-5. The line up:—
Wattford.....Goal.....Forest
D. Dodds.....Goal.....McLaughlin
T. Dodds.....Defence.....Barrett
Roche.....Defence.....Frame
Abbott.....Centre.....Petty
Auld.....R. wing.....Crowe
Atchison.....L. wing.....Govenlock
Referee—R. Dodds, of Wattford.

WARWICK
Mr. Fred Eastman, of Detroit, spent the week-end with Warwick friends.
Mr. Tucker Smith, of Lapeer, Mich., spent Sunday with his brother, C. E. Smith.
Reeve Hobbs and Deputy-Reeve Brodie are in Sarnia this week, attending the January session of the County Council.
Those sending in notices for entertainments will please remember that the charge is five cents per line. Six words make a line.
Messrs. T. R. Spalding, Buffalo, and W. A. Spalding, Toronto, have returned home after attending the funeral of their father, the late James Spalding.

Among the four newly appointed senators for Ontario appears the name of Gideon D. Robertson, Welland, Ont. Mr. Robertson was at one time C. T. R. operator at Kingscourt and is a brother-in-law of Andrew Hay, Main Road, Warwick.
The annual meeting of the Warwick Liberal Association will be held in the Town Hall, Warwick Village, on Thursday, Feb. 1st, at 1:30 o'clock. D. J. McEachern, the Liberal candidate for the Legislature; H. J. Pettypiece, ex-M.P.P., and others, will address the meeting. A good attendance requested.
A sad accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, 6th line, Warwick, when their son, Ross, who has been in poor health for some time, was kicked by a horse, which his brother was leading into the barn. Five stitches were required to close the wound, which was inflicted under the chin.
Another of the old residents of the township passed away on Sunday last in the person of Mr. James Spalding, com. 2, S. E. R., aged 80 years, 7 months and 7 days. He leaves a widow and six sons; Thomas R., of Buffalo; W. A., of Toronto; Robert O., of Wattford; Freeman, of Toledo; and Wallace and John, at home. And two daughters: Mrs. D. H. Carter, of Armada, Mich., and Mrs. G. T. Fuller, of Warwick. The funeral was held on Tuesday to the Wattford cemetery. A more extended notice will appear next week.
A concert in aid of Red Cross Work will be given under the auspices of the Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute in the Orange Hall, Warwick Village, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30th, at 8 o'clock.

The program will consist of addresses, music, dialogues and recitations. Music will be given by Miss Ross, Mrs. Sitter, Mr. Grogan and others. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Shore, Rev. Burton and Mr. Robt. Sturrett of Petrolia. Major C. O. Fairbank of Petrolia, who spent sometime in France, will deliver an address on the War. Everybody welcome. Admission 25 cents and 15 cents. War tax 1 cent extra.
The annual meeting of Maple Grove Cheese Factory, Birmam, was held on Friday last, January 19th. The present owner treated the patrons to an oyster supper, which was largely attended. About three hundred being present. Mr. Sturrett, of Petrolia, was Chairman, and addresses were given by Mr. Carey and Mr. Boyes, Government Inspector, which were greatly enjoyed by all. After the supper the annual report of the season's business was presented, which proved to be very satisfactory to all present. The amount of milk delivered to the factory for the season was 1,301,511 lbs. Cheese manufactured 117,965 lbs. Average price, 18.96 cents per lb. cheese; since 100 lbs. milk was 1.60. Average lbs. of milk to make lb. of cheese, 10.31. The amount of money paid to the patrons in the season was \$19,425.50. The patrons of the factory expressed great satisfaction for the manner in which Mr. M. J. Easton had managed the business. Mr. Easton wishes to express his thanks to all those who rendered such valuable assistance in the evening's entertainment.

BROOKE
Reeve W. Annett and Deputy W. J. Bourne are attending the county council this week.
The annual Pan-Cake Social in connection with Christ Church, Sutorville, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Taylor, on Feb. 6th. Particulars later.

The Brooke Municipal Telephone System has had a marvelous growth. It was organized in 1911 with 35 subscribers and this year has 840 subscribers and 43 centers.

Major Dr. C. O. Fairbank, C. A. M. C. who has spent nearly a year in France and in close touch with its awful effects, will address a meeting in the Bethesda Methodist church, on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, in the interests of Red Cross work. Particulars later.

The "Ladies' Aid" of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 10th line, met at the home of Mrs. R. Henderson on Dec. 27th, with a good attendance. A good report was given of the past year's work and plans made for the new year. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Edgar on Wednesday, February 7th.

A large number of the neighbors and friends of Seaman John J. Brown of the Navy, gathered at the home of his parents, concession 10, Brooke, to say goodbye to him before he went overseas. They brought with them a plentiful supply of oysters and other delicacies necessary for a sumptuous supper. After the meal a good program of vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed and Seaman Brown was presented with a nicely-worded address, accompanied by a beautiful wrist watch and signet ring. A very pleasant evening was spent, all present wishing Seaman Brown a safe return at close of the war.

A new Red Cross Society has been organized for The Walnut district, and the first meeting was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Maddock, on Tuesday of last week. An outline of the work was made and suggestions were given by Mrs. (Rev.) W. N. Campbell, of Inwood. Yarn and goods were sent for and work began Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, at the home of Mrs. S. J. Dolbear. A knitting machine has been kindly donated by the Farmer's Club, the gift being much appreciated by the ladies. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Will Weed, on Tuesday, Feb. 20th. Everyone interested in the work welcome.

Warwick Scarlet Chapter
The annual meeting of the Warwick Scarlet Chapter was held in Inwood L. O. L. No. 105 on Jan. 19th. Important business was transacted after which Companion George Maddock was asked to take the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—
W. C. in C.—Comp. Wm. G. Swan.
E. C. in C.— " Joseph Styles.
Chaplain — " Robt. Gardiner.
Scribe — " Paul S. Kingston.
1st Lecturer — " Thos. H. Freer.
2nd " " Thos. Stevens.
3rd " " Gordon Smith.
Sir H. at Arms" Jas. E. Wallis.
1st Conductor" Wm. A. Lucas.
2nd " " Howard Styles.
Inward Herald" Thos. H. Lucas.
Outward " " Robert Mitchell.

After the officers were installed the Companions adjourned to the home of Comp. Geo. Silk, where an oyster supper was served. A short program was then given, after which all returned to their homes much pleased with Comp. and Mrs. Silk's kind hospitality.

Chas. Jenkins, of Petrolia, goes to New York this week to attend the most comprehensive religious conference ever held. It embraces all branches of the Protestant and Catholic faith, the object being to establish unity in the whole Christian church.

Death of Mrs. Thexton.
An unexpected death occurred on Friday last, when Mrs. Ann Thexton passed to the great beyond, aged 75 years, 8 months. Deceased was in her usual good health until the Sunday previous to her demise, when she had a slight stroke. She was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and came to this country with her parents when five years old. Her maiden name was McNaughton and she was married about 31 years ago to Robert Thexton, who predeceased her 25 years ago. She had no family. James McNaughton, of Wattford, and Robert McNaughton, of Warwick, are brothers, and Mrs. Appleyard, of Stonewall, Man., is a sister. After the death of her husband she moved into town, where she has resided since. The funeral took place from her late residence, Victoria street, on Monday afternoon to the Wattford cemetery and was conducted by Rev. J. C. Forster, Presbyterian minister, she being a devout member of that denomination. The pall-bearers were four nephews.

Some Canadian War Figures
Ottawa, Jan. 22nd.—In his speech tonight Sir Robert Borden gave the following interesting statistics as to Canada's contribution to the prosecution of the war, showing that 434,529 persons of the manhood of Canada have enrolled themselves for service.
Enlistments in Canadian Expeditionary Force 404,189, (including 9,052 active militia and 2,470 permanent force called out.)
Canadian naval forces 3,810
British naval service 1,600
Imperial mechanical transport ser. 1,200
British army for Imper. auth. 3,000
British army reservists 2,750
French " 5,000
Russian " 7,500
Italian " 5,000
Actually left country up to Dec 31, 1916, 280,562
Still in Canada training 48,312
(In addition to 9,052 on guard duty and 1,470 of permanent force, a total of 57,364.)
Casualties among Canadians, 70,253:—
Killed in action 10,854
Died of wounds 4,010
Died of sickness 494
Presumed dead 1,108
Wounded 48,454
Missing 2,979
Prisoners of war 2,375
In England, under orders to proceed to France 10,000
In England, reinforcements, casualties, etc. 39,559
Saw service in France or the East 176,000

New Table of Standard Weights
A new table of standard weights of vegetables and other articles has been issued by the Government, as follows:—
Bushels Bags
Artichokes 56 lbs 84 lbs
Beans 60 lbs 80 lbs
Beets 50 lbs 75 lbs
Bituminous coal 70 lbs
Blugrass seed 14 lbs
Carrots 50 lbs 75 lbs
Castor Beans 40 lbs
Clover seed 60 lbs
Hemp seed 44 lbs
Lime 70 lbs
Malting 38 lbs
Onions 60 lbs 75 lbs
Parsnips 45 lbs 65 lbs
Potatoes 60 lbs 90 lbs
Timothy seed 48 lbs
Turnips 50 lbs 75 lbs
The standard weight for onions was formerly 57 pounds to the bushel. Timothy seed was formerly 45 pounds to the bushel and Turnips were formerly 60 pounds.

Farmers and dealers should cut this out and preserve it for reference.

CHOP STUFF
Petrolia had 66 deaths last year.
Petrolia Wagon Co. has received another war order for fifty trucks.
N. D. Rougoie, hardware merchant, Sarnia, has made an assignment.
An American Auto Company is contemplating starting a factory in Petrolia.
Strathroy Daughters of the Empire realized over \$200 on a carload of old paper.
Ailsa Craig Banner—A local coal dealer received a car load of coal on Tuesday and it is reported a local policeman had to be employed to guard it. It was disused out in lots of a few hundred pounds to each clamoring patron.
A Middlesex man woke up his neighbor at midnight and borrowed a shotgun to kill a dog that was keeping him awake by its barking. When the neighbor got up the next morning he discovered that the dog was his.
Speaking of the treatment of the horses it would be a good idea if owners and drivers would show a little more consideration to them in the use of bits. Many horses are confined in stables that are not any too warm, and with the extreme cold weather of the past few weeks, cold frosty bits are shoved into the horses' mouths without any thought of warming them. Imagine if a person was to pick up this part of the harness these cold days, how soon it would cling to the hands, and how anxious they would be to release their hold! What about the sensitive mouth of the horse? Think of the horse next time you harness him, and either heat or provide a covering for it during the cold weather.