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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.

SANTA CLAUS is just around the corner. YOUR King and country need you—this minute.

SURELY Greece might as well come in as be dragged in.

HERE'S hoping the Kaiser's Christmas punch is one in the eye.

DESPITE the war, Turkey will be as popular as ever this Yule-tide.

WE WISH you one and all a very Happy Christmas—Swift Sons & Co.

BEFORE eating your Christmas dinner offer up a silent prayer for the boys at the front.

REV. ARTHUR CARLYLE writing from the front denies the reports that soldiers on the firing line have to pay for comforts.

DOAN & CO. have an excellent display of Christmas meats and poultry. One two-year-old heifer shown dressed 770 lbs.

FOR SALE—Pedigreed Karakule Persian Ram Lamb—the kind that produces the Persian Fur.—KIDD BROS., Bothwell, Ont.

THE REV. J. A. SNELL's horse dropped dead on the road last Sunday while Mr. Snell was driving to one of his appointments.

BRITAIN now has six million men under arms. Germany has over two million men underground. The war in a phrase.

IF we would resolve to be as good as our children think we are, the community would see a vast improvement the coming year.

A SPECIAL train will leave London on Friday, Dec. 24th, at 8.10 p. m. for Komoka, Strathroy, Kerwood, Watford and stations west, to accommodate Christmas travellers.

A SHIPMENT of furs for to-day's selling.—Swift's.

WHEN soldiers are billeted out, as a number of them will be in Watford this winter, single men are allowed 80 cents per day in addition to their regular pay for living allowance.

AT the Strathroy municipal elections a by-law will be submitted to grant free light and water and exemption from taxes to Mr. Geo. Rivers, formerly of Watford, who plans to establish a basket factory there.

MR. AND MRS. JOS. E. ARMSTRONG, of Petrolia, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude Phipps, to Frederic E. Bronson, only son of Hon. E. H. and Mrs. Bronson, of Ottawa.

OWING to increased cost of remittances via bank, etc., the price of several papers in our clubbing list has been slightly increased. If you wish to club with outside papers do so now as clubbing rates may be withdrawn early in the new year.

THE home newspaper is your friend in spite of criticism. It helps build up the community that supports you. When the day comes that the newspapers are dead, the people are on the edge of the grave with nobody to write up the epitaph.

WE OPEN new goods Thursday and Friday.—Swift's.

All advance notices for entertainments of any kind published in the Guide-Advocate, whether an admission fee is charged or a collection taken up, are charged for at the rate of five cents per line. Six words make a line. Committees sending in such notices will kindly state who is responsible for payment.

THE High School Commencement will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 6th, in the Lyceum. On this occasion Dr. Braithwaite, of the Western University of London, will give an address on education. The public is cordially invited to assist in making the evening a high success.

"S. O. S." "S. O. S." Everybody knows what that danger signal means at sea. "To the rescue!" "No time to lose." But on land—so far as the Red Cross Society is concerned—at present it means in addition: "Socks! O Socks!" and "Shirts! O Shirts!" It's a hurry call, just the same.

THE bazaar held by the Willing Workers of the Epworth League of the Methodist church on Friday and Saturday last was well patronized and a good sum of money was realized. At the home-made cooking sale in connection on Saturday the goods were quickly disposed of. Meals were also served during the evening of Saturday.

AUTHORITY has been granted that 50 per cent. of each Canadian expeditionary force unit be granted Christmas leave from the night of the 23rd inst. to the night of the twenty-seventh and 50 per cent from the night of the 30th to the 3rd of January. This will give four days to each officer and man at his own home.

OUR readers are invited to send in the names of their holiday visitors for our personal column. Many people come and go whom we have no means of knowing about. A note containing the necessary information sent direct to this office or through the post office, with the name of the sender, is all that is necessary.

WHO will be the new Colonel of the 149th?

WELL, did you do your Christmas shopping early?

DR. SAWERS, of Napier, has purchased the practice of the late Dr. Kelly.

BE patient with the postoffice staff. Their lot is a hard one just now.

WAR has its good points, too. Few women have time now for knitting neckties.

REV. T. M. MEAD preached in Thame'sville Baptist church last Sunday evening and at Bothwell in the afternoon to good congregations.

NEW CHRISTMAS coats for the ladies at Swift's.

HEAVEN will be the reward for each Canadian's sacrifice, General Alderson thinks. There will be more mundane rewards as well.

THERE is a feeling of comfort and satisfaction in knowing that one's coal bin is filled, and still greater satisfaction in knowing that the coal is paid for.

CHINA is always appreciated for a Christmas present. See P. Dadds & Son stock. It is complete and moderate in price.

NOTWITHSTANDING the war the joys of Christmas cannot be overlooked for the adults, and the kiddies should have a merry one however sad the hearts of the older people may be.

THE widow of the late Rev. George Cuthbertson, for many years Presbyterian minister at Wyoming, died in Chicago last Friday. She was 88 years old. Her husband died 18 years ago.

NEW GOODS for last shopping day.—Swift's.

THE Christmas window display of the Watford merchants is an exceedingly creditable one this year and the goods displayed will bear comparison with those in larger places while, as usual, the prices are considerably lower than in most places. Anyone who can't be suited in a Christmas selection in Watford must be hard to please.

C. A. BROWNELL, advertising manager of the Ford Motor Company, spent just \$6,000,000 in the United States last year. He says that advertising is the only way to reach the people and is one of the greatest business forces of the day. "But to be such" he said, "it must be reliable; people will consult it as they do a time-table."

A MAN who does much travelling throughout Canada said the other day, "If you take the trouble to watch you will notice that three out of five of the boys in uniform are blonde or auburn. I have seen them from east to west in many camps and on the trains and there is no doubt about it. I don't know what the reason is, but the men with black hair and black eyes are not there."

DON'T forget that this is Christmas time. Let the Christmas spirit have full play for the little ones. If you have given a little contribution to the Patriotic Fund, don't stint your children. If you must economize start on yourself—cut out a few of your own personal luxuries and pleasures. Don't let the war cast its shadow across the brightest day in the year for the children.

MISS NESSBITT will have her display of Christmas goods in Harper Bros. store, and will open Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. A picture makes a handsome and useful gift. In my display of art work you will find it easy to choose a picture that suits your taste and purse, and in turn just as surely please the recipient. Also Christmas cards and dainty little novelties, hand made and hand decorated. I kindly invite your inspection. n25-5t

In the Saturday Evening Post for Dec. 2, appears a two-page advertisement for certain electrical appliances. The two pages are not much larger than one of this journal, and are printed in two colors. Our readers will be amazed to learn that the price for a single insertion was \$13,000. Had it been in one color only the price would have been \$11,000. This particular ad was placed in three publications at a total cost of \$33,000. Evidently American manufacturers believe in judicious advertising.

OUR young men are coming forward splendidly to swell the ranks of the Watford Platoons of the 149th Lambton Battalion, and they make a fine appearance. The khaki is becoming to the men on whom it works a magic transformation. They soon learn the value of discipline, move smartly, carry themselves with an erectness and self-reliance, born of the knowledge that they are "doing things" for home and Empire. There are more of our young men who would look well in khaki and would experience the magic of its transforming influences. There is still room in the Watford Platoons. Why not sign up?

RECRUITS are wanted for the Lambton Battalion, the 149th. The county is calling its sons to rally to the colors to save the Empire and world from German domination. There never was a greater opportunity to serve the Empire and humanity than is now presented to our young men. The maintenance of civilization and all that has been won in bygone centuries that make life worth living, is a prize worth making a sacrifice for, and to fight under the proud folds of the Union Jack, the symbol of truth, righteousness and justice, should be esteemed a great honor. Will the young men of Lambton not listen to the call? Don't they want their names enrolled on the pages of history and honor?

YES, indeed, early shopping has many advantages.

P. DODDS & SON wish all a Merry Christmas.

BRITAIN knows something better than conscription.

NOMINATION meeting next Monday evening in the Lyceum.

THE Christmas music will be repeated on Sunday evening in Trinity Church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the town can be had by calling at this office.

Mr. Wilbert Williamson will preach in the Congregational churches on Sunday.

S. J. WHITE, formerly of Oil Springs, a member of 9th Batt., died at the front of pleurisy.

SERGEANT WILL LAMB has been transferred from the 71st Battalion to the Watford Platoon of the 149th.

Rev. Salton of Detroit, Mich., will preach in the Watford Baptist church, Sunday evening next, the 26th.

The high and public schools closed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday. They will re-open January 3rd.

THE Christmas window displays this year in Watford are exceedingly attractive and surpass those in many larger places.

A BRICK and fire proof addition 26 x 28 has just been added to Hadden's garage at Alvington, thus making sufficient room for ten autos.

A LOT of the khaki boys who have been in the trenches seem to know when the war will end better than the generals and those who are directing it.

SPECIAL Christmas services will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday next at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Anthems appropriate for the occasion are being prepared by the choir.

THERE will be services in Trinity church on Saturday, Christmas Day, at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. The choir will be present at the second service. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at each service.

A PIECE of fancy china makes a nice Christmas present. P. Dadds & Son have a fine assortment to choose from, ranging from the fine, dainty little ornament piece to the useful, full-sized dinner or tea set.

OWING to Municipal nomination meeting falling on the night of the regular meeting of Court Lane, C. O. F., they will meet on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, when the officers for the coming year will be elected and the business of the year closed up.

THE proposal is being made in Toronto that the public libraries be opened for certain hours on Sundays that the soldiers now stationed there may have the use of them. Excellent idea, and should be followed up all over the province wherever there is a library and soldiers. And when the war is over and the soldiers have again resumed their peaceful status as private citizens, the libraries should still be open on Sundays. There should be very little trouble in arranging that no one would be compelled to work seven days in the week; and, of course when we say libraries we mean their reading rooms. We have no thought of asking for a distribution of books on Sunday.—Forest Standard. We fully endorse the idea. Public reading rooms should be open every day from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

At the regular December meeting of L.O.L. No. 505, Watford, held Friday night, the initiatory degree was given Corp. A. Dempsey, of the Lambton's Own, 149th Battalion, C. E. F. This makes one more to the long list of the brethren who are fighting for King and country. The election and installation of officers was also put on by Worshipful Bro. Richard Brock, past county master of Middlesex. The following officers were elected for the coming year: W. M., Bro. Geo. Pike; D. M., Bro. Wm. Carroll; chaplain, Bro. John Stanger; R. S., Bro. M. Thompson; E. S., Bro. L. Orlich; treasurer, Bro. Wm. Davidson; D. C., Bro. John Doar; lecturer, Bro. L. H. Aylesworth; first committee-man, Bro. D. Skillen; inner tyler, Bro. John Bryson; outer tyler, Bro. A. Spalding.

A WORKING man and his wife, without counting, can probably save five or six thousand dollars in their life time and thus provide for old age. A working man with five or six children invests that money, which the other man saves, in his children. These children are his provision for old age. Each child costs, on an average, two thousand dollars to raise and educate. There is not a doubt that, if the man with children had been childless, he could have saved as much money as his childless neighbor. The money he might have saved is represented in their young manhood. If he state in his country's service he is giving the one or two thousand dollars which that boy has cost him, he is giving the staff on which he should lean in his declining years. His childless neighbor gives \$5 or \$10 or \$50 and feels that he has done well. This is a time when every man should stand at the bar of his own conscience and ask himself, "Am I giving as much as my neighbor is giving when he gives his boy?"

His hair whitened by the snows of 85 winters, Eli Renaud, life-long resident of Essex County, led the sweetheart of his boyhood to the altar of the River Canard church recently, culminating a romance of 67 years' standing. The bride is 84.

LAI'D TO REST WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS

The Funeral of the Late Lieut.-Col. R. G. Kelly, M. D., a Most Impressive Ceremony.

The esteem that the people of this part of Lambton had for the late Lieut.-Col. Kelly, C. O. 149th Battalion, was evidenced on Friday last by the deeply impressive manner in which they paid their last tribute of respect to him. Many hundreds of people came to town to be present at the obsequies, and during the military ceremony the streets were packed with friends of the late doctor and sympathizers with the family.

At 10 o'clock a. m. a service was held at the family residence for the relatives. It was conducted by Rev. Capt. S. P. Irwin, rector of Trinity Church and chaplain of the 27th Regt., and Rev. Lieut. W. G. Connolly.

At 10.30 the remains were conveyed to the armory under a military escort of officers and men of the 149th Battalion. From that time until 1.30 a constant stream of people viewed the remains. The building was draped with purple and black and the numerous handsome floral tributes were arranged near the casket.

Soon after 1 o'clock a special train of four coaches conveying a company of men of the 70th Batt., with band and buglers of the same battalion, in all about 150 men, under command of Major F. Gorman, arrived at the G. T. R. station from London, and proceeded to the armory. The train from Sarnia brought about fifty officers and men of the late Colonel's own battalion, under command of Major Macvicar and joined the other members of the 149th who had arrived from the surrounding towns and villages earlier. The train from Sarnia also brought a number of civilians.

At 1.30 the procession, under military escort, started from the armory to Trinity Church, in the band of the 70th playing Chopin's weird and solemn Funeral March. During the march to and from church the town bell was tolled.

The order of procession was as follows: Firing Party of 70th Batt., London Band and Buglers

Pall Bearers

Gun carriage with body, casket covered with union jack, sword and scabbard crossed.

Colonel's horse with saddle reversed

Mourners

Officers of 149th Battalion

Divisional Staff, of London

Men of 149th, the Colonel's own Battalion

Civilians

Arriving at the church the casket was placed in front of the chancel. The pall bearers were Lieut.-Cols. Ellis and Merriam of Sarnia; Fisher, Robson and Graham of London, and Kenward of Watford.

The service was a deeply impressive one. The rector, Rev. Capt. Irwin officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. M. Shore and a surpliced choir of twenty voices. The hymns, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Forever With the Lord" were impressively sung, all present joining in lustily.

The rector took for his text St. John 11:25—"I am the resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." The opening sentence of the burial service, he said, gives the tone or key to the whole service. It gives to our service to-day the tone of hope and victory. Death may do its worst, but Christ comes forward and says "I am the resurrection and the life," so that the Christian is really a conqueror—"Faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown." The speaker went on to say that we had met today to honor the memory of a dead soldier, who died on the path of duty. He was living the strenuous life for King and country. The life of the late doctor seems short, yet no life is short in the eyes of eternity if doing its duty. The life of Christ was only thirty and three years, yet it was full, perfect and complete. Some men accomplish more in a few years than others do in three score and ten. It is not only what we do but also what we plan to do. The colonel accomplished much and planned still more. Every day he did something, and it was always in behalf of others. The dead commander listened to the highest call in the empire today—the call of king and country, the call of the oppressed, the call of the needy, the call of right against might. He has passed to the higher life, and the greatest honor we can bestow upon him is to see that his Battalion, the 149th, is soon recruited to full strength. This would please him more than anything else. As chaplain, the speaker, on behalf of the officers of the old 27th and also of the 149th, extended to the family their deepest sympathy, and prayed that God's Holy Spirit might be near and that they might realize that "underneath are the everlasting arms," for the heroic voice of Jesus sings through the world "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

"And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,

And hearts are brave again and arms are strong."

At the close of the address "God save the king" was sung and the "Dead March in Saul" played on the organ while all remained standing.

Leaving the church, the cortege formed as before and proceeded to St. James

church cemetery, Brooke, where the remains were laid to rest. After the commitment had been made a volley was fired, the last post sounded and the solemn ceremony ended.

Thus ended the earthly career of a gallant soldier, a true gentleman, a valued citizen, a talented doctor, an affectionate and indulgent father, a loving husband and a faithful friend. Requisite in pace.

PERSONAL

Mrs. A. Brown is very ill.

Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald is on the sick list. Miss Alice Tanner, St. Thomas, is home for the holidays.

Miss Sarah Mahvity is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl A. Class.

Lieut. R. H. Trenouth has been transferred to Oil Springs.

Miss Laura Richardson, Petrolia, is home for the holidays.

Miss E. Isabel Harris, Welland, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home here.

Mrs. Teppie, Melbourne, is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Shrapnell.

Mrs. Frank Doan has gone to Moncton to spend the winter with her son, Rev. A. E. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Cook and family are spending Christmas at Mrs. Cook's old home here.

Dr. T. F. Waugh, Imperial, Sask, is spending Christmas with his sisters at their home on John Street.

Lieut. F. W. Browne who is going into hospital at London to undergo an operation, has been transferred to Petrolia.

Mrs. George R. Ashmore, and daughter Lillian, of Waukegan, Ill., is spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Harris, her mother still being very ill.

Mr. Stanley G. Collier, of Wood, Valance & Liggatt, wholesale hardware merchants, of Vancouver, and second son of T. H. and Mrs. Collier, has lately undergone a double operation for hernia in the Grandview Hospital, and is now on a fair way to recovery.

GHOP STUFF

Sergt. B. C. Culley has been transferred from the 70th Batt. to the 149th.

Angus Hillis, Petrolia, who has been an invalid for some years, died on Monday.

Blenheim reduced its debt \$3,500 this year besides doing a lot of new public work.

The Pelee Island bean crop brought prices ranging from \$2.75 to \$3.75 per bushel.

G. A. McAlpine has sold out his coal and grain business at Glencoe on account of poor health.

Thos. Sparling, one of the oldest residents of Plympton, died on Tuesday, in his 87th year.

The tax collector of West Lorne had all the taxes collected by Dec. 8th. He is entitled to a chromo.

Lt.-Col. T. B. Welch is on his way home from the front to assume command of the Essex Battalion.

Guelph is seriously considering the proposal to elect a mayor from the members of the council and thus do away with the mayorality contest.

A Romney farmer harvests his clover seed crop Dec. 6th, an unusual thing even in the banana belt. The seed is said to be in as fine condition as if cut in October.

At the recent municipal elections at Calgary, Alberta, Archie Nimmo, a former Sarnia boy, headed the poll in the election for school trustees.

Mrs. W. C. Shepherd of Wyoming, contributed 100 pairs of socks to the Red Cross the other day, also 100 yards of gauze which she made into surgical dressings. A liberal donation worthy of emulation.

Lieut. Geo. Lucas was presented with a very handsome silver cigarette case, suitably engraved, by his fellow officers in the 33rd Regiment on the occasion of his leaving the 33rd to join the 149th Regt.

At the request of hotelmen in Amherstburgh, the Town Council will at the municipal election on the 3rd of January, 1916 place before the ratepayers a by-law to reduce the cost of liquor license fees from \$600 to \$250.

Miss A. J. Willoughby and Miss J. E. Laird, both of Wheatly, Ontario, have volunteered their services as motor transport drivers in the British army, their applications being addressed to the local recruiting depot of the Imperial Army Mechanical Transport Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Lancy, 87 Beatty Avenue, Toronto, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Louise, to Dr. Robert Roy Stirett, of Swift Current, Sask., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stirett, Petrolia, the marriage to take place quietly December 29.

The little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Park, second line, Plympton, barely escaped a terrible death recently. While playing near a lighted lamp a celluloid comb in the child's hair ignited. The little one clutched the comb, which adhered to her fingers, burning her hand badly. Painful wounds are also on her face and head. The child is expected to recover, though it is feared some scars will remain.