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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 Letter Box.

**BIG SALE at SWIFT'S—great bargains.**  
 LOCAL thermometers registered 14 below on Friday night.

**THE County Council will open on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd.**

**THE ice harvest has commenced.** The crop is of pretty good quality.

**HAVE you filled in your National Service card? Has your card been turned in?**

**WEALTHY Germans are concealing their money in preparation for the day of defeat.**

**THE Dominion parliament opened Thursday.** Now watch for the bombs to burst.

**BOY'S OVERCOATS 74 off.—SWIFT'S SALE.**

**CHAMBER'S CHOPPING DEPARTMENT will run Saturday's, only, during January on account of the present coal flurry.**

**THE address of the Grand Master L. O. L., District of Warwick, will appear in a later issue.**

**24 PASSENGER trains were discontinued on the Grand Trunk in Western Ontario on Sunday and 25 on the C. P. R.**

**THE good sleighing has helped business some this month.** Merchants report trade better than usual at this season of the year.

**A great many people in town are almost out of fuel.** Unless a supply comes to hand very shortly there will be a hard time ahead.

**LAMBTON'S 149 BATT.** is endeavoring to secure a few more recruits. Now is the time to join as the battalion will likely go overseas early in the year.

**REMNANTS DRUGGOODS half price.—SWIFT'S SALE.**

**INVITATIONS will shortly be issued for an assembly in Taylor's Lyceum on the night of Thursday, Jan. 25th.** Music by Tony Vita's orchestra.

**ENLISTMENTS in Canada to the end of 1916 totaled 385,955, more than half that number having been enrolled during the past year.**

**Observe the little dollar bill**  
 How small he is to spend,  
 How big and hard and harder still  
 To borrow from your friend.

**BRO. S. C. PARKS, Grand Master I. O. O. F.,** will visit Peabody Lodge No. 99 on Jan. 22, 1917. A full attendance of members requested.—S.C.V. 2t

**THE leaders of fashion state that there will be little change in men's suits the coming summer.** With some of us there will be no change whatever; we will have to grub along with last year's suit.

**A LEAMINGTON man sent 15 fresh eggs by mail to a relative serving at the front.** No doubt they would be one of the most appreciated presents received for some time.

**DON'T delay paying your 1916 bill at SWIFT'S.**

**REV. A. W. HONE, of Petrolia,** nephew of Mr. A. D. Hone, of Watford, is now pastor of the Carman Methodist Church, Toronto, a new church dedicated lately.

**THE week of prayer closed with the service in Trinity Church last Friday evening.** All the services were well attended and were earnest and hearty in their character.

**BOTHWELL TIMES.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dennis, of Dresden, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown, Oakdale, also called on Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, of Florence, on their way to Watford, where they will visit relatives.**

**AT a special meeting held at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Adams, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, Lambton's I. O. O. F. E. decided to send \$25 to the Secours National Relief fund, in France, in answer to the urgent call of the French Red Cross Society.**

**Boy's sweater coats 35 cents.—SWIFT'S SALE.**

**It is certainly up to the powers that be to provide something more modern and useful in the way of fire fighting apparatus.** The fair weather and good roads hand engine is a relic of 60 years ago. Wake up, gentlemen.

**THE way that women have taken upon themselves the task of keeping the boys at the front supplied with necessities, comforts and luxuries during these days of stress, has done much to advance the cause of equal rights.**

**ON Sunday evening next Rev. Geo. W. Connors, pastor of the Baptist Church, will preach on the subject "Fire! Its Great Design."** The practical lessons from the fire of last Sunday morning will be set forth. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Service at 7 o'clock.

**THERE is to be a public installation of this year's officers of the Independent Order of Foresters in their hall here next Wednesday evening, January 24th.** A High Court officers is to perform the ceremony and give an address, and then a general social time is to be spent and a lunch served by the ladies. Every member is requested to be on hand and bring in his basket with eatables for the occasion. Visitors and friends of members are also invited to be present.

**THERE will be a fancy dress carnival in Fowler's rink on Tuesday evening next, Jan. 23rd, when a good list of cash prizes will be given for the best costumes.** There will also be a number of races. Grand march at 10 o'clock. Band in attendance. Skaters in costume free. Admission 45 cents and 25 cents.

**LADIES' COATS half price.—SWIFT'S SALE.**

**PARKHILL GAZETTE:—It is reported that out of the seven Watfordites who played hockey here on Monday night, four were soldiers in disguise and that the timekeeper was a returned soldier.** Guess they thought they were going up against last year's hockey team instead of the High School boys.

**There is something about the National Service test which confronts the men of Canada that is more searching than any previous test.** It is going into more homes and more hearts than has any other appeal. In the degree to which we measure up to it we establish ourselves as worthy or unworthy of our citizenship.

**Now it is my lady's fine fancy embroidered handkerchief that must go. The physicians are on its trail and urge its abolition because, it is believed to be a source of infection long after a person has recovered from such diseases as infantile paralysis and even common colds.** To take its place the cheap and clean Japanese paper napkin, which is burned after it has been used is spoken of.

**GIRL'S COATS half-price.—SWIFT'S SALE.**

**In connection with the Lambton County Corn Show to be held in Petrolia on January 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1917, there will be illustrated addresses on Rural Consolidated Schools by Mr. R. Lees, M. A., of Peterboro, who has visited places where these schools are in successful operation. These addresses will be given at the afternoon and evening meetings on January 25th.** Mr. Lees has the practical knowledge of the subject, and will present it in a most interesting manner.

**THE annual meeting of the East Lambton Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber, Watford, on Friday, January 19th, at 1 o'clock.** This meeting is open to the public and all interested in the Fair are invited to be present. Plans will be discussed for the conducting of the fair for 1917 and officers will also be elected for the year. If you have any ideas about booming or improving the fair you are requested to attend and make them known. Everyone welcome.

**In another column appears a communication about Fire Protection in our village.** The subject is one of interest to every property owner in the place, and considering the failure of the Fire Department to save part of the house burnt down Sunday morning, is one that should be thoroughly discussed and some means devised to provide more adequate protection than we have at present. Our columns are open for the discussion of the subject and we hope other readers will take the question up and by so doing excite interest in the matter. Our present equipment is altogether out of date and should be improved no matter what the cost.

**THE first fire this winter occurred Sunday morning when the dwelling house of Mr. John Kersey on Wall Street was burned to the ground.** About 5:30 a neighbor, Mr. John Humphries, discovered smoke issuing from the rear part of Mr. Kersey's house and at once aroused the family. The fire had evidently caught from the kitchen chimney and had not made much headway when discovered. The fire alarm was sounded and soon a goodly number of people were on the spot, who turned to with a will and got all the furniture out of the front part of the house. The fire brigade responded to the call but through inadequate apparatus failed to save any part of the building, and Mr. and Mrs. Kersey and their five small children are homeless. A trunk containing valuable papers and \$93 in cash was consumed, it being in a bedroom near where the fire started. Mr. Kersey places his loss at \$2,000. There was an insurance of \$500 on the building and \$400 on the contents, but that will go but a short way towards making up the loss. Mr. Kersey purchased the house last summer and spent a considerable sum in putting it in good shape. The family have the sympathy of the community in their disastrous loss.

## I. O. D. E.

**Tecumseh Chapter met Jan. 9th at the home of Mrs. C. Howden, Miss Abbott assisting hostess.** Quotations were on the New Year. Interesting letters were read from the boys in England, thanking the chapter for the Christmas boxes, also a letter from nursing sister Miss Reed. \$25.00 was donated for the French relief. \$10.00 for the soldiers' shower. The sock committee reported that the yarn had been all knit, and \$15.00 to be sent for more yarn. Mrs. Swift read an appeal from Marion Keith for French relief. Mrs. A. G. Brown gave a synopsis of Mrs. McLaren Brown's address given in London for the Red Cross. The next regular meeting to be held at the home of Miss Mavity, Mrs. N. B. Howden assisting. Quotations, on St. Valentine. Refreshments and singing of the national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

**Reeve Annet, of Euphemia purposes publishing another set of poems.**

## Letter from Jerrold Snell

Rev. J. A. Snell hands us, an extract from a letter just received from his son, Jerrold, who is attached to No. 3 Canadian General (McGill) Hospital, Boulogne, France.

Dec. 28th.

**Dear Mother and Dad:**  
 The Christmas stockings sent by the ladies of the 6th line, West Brooke, Red Cross Circle, all arrived safely and as I was on night duty at the time on Christmas eve I hung the stockings at the foot of each bed. When the patients woke up and saw the stockings they made for them just as eagerly as if they had been little kids at home. They were certainly surprised and delighted when they opened them up, and I only wish you people at home, and the ladies who so thoughtfully planned this treat, could have seen their faces and the various expressions of joy. Canadians, Australians, and Negroes from the British West Indies were among those who shared these good things. The nursing-sisters in charge join with me in thanking all who helped to make Christmas brighter in our ward. I certainly enjoyed the parcels I have received from Watford, the "I. O. D. E." the Young Ladies' Bible Class, Meth. S. S., and the "Kewpie Club" have all helped to make my Christmas a happy one, though so far from home. I am highly favored in having so many friends to remember me at this season. I am anxiously looking for the box of apples you mentioned, as they will be a very great treat over here. The weather over here is damp and we all take cold easily. We are hoping that 1917 will see the close of this awful war and that we shall spend next Christmas at home.

**JERROLD W. SNELL.**  
 NOTE.—Mrs. Snell and the members of the "Utopia Bible Class," Meth. S. S., received a card last week from L.-Corp. F. W. F. Cunningham, of 14th Batt., who is the "prisoner of war" in Germany, assigned to their care. He appreciates the parcels and cards received from these young ladies. All parcels are reaching him regularly, according to word received here, and contents are certainly welcome.

## Robertson-Sullivan

**The marriage took place on Jan. 3rd, 1917, at the home of the bride's mother, 2nd line, Warwick, East, of Miss Mary Catherine Sullivan, daughter of the late James Sullivan, to Mr. Russell Clarence Robertson of 2nd con. Warwick.** The bride was beautifully attired in white satin and carried a bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern, the officiating clergyman being Rev. F. G. Robinson, assistant minister, Watford. After the ceremony, dinner was served to a large number of guests. The newly married couple will reside on the groom's farm, 2nd line, Warwick, East.

## PERSONAL

**W. E. Fitzgerald was in Toronto on Monday.**

**W. G. Connolly and daughter Mary are visiting in Brockville this week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Cooke of Wilkie, Sask., are visiting at Walter Cooke, Sr.'s, Charles Potter the Divisional Cavalry, has been invalided home and arrived in Toronto last week.**

**Miss Gladys Shiranell left on Monday for Ingersoll, where she has accepted a position as teacher in the public school.**

## BORN.

**In Armada, Mich., on Thursday, January 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Carter a daughter.**

## MARRIED.

**At Sylvan Bower, on January 3rd, 1917 by Rev. F. G. Robinson, Russel C. Robertson and Mary Catherine Sullivan, both of Warwick.**

## DIED.

**In Petrolia, on Monday, January 8, 1917, Lula May, beloved wife of Arthur S. Brown, in her 23rd year.**

**In Sarnia, on Thursday, January, 4th, 1917 Mr. Alex. B. Barron, formerly of Forest, aged 78 years.**

## BROOKE

**The Red Cross Society of the 6th line west, will meet at the home of Mrs. James Moffat, on January 24. A good attendance is requested as business of importance will come before the meeting.**

**The Tipperary Red Cross Circle will hold a Bazaar and Box Social in school house S. S. No. 5 on Friday night, Jan. 26th. A side splitting program is being arranged. Buy a lucky ticket and take home a pair of socks. Proceeds for Red Cross work.**

**A very successful meeting of the Red Cross Worker's Union was held at Mrs. Robert Long's on Wednesday 10th. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. T. Woods' on January 24th. It is hoped many will attend as there are some interesting letters to be read from Soldiers in the trenches. These are from some who have received socks knit and Christmas parcels sent by members and Workers of the Red Cross Worker's Union.**

**The regular meeting of the Brooke**

**Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. P. McGregor on January 11th.** The meeting opened by singing the Maple Leaf after which the business was discussed. Mrs. McGregor sang a solo which was very much appreciated. Mr. Eason then addressed the meeting on "Women's Franchise", which was both interesting and instructive. The National Anthem then brought the meeting to a close after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her assistant.

**A Social and Entertainment will be given in the Salem Methodist Church, Brooke circuit, 12th line, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid, on Friday evening, Jan., 19th.** A humorous sketch "The New Ministers Wife" will be given by the members of the Utopia Bible Class of Watford, also solos by Misses Lovell, Richardson, B. Harper, Mr. Harold Robinson and others; readings by Mrs. Leath and others. Lunch will be served. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Everybody come. Rkv. J. A. SNELL, Chairman.

## Lambton County Corn Show and Rural School Convention

**The Rural School County Convention will be held in the town of Petrolia at the time of the Lambton County Corn Show, which takes place on January 24th, 25th and 26th, 1917.**

**Anyone from rural sections whether appointed delegate or not is invited to attend and take part in the Rural School Conventions.** N. McDUGALL, HENRY CONN, Public School Inspectors.

**The following is a program of the Lambton County Corn Show and Rural School Convention:**

**Wednesday, January 24th, 1917**  
 8:00 p. m.—Official opening of Corn Show. Two musical numbers. Chairman's address. W. Bert Roadhouse, address. Musical number. Major C. O. Fairbank, address.

**Thursday, January 25th.**  
 10:30 a. m.—Poultry Talk—Cooperative. 2:30 to 3:30—Conference on Rural School Consolidation.

**3:30 to 4:30—L. H. Newman on "Corn."**  
 8:00 p. m.—Musical numbers; warden of county; address.

**Illustrated talk on rural school consolidation.**

**Forenoon and afternoon—Fire insurance meeting in Agricultural office.**

**Friday, January 26th.**  
 9 a. m. to 10 a. m.—Annual meeting of Poultry Association and election of officers in Agricultural office.

**9 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.—Annual meeting of Corn Growers' Association and election of officers in council chambers.**

**10:30 a. m. to 12 a. m.—Election of officers of Rural School Association in council chambers.**

## WARWICK.

**Mary Gault spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clubb, King Street, Petrolia.**

**A meeting of the Women's Patriotic League will be held at the home of Mrs. Peter Ferguson, Egremont Road on Wednesday afternoon, January 24th.**

**The January meeting of the Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute was held in the Foresters' hall. The attendance was good and willing hands sorted and packed 13 tons of paper which had been collected to aid in the Relief work. Sixteen pair of socks were handed in by the knitters. A Concert in aid of the Red Cross Work will be given on January 30th. Particulars later.**

**The annual business meeting of the Birnam Red Cross League was held January 4th. All officers were reappointed:—President, Miss Jennie Vance; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. Luckham, Mrs. L. Kenzie, Mrs. H. Richardson; Secretary, Ruby McCormick; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Luckham; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Cox. Donations for the year \$98.47. Social receipts, \$88.15. Quilt receipts, \$44.77. Total, \$226.39. Expenditures, \$149.80. Balance, \$76.59. Work accomplished, 8 grey flannel shirts; 56 pairs socks; 13 help- less gowns; 7 dozen handkerchiefs; 89 bandages; 14 pillows; 7 pyjama suits; 33 trench towels; 20 wash cloths and 47 pillow slips.**

**Emma Brodie of Warwick, wife of Gordon Harris, was buried at Forest Saturday. The couple were married only last month, and were living in Port Huron, when she was stricken with pneumonia. The remains were brought to Forest, and taken to her brother's, D. F. Brodie, Warwick. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. Murray of the Congregational Church, the bearers being Ernest Karr, D. D. Brodie, G. Brodie, Alexander Campbell, J. Wright, cousins of deceased, and R. Brandon. The wife of D. F. Brodie, from whose home the funeral took place, died recently. Two brothers and two sisters living in Warwick survive besides her husband.**

**An enthusiastic meeting of the Women's Patriotic League was held at the home of Mrs. Reynolds on Jan., 10th. Work consisted of making flannel shirts and pyjamas. A Card of Thanks has been received from Private Charles Blunt, Prisoner of War, expressing his gratitude to the League for parcels of food received regularly by him through the Red Cross Society. Thanks were tendered Mrs. Charles Chambers for her generous donation of socks, flannel, toeling, etc. A very interesting letter was read from Private Wicks of New Brunswick, who acknowledged with thanks the gift of a Christmas Stocking from Stuart McDonald. Private Wicks is in the hospital**

**in England. The collection amounted to \$21.60. Goods sent to Red Cross Society, London, were 13 grey flannel shirts, 6 pyjamas, 8 handkerchiefs, 10 pairs socks, 6 yards cheesecloth, quantity old linen.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morningstar spent a few days this week with friends in Sarnia.**

**Mr. Eggerston, of Mortlock, Sask., was a guest at the home of Miss Jennie Vance and her brother, Harvey, for a few days, while on a trip through Ontario.**

**Line 10 on the Morningstar line has been divided at Birnam, and north and east remain line 10, while south and west becomes line 28. Several new phones are being put in on the line.**

**The funeral of the late Mrs. Peter Wills, of Coldstream, took place last Wednesday afternoon at Bethel cemetery, where her husband, who predeceased her some years ago, is buried.**

**Mr. and Mrs. George Welsh are here on a visit from their home in the West, and when they return will take their little son, Stanley, who has been for some time with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Welsh, 4th line.**

**The Lambton Creamery Co., who purchased the Birnam factory last year, is giving an oyster supper on Friday evening of this week, to which all the patrons of last year and the coming year, with their wives, are invited. Several speakers will be present.**

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