## LOCAL HAPPENINGS \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column all Phone II, send by mail or droptem in GUIDE-ADVOCATE LetterBox.

HALF-PRICE sale of Millinery. - A

THRIFT STAMPS are now on sale at the IT WILL soon be time to pick out our

It's NOT TOO EARLY to renew your subscription for 1919.

HAVE YOU paid your taxes? If not thy? The sooner a disagreeable job is why? The soon done the better. IMMENSE quantities of poultry have been shipped from Watford during the

past few weeks. W. H. KENNEY of Sarnia has been elected on the executive of the United Boards of Trade of Western Ontario.

THE Minister of Education has an THE Minister of Education has announced the fifth award of the scholarships provided by the late J. I. Carter of Sarnia. The Lambton winners are; 1, Robt. A.McDougal Sarnia; 2, Marie E. La Piere, Sarnia; 3, Olive M. Gardner, Sarnia RING UP the Shopper at SWIFT'S and ask about Christmas goods.

THE CANALIAN OFFICIAL RECORD. issued by the Director of Public Informa-tion at Ottawa, seems to be somewhat of a back number. Perusing it carefully each week one fails to find any information that has not previously been given in most of the daily papers. Why this waste of paper when the commodity is so high in price and hard to get needs some explanation.

THE AMHERSTBURG ECHO has entered upon the 45th year of its publication. It is a well-edited, well-printed paper, a art is a well-ented, well-printed paper, a credit to the publishers and a valuable asset to the town and county. Like wine it improves with age. The people of the district should be proud of their llocal organ and extend their warmest support to its editors and publishers, Messrs. Auld & Marsh.

Men's China dog and Siberian beaver coats, finest quality and extra full shapes —A. Brown & Co.

REGULAR MEETING of Court Lorne, C.O.F., Monday evening next, December 9th, at 8 o'clock. Nomination of officers will be of interest to all. Mr. J. E. Collier, financial secretary for the past eighteen years, has positively declined to accept that position again. This is of interest to every member, so come along and help to select the new officers. A lot of other important business to dis-

pose of at this meeting.

ONLY half a pound of wool for each person in Canada. If you need woollens to keep away the shivers call at SWIFT'S right away.

FROM a musical society's prospectus "Fees from one dollar up, according to length of lesson, instrument and professor." Well, say a two-hour lesson on the trombone with a six-foot teacher,

MR. I. W. GILLILAND, of Duluth, renewing his subscription to the Guide-Advocate, says:—"The paper is just as welcome as ever. We are always anxious for news of the old residents." His oldest son, Cecil, lost his home and furniture in the recent forest fire near. Duluth.

A SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFT-a pair A SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFT—a pair of high-grade Shoes. Come and see the mewest models. Compare our prices with the city stores.—P. Dodds & Son, the shoe store for all the family.

RUBBER overshoes often become loose that they slip off at the heels, especially in the winter and spring, when the ground is muddy or slushy. This annoying trouble can be entirely eliminated by the slip of the slip o ated by gluing a felt band around the in-side top of the rubber.

Don't curtail your buying. Goods will be higher before they will be lower. Buy your needs now.—Swift's.

A MAID was brushing her mistress' hair when she mentioned that she had heard Miss Evans sing in the parlor the might before. "And how did you like it?" asked the mistress. "Oh, mum!" ansked the mistress. asked the mistress. "Oh, mum!" answered the maid, "it was beautiful! She sang just as if she wuz gargling."

TURNBULL'S Underwear for women and children is the acknowledged leader.

—A. Brown & Co., sole agents.

Owing to the consumption of soft coal there is much more danger in chimney fires this winter than usual. A simple fires this winter than usual. A simple and effective remedy is given, namely, if a fire starts, take a piece of cotton cloth, soak it in water and place on top of the fire. The steam generated therefrom will extinguish the blaze in the chimney.

The finest range of work gloves and mitts in town. —A. Brown & Co.

AT WHAT temperature should an office or working room be kept, is being asked every day. To supply this information the office of the Fuel Administration has sent out the following statement:—The temperature recommended by the Ontario Puel Administration for working and living rooms is 64 degrees. It is the degree of heat at which science agrees man is at his best. The temperature for sleeping nis best. The temperature for sleeping rooms is 50 degrees or less. When the room is heated by stove have a pan of water or a boiling kettle always on top.



## Lieut. Gerald Taylor Was Killed by Whizzbang

(London Free Press)

Particulars of the death in action of Lieut. Gerald I. Taylor on Oct. 16, one of London's most popular young men, also many messages of condolence, have been received by the parents of the young officer, Mr. and Mrs, Ingram P. Taylor, 94 Horton street.

Writing of his death, Capt. C. G. Emmet, chaplain of the 1st Battalion, Canadian Infantry, says:-

"Words at such a time do seem hope lassly inadequate either to express one's feelings or to convey comfort. I knew 'Gerry' personally very well indeed, and I feel I have lost a real friend in him. He won one's high regard by his sane, clean outlook on life, as well as his wholesome straight living and attractive wholesome, straight living and attractive

personality.

"As you are probably aware, Gerry had only rejoined the 1st battalion about two weeks previous to his death having been divisional burnal officer for over 13 months, and it seems so peculiarly sad that the stray shell should have found him just as he was returning from a tour round the lines.

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"But even in your grief you will be thankful to know that your son's death was quite immediate and painless. "I buried him in Lecluse British Cemetery on October 17."

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An intimate glimpse of Lieut. Taylor's last days is given in a letter from Lieut. C. B. Rawling, who says in part: "The day before Gerald was killed Lieut. Joe Murray and myself went over to visit him and we had a good chat together. Gerry was up reconnoitering an area that this battalion was to proceed to the next night when the Germans threw over five which circle. five whizzbangs, one of which struck him and he died instantly. His death is sincerely regretted by every officer, N. C. O. and man of this battalion, a as well known, respected and loved by

Lieut. Taylor was born in Watford, Ont. He was for a number of years engaged as a traveler for Messrs John Marshall &Co., city, where he remained until the time of his enlistment with the 142nd (London's Own) Battalion.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE has always

SARNIA BARBERS have raised the price f a shave to 20 cents.

HOUSEKEEPERS can ice their Christ-

THOSE 20TH CENTURY OVERCOATS re selling far and near. Buy early.—A. Brown & Co.

CHAS. RIGNEY, a Sarnia railway man, was cut in two by a train last Thursday. No one saw the accident.

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for \$1.50 to new subscribers. Don't sponge your reading from your neighbor. ALL retail stores in Ontario are now free to switch on their window lights every night, the ban being lifted.

IF you have never worn Dent's Gloves you have a treat in store this Christmas -SWIFT's Glove Dept.

\$50,000.00 PRIVATE FUNDS to loan a six per cent on farm mortgages.—Cowan Towers & Cowan. n22-4t

HAVE you seen the presents? My dear, they're wonderful. Twenty Victory bonds a lot of W. S. S., a bag of flour, two pounds of sugar and half a ton of coal.

Among the returned soldiers who arrived home this week was Frank W Yerks of Petrolea, who kept a barber shop in Watford at the time he enlisted.

ANY PERSON having an account agains the Corporation of Watford should pre sent the same for next meeting, December 14th, as the financial year will clos on that date.

In the recent Victory Loan canvas Brooke district subscribed \$100.82 per capita and Warwick district \$81.91 per capita. Taking the county as a whole the amount was \$88.12 per capita.

ORDER ladies' and gents' plain and initialled handkerchiefs by mail from us. We give you the best value in Canada. Our stock was bought in 1917 and are pure linen. Price \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.00 to \$5.50 per dozen.—Swift's.

So FAR 5,623 have died from Spanish influenza in Ontario this tall.

MR. BEN COWAN has taken over the bakery business of Mr. S. H. Mitchell. SECRETARIES of Societies will oblige by sending us the names of their newlyelected officers.

THE Chief of Police notifies all residents that snow must be shovelled within three hours after storm ceases.

Lambton County Council met Tuesday afternoon, with Warden Annett presiding. Mr. Stever of the Naval Merchant Marine addressed the sailors' day campaign.

THE regular monthly meeting of Lambton's 149 I. O. D. E. will be held Tues-

Do your Christmas shopping now Goods delivered when wanted. — A Brown & Co.

in town and all the cases are of exceedingly mild type. All kinds of wild rumors are afloat and some of them get into the daily papers.

have a newspaper. A glance at the advertising columns of a paper will show who keep a town on the map. PTE. JOHN LAVERNE ARNOLD, of London, was among the prisoners of war released by the Germans under the terms

of the armistice. Pte. Arnold is a native of Watford, the son of Mrs. Wm. Arnold who left here some years ago for London. THE date on the name label on the top of your paper—or on the wrapper—shows the date to which your subscription is paid. Please make it a point to see that your subscription does not get behind.

RUBBERS AND SOCKS for the out-door workers. Also strong waterproof shoes. Perhaps you prefer Rubber Boots. It makes no difference, we have them all. Compare our prices.—P. Dodds & Son.

THE NAMES of a number of new sub-

After Names of a number of new subscribers have been added to the Guide-Advocate subscription lists during the past few weeks. If not already a subscriber, subscribe now. \$1.50 pays for the paper to Dec. 31st, 1919. MUST'T OVER (H)EAT.

"When teeding the furnace It's proper," said Teal, "To give it at present A rather light meal."

OUR stock of Christmas neckwear, linen handkerchiefs, hosiery, gloves, blouses, ribbons finest yet.—Swift's.

REV. JAMES HAMILTON, of London, will preach in the Watford Congregational Church on Sunday next at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and at Zion, Warwick, in the afternoon.

THE case of James Mains vs. Edward Kidd was heard at the Supreme Court at Sarnia on Tuesday. In this matter Mr. Mains sued Mr. Kidd for physical Mains such Mr. Kidd for physical damage received during the removal of the marble works building last May. Plaintiff was awarded \$425, and costs.

A GOVERNMENT publiction tell us that Canadian canned whale is now retailed at 20c per can and that the meat resembles beefsteak. During the past season it was sold by the carload in American cities.

RUBBERS for wet, snowy weather. We have them in all styles and sizes for the whole family. Not high-priced, either—cheaper than cold cures. We have yours ready for you, call and get them now.-P. Dodds & Son.

Alvinston ratepayers will vote on a by law to make a municipal concern of the electric light plant. The voting will take place on Dec. 20th and the plant has been valued at \$2807.29.

For some time past, notwithstanding FOR some time past, notwinstanding many cautions given, some boys have been in the habit of congregating in the evening in the Bell Telephone Central, taking the attention of the 'operator and otherwise causing disturbance and annoyance, much to the detriment of the Company. The Traffic Superintendent at Company. The Traffic Superintendent at London has complained to Chief Elliot and instructed him to round up the offenders and prosecute them. Last Sunday night several boys were caught on the premises and would have been prosecuted but for the leniency of the local manager, who out of consideration for their families allowed them to go free. The matter has finally been taken out of Mr. McLeay's hands and the Company will positively prosecute the offenders.

## Defiance Fire Co. Officers

The Annual meeting of the local fire brigade was held in the fire hall on Tuesday evening last when the officers for 1919 were elected as follows:—

Chief-R. E. Johnston Assistant Chief-Jas. Willoughby Captain-E. A. Brown 1st Lieut. - D. Roberts 2nd Lieut,-W. Ward Secretary—J. D. Brown Treasurer—P. J. Dodds. 1st Branca-Sid Smith 2nd Branch—J. Doar Caretaker—W. Scott Foreman hose—W. Phair Second hose-H. McNally Suction Hose—D. Hamilton and J. Shaw Auditors—C. A. Class and G. Harper. Flagmen—J. S. Williams and Ed. Clark.

PTE. NEWELL HASTINGS

He was a boy of sunuy disposition and a

favorite among his friends. With

his chum Pte. Chester McRichie, he en-

listed in the 149th Batt., when first organ-

ized about three years ago and had served

Pte. Newell Hastings is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hastings, Petrolea.

NOTICE.-All taxes due the corporation of Watford must be paid by Dec. 14th.—ALEX. CAMERON, Collector.

day afternoon Dec. 10th at 3. o'clock, at the home of Miss Ella McLeay.

THE influenza is steadily on the decline

WITHOUT enterprising and public spirited business men few towns would

follows:—
Dear Mother,—Just a few lines to letyou know that at present I am pretty well. I got a couple of pieces of shrapnell in the leg and one in the ribs but I would hardly know that they are there. I am in a Canadian hospital and am having a good time. The sisters are fine and the fellows working here do all they can for one. All the wounds put together would not cover more than a quarter. I don't know whether I will make England on them but I hope I do. The boys certainly have old Fritz on the go now and I hope that they keep him

go now and I hope that they keep him going. It was at Cambrai that I got mine. I have not heard about Chester for some time but I hope he is well and not fighting. I started to write before I went into the line but I never got it finished. I have to write to the Battalion so I can get my mail. Will write again in a couple of days, so will close now, with love to all. Your loving son, NEWELL.

follows:-

NEWELL. The Chaplain's letter reads as follows France, Oct. 30, 1918. Dear Mrs. Hastings:-

Dear Mrs. Hastings:—
Your son, Newell, who is with us is not doing very well. The wound in his leg is quite alright, and even his wounded side and lung is coming on well but he developed trouble in the other lung and yesterday they drew off some fluid. He may improve but his weakness through wounds and operations is against him. He gets constant and the very best of care. May God tless him and enable you to trust him for sustaining grace.

W. S. D MAGWOOd, Captain and Chaplain

The next letter from the chaplain was dated Nov. 1st, and tells of Newell's death. It reads:

Dear Mrs. Hastings:-We have been hoping that your sor We have been hoping that your son might recover and I think he would have had it not been for the trouble that developed in the unwounded lung. But the complications were beyond his powers of endurance, and he died yesterday evening at ten minutes to seven. Let me assure you that he got the very best of attention and to the less than the seven. best of attention and to the last was made as comfortable as possible.

#### Visit of Masonic District Deputy Grand Master

R. W. Bro. James Hamilton of Petrolea D. D. G. M., of Masonic district No. 2, paid an official visit to Havelock Lodge, Watford, on Tuesday evening last. He was accompanied by Bros. Dowling, Mc Kaig and Stonehouse of Petrolea, and visitors were present from Arkona, Alvinston and Sarnia lodges. Owing to the prevalence of influenza in the sur-rounding towns the number of visitors was not as large as usual. A candidate was raised to the third degree by W. M. Hawn and his officers who were highly complimented by the Deputy for the correct manner in which they performed the difficult work of the degree. After close of the lodge lunch was served in the lodge room and a social hour spent in speech and song.

In selecting your reading for 1919 do not overlook that old standby. The Farmers' Weekly Sun. There is no other paper just like it. No increase in price, One Dollar per year. Free sample copies will be sent on request. Address The Weekly Sun, Toronto. The dollar invested will bring you a handsome return.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. Wm, Doan returned from London

Mr. John Hawn, Sibboing, Mich, 19 the guest of Mr. A. Hawn. Miss Tiffin, of Goderich, is visiting at the Methodist parsonage.

Miss A. Harper, trained nurse, has returned to Port Huron.

Miss Bessie Shannon underwent an operation for appendicitis on Sunday Mr. S. B. Howden has been confined to the house all week with illness

Reeve Fitzgerald attended the December session of the county council this

R. J. McCormick of the Sterling Bank staff has been transferred to St. Cathar-

Mr. George Dodds and daughter, Mamie, left on Thursday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Hudgins, and her hus-Robert Tiffin, who has secured a position with R. C. Struthers & Co., London, spent last Sunday visiting at his bone here.

Mr. Chas. McKenzie, of the Royal Air Force at Long Branch Camp, Toronto, paid a visit to relatives in Watford be-

fore returning to his home in High River Southern Alberta. Mr. Jos. S. Williams, "the old pioneer," is still confined to the house with illness. Although there is little improvement in his condition he is cheerful and glad to

see old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Taylor attended Mr. and Mrs. Root. Taylor attended the funeral of the late Mr. Shirley Karr, 4th line north, last week and remained with the family for a few days. Mrs. Karr is a niece of Mrs. Taylor's.

in the trenches since August 4th. He was wounded on Oct. 10 and died in Letreport hospital, France, on Oct. 31. The young soldier was born in Brooke township on the old Hastings homestead, Con. 12, in February 1899. About nine years ago he came with his parents to Petrolia. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Bordon and Jack and two sisters Irene and Neta.

The last letter received from Newell Mr. Frank Hillis, Toronto, is a guest at the Roche House. It is about six years since he visited the old town and is having a pleasant time hunting up old friends and acquaintances. Frank has The last letter received from Newell was dated France Oct 15th, 1918, and was addressed to his mother. It reads as the same elastic step as when flying over the jump years ago.

# WARWICK

Miss Lottie Kadey is spending a tew weeks in Springfield.

Uncle Nick Luckham celebrated his 82nd birthday on Tuesday the 26th inst. Mr. John Blain received word this week that his son W. J. was improving nicely.

Dr. T. R. Westgate has at last arrived in Canada, having landed at St. John on Saturday last.

Mrs. E. O. Sitter returned to her own home last week after suffering from a severe attack of flu followed by bronchial pneumonia.

Rev. Crossley, evangelist, will preach at Bethel next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 His associate Mr. Leonard will accom-

Miss Emmeline Holland is returning to her home in Clinton until after Xmas holidays as school is closed on account of influenza.

Mr. Fred Graham being confined to his home for some time with the 'du' the neighbors turned out on Saturday and finished up his fall plowing for him.

Mrs. C. N. Richardson received the ad news last week that her eldest sister Mrs. Samuel Casselman, of Deer Lodge Montana, was dead, a victim of pneu-

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Arthur Goldsmith, 15 side road, in his bereave-ment in the death of his wife which took place on Thursday the 28th inst. ment at Arkona cemetery Saturday

Robert MacKenzie, collector of taxes will be at the old Roche House, Forest, on Monday, Dec. 9th, at the Cliff House, Arkona, on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, and at the Roche House, Watford, on Thurs-day, Dec. 12th, until 3 p. m. to receive While returning from Forest on Wed-

withe returning from Forest on Wed-nesday, the 27th inst. Mr. Will Vance's team took fright and ran away throwing him violently to the ground rendered him unconscious for some time. Dr. Blain, of Forest, was called and found several ribs fractured and otherwise severely bruised, he has since been con-fined to his bed but is improving nicely.

Shiiley Karr, 4th line, died Monday morning, Nov. 25th, after a long illness. He was born in Warwick and was in his 40th year. Eight years ago he married Miss Jean Campbell, of Warwick and she with one daughter, Katherine, survive. His mother died many years ago. His father, John Karr, lives on the 4th line. one brother, Ernest, and two sisters, Mrs. John Attwood and Mrs. Geo. Matthews, also survive him, all of Warwick. One brother, Russel, died about a year ago. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, from the family residence to Beechwood cemetery, Rev. P. C. Buck officiating. P. C. Buck officiating.

## Change of Business

Having disposed of my bakery and confectionery to Mr. J. B. Cowan, I wish to thank the public heartily for their very liberal patronage for the past seven years and hope they may continue to give my successor the same support where first class goods are always guaranteed. I wish you all a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

S. H. MITCHELL

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