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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THIS GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call phone 11, send by mail or drop letter in GUIDE-ADVOCATE letter box.

Large 12-4 Cotton Blankets \$3.75—Swift's Sale.

Folks who have money to burn should go ahead and burn it. It is cheaper than coal.

Don't blame the Yanks for discounting your dollar down to about 30 cents. You are to blame.

Please call and settle your account, as we are closing our books for last year.—P. Dodds & Son.

"Pa, somebody has stolen our auto!" "Well, let's be thankful there wasn't more than a gallon of gasoline in it anyhow."

Wide Prints, navys, 35 cents.—Swift's Sale.

At the first meeting of the new council W. H. Shrapnell and Orlo Jacklin were appointed auditors. The other municipal officers are the same as last year.

Being manufacturers, the newspapers are not affected by the removal of the luxury tax. They have to go right on paying the tax at both ends as usual.

Western Ontario is to be divided into fourteen districts for the better enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act. Each district will be under a divisional superintendent.

Men's Heavy Overcoats \$12.75.—Swift's Sale.

Trinity Church Women's Guild will serve a hot supper in the church basement from 6 to 8 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20th. Admission 35 cents. All welcome and invited.

"What's that big thing over there? That's a locomotive boiler," he replied. She puckered her brows and said, "What do they boil a locomotive for?" "To make the locomotive tender."

The prize lists for the Lambton County Corn Show have been sent out by Secretary Macdonald. The show will be held this year on February 9, 10 and 11 and promises to excel all previous years.

A county convention of Lambton temperance workers will be held in Petrolia on January 18 at 2 p.m. The business before the convention will be to perfect organization and prepare for the vote in April.

21 Suit ends made to order \$38.00.—Swift's Sale.

We are at all times pleased to receive contributions with the writer's name attached, but must draw the line at those signed "A Reader" or "Old Subscriber." News is what is wanted, we can get jokes out of any old Almanac.

The Bible Society collectors appointed at the annual meetings have completed their labors and report a total of \$256.74 received, as follows: Collection at public meeting \$12.70, collected in Watford \$128.90, collected in Warwick and Brooke \$115.14.

The annual meeting of the East Lambton Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber, Watford, on Friday, Jan. 21st, at 1 o'clock p.m., to receive the annual reports and for the election of officers for 1921 and for such other business as may come before it.

The 1921 voters' lists will be twice as large as in previous years, as they will contain the names of all women over twenty-one years of age, as they are now entitled to vote at elections to the Legislative Assembly. Some years ago the voters' list was made in three parts, but in recent years there have only been two parts and two. The voters' list now goes back to the old form in three parts.

The Sale axe has cut the prices of Ladies' Coats almost in two.—Swift's Sale.

The United States agreed over a year ago to advance a credit of \$5,000,000 to Greece, and the State Department at Washington is wondering whether the obligation is binding on the United States, in view of the return of King Constantine. Canada actually made the advance of \$5,000,000, and may wonder whether the new Administration in Greece will feel any obligation to return it.

A general invitation is extended to all to attend the public meeting to be held in the Lyceum, Watford, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13th, in the interests of J. E. Armstrong, M. P. The meeting will be addressed by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Militia, who is known as a fluent and forceful speaker and also by Miss Clayton of Listowel, a lady well known throughout Ontario as a charming platform speaker. Mr. Armstrong will also speak. It is hoped that the ladies will turn out in numbers to hear these talented speakers. They will be charmed with Miss Clayton's address.

8 Sets Black Jap Fox Furs—large muff, new shape scarf, \$12.50 and \$15.00 a set. Single pieces \$6.25 and \$7.50.—Swift's Sale.

Watford Markets—Wheat \$1.90, oats 40c, eggs 65c, butter 50c.

Wanted all who have open accounts on our books to pay same the coming week.—Swift, Sons & Co.

Don't forget that that storage battery of yours needs first class attention through the winter months.

We have every thing necessary to give first class service on all makes of batteries. We use Canadian made material and so can give you the highest grade material at a saving of duty and exchange. Let us store your battery this winter.—Ray Morningstar.

The hiccough epidemic has not yet reached Watford, but if it does it is said that one-half teaspoonful of mustard in a cup of lukewarm water has stopped severe cases of hiccoughs. The first drink usually brings relief, but in some cases it acts as an emetic and the hiccoughs return but if mustard water is continued, however, relief will follow.

The hiccough is a toxic condition of the diaphragm where the nerves are attacked by a twitch or spasm. It takes, in the present attack, the nature of a half vomit. It is brought on by nervousness and worry. It is not a contagious ailment.

Watford Christmas trade was gratifyingly large—better than had been expected. Nearly all the merchants report increased sales as compared with previous years, instead of the falling off they were prepared for. No doubt this result is partly accounted for by the general disposition to buy at home, instead of sending money to the department stores in Toronto.

The truth is, the truth has long been, that buying can be done in Watford to better advantage than in the city, but it has taken some people a long time to find that out. Some there are who have not discovered it yet, and others who never will. But the percentage has dwindled down wonderfully.

2 dozen Ladies' and Misses wool Pullovers, regular \$3.00 to \$3.50, sale price \$2.25.—Swift's.

The young ladies Utopia Bible class of the Methodist church held its first meeting in the new year at the home of the president, Miss Wynne Harper, Tuesday evening last.

In place of the usual mission study hour the New Year session opened with a debate "Resolve that the problem of City Progress is greater than that of Rural Reconstruction." The debate was discussed in a very capable manner, the affirmative side winning by only four points. After the debate lunch was served and a social hour spent.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Annie Lovell, Front street, Tuesday evening, Jan. 18th, to which all young ladies are cordially invited.

The Presbyterian church was completely filled on Sunday evening last to hear Rev. J. C. Forster when he was minister of the church and Knox church, Main road, for the past eight years preach his farewell sermon. The reverend man spoke very feelingly and the large congregation was deeply touched by his words. Clergymen of other denominations were present and expressed regret at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Forster from our town.

On Friday evening the Missionary Society met to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Forster and Rev. E. H. Savers read an address in which reference was made to the work Mr. Forster and his wife have done in this charge. A well-filled purse was presented by the members to Mrs. Forster, who has been president of the society. Miss Spalding was made a life member.

20 dozen Ladies' plain and ribbed Hose, size 8 1/2 to 10. Sale price 30c per pair.—Swift's Sale.

The regular meeting of Lambtons 149 I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 11th, at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. J. W. McLaren, The Regent, Mrs. F. Pritchett, occupied the chair and there were 16 members and 1 visitor present. It was moved by Mrs. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Morningstar, and carried, that the Chapter donate \$50 to the Sick Children's Hospital Fund in London. It was decided to pay the \$75 at once, which was voted to the Cemetery Board some time ago. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Fuller were appointed to attend the meeting of the Provincial Chapter on Jan. 20, in Toronto, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. McLeay in Toronto, inviting her to accompany them. The dance committee reported proceeds of New Year's Eve dance to be \$120.50. The treasurer was authorized to settle all unpaid bills before the February meeting. The Chapter is buying a dozen brooms from the Canadian National Institute for the blind, in order to help the work among blind soldiers that the I.O.D.E. is doing. Mrs. Atchison, Mrs. Leigh and Miss Swift were accepted as new members. Refreshments were served and the meeting closed with God Save the King.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Lowry is visiting friends in St. Clair, Mich.

Rev. J. C. Forster left on Monday for Corunna to enter on his new ministerial duties.

Miss Lena Temple spent last week at the home of her friend Miss Nellie McDonald, Petrolia.

Beatrice and Vera Edwards and their cousin, Asa Edwards, spent the weekend with relatives in Brigidon.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil McLeay of Irving, Alberta, are spending the winter in Ontario. Mr. McLeay is at present visiting relatives in Watford.

Capt. R. H. Stapleford has been promoted by Military Headquarters to the rank of Major in the 27th Regt. under Lt. Colonel McVicar, of Sarnia.

Mrs. J. A. Harper and children, Harold and Doris, of Provost, Alta., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harper. Mr. Harper expects to join them later.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Anderson returned on Sunday to their home in Pontiac, Mich., after spending the past two weeks with friends and relatives in Watford, Warwick and London.

WARWICK

Miss Sadie McEachern of Port Huron, spent the week end with her friend, Miss Reta Higgins.

15 lovely Comforters made of fast color Chintz, 20 per cent. discount.—Swift's Sale.

Clarence Leach has returned to Toronto to resume his studies at the Pharmacy College after spending his holidays at home. Harold D. Leach left on Monday for Tilbury to teach in the continuation school.

Evening service will be held (D.V.) in Zion Cong'l church on Sunday at 7:30 p.m., when the pastor, Rev. T. DeCoursey Rayner, will preach, his topic being: "The Treasures of the Snow." Everybody welcome.

10 dozen Men's Work Shirts, Iron frame, \$1.49 regular \$2.00.—Swift's Sale.

The three Warwick young men who earned each a two-weeks course at the Agricultural College left for Guelph on Monday morning. Roy Fuller won in the pig-feeding competition, Alex. Edwards in the baby beef competition and Russell Parker in the grain growing competition. They all appreciate very much the efforts put forth by Mr. W. P. McDonald, district representative, in connection with the competition.

3 dozen Girls' and Boys' wool Sweater Coats. Regular \$2.00 to \$3.00, sale price \$1.49.—Swift's.

BROOKE

Rev. Steadman will commence special services at Salem apt. on Monday, Jan. 24th.

14 Boys Overcoats, sizes 28 to 34 small sizes \$6.75, large sizes \$8.00.—Swift's Sale.

The B. and A. agricultural society will hold their annual meeting in Alvinston on Saturday, Jan. 15th.

Mr. Ellerby Steadman and Mrs. Thos. Steadman Sr., "Steadholme", Petrolia, are guests at the Brooke parsonage last week.

The annual meeting of the Brooke Municipal Telephone System will be held in the Council Chamber, Alvinston, on Tuesday, January 18th, at 2 o'clock p.m. All subscribers invited to attend.—R. J. Lucas, president.

Don't forget the date, Friday, Jan. 21st, "The Minister's Wife", New Bonnet," will be given at Bethesda Methodist Church. Admission 35 and 25 cents. Also oysters will be served in the Foresters' Hall after the play at 25 cents.

The United Farmers in the vicinity of Inwood at a large meeting held there, made final plans for the purchase of the Inwood elevators. The prospectus calls for capitalization at \$20,000, the shares to be sold at \$25 each, and the elevators to cost \$4,800.

THREE O.H.A. GAMES IN WATFORD WITHIN A WEEK
Friday, Jan. 14; Tuesday Jan. 18; Friday, Jan. 14; Friday, Jan. 21.

During the next eight days there will be three official O. H. A. intermediate games played on Watford ice. There will be some chance of Watford boys coming out victorious this season. They showed what kind of a game they can play in the recent exhibition game with Dutton. Now for the real games. With good ice all three will be among the fastest games seen here for some years. The opposing teams are coming here determined to win if possible. Watford is going to hold them one after the other. Be sure your on hand to see the three games, you'll see some real hockey. The dates are—Friday, Jan. 14, Sarnia; Tuesday, Jan. 18, Glencoe; Friday, Jan. 21, Strathroy. Games called at 8 o'clock sharp. Admission to each game, Adults 50c. Children 25c. It will be the biggest hockey week ever seen in Watford.

CHOP STUFF

The Forest Waterworks bylaw was defeated by 64 votes.

The Lambton branch of the Ontario Plowmen's Association will meet in Alvinston on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

A nutshell in her shoe caused blood-poisoning resulting in fatal lockjaw in the case of a little Sarnia girl, Helen May Williamson.

E. G. Park, postmaster of Amherstburg for 40 years, dropped dead on a Windsor street car on Monday. He was 85 years old.

The councillors elect for Plympton are H. Montgomery, reeve, with P. McPhedran, G. Ferguson, R. G. Bailey and D. McIntyre, councillors.

Mr. R. M. Stokes of Stamford killed a monster porker. Although only eight months old it weighed 573 pounds and was in prime condition.

The Strathroy Chamber of Commerce converted a vacant store in that town into a rest room for ladies. Miss Falks has been engaged as stewardess.

Women will take their places with men, for the first time, in juries at the High Courts, London, Eng. Nearly 2,000 divorce petitions will be heard in the first term during which women will be called to serve on the juries. A majority of cases are undefended and tried without juries.

Farmers of the Province of Ontario believe in higher education. An examination of the University of Toronto enrollment shows that farmers' sons and daughters lead the list with 351. The next largest is that of retail merchants with 218, artisans 144, while finance had 124 and ministers sons 116.

Joy and sorrow followed each other in quick succession during the holiday season, at the home of Jas. B. Scott, deputy reeve, Petrolia, Christmas day being the occasion of the marriage of the eldest daughter, while New Year's day brought the deepest sorrow in the death of the wife and mother.

A hen owned by George Foster of London, Ont., and whose father was an Andalusian Blue and its mother a White Wyandotte, laid, from Jan. 1 until September, 1920, an egg every day. Then she changed the schedule and laid an egg every other day until the end of the year, her total for the twelve months being 311 eggs. Mr. Foster claims this is a record that he does not believe was beaten by any other hen in 1920.

Every bit of clothes of Ian Inman, Fawn, Bayham Township, even to his rubber boots, were ripped off by the machinery of a buzz saw which Mr. Inman was operating in a few place, but he escaped with a few cuts and bruises. His clothes came in contact with the set-screw on the main shaft, and before he could extricate himself he was on top of the machinery. The covering on the saw saved him from being pulled into the machine.

The Toronto Star has advanced its subscription price to \$5.00 per year. The cost of the white paper in the Star during the year 1920 was \$5.78, while the paper sold at \$4.00. For the first quarter of 1921 the cost will be at least 30 per cent. higher. Under the new postal regulations the postage alone on the paper amounts to 90 cents a year.

The Mail has also advanced to \$5.00 and states that the white paper for each issue costs nearly 88.

Mrs. Doan, wife of W. R. Doan, of Theford, died very suddenly early Wednesday morning, Jan. 5th. She returned on Tuesday night from a visit to her son and daughter in Sarnia, and retired in her usual health. About midnight she complained of being ill. A doctor was summoned but she passed away at 4 a.m. She was in her 72nd year, and besides her husband is survived by three sons and two daughters; A. E. and Arthur Doan, of Bosanquet; Charles Doan and Mrs. Virginia of Sarnia; and Mrs. George Hilborn of Bosanquet, also two brothers, Charles Harrison, of Pickford, Algoma District, and J. E. Harrison, hardware merchant, of Parkhill. Interment took place in Pinehill Cemetery on Friday afternoon.

Mr. A. C. Darling has invented a new and useful signalling device for automobiles and has been successful in obtaining a patent in the United States for same and expects one soon from the Canadian government. It is to take the place of the hand signal which motorists use when turning a corner or about to stop. It is especially adapted for closed cars or cars with curtains on. It is operated by a handle from within and consists of a signal board hinged at its forward end to the door of the car and shows a light red when opened and stays in position at right angles until released, thus allowing the hands to be free to operate the wheel. Mr. Darling expects in due time to see all cars equipped with this device and perhaps under government requirements.

The Border City Sun, published at Windsor, suspended publication last week.

The annual poultry show is being held at Sarnia this week with a large entry of fowl and promises to be one of the best in the history of the society. The entries come from nearly every section of Western Ontario.

Paul Denomy of Willow Grove is in the General Hospital Sarnia, with a bullet wound in his right shoulder, while provincial officers on this side of the St. Clair, and federal officers in Uncle Sam's territory are seeking American run runners said to be responsible for the shooting and assault. According to the story told by Denomy, he was passing one of the buildings on his farm when he was attacked by two men who held him up at the point of revolvers. He was ordered to lie down on the ground, and feigning to do so, attempted to make his escape, when he was immediately fired on, receiving a bullet in his shoulder. The men made their escape in a boat belonging to Mr. Denomy, and the last seen of the midnight visitors they were heading for the American side.

I. O. O. F. INSTAL OFFICERS
A very instructive meeting was held in the lodge rooms of Peabody Lodge, No. 99, I.O.O.F., on Monday night when a candidate was given the Third Degree of Odd Fellowship after which Bro. G. L. Lewis, D.D. G.M., and suite of District No. 6 installed the following officers for the current term:

N. G.—Bro. Jas. McIntosh.
V. G.—Bro. W. J. Piercy.
Rec. Sec.—Bro. L. H. Aylesworth.
Fin. Sec.—Bro. J. T. Kersey.
Treasurer—Bro. M. Thompson.
War.—Bro. Jas. McLaughlin.
Con.—Bro. R. R. Heaton.
O. G.—Bro. P. J. Dodds.
I. G.—Bro. J. E. Fowler.
R. S. N. G.—Bro. F. Wynne.
L. S. N. G.—Bro. R. A. McIntosh.
R. S. V. G.—Bro. J. Saunders.
L. S. V. G.—Bro. J. Kelly.
R. L. S.—Bro. J. Gilliland.
L. S. S.—Bro. E. Kidd.
Chap.—Bro. D. Hamilton.

AGRICULTURAL

SHORT COURSES

The County Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, through the Representative, W. P. Macdonald, is conducting a Four Weeks' Course in Agriculture for the farmers' sons of Moore Township. The Council of Moore Township to assist in this work furnish the Township Hall, heated and lighted, to be used as a Class room.

Classes of instruction are held daily as well as two evenings a week which are devoted to a discussion of practical farm subjects. Eighteen young men, farmers' sons, are taking advantage of this opportunity of receiving practical class-room instruction of farm methods, management and useful information. The Agricultural Representative is assisted by Mr. W. C. Cox, of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Special lecturers are secured to give instruction on special subjects.

WATFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
"The appearance of a town is an index to the character of its inhabitants." Our New Postoffice site is in a disgraceful condition. The Driveway Park and Waterworks plant will require attention lest they too become eyesores. Our "City of the Dead" requires constant looking after. Our Homes might be improved by planting more flowers and vegetables and by properly looking after them. How then may all this be best accomplished?

With this idea of improvement in mind and mainly as a result of the efforts of Mrs. A. G. Brown, a meeting was held in the Public Library Tuesday night and at this meeting and after discussion it was unanimously decided to organize a Horticultural Society. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres.—Mrs. A. G. Brown; President—Mr. Bates; Vice Pres.—Mr. E. D. Swift; Sec.—Mrs. Cameron.

The Society placed itself on record as being desirous of co-operation for mutual benefit with the Reading Club, Memorial Committee, Cemetery Committee and other societies for the improvement of the town.

You may best help at present by handing your membership fee of \$1. to the secretary or any of the officers. In return you will have a share in the town improvement. An opportunity to purchase shrubs, bulbs and seeds at reduced rates and further opportunity of hearing a series of lectures dealing with flower and vegetable culture.

The Society hopes in the near future to have a prominent Horticulturalist deliver an address on the value of a Horticultural Society to town. Further notice of this will be given later.