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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 item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

SPECIAL fur sale Saturday.—SWIFTS.
SIGN the items you send to the Guide-Advocate.

HAVLOCK LODGE meets on Tuesday next. Second degree work.

LETTERS to Santa Claus are now in order.

LADIES' and Misses' coats to be cleared, at 1/4 off.—A. BROWN & CO.

ALL municipal councils meet next Wednesday to close up the business of the year.

"A beast at bay" very adequately describes the position of Germany and her allies.

THE famous "Spaulding" hockey stick at TAYLOR'S 35c to \$1.00.

Put in your accounts to the clerk before Dec. 15th and pay to treasurer accounts due the corporation.

CONSULT the advertisements in this issue for Christmas bargains. It pays to read the advertisements.

PROSPECTIVE brides should see our new samples of wedding invitations and announcements, cake boxes, etc.

MCLAREN'S Annual Xmas goods display, Monday evening Dec. 13th, 7.30 to 10 p.m.

APPLICATIONS will be made at the Middlesex county council to have Kerwood incorporated into a police village.

THE WILLING WORKERS of the Methodist League will hold their annual bazaar and cooking sale on Dec. 17th and 18th.

ANYONE wanting repairing done or new sleighs should call on HARRY WILKINSON at his shop opposite the Baptist church.

Do your December shopping in Watford. Its your home town and you should be proud of it.—SWIFTS.

It is said that baldheaded men never go insane. Nevertheless some of the hairless chaps might be willing to compromise on a little less sanity and a little more hair.

PETROLEA young ladies have organized a H. U. J. Club for patriotic purposes. The first question they ask a young man when he calls on them is, "Have U. Joined the colors yet?"

TAYLOR has a special price in hand-sleighs with malleable iron runners, 50c up.

MEETING of Court Lorne, C. O. F., next Monday evening. The officers for the coming year will be nominated at this meeting. A full attendance requested.

An officer of the Independent Order of Oddfellows will visit Peabody Lodge here next Monday night, December 13th, on an important business. It will be to the interest of every member to be present.

COME and see Santa Claus at McLAREN'S opening, Monday eve Dec. 13.

NEWSPAPER advertisements are the finger-post on the road to right buying. They are quick and sure guides to the places and goods most worthy of your patronage.

THE HASTINGS WAGON CO., Limited, is shipping a lot of their noted sleighs for the winter trade. These are all made of well-seasoned timber and guaranteed the best on the market. T. B. Taylor is superintending the work.

WE are showing some smart lines in military outfits, regulation walking sticks, officers riding crops, khaki handkerchiefs silk or linen, money belts, khaki shirts. Agents for two lines of officers uniforms.—SWIFTS.

It has been reported that the Watford Baptist Church was to be closed for a time but such is not the case. There will be service as usual every Sunday evening. Rev. Jamieson, of London, preached very acceptably last Sunday evening.

THERE was a big crowd in town on Saturday and the merchants had a splendid day's business. Christmas shopping has commenced early this year and the large and varied stocks carried by Watford business men are an attraction to buyers.

KHAKI handkerchiefs, ties, gloves and flannel shirts for the men of the 149th.—A. BROWN & CO.

IN compliance with a request made by the Sarnia Daughters of the Empire all entertainments in that city will be opened with "God Save the King" instead of bringing it on at the close of the program. This is the custom in Great Britain and should be followed in all Canadian places of amusement.

A QUIET wedding was solemnized on Thursday of last week at the rectory, Watford, when Mr. John A. Freer, of Metcalfe, and Miss Flossie Ferguson, of Wyoming, were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. S. P. Irwin, B. A. Mr. and Mrs. Freer will reside in Metcalfe.

NELSON'S high grade chocolates in Xmas packages 25c to \$3 at TAYLOR'S.

CHRISTMAS is near. Shop early and shop in your home town. You will feel better and get better values for your money.—SWIFTS.

XMAS. DECORATIONS of all kinds at MCLAREN'S.
THE Watford recruits are drilling daily in the Armory.

THE store windows are beginning to assume a Christmas aspect.

Every time a woman makes a call she has one or two bits of gossip to turn loose.

THE Christmas mail for England this year was the largest on record. The last mail left on Wednesday.

Sox! Sox! The cry from the trenches. Can fill orders for any quantity.—SWIFTS.

A petition is being circulated for signatures in Sarnia asking Thos. Doherty to be a candidate for mayor for 1916.

YOUR home-town merchant can supply your Christmas wants. Try him and see before you send your money out of town.

SIZE up the soldier boys who come home occasionally to spend the week end if you want to look at MEN, in every sense of the word.

THE greatest 20th century week in our history. Have you picked out your Christmas garments.—A. BROWN & CO.

OWING to increased cost of remittances, war tax, etc., the price of several papers in our clubbing has been slightly increased. This comes into effect to-day. See the revised list on page 8.

A prominent agricultural editor in the United States puts the average life of a man who retires from the farm to the city pavement at about four years. Retiring from the farm looks like suicide.

A town that is large enough and good enough for a man to earn his living in is good enough for him to buy his provisions in. If he does not think so, both he and the town would be better off if his tent were pitched on other prairies.—Exchange.

THE next regular meeting of the Watford Chosen Friends is to be held in their hall here next Tuesday evening. Election of officers and other important business is to be transacted. A full attendance is kindly requested.

SOMETHING for everybody at MCLAREN'S. Come and look around Monday evening. As usual no goods will be sold on that evening.

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.

TAYLOR has no formal Xmas opening. The store is open every evening till 10 o'clock from now on to Xmas. TAYLOR'S usual heavy stock is even more complete for this Xmas trade.

An important decision of interest to farmers was given by Chancellor Boyd preventing a farmer near Peterboro from prosecuting an action against the Township of Tudor to realize damages for sheep worried by dogs. While municipal councils have power to recompense farmers for loss in this way, it is not compulsory for them to do so.

WE have the best 25 cent linen handkerchiefs in Ontario. New style of initials in 1/2 dozen boxes.—SWIFTS.

A young man from the city arrived on the early morning train a day or two ago and approaching a citizen, asked if he knew where he could borrow a shotgun, as he wanted to put in the day in a hunt for game in the district. "I don't know where you can get a shotgun," replied the citizen, "but you can get a rifle and a suit of khaki at the armory."

You are invited to MCLAREN'S opening Monday evening Dec. 13th, 7.30 to 10 p.m.

MISS NESBITT will have her display of Christmas goods in Harper Bros. store, and will open Wednesday, Dec. 8th. 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

At a meeting of the Essex and Kent Publishers Association last week it was decided that from now on every notice whether it be to advertise a concert, social, church service, sewing circle, dance, piuk tea or patriotic affair will be charged for by every newspaper in these counties. The "Free Publicity Evil" has become unbearable and the publishers of Essex and Kent have decided to stop it.

SPECIAL Christmas orders should be in our hands this week.—SWIFTS.

HON. T. CHASE CASGRAIN, the postmaster-general, has decided to issue a three-cent stamp for convenience in war time. This will obviate the necessity of affixing the ordinary two-cent stamp and a one-cent war stamp upon each letter. Various designs were submitted for the approval of Mr. Casgrain and he will probably select a surcharged two-cent stamp. This is an ordinary two-cent stamp with a special white mark upon it indicating that its value is three cents.

FULL line of felt slippers at P. DODDS & SON'S. Also fancy slippers for men, women and children for Christmas. Many a boy would appreciate a fine pair of shoes for Christmas. Party slippers for ladies.

PARISHAN IVORY and ebony, endless variety at MCLAREN'S.

WES. MCLIMMURRAY and Frank Restorick are shipping some fine horses to Toronto.

SECRETARIES of Societies will kindly hand in the list of their new officers for publication.

ALL business places were closed for one hour on Wednesday during the reception to Corp. Manning.

DR. BRAITHWAITE will again preach in the Congregational church next Sunday, morning and evening and at Zion in the afternoon. A special thank offering is asked from the Watford congregation.

NOTHING better in clothing than you find at SWIFTS.

OCCASIONALLY we run across a well-to-do person who acts as if he considered it to be a favor to the merchant to run an account at his store. This class of gentry usually consider it an affront for the merchant to send them a statement of account, and some of them get real hot under the collar about it. People of this class should remember that the coin of the nation is the only legal medium of exchange, and a merchant cannot pay wholesale bills with book accounts. It is only when these accounts are turned into cash that they become an available means of paying debts. Thus a well-to-do person's account is of no more value to the merchant than that of the indigent so long as it remains unpaid.

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 Brooke and Warwick not listen to the call? Don't they want their names enrolled on the pages of history and honor?

THE Kiddies will be delighted with MCLAREN'S toy display.
The ballot boxes which have been held open in the Presbyterian church in Canada for several weeks for the reception of votes on Church Union, were closed last week, and sealed. The counting of the ballots will demand considerable time and although it will be impossible to know the complete results before the end of the year, it is now generally conceded that union has been defeated. The minority has grown and increased and there is a strong probability that it may even become a majority vote. The west seems to have gone strong for Union. Ontario has reversed that order of things, while the supporters of Union throughout the Maritime Provinces have weakened considerably since the last vote. The Watford church vote was in favor of Union.

THE Atlanta, Ga., Journal of Dec. 6th, contains a half-page photo-gravure of Janet McLeay, the handsome 10-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. McLeay, of that place, and her trained canary, "Caruso." This talented canary has the free use of the house and only uses its cage for sleeping purposes. If the canary is in another room the ringing of the telephone bell brings him flying. He flutters down, his little claws grasping the top of the phone and begins his song. If you put the receiver up to his ear he'll chirp and get excited, and try to look down into the phone. He usually perches very quietly on top of the telephone—that seems to be the spot he likes best. When Miss Janet practices on the piano the bird perches himself on her shoulder and sings. He is a splendid warbler and that is why he was named Caruso. Judging from the picture Miss Janet must be a very beautiful little girl.

LONDON ADVERTISER: The army and navy board of the Methodist church, recently established to deal with matters relating to the Methodist church and the Canadian expeditionary forces in any way, has requested the militia headquarters at Ottawa to have Rev. Frederick G. Robinson, of Watford, appointed chaplain for overseas service, and Rev. Thomas Manning, D.D., of Stratford, president of the London conference, has approved of the appointment being made. Before going to Watford Mr. Robinson was minister of important churches in the cities of Ottawa and Kingston, and has had a wide and successful career as a minister amongst all classes of men. Mr. Robinson is also a trained athlete and in his earlier days won many mile and half-mile races and played cricket and football with some of the leading clubs of England, and also played with the Ottawa team.

Roll of Honor

Below are the names of those who have already signed up at Watford for the 149th. Several others have intimated their intention of enlisting and will later take the oath:—
Dempsey, Abraham.
Collins, Frederick.
Garrett, James, Richard.
Murphy, Harry.
Banks, Ambrose.
Lang, Charles Frederick.
Dodds, Edward A.

WATFORD WELCOMES CORP. C. MANNING

Hundreds of Citizens Turn Out to Honor Wounded Hero

Watford tendered a warm and hearty welcome to Corp. C. T. Manning on Wednesday when he returned home from the trenches invalided. When the noon train arrived the station platform was crowded with citizens awaiting to welcome the returned soldier. The High and Public School children were lined up in front with flags. On stepping from the train Corp. Manning was met by his father, Col. Kelly and other officers. His mother was on the train with him. Cheers were given and the national air then sung. Corp. Manning and his parents were placed in a gayly decorated auto and procession formed, headed by the Watford Concert Band. School scholars to the number of about 300 and a large crowd of citizens followed. On arriving at the Armory Col. Kelly welcomed the returned hero and read the following address:—

Watford, Ont., Dec. 8th, 1915.
To CORP. C. MANNING,
1st Batt., C.E.F.
Fellow Comrade and Fellow Citizen:

We, the citizens of Watford and officers, N.C. officers and men of the 27th Lambton Regiment, desire to extend to yourself and family our most hearty congratulations on your safe arrival, and it is our united desire to extend to you the welcome you have so nobly and honorably won.

The Empire is proud of her sons who have answered the call to duty, but words cannot express the pride felt by ourselves in the boys who went from our midst when the call for men came, and anxious to have we followed up the stirring events through which you have all passed.

It grieves us that so many have fallen but their names will be handed down in the annals of Empire history as heroes indeed.

Again we welcome you and heartily wish you the speedy recovery of your physical health and capacities. Please accept on our behalf this wrist watch as a small token of our esteem and appreciation of your services to our country. (Signed)

W. S. FULLER, Clerk of Watford.
R. G. C. KELLY, O. C. 27th Regt.

Corp. Manning thanked the citizens for their hearty welcome and the presentation. He said the reception was unexpected and deeply appreciated. He had done nothing more than his duty and he hoped other young men would step up and take his place.

Col. Kelly made a few remarks saying that all were proud of the boys who had gone to the front and regretted that Corp. Manning had been wounded. He had "played the game" and deserved the promotion to Corporal he had been given. His conduct had also been appreciated by his superior officers as was shown by his being placed in charge of the wounded men on the home trip.

Three cheers and a tiger were then given for Corp. Manning and the audience sang the national anthem.

Corp. Manning and his parents were afterward entertained at dinner at the Roche House, several local officers and other citizens being present.

Corp. Manning left here in August with the first contingent as a private and was later promoted to Corporal. He has seen considerable action at the front, having been in four bayonet charges. He was wounded in the foot in the battle of Givency, overcome by gas and buried alive by earth thrown up by shell explosion. His feet were uncovered and noticed, and he was dug out. After being in hospital for some time he was placed in Class II. by the Medical Board until finally discharged.

He left for Point Edward, where his parents now reside, on the evening train.

A CLOSE SHAVE

This will be of no interest to "Young Shavers" but every man who shaves himself knows that the genuine "Gillette Safety Razor" is acknowledged the best in safety razors. The set price is \$5.00 and this high price has prevented many men from knowing real shaving comfort. Taylor has 200 genuine new \$5.00 Gillette razors which will be on sale at \$3.49 cash. The sale lasts to Dec. 25 and this price is good only at TAYLOR'S Drug Store. Auto-strop razors at 2 for \$5.00. This is the only opportunity of buying a "Gillette" at less than wholesale.

Military Notes

There will be a meeting of all the officers of the new 149 Lambton Battalion in the armories, Sarnia, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next. In the evening there will be a monster recruiting meeting at the City Hall, at which Mr. J. E. Armstrong M. P., Mr. F. F. Pardee, Hon. W. J. Hanna, J. B. Martyn M. P., Dr. Peckering, of Forest, and the Mayor of Sarnia will speak. This will be the first great recruiting meeting in Lambton. Others will follow.

"You said you would go when you were needed. You are needed now."

The time has come when every man of military age and physically fit and at liberty to go should go. If he does not how can he be self respecting? This is a time of sacrifice.

BROOKE

The Salem Sunday School will hold their annual Xmas entertainment on the evening of the 23rd.

The Walnut Sunday School will hold their annual Xmas entertainment on the evening of the 24th.

Royal Scarlet chapter will be opened in L.O.L. 746 on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, at 8 o'clock. Full attendance requested.—A. E. SUTTON, W. Commander, in command.

The Red Cross branch for 6th line, west, Brooke, met at the Brooke Parsonage and packed a box of Christmas treats for our soldiers at the front. The box contained 18 Christmas cakes, candies and other delicacies.

HANDKERCHIEFS from the two cent rag up to first-class Irish linen.—SWIFTS.

Miss Greta Richardson, daughter of Mr. B. Richardson, 6th line, underwent an operation for appendicitis last Tuesday. The operation was performed by Dr. Jas. Newell, assisted by Dr. R. G. Kelly. The patients condition is in every way satisfactory.

Bethesda Church S.S. will hold their annual Christmas Tree and entertainment in the church on the evening of Dec. 22nd. An interesting program of dialogues, recitations and military drills will be given by the young people. A collection will be taken up in aid of the Red Cross. 10-2t

The ladies of Walnut Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Shugg on Wednesday last. Mrs. (Rev.) Snell presided over the meeting and explained the object and work of the Ladies Aid Society. A local society was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Wm. Shugg; Vice president, Mrs. Geo. Shirley; Secretary, Mrs. Hawes; Treasurer, Miss Myrtle Edgar. We predict success for this band of enterprising workers.

James A. McLachlan, aged 33 years, son of the late Hugh T. McLachlan, of Brooke, was accidentally killed on Monday of last week while working at his trade of carpenter in Anaconda, Montana. No particulars of the accident are to hand further than that he was working on the fourth floor of the smelter building in that place, fell to the ground floor and was killed instantly. The remains arrived here on Monday morning and the funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from the family residence, lot 19, con. 10, to Alvinston cemetery and was largely attended.

An excellent program is to be given under the auspices of the East Brooke Farmers' Club in the school house of S. S. No. 10, Brooke, on the evening of December 14th. Mr. G. G. Bramhill will act as chairman. Addresses will be given by Lieut. Stanfield, Inspector McDougall, Peter Gardiner, President of the Lambton Co-operative Association, and members of the club. The Watford male quartette will be present. Mrs. Peter McGregor, soloist, Brooke, and Frank J. Miller, of Sarnia, will sing. Instrumental selections by Miss Kathleen Kingston and Mr. Jas. Dempsey. Readings by Miss Ella Clothier and Miss Katie McLaughlin. You are wanted there. A collection to be taken for the Red Cross.

WARWICK.

S. C. Reycraft returned Sunday night from a trip to Regina and Winnipeg.

Did you buy one of those bargain coats? We may have your size.—SWIFTS.

Tuesday, Dec. 14th is the last day for the Warwick taxes to be paid. After that date 5 per cent will be added to all taxes that come in.

Subscribers to the Brooke Municipal Telephone System can pay their toll accounts to Alex. Cameron, Watford, or Newcomb & Son, Alvinston. All accounts must be paid by the 18th December. 2t

The funeral took place Wednesday of George Gordon Hall, son of the late Robert Hall, of Warwick, to Bethel Cemetery, Rev. H. J. Fair conducting the services. The bearers were: William Evans, William Clark, John Wayne, Frank Wilcox, Dan Yorke and H. Turner. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Hall, survives him, also five brothers and three sisters, viz: Robert, of Bosanquet; Harry and William, of Mortlach, Sask.; Joseph T., of Calgary; Edwin Gray and Ada at home, and Mrs. John Gray, of East Williams.

The young people in connection with the Women's Patriotic League, desire to tender their grateful thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of their box social. First—To Mr. John Farrell who in the combined character of chairman and auctioneer excelled himself. The able manner in which he conducted the sale of boxes testified for itself, when the results of that sale was announced as \$80.55. Secondly—The singers and musicians who braved a cold, rough ride, to give so generously of their best in vocal and instrumental selections. Thirdly—The ladies who provided the many and beautifully decorated boxes of luncheon, and lastly the young people themselves deserve commendation for their untiring efforts in providing the excellent program and zeal in looking after the comfort of their guests.—SRCV

Major McVicar will have charge of the recruiting for the Lambton battalion at Sarnia, and Lieut. Lucas will be drill instructor.