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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 1, send by mail or drop item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

SHOP EARLY in the day.—SWIFT'S. THE Christmas worry will soon be over.

EGGS are retailing for 75cts. per dozen in England.

MOST things are going up, but Zepelins are certainly coming down.

CHRISTMAS CIGARS, ten in a box, price 50 and 85 cents at LOVELL'S.

THE 149th Battalion will enter a senior hockey team in the Northern League.

READ the Christmas stories to the little ones. There are three short ones in this issue.

SEND in the names of your Christmas visitors, or if you are going away for the holidays let us know.

THIS is the season of the year when all little boys are good little boys—that is, on their best behavior.

NEW GOODS FRIDAY for last day's business—Men's Ties, Ladies' Collars, Wool Scarfs.—SWIFT'S.

MUCH has been written about the joy of Christmas shopping, but the essence of such joy is having the price.

ANGUS MITCHELL wishes all persons owing him to kindly call and pay as he needs the money to meet maturing debts.

SOME of the merchants in town have very attractive window displays this Christmas which are a credit to the designers and dressers.

MEATLESS days are coming in Great Britain, by order of the Government. The drinkless days seem to be working alright in Canada.

CHOICE CHOCOLATES, Neilson's celebrated brand. Special boxes for Christmas trade at LOVELL'S.

MR. N. McDUGALL, public school inspector, spent a couple of days at the Watford schools this week. He found everything satisfactory.

SEND us in the news but don't use a gallon of words to express a spoonful of news. Bore it down. Short items are more readable than long ones.

THE thermometer has been capering around below zero several nights lately, and there was a zip in the air mornings that felt like February weather.

MR. and MRS. GILBERT WOODS announce the engagement of their niece, Bertha C. King, to Mr. Hildred Pressey, the marriage to take place this month.

FURS for Christmas always good if needed.—SWIFT'S.

IN our holiday season generosity let us not forget the poor and needy. The old saying that it is more blessed to give than to receive was never more true than now.

AMONG the Christmas numbers to hand are excellent illustrated editions issued by The Farmers' Advocate, The Sarnia Canadian, and The Watford Guide, of Watford City, North Dakota.

A CANADIAN soldier writing home not long ago said he intended, if spared to come home, to go up and settle in the Peace River country, adding that he did not know much about it but that he liked the name.

AT a meeting of the Horse Shippers' Association in Toronto on Dec. 15th, it was thought best owing to prevailing prices and in the interests of farmers and dealers that no member attend Fairs until after Jan. 1st.

MEN'S HOUSE COATS from \$4.50 to \$6.50.—SWIFT'S.

THE electric motor placed in Trinity Church to blow the organ was used for the first time last Sunday and gave complete satisfaction. The steady pressure of wind made a big improvement in the tone of the organ and increased the volume of sound.

MISS NESBITT will have her holiday display of Art Work at Harper Bros. Store, opening on Dec. 6th.—Watercolor pictures, all hand made, some useful and pretty Christmas Novelties, in silk, Christmas cards hand decorated and many other dainty little gifts. Would kindly solicit your patronage. n24-ff

THE services next Sunday in the Methodist church at 11 and 7 will be specially appropriate for Christmas. The choir is preparing a good program of music. The pastor requests that the congregation will hand in as a Christmas offering all the envelopes for Connectional Funds, which means practically the support of Home Mission work.

THE Ontario government is making strenuous efforts to have the law strictly enforced requiring a war tax on all amusements. The penalty for violation of the Act is not less than \$10.00. Any person entering a place of amusement without a war ticket is liable to this fine, as is also the person or persons promoting the entertainment.

THE WEEKLY SUN, Toronto, is a large seventy-column farm weekly newspaper, marking a specialty of all matters of business and social interest to the farmer and his family. The Sun's market reports are admittedly the best and most accurate published. It has no equal in the field. This feature alone will amply repay every subscriber.

A NEW LOT of Xmas Blouses \$2.50 to \$6.50.—SWIFT'S.

HAVE you finished your Christmas shopping? If not hurry up.

MANY a man's wife dresses stylishly because his creditors can afford it.

THE open period for muskrats this season is from March 1st, 1917 to May 31st, 1917.

THE Standard Oil Company is giving bonuses to its employees. May we now expect dearer gasoline?

HON. W. J. HANNA has resigned the Provincial Secretaryship. He will remain in the Cabinet without portfolio.

THE Kaiser has conferred another decoration on von Hindenburg. Anything to keep 0.13 another's spirits up.

NOTHING more acceptable for a Christmas present than a pair of slippers. P. DODDS & SON have a fine assortment.

BROOKE and Warwick council minutes, Lambton prize winners at Guelph fair, and other interesting items unavoidably crowded out of this issue.

THE Willing Workers' bazaar, held on Friday and Saturday last, was well patronized. The display of fancy articles was a very creditable one.

IF you buy out of town and we buy out of town, and all our neighbors buy out of town, what would become of our town? Did it ever strike you this way?

THE young fellow who is willing to do a little more than his share is going to be the man that later on the shirkers will say is getting more than his share.

HOLLY for Christmas decorations.—SWIFT'S.

MAY good fortune, health and happiness be yours this Christmas and throughout the coming year. This is the sincere wish of the Guide-Advocate for its many friends and patrons.

THE appointment of a district recruiting officer for Western Ontario, with headquarters in London, is to be followed by a systematic campaign for men in all parts of the eleven counties.

THERE will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion in Trinity Church on Christmas morning at 8.30 and 10.30. At the last service the choir will be present and the rector will preach.

AMONG the Lambton casualties reported of this week are Capt. C. E. Anderson, of Oil Springs, died of fever; Pte. G. Maidment, Forest and Pte. Robt. Wade, Sarnia, wounded; Pte. J. E. Cole, Forest, injured; Pte. C. King, Forest, invalided home. He arrived this week.

CARRYING a flask of liquor is now determined to be unlawful, in the first case. The judgment of a Hamilton magistrate, in which Wm. Williams of that city was fined \$200 for carrying a flask, was upheld by Chief Justice Falconbridge who states his brother judges agree with his view.

MR. LORNE J. WILLIAMS, Principal of the Medicine Hat High School, has been appointed a Public School Inspector for Alberta at a salary of \$2000 a year with an expense allowance of \$1000. He will also receive \$300 a year towards the purchase and upkeep of an auto. His many Watford friends will be glad to hear of his appointment.

GIVE LOVELL your order for Christmas nuts and candies. A full line of choice goods at reasonable prices.

THE appointment of Major Wm. McVicar to the command of the 149th (Lambton) Battalion and his advancement to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, is well received by the public generally. Col. McVicar is a well-known and highly respected citizen of Sarnia and is well qualified to fill the important command for which he has been selected.

THE G. T. R. will issue cheap tickets for the holiday season as follows: Single fare Dec. 23, 24, 25, good for return until Dec. 26; also Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1st, valid for return Jan. 2. Fare and one-third good going Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, good for return until Dec. 27; also Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31, valid for return until Jan. 3, 1917.

THE old-time custom of newspapers exchanging copies so that editorial comment may be reviewed from a broad survey of nation-wide thought is being blasted by the paper situation. American newspapers have practically eliminated their exchange lists, and many of the daily papers in Ontario are cutting off their country cousins in order to save every possible pound of white paper.

FIFTY per cent of the permanent staff and 50 per cent of each Canadian expeditionary force unit and active military unit called out for active service will be given Christmas leave from 12 midnight, December, 22 to midnight December 26. The other 50 per cent will be given leave from 12 midnight December 29 to 12 midnight, January 2. This will give four clear days to each officer and man in his own home. The usual month end leave for January is cancelled on account of the leave for Christmas and New Years.

ANGLICANS are now in possession of the new Canadian Book of Common Prayer as revised and enriched by the special committee and approved by the General Synod last year. The book has also been submitted to the Provincial Synod this year, all of whom, with the exception of Rupert's land, gave their approval. The latter submitted it to a committee. The formal adoption of the book will be decided at the General Synod of 1918. Meanwhile the Bishops have authorized the use of the new book, which will be used in service forthwith.

## A QUESTION FOR ONTARIO



THE CANADIAN SOLDIER'S WIFE

Her husband is fighting for you, so that we may live in peace, comfort and security at home. Are we going to let his loved ones want?

POULTRY is plentiful for the Christmas festivities.

DOAN & Co. showed some fine Christmas beef this week.

COPIES of the Watford financial statement can be had from the town clerk.

THE sleighing is good and quite a number of people are consequently on the move.

SET aside the price of a Christmas present for the poor Belgians and Serbians.

ANOTHER Christmas is here and the Kaiser is further away from Paris than he was two years ago.

W. D. MCPHERSON is the new Provincial Secretary. Prof. Creelman will be Agricultural Commissioner.

ATTEND the nomination meeting in the Lyceum this (Friday) evening and hear the Reeve and Council give an account of their stewardship.

THE Presbyterian Sunday School children enjoyed a Christmas feast Tuesday night and Methodist children had their Christmas treat Wednesday.

MR. W. H. SHRAPNELL has received an acknowledgement from T. W. McGarry, Treasurer of the British Red Cross, of the \$400 sent from Watford.

THE children of Trinity Church Sunday school held a Christmas entertainment in the school room Wednesday night. An excellent program was given.

THERE will be an empty chair draped with a flag at many tables in Watford and vicinity this Christmas. The boy will be absent but will be uppermost in the thoughts of all.

Good friend of mine  
For thee I pray  
All goodly things  
This Christmas day,  
All goodly things thy life to bless  
In these two words,  
Just happiness.

WITH a view to making a complete inventory of all males in Canada between the ages of 16 and 65, the national service board of Canada, in order to do this without undue waste of time, has asked the co-operation of the machinery of the postoffice department. In compliance with the request Postmaster-General Casgrain has sent out notices inviting every postmaster to use every means at his disposal to insure the complete success of the project and, by so doing, render vital service to the country at a moment of great national peril. All men between the ages mentioned are requested to get a card at the post office and fill it in.

## C. O. F. Officers

The officers of Court Lorne, C. O. F. for 1917 are as follows:—

P. C. R.—H. K. Laird  
C. R.—I. J. Kadey  
V. C. R.—John Joynt  
F. Sec.—J. E. Collier  
R. Sec.—J. H. Hume  
Treas.—W. McLeay  
Chap.—A. D. Home  
S. W.—W. Carroll  
J. W.—J. Manders  
S. B.—A. Fleming  
J. B.—G. Edgar

Trustees—Thos. Harris, Wm. Bryson, Ben Smith.

Auditor—Dan McDonald.

## PERSONAL

W. E. Fitzgerald was in Toronto on Monday.

Miss Quinn returned to her home in Cobourg this week.

Miss Kelly, Imperial, is visiting at Mrs. (Dr.) Kelly's.

Frank Reid, Sarnia, was a visitor at Jos. Keller's, Tuesday.

Miss Claire Tye, graduate nurse Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Mr. W. A. Black, Condie, Sask., is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Capt. Adams and wife, Detroit, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Adams.

Mr. Mansell James, Detroit, spent several days this week in Watford.

Mr. R. Parker, Biggar, Sask., is visiting at his father's, Mr. B. H. Parker.

Mr. Oliver Clark and family, Biggar, Sask., visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Swift and Mrs. A. G. Brown attended Daughters of the Empire convention in London this week.

Capt. Smyth, paymaster of the 149th Battalion, and Mrs. Smyth, spent Sunday with Col. and Mrs. Kenward. Capt. Smyth is recovering from a severe illness.

## BROOKE

The Walnut Methodist Sunday School entertainment is postponed.

J. Tait, a Brooke farmer, recently shipped a hog that weighed 900 pounds. He received \$100 for it.

Elmer Shugg, of Brooke, died in St. Joseph Hospital, London, on Wednesday. Funeral on Saturday at 2 o'clock to Alvinston.

The Christmas service will be held in St. James' Church, Brooke, on Sunday morning next at 10.45. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

The service in Christ Church, Sutorville, on Sunday afternoon, will be in keeping with Christmas. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

John J. Brown of the 10th line, who has volunteered for overseas service in the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserves, is spending Christmas week with his parents. He leaves for Halifax on Jan. 3rd.

The December meeting of the Brooke W. I. met at the home of Miss Pollock. The meeting opened by singing the Maple Leaf, followed by a very instructive paper on "Women of Pioneer Times," by Mrs. Shugg. And reports of the recent convention in London by Miss Hair and Mrs. Carroll in which many valuable suggestions were brought out. A duet rendered by the Misses McLean was much enjoyed by all. The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close and a social hour was spent while the hostess served lunch.

## DIED.

In Caradoc, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, 1916, Robert Allan, youngest son of John and Catharine Richardson, aged 20 years, 2 months and 15 days.

In Arkona, on Dec. 9, John McKenzie, aged 72 years, 4 months and 5 days.

In Camden, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1916, Margaret, daughter of the late John and Sarah Jane Dunn, formerly of Bosanquet.

## WARWICK.

Chicken pox is quite prevalent among the children of S. S. No. 4.

Mr. Ben Dann, of Reidhill, Alberta, is visiting his parents and other relatives here. He arrived on Thursday.

Mrs. Albert J. Blain and son attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Robb of Wyoming on Sunday last.

Mr. Joseph McCormick, Sr., is suffering from blood poisoning, the effects of having an ulcerated tooth extracted.

William C. Blain sold his fine span of heavy horses for a handsome figure. It pays to keep the good kind.

Misses Francis and Addell Mellor spent the week end with their sister, Mrs. George Brent, and assisted at the entertainment held at Bethel Monday evening.

Don't miss the Xmas tree and entertainment of Grace Church, 4th line, Warwick, in the school house on Friday evening of this week. A good program will be presented. Everybody welcome.

Rev. A. E. Moorehouse, of Forest, conducted the Sunday School anniversary services of Bethel Sunday School last Sunday at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m., when all present enjoyed the very interesting and helpful sermons and the special music by the choir.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of Bethel Sunday School held on Monday evening was well attended and all present enjoyed the excellent program provided, the children of the public school and Sabbath School rendered some excellent dialogues, recitations and singing under the able direction of Miss M. E. Bullock.

In the Zion Methodist Church, 2nd line east, on Sunday afternoon next at 2.30, the service will be appropriate for Christmas time. The pastor requests that as a Christmas offering the congregation will return all envelopes for Connectional Funds. All who contributed to these funds are helping the work of God in the Home Land.

The death of Mrs. A. S. Galton, occurred on Tuesday, Nov. 18th at Algonac, Mich. Deceased, who was born in Warwick and resided near the village for several years, is survived by her husband, also four brothers and one sister, namely, Wesley Morris, 8th con., of Plympton; James Morris, of Chatham; John Morris, Petrolia; Samuel, Lacombe, Alta. Wesley attended the funeral which took place at Algonac the following Friday.

## CHOP STUFF

Lambton has forty-three Farmers' Clubs.

Erlend H. Shields, a prominent Mosa farmer, is dead.

Welland will take the necessary steps to be made a city.

Bothwell Council, at a special session, granted \$200 to the Red Cross Fund.

Wallaceburg's volunteer fire company are being paid \$20 per man by the town council.

Mrs. John Robb, of Wyoming, died last week. She had been an invalid for several years.

Mr. Hilary Masure, of Theford, fractured his arm by stepping out of his wagon backwards.

Mr. Edwin Fowler, of Dawn, and Miss Eliza Parrish of Oil Springs, were married on Tuesday, Dec. 12th.

Jimmy Kay, of Enniskillen, a Petrolia high school student broke one of his legs in a football scrimmage.

Mrs. Emily Cole, of Sarnia, died on Saturday, in her 92nd year. She was a pioneer of Sarnia township.

Reeve Woodhall, of Theford, and Reeve Whitsitt, of Courtright, are aspirants for the Warden's chair for 1917.

Chester F. Gammon and Ada Angeline West, both of Bosanquet, were married Saturday at the Theford Methodist parsonage.

After an illness of seven months Joseph Menard, former proprietor of the Dominion hotel, Sandwich, died at his residence, in Windsor.

James D. McRae, of Longwood, is suing the Grand Trunk Railway for \$500 for the loss of three horses killed on the track last September.

Henry Nicholson for 40 years a resident of Strathroy, and some years ago prominent in municipal affairs, died last week aged 77 years.

John Walsh, London road, is in jail at Sarnia, the result of a scrap with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Healy, about his cattle straying into her wheat field. Later he was bound over, to keep the peace.

Jonah Webster, clerk of Dawn township, has received word that his eldest son, Corp. Robert Webster, was killed fighting in France, November 18.

There is a disposition to avoid as far as possible election contests in the various municipalities of Middlesex this year, in view of the economy being urged on all sides.

During severe thunderstorm two weeks ago the public school at Canfield was struck by lightning and four boys were severely and five or six others slightly injured.

Five Austrians who went to Hamilton from Sarnia to avoid the five dollar poll tax, were fined ten dollars each for not registering. They had \$2,200 amongst them concealed in their clothing.