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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 item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

**GET ready for winter.**  
GIRLS' coats \$1.00 and \$1.50.—SWIFTS' Coat Sale.

ONLY nineteen shopping days till Christmas.

WRITE your Christmas letters to the soldier boys early.

THE price of gasoline has made another jump upwards.

SEND in the news to the Guide-Advocate. It is always welcome.

CANDIDATES for municipal honors should announce themselves early.

"CHERRY" underwear for men, women and children.—A. BROWN & CO.

LET us have the names and addresses of your visitors, or if you go away let us know.

LEWIS STAPLEFORD addressed a patriotic meeting at Dresden on Monday evening.

THE King of Greece is singing: "I can't get away to help you out to-day, my wife won't let me."

THE fore-handed women are buying Christmas presents. The men, as usual, will wait until the last minute.

A SMALL boy's idea of leaving foot-prints on the sands of time is to sneak across a newly-made cement walk.

PORT HURON banks have discontinued charging a discount on Canadian currency, and now our money is taken at par.

A CANADIAN has invented a machine gun costing only \$100. Soon they will be so cheap that no home will be complete without one.

IF the Germans are going to raid Western Ontario, they better get busy before the Lambton battalion is formed.—Alvinston Free Press.

ATTEND the big sale of ladies' suits and coats at SWIFTS'.

THE new Lambton Overseas Battalion will be composed of officers and men from Lambton county and the men who enlist here will drill here all winter.

SCHOLARS and others may have to go "easy" on the lead pencils now, as the price is bound to go up, owing to the "Made in Bavaria" supply being cut off.

To friends and relatives your portrait at Xmas will carry a message of thoughtfulness that is next to a personal visit. Make an appointment to-day.—AVLESWORTH'S STUDIO.

THE British postoffice advises that until further notice no parcel exceeding seven pounds in weight can be accepted for transmission to the Mediterranean expeditionary force.

WOOLLEN goods of all kinds have advanced at least 40 per cent. While our stock holds out you can buy at the old prices.—A. BROWN & CO.

PLACE your orders for fruits for Christmas cake and pudding with P. Dodds & Son now before the expected raise in price. Fresh supply each week. You get them right when you buy from P. DODDS & SON.

It is all very well for a lot of young fellows to sing very heartily that patriotic song, "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," but singing that song won't keep the flag from falling. Why don't some of them enlist?

THE announcement that the Dominion Parliament would meet in January was premature. The statement is made in official circles at Ottawa that no decision has been reached by the Government regarding the opening of the House.

SPECIAL Christmas sale of ordered clothing at SWIFTS' Tailoring.

WHEN a person gets peeved and all fussed up over some general statement made either through the press or the pulpit, it is generally pretty good evidence that the statement has hit pretty close to him. In such a case the general public opinion is expressed in the old proverb, "If the cap fits, wear it."

BILLY SUNDAY said at the Toronto meeting:—"If you kiss a society miss, you would die of painter's colic." Pretty hard on the little dears, but likely Billy looked in at some local function before he lectured. Hope he doesn't think all the Canadian girls are like those in Toronto.

THE pulpit of the Baptist church was filled on Sunday evening by Rev. H. E. Stillwell, treasurer of the Baptist Missionary Society. Mr. Stillwell has been a missionary in India for many years, and described the native life there and recounted some strange experiences of missionaries and others.

New silks for Christmas. A waist length in one of those new patterns makes an ideal gift.—A. BROWN & CO.

LOCAL grocers have been advised that a steady advance is taking place in the prices of canned goods, especially tomatoes, corn, peas and beans. These have advanced from 20 to 30 cents a dozen in the last three months, and are still going up slowly. The reason for the advance is the large export to England and the comparatively small output of many of the Canadian canneries this year. Still higher prices may be looked for, according to those in close touch with the situation.

READ the ads carefully and you will be able to shop to better advantage.

PRAYER service for the soldiers in Trinity church every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

ANYONE wanting repairing done or new sleighs should call on HARRY WILLIAMSON at his shop opposite the Baptist church. 3-2t

THERE will be a Royal Arch meeting held in the hall of I.O.O.F. 505 on Friday, Dec. 3rd. Good attendance requested.—J. W. DOAR, Secretary.

STRENGTHEN old friendships with a new portrait—the gift that exacts nothing in return, yet has a value that can only be estimated in kindly thoughtfulness.—AVLESWORTH'S STUDIO.

THE regular monthly meeting of the I.O.O.F. will be held at the home of Mrs. Kelly on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7th, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Tanner, assisting hostess. Quotations on Christmas.

WE have never shown a finer range for Christmas gifts. Make your selections now and have the goods delivered when you wish.—A. BROWN & CO.

THERE will be morning service in Trinity church next Sunday as well as in the evening. At 11 a.m. service holy communion will be celebrated and the sermon will be for the children.

RUBBERS and overshoes of all sizes always in stock, also rubber boots. A full line of stylish new shoes for men, women and children, also a dainty line of Christmas slippers.—P. DODDS & SON.

It is stated that when the next budget is brought down at Ottawa theatres, pool rooms, bowling alleys, skating rinks and other places of public amusement in the country will be taxed with a special war levy.

WE would suggest to Captain Blake of the Guy Bros. Minstrels that he purchase a British officer's uniform to wear in the first part of the entertainment. A United States outfit, although handsome, is a little out of place in Canada these stirring war times.

BIG warm coats for school girls at SWIFTS' sale for \$2.50 to \$3.50.

DR. E. E. BRAITHWAITE preached interesting and inspiring sermons in the Congregational church here last Sunday, morning and evening, and at Zion in the afternoon. He will again occupy these pulpits on Sunday next.

LETT BROS., Nauvoo road, have lost a silver grey patch fox which escaped from their farm the other day. This is a valuable animal and they offer a suitable reward for its capture or for information leading to its return. If you see it don't shoot it but notify the Lett Bros.

"BECAUSE of the war" many Canadians are not taking the interest they should in Canadian home affairs. We must not let the war news blind us to the responsibilities right here in Canada. The nation which best attends to business at home will the more quickly win the war.

OFFICERS' UNIFORMS, British warmers and great coats, made to your special measure in the proper way. Caps, Sam Brown belts, leggings, puttees, etc., supplied.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE regular meeting of the Watford Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Bambridge on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8th. Roll call will be answered by Christmas clippings. Meeting to commence at 3 o'clock. The subjects are "Inexpensive Christmas gifts," "Thoughts on the Closing Year." Visitors always welcome.—SEC.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BRVSON, of Warwick, Ontario, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Margaret LeVina, to Lewis James Shepherd, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Shepherd, of Strathroy, Ontario. The wedding to take place the last of December.

ON Sunday next special temperance services will be held in the Methodist church. At 11 a.m. Rev. John Morrison, of Sarnia, will speak, and at 7 p.m. addresses will be given by Rev. W. G. Connolly and Mr. A. B. Steer, principal of the High School. The choir will give suitable music.

PTE. HARRY M. WHITSITT, of the 27th Regt., who left here with the first contingent, is now in Belvidere Convalescent Home, London, Ont., where he will remain for some little time. The invalided soldier returned to Canada on the Metegama, sailing from England November 5th. When sufficiently recovered he will return to Watford.

MISS MINNIE SAUNDERS has received a cablegram from Mrs. Agar Adamson, London, England, telling her that Miss Margaret Bell Saunders, who was wounded from an aeroplane in Fumes on November 17, was recovering as quickly as could be expected, and will soon be out of the hospital.

THE Militia Department is preparing a modified eye test for recruits which will not be so stringent as that now in use. The test in use now is the same as that used for the South African war, where much of the rifle fire was at 2,000 yards and upwards. There is not any need of such keen eyesight for the fighting in France, and the test has been made much less difficult in England for this war, because the range of the shooting is comparatively short. The modified test will allow a lot of men to join who have not been able to do so in the past. It is estimated that fully 25 per cent. of all those who apply are turned down on account of their eyes.

ALL ready for Christmas shopping.—SWIFTS'.

W. E. Fitzgerald of this place has for some weeks been in correspondence with the honorable the postmaster general at Ottawa in trying to get two letter boxes to be placed at the G. T. R. station here, one for letters going west and the other for letters going east. These letter boxes are now promised.

THE high school commencement will be given Thursday, Dec. 16th, on which occasion the diplomas awarded by the Education Department and the Gold Medal for High School Entrance and the medals won in the Field Day Sports will be awarded. There will be a promenade concert and a fine musical program offered by the students of the school.

THE managers of the local banks report that applications have been made through them for nearly \$40,000 worth of the Dominion War Loan. The bulk of these applications was asked for by residents of the village, the balance from people in the adjoining townships. When the lists were closed Tuesday night the total amount subscribed in the Dominion was over one hundred million dollars, or double the amount asked.

"KUM-SEALED"—the popular handkerchiefs for Christmas gifts.—A. BROWN & CO.

A PROVISIONAL School of Instruction for the Canadian Army Service Corps, commencing Thursday, January 20th, 1916, for a period of six weeks, has been authorized. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men desirous of attending this school of instruction should make application to the General Staff Officer, 1st Division, London, Ont.

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. a25-5t

ON Thursday evening last the choir of the Methodist church gave a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fulcher, upon their return from their honeymoon. A sumptuous banquet was provided in the basement, of which about thirty partook. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers. After supper speeches were made by the minister and many members of the choir, congratulating the young couple and expressing wishes for a long and happy life, which were responded to by Mr. and Mrs. Fulcher. The gathering demonstrated the popularity of the young couple.

GUY BROS. MINSTRELS paid their annual visit to Watford on Saturday last, under the auspices of the 27th Regt. and were greeted with a big house, the spacious Armory being packed, many people having to stand. The entertainment this year is above the ordinary, and far ahead of last year. The military first part, or "Just Before the Battle," was a beautiful scenic display. The solos, quartettes, etc., introduced during the first part were all new, while the funny sayings and stories of the end men were also good. The second part was filled to overflowing with clever work by the acrobats and jugglers, with plenty of good vocal and instrumental selections. There was not a dull moment in the whole entertainment. The band and orchestra are first-class. The 27th Regt. will have a neat sum to apply on the piano debt.

IRISH linen handkerchiefs in 1/2 doz. boxes. See windows.—SWIFTS'.

## A. Y. P. A.

The social evening of the A. Y. P. A. of Trinity church, on Monday evening, was largely attended. The following officers were appointed:

President—Mr. W. C. Smyth.  
Treasurer—Miss Vera Swift.  
Secretary—Miss Pearl Saunders.  
Organist—Miss Muriel Taylor.  
Program and Look-out committees were also appointed.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. W. A. Wykesmith, Sarnia, was here on Tuesday.

Thos. Fortune has returned from the west for the winter.

Mr. W. K. Cook, Toronto, spent Sunday with Watford relatives.

Mr. P. J. Dodds is expected home from the west to-day or to-morrow.

Captains Waddell and Campbell, Petrolia, were in Watford on Wednesday.

Miss Barbara Leitch, of Strathroy, spent the week end the guest of Miss Gladys Shiranpell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harper were in Oakdale on Monday, on a visit to their cousin, Mr. Wm. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Keller went to Toronto this week where they will spend several weeks the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Prentis.

Mrs. and Miss Dodge, Almonte, Mich., and Miss Angie Mitchell, Strathroy, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mitchell, this week.

Miss Mabel Taylor, Camlachie, and Miss Pearl Lucas, Sarnia, are visiting this week with their uncle and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Swift were in London and Sarnia, this week, interviewing returned 1st Battalion men, hoping to find some trace of their son, Capt. Swift.

## The Lambton Battalion

It was announced from Militia headquarters on Saturday that Lieut.-Col. R. G. C. Kelly, of Watford, had been authorized to form a new battalion in Lambton county for overseas service. The new battalion will be known as the 149th and recruiting for the unit has commenced. A canvass of different points in the county shows that the new battalion will be enthusiastically received. As the recruits will be billeted and drilled in the towns and villages where they enlist the unit will become very popular and many young men who have hitherto not thought much about joining the colors will come forward to help make the Lambton battalion one of the most popular in the service. Col. Kelly has received offers from a number of prominent men in the county to serve in any capacity necessary. Some of the officers have already been selected, but the entire slate will not be submitted to the Department for several days.

## WARWICK.

Miss Pearl McCormick is visiting her uncle, Dr. Arthur Smith, of Mitchell.

Mrs. G. L. Luckham, sr., is visiting at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Luckham, Glenoe.

Mrs. Wm. A. Carroll, 2nd line, S. E. R., was in Lucan this week attending the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Jas. McCombe.

A meeting of the Women's Patriotic League will be held at the home of Mrs. Sidney Barnes on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8th. A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies to be present.

Rev. John Morrison, of Sarnia, will speak in the 2nd line Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, in the interests of the Dominion Alliance, and the Temperance Dept. of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Braithwaite, of the Western University, who preached to large and attentive audiences in Watford and Zion Congregational churches on Sunday last, will occupy those pulpits on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Geo. Gordon Hall died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Robert Hall, lot 16, con. 7, N. E. R., on Monday last, Nov. 29th, aged 32 years and 21 days. He had been ill for some time. The funeral took place on Wednesday for Bethel cemetery.

Thomas Williams, son of C. R. Williams, Main road, was in St. Joseph's hospital, London, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago. He is making a fair recovery. He has now sufficiently recovered to be moved to the home of his sister, Mrs. James Smith.

The meeting at the home of Mrs. Herbert of the Women's Patriotic League was attended by 40 persons. Three quilts were quilted and other sewing done. Miss McMorie entertained with piano solos. Mr. Shore closed the meeting with reading of scripture and prayer. Donations in cash \$9.05.

The Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute will hold their regular meeting in the Forester's Hall on Thursday, Dec. 9th. Roll-call will be answered by Christmas sentiments. A shower of Christmas gifts will be given in aid of the soldiers. Ladies interested in the Red Cross work are cordially invited to attend.

## BORN.

In Kerobert Sask. on Thursday November 18th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. John Brent, a son.—George Harrower.

In Inwood, on Sunday, Nov. 7th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, a son.

## MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hampton, 6th con., Bosanquet, on Wednesday, Nov. 24th, by the Rev. J. H. Osterhout, B. A., B. D., James Henry Maidment, of Bosanquet, to Edna Hampton.

## DIED.

In Warwick, on Monday, Nov. 29th, 1915, George Gordon Hall, aged 32 years, 21 days.

In Forest, on Friday, Nov. 19th, 1915, George Proctor, aged 89 years.

## Williamson—Rowell

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rowell, 6th con. Plympton, on Wednesday, November 24th, at high noon, when their daughter, Miss Myrtle Teresa, was married to Mr. Frank Arnold Williamson, a prosperous farmer and only son of Mr. Duncan Williamson, of the London Road. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Carleton McCracken, rector of St. John's church, Wyoming, and Christ Church, Camlachie, and attended only by the immediate friends of the contracting parties. The bride looked charming in a very handsome gown of duchess satin with embroidered tulle veil and wearing the gift of the groom, a beautiful pearl necklace. At the appointed time the bride entered the parlor accompanied by her father, Miss M. Williamson playing

the wedding march. Following the marriage ceremony a dainty wedding dinner was served. The splendid and beautiful array of costly and useful presents that the young couple were the recipients of attests to their popularity. They left Camlachie on the afternoon train for Toronto and other places amid a shower of rice, confetti and good wishes. Upon their return they will reside on the London Road, where Mr. Williamson has a fine farm. They start life with the best wishes of a host of friends.

## Knights of the Maccabees District Convention

The annual district convention of the Order of the Maccabees, District No. 1, of the Province of Ontario met Nov. 24th in Sarnia.

A goodly number of officers, delegates and private visiting members were in attendance.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Dist. Past Com.—Sir Kt. Thos. Rose, Petrolia.

Dist. Com.—Sir Kt. Jas. Young, Greenway.

Dist. Lt. Com.—Sir Kt. Geo. Parkinson, Petrolia.

Dist. R. Keeper—Lady H. Parkinson, Petrolia.

Dist. F. Keeper—Lady E. Holt, Sarnia.

Dist. Chap.—Lady P. E. Hutchcroft, Petrolia.

Dist. M. at Arms.—Lady S. Joss, Sarnia.

Dist. Sergeant—Sir Kt. J. E. Harrison, Parkhill.

Dist. 1st M. of Gds.—John Welsh, Camlachie.

2nd M. of Gds.—Lady I. Canton, Wyoming.

Sent.—Sir Kt. D. Richardson, Wyoming.

Dist. Ficket—Sir Kt. E. H. McMechen, Osborne.

The officers were installed by Prov. Com. S. W. Trusler.

Wyoming was chosen as the next place of meeting.

## CHOP STUFF

Better commence memorizing that "Do your Christmas shopping Early" recitation.

H. J. Pettypiece has been appointed President and Director of the Forest Hotel Co.

The members of the Parkhill band have enlisted in a body with the Middlesex battalion.

Mr. John D. Noble has sold his 133 acre farm on the 3rd con. of Plympton to Mr. John Dunn, of that township.

Alex. Karr has sold his farm of 50 acres, on the 14th con., Bosanquet, to C. C. Brown, of Toledo, Ohio.

W. E. Shier, on the high school teaching staff at Leamington, has resigned to accept a lieutenancy in his home battalion of the county of Ontario.

Lloyd Kinder, son of J. Harry Kinder, G. T. R. agent at Mt. Brydges, has joined the electrical engineers overseas corps at Ottawa and will shortly leave for the front.

So long as an additional cent of postage is required on letters for purpose of war revenue, by all means let us return to the former three-cent stamp. It would save time, labor and saliva.

Lance-Corporal Thomas James Piper of the 18th battalion has died of wounds, Lee. Corp. Piper, who was a London man, is a nephew of Albert Piper, G. T. R. section foreman.—Alvinston Free Press.

Warden John Morgan of Middlesex, has authorized Mrs. (Capt.) Tom Robson to act temporarily as county treasurer, pending the appointment of a permanent successor to her father, the late A. M. McEvoy.

Wm. Campbell, mail carrier between Theford and Port Frank, who was injured in a runaway on Monday last, died Saturday. He had not regained consciousness. Mr. Campbell was 72 years of age.

The Ontario Horticultural Association, which through its fourscore branches, has 1,400 members on its rolls, will petition the Ontario government to put upon the statute books of the province a Town Planning Act.

Prices are rather high in Vienna, Austria, at present. Here are some of the prices paid:—Best beef, \$1.25 lb.; butter, 90c. lb.; fish, best grades (and scarce) 60c to 85c lb. A meat that formerly cost 75c., now costs from \$1.50 to \$2.

At the last meeting of the Wyoming council a resolution was passed authorizing the engineer of the Hydro Co., to furnish an estimate of cost of hydro for the village. It is expected that \$5000 will cover the estimate. A vote will be taken at the municipal election in January, and if carried the work will be pushed forward in the spring.

Alvinston hockey club has been organized for the season with the following officers:—Hon. Pres.—Dr. Martyn, Pres.—Dr. Pickering, Vice-Pres.—Geo. Granger, 2nd Vice-Pres.—A. Bidner, Manager—J. Groom, Sec.—Treas.—H. Newcomb, Trainer—S. Williams, Working Com.—N. Hill, B. Austin, R. McNiven, D. Livingston. Finance Com.—Dr. Martyn, C. Reid, R. Brownlee, D. McEachern.