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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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**B. a. B. Have you?**  
MILLINERY at half price.—A. BROWN & CO.

**NEXT THURSDAY** is the American Thanksgiving.

**SATURDAY** last the weather was as balmy as a May day.

**WATFORD MARKETS.**—Wheat \$2.10, oats 65c., butter 35 to 40c., eggs 42c.

**TAILORING at SWIFT'S.** Get in your order now.

**MR. F. J. HUGHES** has been appointed election clerk by Returning Officer Fitzgerald.

**LOYD GEORGE** said that silver bullets would win the war. Victory Bonds are silver bullets.

**MUNICIPAL** nominations this year will be held on December 31st with election on January 7th.

**RUBBERS, all kinds.** Boots and shoes, all kinds for men, women and children.—No better anywhere.—P. J. DODDS.

**TAXES** are due and the town needs the money. Kindly call and make payment.—Alex Cameron, collector.

**THE fuel** shortage is still acute in Watford, in some cases householders are entirely without coal or wood.

**GIVE us every item of news.** If you know it and forget to tell us don't wonder why it failed to get in the paper.

**A VERY large stock** of men's fine shirts, neat stripes and new trench effects—\$1.00 to \$1.50.—SWIFT'S.

**THE Victory War Loan** sale will close on Dec. 1st. After you have bought your Bond commence your Christmas shopping.

**LIEUT. FRANK PERKINS'** name appears among the wounded this week. When he enlisted he was publisher of the Petrolia Topic.

**IT is no doubt very nice to own a Victory Bond** or two, but just now you would rather have a ton or two of coal or a few cords of wood.

**ALL accounts due to N. B. HOWDEN EST.** must be settled by cash or note by December 1st.

**TRINITY CHURCH** is to have a surpliced boy choir. They will lead the choir next Sunday providing the vestments are ready by that time.

**THE Children's Aid Society, Sarnia,** have for adoption a fine, healthy, baby boy, dark hair, bright eyes, one year old. Apply to JOHN WILKINSON, City Hall.

**A NUMBER** of people from the surrounding towns came to see the Birth of a Nation Monday night. The hall was filled, every seat sold before 8 o'clock.

**FINE range of overcoats**—and we can make one for you.—SWIFT'S.

**PICTURE enlargers** are again working in this district. The same old game, order a picture enlarged and then pay for a frame whether you want it or not.

**WATFORD and vicinity** was well represented at the nomination meeting at Alvinston on Monday. The fine weather and good roads made the trip a pleasant outing.

**A CIRCULAR** just received by us states that all active Militia officers who are in class I must report for service at once or claim exemption as required by the Military Service Act.

**TWEED WATERPROOFS, American patterns.**—A. BROWN & CO.

**A MEETING** in the interests of Union Government will be held in the Lyceum on Tuesday evening next. Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Pettypiece and Dr. Hubbard will be the speakers.

**BE SURE** and hear the Peerless Jubilee Singers in the Lyceum this (Thursday) evening under the auspices of the Utopia Bible Class. Admission 50c, children 20c. Doors open at 8 o'clock.

**THE Secretary of the East Lambton Agricultural Society** has received the cheque for prizes in the recent field crop competition and the amounts won have been forwarded to the contestants.

**HORSE BLANKETS, halters, lanterns, cow ties, stablebrooms, etc.** at lowest prices.—N. B. HOWDEN EST.

**THE Victory Bond meeting** called for Friday evening was a fizzle, only three people being present. Evidently Watford people are not interested in victory or victory bonds. Sad.

**THE Women's Missionary Auxiliary** of the Methodist Church will hold a Missionary prayer meeting in the basement on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 29th, from 2:30 until 5 o'clock. Every one welcome.

**MRS. H. DURSTON** received word that her son, Pte. George Lawrence, of the 8th Batt., (transferred from 149th) was wounded in action from gun shot in face and neck, and is now in Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, England.

**REMEMBER** we have a fine stock of all-wool tweeds. No need to buy cotton mixtures yet.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

**IT does not help food conservation** along to have a lunch at business meetings of societies or clubs. This sort of thing should be entirely cut out. A little thought on the question will convince you of this.

**HAVE you bought your Victory Bond?** HALF PRICE Sale of all millinery commences to-day.—A. BROWN & CO.

**VICTORY BONDS** are beginning to sell all right in Watford. Mr. Hume has written up over \$12,000 this week and the Banks have handled a large amount. No doubt by the end of next week Watford will make a very good showing.

**REV. R. C. BURTON** will occupy the Methodist Church pulpit next Sunday morning and Rev. J. H. Fortner in the evening, during the absence of the pastor who preaches anniversary sermons in Warwick and Bethesda churches.

**BEAVERS and Melton's** in black and greys for men's overcoats, made to order \$22.50 up.—SWIFT'S.

**ON Sunday evening** next in the Congregational church, Rev. R. M. Stevenson will preach on the subject: "Daniel's 70th week, or the reason why the world must continue to grow worse for at least seven years to come." A welcome extended to all.

**WORD** has been received here by relatives of the death of Mr. John Cowan, of Vancouver, in his eighty-first year. He is the last of a family of six: William, Alex. and Edward Cowan, Mrs. Geo. Lucas and Mrs. Pepper having died before, all having spent the greater part of their lives on the 6th line of Warwick.

**MAPLE LEAF, Atkins and American** cross cut saws. Hand made axes \$1.25 at HOWDEN'S.

**AMONG** the Lambton names in the casualty list this week are: Killed in action—Signaller R. E. Acton, Watford; Pte. Orville K. Wilson, Forest. Pte. Jas. Craig, Petrolia, Wounded—Ptes. G. R. Walton, Forest; P. E. Howard, Sarnia; Elmer McAnley, Petrolia, and L. Corp. T. Bennett, Sarnia.

**HOSPITAL DONATION**—Lambton's 149 L. O. D. E. is packing a barrel of canned fruit, jelly, jam, honey, maple syrup, pickles, and also a box of vegetables for the Convalescent Homes for Returned Soldiers in London. Will any who care to send a donation leave the same at R. C. McLeav's office or at the residence of the Regent, Mrs. Kelly, before Dec. 1st.

**PUT new wall paper** on that room for winter. You can buy the paper cheaper now than in the Spring. See our samples.—P. DODDS & SON.

**A NUMBER** of young Windsor men, in Class One, under military service act, have received circulars from the Chicago office of a steamship agency, suggesting that if they have urgent business requiring their presence in South America, cheap rates on steamships will be furnished them. United States federal authorities are investigating the source of these letters. They are looked upon as the work of German agents, who seek to aid Canadians in escaping military service.

**GIRLS' COATS** ages 8 to 12, specials.—SWIFT'S.

**THE new Methodist Hymnal** has made its initial public appearance. It is opened with the Lord's Prayer and closed with the Apostles' Creed. All hymns retained in the new book were passed by a three-fourths majority vote. No hymn without a cheerful or hopeful theme is in the new book. The old book had been in use for nearly 40 years. A number of Wesley hymns have been cut out, but taken as a whole the new hymnal will be welcomed as an improvement on the old one.

**SUN MAID and Red Band** raisins 15cts, Currants 30cts, peels 40cts, shelled filberts 40cts., and everything for the Christmas baking, fresh and reliable at HOWDEN'S.

**THE regular meeting** of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Benbridge on Wednesday evening, Nov. 14th, Vice-President presiding. Meeting commenced with singing the "Maple Leaf" and all repeating the Lord's Prayer. Sent to Queen Mary Hospital \$7.65 for our share to help maintain a cot for consumptive children, also have 30 pair of socks for Mrs. McPhedran for Red Cross work. A vote of thanks was given to the Lambton I. O. O. E., for helping with the pledge cards. Miss Mary Fowler gave a good reading at the meeting. A letter was read from Nurse Reed by the Sec. Meeting closed with the National Anthem.

**Boy's OVERCOATS** ages 6 to 14, specially priced.—SWIFT'S.

## PERSONAL

**N. Thorne** and family moved to Sarnia this week.

**Mrs. John Shirley** has returned from a lengthy visit with friends in the West.

**Rev. S. P. Irwin** commenced his 13th year as rector of Watford last Sunday.

**Mrs. MacMillan**, of Flint, Mich., visited last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alex. Fair.

**Mrs. Mark Swisher** and Mrs. Roy Ross of St. Thomas visited over Sunday at Mrs. Jas. Craig.

**Gunner Clifford Leigh**, 64th Battery, Guelph, is spending a few days' leave with relatives and friends here.

**Mr. and Mrs. Eyra Benner** and family, of Grand Bend, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Rachel St.

**Dr. C. W. Sawers** has returned from Chicago where he spent two weeks taking a post graduate course in surgery at the Cook county and Presbyterian Hospitals.

**Mr. James Kelly**, of Elbow, Sask., called on relatives and friends in this vicinity last week. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are visiting relatives in Sarnia for the winter.

## The Vote Last Election

Below will be found the majorities by municipalities for the different candidates at the last election in East Lambton and that part of Kent which has been added to East Lambton since the last general election:—

	Armstrong	Fairbank
Bosauquet	42	—
Brooke	32	—
Waverick	13	—
Emmicklen	128	—
Euphemia	—	33
Forest	47	—
Alvinston	25	—
Watford	56	—
Arkona	3	—
Theford	25	—
Trif Springs	—	12
Petrolia	170	—
Bothwell	—	17
Camden	27	—
Dresden	41	—
Thamesville	5	—
Zone	89	—
French's own town	—	12
Dresden gave 17 for Gordon.	—	—

**Mass Meeting Tuesday Night**

A public meeting in the interest of Union Government will be held in the Lyceum on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, when Mr. J. E. Armstrong, the Union Government candidate, will address the electors. Mr. H. J. Pettypiece and Dr. Hubbard will also speak. Everybody invited. Seats reserved for ladies.

**WARWICK**

**Mrs. Peter Kingston** visited friends in Walkerville last week.

**Miss Laura Hawken** is visiting in Toronto and Niagara Falls at present.

**Mrs. Arthur Muxlow** visited her cousin Miss Mable Willoughby, of Lapeer-Mich.

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**SPECIAL shirt bargains**, 8 dozen, 2 any size for \$2.25, fine value.—SWIFT'S.

**Mrs. George Brent, Sr.**, went to Pt. Arthur to attend the funeral of her grand daughter, Miss Jean Ross. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Auld, Watford. Mr. and Mrs. Ross and family, have the sympathy of their many Warwick friends in their bereavement.

**ON Nov. 12th** the officers of the Kingscourt Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Birchard and packed a bale containing the following:—19 hospital shirts, 20 towels, 5 pair socks, 22 pillow cases, 2 pillows; which were shipped to Hyman Hall, London, and also 10 boxes which were sent to the Kingscourt boys overseas.

**Birmann Red Cross League** will meet every two weeks at the different homes. The meeting last week was held at the home of Mrs. W. Vance, when a bale was packed for Hyman Hall, consisting of 48 pillow-slips, 84 trench towels, 3 pyjama suits, 31 wash cloths, 3 quilts for Belgians, 32 prs. of socks were sent to Mrs. McPhedran, Toronto.

**The funeral** of the late Leo Edward Ruth was held on Friday morning from his parents' home, 6th line. Requiem mass was said by Rev. Fr. Quinlan at the R. C. church, Watford, and interment made in the R. C. Cemetery. The pall bearers were Clare Logan, Russell Muma, T. Barron, F. McManus, M. O'Meara and A. Burauchun.

**TURNBULL'S Underwear** for women and children.—A. BROWN & CO.

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SIGNALLER ROY E. ACTON

## Brooke Boy Makes the Supreme Sacrifice

On Monday, Nov. 19th, Mr. and Mrs. James Acton, of the 6th line, received official notice from the Casualty Department at Ottawa, that their youngest son, Roy E., had been killed in action on November 3rd.

Signaller R. E. Acton was born on the homestead, lot 15, con. 14, Brooke, 22 years ago. He attended the Watford High School and after completing his studies obtained a position on the staff of the Sterling Bank at Uxbridge, where he remained two and a half years, when he was transferred to Jordan Station, where he remained until he enlisted. He joined the colors on December 15th, 1915, enlisting with the 98th Battalion at St. Catharines. He was moved from there to Welland to take the course of a signaller and telegrapher and in July, 1916, went overseas with the 98th Battalion. While in England he attended Military School until he graduated and before crossing the channel to France was transferred to the 21st Battalion.

Signaller Acton was a young man with many friends, and had he not enlisted would have quickly come to the front in the business world. But he felt the call of duty to home and country and in the discharge of that duty gave his life. Thus another from our midst has made the supreme sacrifice so that others may live in peace and security.

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Brigden, (Gold Medalist of Alma College); Lieut. Crawford, of Sarnia, will give an address. Besides other local talent, "Tableau of Our Allies" will be given by the young girls. Admission 25c. and 15c. Program commences at 8 o'clock.

A joint meeting of the Wisbeach Patriotic League held at the home of Mrs. E. Jones was well attended, there being about forty-two ladies present. Collection amounted to \$12.00. The League has sent to Hyman Hall in the past six months—12 sheets, 360 pillow slips, 342 towels, 5 mattress covers, 4 pillows, 2 binders, 5 trench towels, 59 handkerchiefs, 3 trench caps, 16 kit bags, 3 wash cloths, and a quantity of old linen and cotton. Sent to Mrs. McPhedran, Toronto, 45 pair socks. Receipts—balance brought forward \$40.65, collection at meetings \$88.67, collection for French quilts \$5.75, collection for autograph quilt blocks \$9.85, quilt sold at Watford Fair \$9.00, bank interest 55c, donations \$20.00.—Total \$224.47. Expenditures—donation to Mrs. McPhedran for yarn \$5.00, donation to Byron Sanatorium \$5.00, cash for French flags \$5.75, donation to Comfort Fund \$10.00, paid for materials for sewing, etc., \$122.49, sent Miss Gunn (\$2.50 monthly) for prisoner of war \$15.00, postal notes and stamps 75c.—Total \$163.39. Balance on hand \$60.47. On account of no accommodation for horses no meetings will be held during the winter months and collections are requested to be handed in to any of the following—Miss Clara Skillen, Miss Esther, Seymour, Miss Laura Hawken or the secretary.

The Kingscourt Sewing Circle held their fourth annual meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15th, at the home of Mrs. John McCormick. Eighty ladies were in attendance. Meeting opened with singing and prayer. Rev. Sawers ably filled the position of chairman. Reports were read from the secretary and treasurer, showing the financial statement of the society and the work accomplished during the year. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$466.61. At 30 meetings during the year 544 articles besides 115 pairs of socks were made up in 10 bales and forwarded to the Red Cross Rooms, London. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—President, Mrs. J. McCormick; Vice-president, Mrs. Albert Bryce; Secretary, Mrs. Cox; Treasurer, Mrs. Birchard. Rev. Sawers and Rev. Shore gave excellent addresses. Miss M. McIntosh, of Wyoming, gave several splendid violin selections; Mrs. Millar, of Watford, pleased the audience with several vocal selections. Mrs. (Dr.) Kelly, of Watford, ably accompanying. The instrumental duets played by Mrs. Cavigan and Miss Stella Craig were much appreciated by all present. The collection amounted to \$26.00. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and prayer. Luncheon was served at the close of the meeting.

**CHOP STUFF**

Cowan, Towers & Cowan, barristers, of Sarnia, have opened a law office in Forest.

Wm. Adkin, a former well-known resident of Bothwell, died suddenly at Rochester, N.Y.

Kenneth Astle, a three-year-old Petrolia boy, died last week from the effects of eating rat poison.

Mr. John Sinclair, of Petrolia, was presented with a purse of gold by his Masonic brethren on the occasion of his completing his 60th year as a Freemason last week.

It is proposed that the bodies of Canadians who fall in the war be embalmed by a special process in the front line trenches and at a convenient opportunity be brought back to Canada for interment.

Every Australian man without wife or children, who is between the ages of 21 and 45, must pay to the Commonwealth of Australia ten per cent. of his taxable income in addition to all other taxes, unless he is serving in the army.

An indication of the value of property in Kent county is shown by the record price paid for the Blair estate at Plain Court on Saturday last when the property was bought by Dr. D. Gagneau, Jr., for \$10,700. The estate covers forty-one acres.

Pte. John Wilson, of the London Road, who went overseas with the 14th Battalion, has returned home. Pte. Wilson had been in a hospital in England since his arrival there last April suffering with rheumatism and was forced to return to Canada.

Jos. A. Wilson, a native of Watford, but for the past 38 years a prominent grocer and business man of Chatham, died at his late home Saturday night after an illness of only a few hours. He was 64 years of age. The late Mr. Wilson was predeceased by his wife last New Year's. He is survived by three sons, J. S., of Cleveland; Roy, of Toronto, and Percy, of Chicago, and three daughters, Misses Eva, Roby and Elizabeth, at home.

Rev. Mr. Fish, grand organizer for Ontario West for the Orange Association, has resigned to accept a post with a financial institution. He has found the work of organizer too heavy for him. The constant travel, the late nights, the innumerable sermons and addresses that he delivered all over the province entailed a strain that even his strong constitution was unable to bear.

g. His best work was possible done hockey; for while he did not make the first team, he had the earmarks of a first-class forward. In temperament was reserved and of a most agreeable position. Little did those who knew him, think, in the summer of 1916 that would meet his death fighting in Flanders.

## RHEUMATISM CURED

in the days of our fathers and grandfathers rheumatism was thought to be an unavoidable penalty of middle life old age. Almost every elderly person had rheumatism, as well as many young people. Medical science did not understand the trouble—did not know it was rooted in the blood. It was thought that rheumatism was the mere result of exposure to cold and damp, and treated with liniments and hot applications, which sometimes gave temporary relief, but did not cure the trouble. These days there were thousands of matic cripples. Now, medical science understands that rheumatism is a disease of the blood, and that with good, rich blood any man or woman of any age defies rheumatism. It can be cured by getting the poison in the blood which causes it. There are many elderly people who have never felt a twinge of rheumatism, and many who have conquered it by keeping their blood rich and pure. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is doing every year more widely known, it is the more general use of these pills that has robbed rheumatism of its terrors. At the first sign of poor blood, it is shown by loss of appetite, pallor, dull skin and dim eyes, protect yourself against the further ravages of it by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They have cured thousands of people—if you give them a fair trial they will not disappoint you. You can get the pills through any druggist or in medicine or by mail at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brock-Ont.

## BIRTH OF A NATION

at Lyceum Monday next, Matinee and Evening

The magnitude of David W. Griffith's staging "The Birth of a Nation," is so appalling—at least to the eyes of the older forms of theatrical entertainment. Where now are the little acts of actors, the pinchbeck scenery, the petty properties of the so-called "imagine" drama? By comparison the new art, the "legitimate" measure of the mountain like a molehill. In scenery for his background, he has used Nature. For subject he used 150 years of American history. Eighteen thousand people have been bidding and in the hair-raising of the KuKlux Klan three thousands and horses sweep over the roads. This magnificent his wonder that this magnificent spectacle is the talk of the city. It has established an entirely new realm in the theatre—the automatic screen spectacle with a score perfectly synchronized to it.

K. Metcalf of the 14th line of Sarnia has been reported wounded.

Dr. says: want us you want goods & Stationery



MOST PROMINENT IT IS ALSO USED A HANDBAG WHICH VEARS WELL. OUR SES AND LEATHER ND SATISFY. S AND ALL SORTS MEN. DNERY WHEN YOU GIVE THEM "TONE." E TO US FOR YOUR IERY; YOU CAN AREN STATIONER