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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 in letter in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter-Box.

BIG sale of furs.—SWIFTS'. DOLLAR and a quarter wheat. MRS. THEXTON is visiting relatives in Detroit. VERN BROWN is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. S. Millar, at Dresden. H. M. Staples, of the Sterling Bank staff, has been transferred to Toronto. EVIKV day the "IF" is looming larger in German claims as to the outcome of the war. THE Michigan Central Railway is to supplant colored waiters on its dining cars with white girls. YOU BUY the best bread and pastry flour, all kinds of feed, flax meal and seed at R. HASKETTS'. BIG sale of boys' overcoats.—SWIFTS'. THE political make-up of the new County Council is 16 Liberals, 11 Conservatives and 1 Independent. THROUGH there will be only a few more weeks of icy sidewalks you should not undertake to do your slipping early. THE GOLDEN JUBILEE convention of the North Lambton Sunday School Association will be held in Forest next Thursday, Jan. 28th. DURING the past six months there have been about 50 cases of smallpox in London, and apparently there is no lessening of the outbreak. BIG sale of ladies' flannelette gowns.—SWIFTS'. AUTO licenses for 1915 will not be issued before February 1st, owing to extra work involved by the changes to be made in the rate of taxation. COURT LORNE, C. O. F. auditors report the court in excellent financial standing with a credit in the bank of \$356 in the savings department and \$131 in open account. LICENSE COMMISSIONERS for 1915 have been appointed as follows:—East Lambton—Anthony Gilroy, Joseph McCormick, John Shirley, West Lambton—Jas. H. Kittermaster, Geo. French, James McCort. BIG sale of men's suits and overcoats.—SWIFTS'. THERE are sixty-five applications before the Middlesex county council for positions on the staff of the House of Refuge. It is not often that you find so many people anxious to go to the poor-house. REV. J. H. DYKE, field secretary of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives has arranged for an illustrated lecture on tuberculosis with fifty lantern views, in the Lyceum on Sunday evening next at 8.15. Everybody should hear this lecture. Remember the date. OVER a quarter of a million dollars has been paid into the accident fund of the Workmen's Compensation Board by the manufacturers and employers of Ontario. Although the work of organization is not complete the claims officer is receiving reports of accidents for adjustment. OUR business year ends Jan. 31st and we close our books. Has your account been paid?—SWIFT, SONS & CO. AMONG the list of officers of the first divisional area who have volunteered for active service are the following from the 27th Regiment, St. Clair Borderers:—Major A. E. Mullin, Major Fred Gorman, Lieut. John A. Peat, G. Gilbert, O. W. Grant, G. E. Lucas, J. M. McAdams, A. D. Williams. MR. MERCHANT:—While you are talking "Buy in your home town" to your customer, be sure and look well within—see that your letterheads, envelopes and other printing is done by the local printer. Make sure that the doctrine preached is followed in your own business. BREAD will remain at 6c per loaf. Since the recent advance in flour we have been asked if bread will raise to seven cents per loaf. We made a contract with the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., for a year's supply of flour before the raise, so our customers will therefore have six cent bread.—LOVELL'S BAKERY. "FARM PRODUCTS cost more than they used to." "Yes," replied the Warwick farmer. "When a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raising and the entomological name of the insect that eats it and the pharmaceutical name of the chemical that will kill it, somebody's got to pay." OWING to the scarcity of farm help in Ontario and the trouble of securing satisfactory assistance in agricultural operations the provincial government will endeavor during the coming months to place immigrants upon Ontario farms. These men are supplied upon a few weeks' trial and no fee is charged by the department for their trouble. THE Women's Institute of Watford has secured as their delegate for their meeting in the armory on the 29th of January Mrs. M. L. Woodland, of Toronto. She has been much appreciated and has messages of interest for her audiences. Some of her subjects are Home Influence, Health Culture, Plain Sewing and Art Needlework—demonstrated. Remember the date. Everybody welcome.

COLDER weather coming. COMFORTERS \$1.19.—SWIFTS' Sale. THE pool room is a lively topic of discussion on the street. MR. C. A. JEFFS, Toronto, is on the staff of the Sterling Bank here for a time. NO MATTER how high wheat goes, Lovell's bread will still remain at the old price. WHEAT is now selling at a higher price than at any time since the Franco-Prussian war. THERE will be a special meeting of the Women's Institute at Mrs. Butler's, Monday evening next. LIEUT. FRED A. TAYLOR, recruiting officer for the Canadian Mounted Rifles, was here for several days this week. MRS. BRENT and Miss Nesbitt leave this Friday evening to spend a couple of months with relatives and friends in Chicago. MR. ROLL, of Glencoe, is at present relieving Mr. Frank Elliot, of the Merchants Bank staff, who is recruiting his health in the country for a time. THE Duke of Connaught will be in London to-day (Friday) to inspect the 2nd contingent. Several from here are talking of going down to the review. AMONG the names of the recruits to the 33rd Batt. at London for the third contingent we notice those of Percy A. Mitchell and S. Lloyd Howden, of Watford. A GOOD feed seems to be an excellent way to induce men to listen to speakers on missionary work. Wonder if the same method would work on the heathen as a means of inducing them to embrace Christianity. WILL all those who have clothes, socks, mittens, or children's garments of any kind for the sale the I.O.D.E. are getting ready to send to the Belgians, please send the same to the Armory not later than Jan. 30th. THE Patriotic Ball given by the J. S. Club in the Armory on Thursday evening was a very enjoyable affair and there will be a nice balance to devote to patriotic purposes. The Pastime orchestra supplied very acceptable music. THE annual meeting of the Lambton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held in the Armory, Watford, on Thursday next, Jan. 28th, at 1.30 o'clock, when the auditors' report for the past year will be presented and directors elected for the present year. MESSRS. P. J. MCEWEN and Alex. Jamieson were here on Monday and Tuesday auditing the books of the Lambton Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co. They found the company in a very prosperous condition with all claims paid and a balance of cash on hand amounting to over \$18,000. ALL communications, whether about pool rooms or Sunday Schools, must be signed before they can be inserted in the Guide-Advocate. The three little girls who handed in a letter this week appeared rather too small to know much about pool playing and would hardly recognize a cue from a rack. THE officers for this year of Court Watford, Independent Order of Foresters, are to be publicly installed at their hall here on Wednesday evening next, January 27th. Very Rev. Dean Davis, Past High Chief Ranger, is to be present and give an address. Don't fail to hear him. Lunch is to be provided by the members and a social time held. Members and visiting brethren and their lady friends are invited to be present. LIEUT. R. H. STAPLEFORD, who is at present at the front with the 1st contingent, has sent home a sample of a shrapnel, shell which is very interesting to those who hear and read about the bursting of those shells on the field of battle. MR. Stapleford writes that these projectiles are fired a distance of 20 or 25 miles and can be set so that they will burst at any distance desired. The sample is at the office of Messrs. S. Stapleford & Son, and may be examined by any person desirous of looking it over. AT the Annual Meeting of the E. L. Agricultural Society on Wednesday, Mr. John Farrell was elected President for the twenty-first consecutive time. During these years Mr. Farrell has been the mainstay of the Society, at all times uniting in his efforts to promote its welfare. It is to be hoped that the Society will show their appreciation of his services by keeping him President for many years to come for there is no better man in the county for the position. THE monthly meeting of the Watford Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Willson on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13th, the president presiding. There were 17 members and six visitors present. On account of special business there was no program for the evening. Several selections on the gramophone were given, the hostess serving light lunch at the close. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. J. McKeecher.—Snc. Elsewhere will be found a letter from Mr. Glen Nichol, who up to the time of the departure of the first contingent, was a valued member of the Guide-Advocate staff. This promised correspondence has been a long time in coming, but no doubt will be welcomed by our readers, and especially by the numerous friends of the writer. A card has also been received this week from Lieut. Stapleford stating that the Watford boys at Salisbury Plains are well

and wish to be remembered to all old friends. HAVLOCK LODGE was represented at the Lodge of Instruction at Petrolia Thursday of last week by the W.M., Mr. E. A. Brown and Bros. F. O. McIlveen, D. Auld, C. Coristine, F. Burchard and R. McCormick. The different degrees were exemplified in perfect manner before about 250 of the brethren. The Petrolia-Masons entertained the visitors at a banquet and an exceedingly pleasant afternoon and evening was spent by all present. ANOTHER old resident of this section has passed away full of years, having spent a long life of usefulness on this sphere. We refer to Mrs. David Maher, who died on Monday last in her 89th year. For close on sixty years Mrs. Maher was a resident of Warwick, but for the last year or so had lived in Watford with her daughter. Her husband predeceased her over 20 years ago, and she is survived by her twin children, John Maher, of Warwick, and Miss Susan, of Watford. Her maiden name was Johannah Kielej. The funeral took place from the home on John street on Wednesday morning. The funeral rites at the R. C. church were performed by Rev. Fr. Quinlan, and interment made in the R. C. cemetery. The pall bearers were James McManus, D. Roche, Ed. Coughlin, T. Gavigan, D. Baron and Mr. Fitzpatrick. THE East Lambton Agricultural Society The annual meeting of the above Society was held in Watford on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 20th, with a fair attendance. Mr. John Farrell, president, presided. After the adoption of the minutes the Treasurer's financial report for the past year was read and adopted, as follows:—

RECEIPTS	
To Balance on hand.....	\$ 92 39
Members' fees.....	144 00
Gov't grant.....	298 00
County grant.....	100 00
Gate receipts.....	889 42
Concert.....	122 39
Cash subscriptions.....	52 50
Booths.....	43 50
Entrance fees.....	40 00
Retained members, 1915.....	78 00
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EXPENDITURE	
By Paid prizes, 1913.....	\$ 12 50
Paid prizes, 1914.....	805 90
Attractions, etc.....	342 50
Salaries.....	55 00
Printing, posters, etc.....	127 85
Judges.....	61 75
Assistance at show.....	44 65
Meals, etc.....	25 70
Sundry accounts.....	98 36
Balance on hand.....	255 98
	\$1830 20

It was decided not to hold a spring horse show this year. Government judges will be asked for all the principal departments. The following officers were elected for the present year:— President—John Farrell. 1st Vice-President—S. Bailey. 2nd Vice-Pres.—Dr. J. McGillicuddy. Secretary—Treasurer—F. Kenward. Directors—G. Campbell, D. Campbell, D. McVicar, D. Cameron, W. McKenzie, J. F. Elliot, W. H. Harper, E. A. Brown, Dr. T. A. Brandon, G. Monroe, R. Auld, R. E. Johnston, T. Roche, R. McCormick, C. E. James, P. Austin, D. McDonald. Auditors—W. McLeay, F. J. Hughes. Delegate to Ontario Association of Fairs—J. Farrell. Delegate to Western District Fairs Association—J. F. Elliot. Meeting adjourned until June. HOCKEY In the Int. O. H. A. game between Alvinston and Watford at the former place on Wednesday night, Alvinston won with a score of 12-4. The line-up: Watford. Alvinston. Trenouth.....goal.....McCallum. Rogers.....defense.....Williams. T. Dodds.....defense.....F. Hamilton. Auld.....rover.....Davenport. T. Roche.....centre.....Norsworthy. Porter.....left wing.....E. Hamilton. Johnson.....right wing.....Wall. Reteree.....C. Dodds, of Watford. Thanks To The I. O. D. E. The following letter received by Mrs. T. G. Mitchell, speaks for itself:— Montreal, Jan. 12th, 1915. Dear Madam:—We duly received the eight bales of clothing contributed by the citizens of Watford and members of Tecumseh Chapter of the I. O. D. E., to the relief work for the victims of the war in Belgium, by G. T. R. on the 18th of December 1914. We are exceedingly grateful to you for this magnificent contribution to our work and we would ask you to kindly convey our expressions of deepest gratitude and our sincere thanks to all who helped in the work and to the ladies of your order for the valuable and most useful gifts contained in your donation. These are greatly appreciated by us and will prove a great help to the destitute population of Belgium. Yours faithfully, JAMES COLWELL. For, Hon. Treasurer, Hector Prud'homme.

The Laymen's Missionary Banquet. Every chair of the one hundred and ten around the three long tables in Trinity Church School Room was occupied Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the Laymen's Missionary Movement banquet, and every man present was abundantly rewarded for attending, not only by a feast for the inner man but by a treat for the mind and intellect. A most appetizing meal was furnished by the Watford Women's Institute, served in perfect manner, equal in attractiveness to any luncheon heretofore placed before a Watford audience. No doubt the Institute, realizing that all who attended the banquet were men evidently put forth every effort to please. They were fully successful, and deserve praise for their efforts. A Reeve Col. Kenward presided. There were two speakers—the Rev. Canon Tucker, rector of St. Paul's cathedral, London, and Mr. Caskey, of Toronto, the secretary of the Central Laymen's Missionary Movement. Canon Tucker spoke first. He traced the missionary work of past ages from the time of Christ, showing that all our present advantages were indirectly traceable to the missionary work of the past. His address was replete with vivid description, convincing argument, and an earnest appeal for personal service, either in work, financial support or prayer. Mr. Caskey took up the more practical phase of the work, that of personal canvass and regular weekly giving, and his hearers were much impressed with his intense interest in the subject. At the close of his address a motion was unanimously carried recommending that a house to house canvass should be entered into and the weekly envelope system of raising missionary money adopted. Votes of thanks to the speakers, the Women's Institute, etc., were also passed, and the meeting brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and pronouncing of the benediction. We venture to say that there was not a single person present who was not deeply impressed that a greater personal effort than heretofore in the cause of missions was necessary and desirable.

Court Lorne Public Installation. The public installation of officers of Court Lorne, C. O. F., held in their lodge room on Monday evening was attended by a large number of members, their wives and friends. High Court Officer Bro. A. R. Galpin presided, and with High Marshall Bro. W. McLeay assisting, duly installed the newly-elected officers in their respective positions. After the ceremony Bro. Galpin gave an exceedingly concise and instructive address which was warmly received by those present. In speaking of the excellent financial standing of the Order he stated that the Inspector's statement for Dec. 31st 1914, showed that there was \$4,735,386 01 to the credit of the Insurance Fund. This amount showed an increase for the year of \$373,295.94. Although this was a little less than the increase for the previous year, owing to rather larger number of deaths than usual, yet it was considered very satisfactory. In the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund the balance at the close of the year was \$403,284.77, an increase for the year of \$55,071.58. This is a larger amount by about \$5000 than was added in 1913. In the General Fund the balance at the close of the year was \$30,559.50 which was several thousands less than previous year but the decrease was accounted for by the expenditure made in connection with the war, the assessments paid for enlisted members amounting to over \$2000 and a similar amount was spent in patriotic subscriptions. The interest on the Insurance Fund for the year amounted to \$223,761.64, on Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund \$18,725.10 and on General Fund \$1,333.56. The interest on the Insurance Fund enabled the Officers to pay 36 per cent of all death claims. This excellent showing was warmly received by those present. A number of other brethren gave short addresses, after which all adjourned to Bro. Frank Lovell's restaurant where an excellent and appetizing luncheon was served, and after all had enjoyed the bountiful spread provided by Watford's caterer and his attentive staff, a pleasant hour was spent in speeches and music. The profitable social evening was closed with the National Anthem and all returned to their homes exceedingly well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

St. Clair District Press Association. The members of St. Clair District Press Association, which comprises Lambton County and part of the County of Middlesex, met in convention on Saturday last at the Vendome hotel, Sarnia. The meeting was addressed by Mr. John Imrie, of Toronto, president of the Canadian Press Association, Mr. L. Eedy, of the St. Mary's Journal, Mr. Smallfield, of Renfrew, and Mr. Sayles, chairman of the weekly newspaper section of the Canadian Press Association. The speakers were entertained at a well-served dinner in the private dining room at noon. Fifteen Belgians living in the vicinity of Petrolia have been naturalized.

WARWICK. Mr. Jos. Crone has disposed of his farm to Mr. Henry Zavitz, of Bosanquet. Mr. Wm. Richardson is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Detwiler, Chesaning, Mich. Master George Morris spent the week end visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Harrower. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prince, Petrolia, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Rogers, nine sideroad. Mrs. Andrew Thompson is spending a few weeks in Guelph, taking the short course in poultry at the O. A. C. A meeting of the shareholders of Birmam Cheese and Butter Co., was held in the factory on Wednesday. The Warwick Board of Health has appointed Mr. J. F. Elliot as constable to enforce vaccination in the township. The strictest measures are being taken by the Board of Health to prevent the spread of smallpox beyond the case now isolated. NOTICE—Those who have been exposed to smallpox must be vaccinated at once.—T. A. Brandon, M. D., Medical Health Officer. Mrs. M. Dunlop, of Windsor, visited her sister Mrs. C. N. Richardson and other relatives and friends at Birmam, Arkona and Forest, last week. A number from Bethel attended the Laymen's Missionary Meeting at Arkona Monday evening and report a very enjoyable and profitable evening. The members of Bethel choir enjoyed an old fashioned sleigh ride the other evening and spent a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rendall, Bosanquet. Miss Turner, a missionary lately returned from India, where she has been working for the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, will speak in the English church, Warwick Village, on Sunday evening, Jan. 24th. The Warwick branch of this mission supported a native teacher in India last year and hope to be able to do so this year, and it will be interesting to hear of the work these native teachers are doing, especially from Miss Turner, as she has been actively engaged in the work for some years. One of the most comfortable and substantial homes in this section is the new bungalow on the fourth line east, where Mr. and Mrs. S. Burchill now reside and receive their many friends. The building is on a cement foundation with cement blocks above ground. Cement pillars and floors also support the spacious porches. The superstructure is of the best quality of red brick with a slate roof. The interior has a most homelike appearance and contains every possible convenience. The floors are of quarter-cut oak, and the hot air heating arrangement with open fire place in the living room and the acetylene lighting plant is all that could be desired. Complete bath room, hard and soft water throughout, septic tank, etc., help to make the place an ideal home. The cement work was done by B. Craig, the mason and brick work by W. Warwick, the carpenter work by R. O. Spalding, the painting by Frank Rice, of Wyoming, and the building is a credit to their ability as workmen. Comfort and convenience, combined with stability, were kept in view by Mr. and Mrs. Burchill when building their home, while artistic effects were not lost sight of. That they may live very many happy years in their pleasant surroundings is the wish of their numerous friends.

BROOKE. A patriotic concert under the auspices of the Brooke Women's Institute will be held on Friday evening, Jan. 29th in the Fisher schoolhouse, 10th line east. A splendid program consisting of music, dialogues, readings and recitations, drills and pantomimes will be presented. Addresses by several noted speakers who are expected to be present. Mr. Farrell, of Forest, will be present and occupy the chair. Admission, Adults 25 cents, children 15 cents. Everyone remember the date, and come out, and help along the patriotic fund. The January meeting of the Brooke Women's Institute, was held at the home of Miss Bertha Rundle, on Thursday afternoon Jan. 14th. There were thirty ladies present, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The meeting was opened by all singing a patriotic song, after which roll-call was answered by quotations from Canadian Authors. A splendid paper on "Why I am proud to be a Canadian" was given by Miss Nettie McEachern. Splendid thoughts on our country were brought out which seemed so appropriate in the present time of war. An essay on the "Life of Pauline Johnston" prepared by Mrs. Russell Powell, also a reading from Pauline Johnston, sent by Miss Pearl Maddock were given. Both of these were splendid and very much enjoyed. Miss Jennie McIlwain rendered an instrumental solo, which was very good indeed. The National Anthem was then sung, and the program closed, after which the hostess served a very fine lunch. At the inaugural meeting by Metcalf Township Council, it was decided to raise at once the sum of \$2,000 to be divided as follows:—\$1,200 for the Belgian Relief Fund and \$800 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The amount will be raised by means of debentures.

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