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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.

STRAWBERRIES are retailing at 15c. SPECIAL sale of boy's hats.—SWIFTS'. Frost Wednesday night. So the early birds say.

EXETER has joined the oiled streets rowns.

TEA has reached the highest price in 36 years.

THOSE young fellows who won't enlist might at least knit socks.

THE "King" sailors are in a class by themselves.—A. BROWN & CO.

LOOK at the label on this paper and see if your subscription is in arrears.

WATFORD MARKETS.—Wheat \$1.00, oats 50c, wool 22 to 27c, butter 23c, eggs 19c.

MRS. FRED JONES went to St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on Wednesday for an operation.

THE season for black bass opened on the 15th, but that for the bottled variety is all the year round.

AMONG the other visitors expected to visit the United States this summer is the seventeen-year-old locust.

JUNE specials all over the store.—SWIFTS'.

MORE street oiling has been done in Altonham and now that town boasts of three miles of oil streets.

TALKING of long wars, it took the allies some fifteen or sixteen years to subdue Napoleon Bonaparte.

AT this time of the year printers get short of cash. If you owe the Guide-Advocate anything prompt payment will be appreciated.

IN Leamington \$128 was raised by private subscriptions towards oiling the streets. The balance of the sum required will be provided by the town council.

OUR correspondents are reminded that we cannot insert social and garden party announcements for nothing. Our charge is 5 cents a line, with a minimum of 25c.

MEN, those \$3.95 Rain Coats are just right for the auto or buggy.—A. BROWN & CO.

THERE was a fair-sized crop of fair June brides in this section this year. May they all live long and their cup of happiness be always overflowing. If any troubles come may they all be little ones.

If you need counter check books order them at the Guide-Advocate. We are agents for Appleford's well known goods and you can get anything in their line from us at the same price as ordering direct.

OWING to Dominion Day, a public holiday, falling on our publication day, the Guide-Advocate will be printed on Wednesday next week. Advertisers and correspondents will please send in their favors a day earlier.

KHAKI pants for boys, 4 to 10 years, 40c to 75c., larger size \$1.00.—SWIFTS'.

GERMAN school children are given a holiday every time a success is reported from the Eastern front. When a reverse is recorded they no doubt get a spanking. There will be a good many spankings coming to them shortly.

ORDERS have been received by Major MacVicar, Sarnia, to recruit men for the 29th overseas battery, Canadian field artillery, at once. The battery will be mobilized at London, where the initial training will be completed.

UNDER date of May 26th, Trooper Basil Roche, of Strathcona Horse, who was wounded in the fighting in France, has written to his father, Mr. John Roche, of Alvinston. Trooper Roche reports that he is getting along well and expects to return to duty soon.

SMART styles in suits for 1st July.—SWIFTS'.

THE remains of the late Mr. John Bodaly were laid at rest in the Watford cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Robinson and the pall bearers were John Wiley, John Richardson, W. J. Howden, E. D. Swift, F. Kenward and B. H. Parker.

A CHANGE has been made in the Division Courts of the County of Lambton. Courtright and Theford, Nos. 6 and 7, have been done away with and the territory placed in other divisions. The whole of Arkona is now in Watford, No. 2, and Bosanquet and Theford in Forest, No. 5.

THE Presbyterian vote on the church union question will probably be taken in the mission fields before October 1st, 1915, and in the pastoral charges before December 1st, 1915. It will not be taken in the Presbyteries before January 1st, 1916, and the returns will be made to the Assembly clerk by March 1st, 1916.

CAPT. FRITZ ROBINSON, son of Rev. S. F. Robinson, Strathroy, chaplain of the 26th Regt., met death in action on June 15th. Lieut. E. N. Chesham, of Strathroy, is also reported killed. They were members of the Strathroy company of the 26th Regt. and were very popular and highly esteemed young men. They were both well known in Watford and were present at the Armory here when the certificates were presented to the officers of the 27th last fall.



LIEUT. R. H. STAPLEFORD of Watford, reported wounded in battle of Festubert on June 15th.

No Wednesday half-holiday next week. WEDNESDAY was a chilly day for June.

READ the Strathroy Dominion Day celebration ad on page 8.

CROPS on exposed land suffered greatly from Thursday morning's frost.

THE 1st Battalion has suffered 600 casualties since going into action.

THE Watford Board of Education is advertising for an entire staff of teachers.

NEW shirts, ties, collars, hats for 1st July.—SWIFTS'.

INSTALLATION of officers of Havelock Lodge this (Thursday) evening, St. John's Day.

MANSSELL JAMES, agent for the Hupmobile, sold a five-passenger car to Albert Brock, Adelaide, last week.

W. D. CAMERON has purchased a five-passenger Overland auto from J. R. McCormick, the agent for this district.

THERE will be no Wednesday half-holiday next week on account of Dominion Day, a statutory holiday, falling on Thursday.

PTE. GLENN W. NICHOL has recovered from his wounds and when he wrote, June 8th, expected to go back to the firing line that week.

NEW summer silks opened this week. Very specials in raw silks at 50c and 75c.—A. BROWN & CO.

J. R. MCCORMICK, Kingscourt, has taken the agency for the celebrated Overland automobiles. Anyone contemplating buying a car should see the Overland before making a choice.

LAST week Mr. C. Potter, assisted by Principal Blake of Oil Springs, conducted the Lower School Examination, and this week the former will have charge of the Entrance to Normal at Alvinston.

COURT WATFORD, No. 44, I.O.F., will attend service in a body at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, July 4th, when the pastor, Rev. Bro. Robinson, will preach the annual sermon. All members of the Court requested to be present. Visiting Foresters welcome.

HARRY THAW is still fighting for his freedom. Why not give him his liberty and put him in the German ranks. He would get all the fighting he wants there and the public would not be bothered with long accounts of his doings in the daily press.

NEW laces, new blouses, new dresses.—SWIFTS'.

THE special good roads committee appointed by the county council consists of John McCallum, Alvinston; T. Simpson, Enniskillen; C. O. Fairbank, Petrolia; Wm. J. Hall, Warwick, and W. A. Annett Brooke. The question which this committee will consider particularly will be that of Lambton County coming under the Good Roads Act of Ontario.

MR. E. D. STYLES, of Loverna, Sask., who is visiting here, has handed us a copy of the Borderland Budget, published at Loverna. It is a spicy, well-gotten-up sheet, full of live advertising and a credit to the town. Mr. Styles has a quarter-section adjoining the town and is engaged in the implement repair business.

MRS. T. G. MITCHELL has received word from Shorecliffe, Eng., that the two barrels of jam sent by the Watford Daughters of the Empire to the Canadian wounded soldiers had arrived safely, only one small jar being broken in transit. The letter thanking the ladies for their gift will be published next week.

HAVE you subscribed for the New Idea Magazine? One year for 35c.—A. BROWN & CO.

WORD has been received from the General Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway by Rev. F. G. Robinson and also by Mr. Fitzgerald that "effective with the new time-table June 27th, train No. 1 will stop at Watford to let off passengers from Kingston and points east, and No. 3 will be made a flag stop." No. 3 passes through Watford for the west at 12:13 p.m. and No. 1 at 9:52. Efforts will be made to have No. 1 stop for passengers from Toronto instead of Kingston, and it is expected to the service will be satisfactory to the people of this community.

CAPT. SWIFT REPORTED MISSING AND LIEUT. STAPLEFORD WOUNDED

Official Notice Later Says Swift Was Left Wounded in a German Trench

On Saturday morning Mr. E. D. Swift received the following telegram from the Adjutant-General at Ottawa:—

"Sincerely regret to inform you that Lieut. Thomas Lemon Swift, 1st Batt. was officially reported missing June 15th. Further particulars when received will be sent."

Mrs. R. H. Stapleford also received a telegram at the same time, stating that her husband, Lieut. R. H. Stapleford, had been wounded.

This sad news cast a gloom over the town, as both young men were born here, have lived here all their lives, and are known to everyone in the place. The sympathy of all is extended to the relatives, especially to the Swift family, as the uncertainty of the fate of Capt. Swift causes much anxious suspense.

The battle in which the casualties occurred was fought near La Bassee on Tuesday night, June 15th, and will be known as the battle of Festubert. The first four Canadian battalions were in the engagement, and Major Becher, of London, commander of the 1st battalion, was killed. A special report of the engagement dated London, June 18th, says:—

"The 1st and 2nd brigades of Canada's first division share with British Highland regiments the honor of latest gains on an important La Bassee sector. Canadian casualties have been few, and by sheer good fortune they have been able to hold on to the sector against the German first line troops. Because of adverse circumstances, mainly the physical conformation of the country, a large portion of trenches brilliantly taken by the British were regained by a German counter-attack."

As the story comes, the 2nd Brigade were guarding the trenches east of Festubert—the same trenches which the Canadians captured on May 21 and 22—when the order to attack came. It had been found that the Germans had weakened their line in order to brace it up on the Ypres front. The British regiments, with the relief part of the 2nd Brigade Canadians, with the 1st Brigade in support, charged just at dusk after our artillery had prepared the way.

The advance works were soon taken, despite the fact that machine guns had been artfully concealed in pits.

Part of the Canadians engaged, with whom were bomb throwers, dashed along the communication trenches. The engineers luckily found and cut the main wires where the Germans had it mined. On gaining the main trenches the Canadians captured many prisoners, composed of three high officers and about 60 members of one of the famous Prussian Guard regiments. This section of the trench was the salient into our lines, and in some places only 50 yards from our advanced trench. The Canadians were unable to hold it until reinforced by the several British machine gun sections, and these have made it so hot for the enemy that in some places they have retired to their trenches.

The valorous conduct of the Canadians is described by British officers invalued back as magnificent. It is declared by them that the officers led the charge of their Maple Leaf brigades fearlessly and valiantly, and though they encountered a terrific bombardment of high explosive shells, they persisted unflinchingly. Their effort was most successful, but the success was gained not without losses much deplored, though numerically inconsequential."

LATER

On Wednesday morning Mr. Swift received an official telegram from Ottawa, stating that his son, previously reported missing, had been left wounded in the second line of German trench, and that further particulars would be sent when received. This news, though serious and disheartening, relieves to some extent the suspense caused by the first message.

Capt. Swift has been interested in military affairs for about four years and was largely instrumental in forming the efficient company that left here last fall for the front. He also took a deep interest in the boy scout movement and the cadet corps. He is the junior partner of the firm of Swift, Sons & Co., and is 23 years old. He has been at the scene of action for about two months.

Lieut. Stapleford, after going to England, was laid up with illness and did not go to the front until about a month ago. Up to time of writing no word has been received as to the seriousness of his wounds, but no doubt news of his condition will shortly be made known. In the meantime his wife and four little children and his parents are receiving deep expressions of sympathy from their many friends. He is 25 years old and is a son of ex-Keeve Stapleford.

EXTRACTS FROM CAPT. SWIFT'S LETTERS HOME

June 4.—I had a close call yesterday while in the city of —, which is only about two miles from here. I went in with Capt. Wilkinson, my company commander, and lost track of him in the crowd, meeting Capt. Hahn shortly after. We were walking down the street when we heard two shells whistling, and they burst down the street a few hundred yards in front of us. We stopped a minute to figure out what was going on



CAPT. T. L. SWIFT of Watford, captain of H. Co., 27th Regt., who was left wounded in a German trench.

and one hit the top corner of the building immediately across the street in front of us with a terrific roar. The bricks and glass came tumbling around us. The force of the explosion knocked us over against the wall and a small splinter of shell went through my cap, dazing me for a minute. We went into the house and in a few minutes felt O. K. again, and beat it back to camp. I didn't delay in the city any longer than I had to on the way back, I assure you. It seemed so ridiculous to be hit so far back, nearly five miles from the firing line, when I had been right up there and never been touched for several weeks.

June 6.—Went to church parade at 10:30. The service was taken by Capt. Gordon. We expected to go into the trenches last night, but evidently they purpose giving us a little longer rest than usual on account of the long time we were in last time, when the work was so hard. The men were wonderful the last time in, as the shell fire was so hot all day no one could sleep, and all night was spent in building up our trench and digging the new line in front of us.

As I look around me, I can see the old cook sitting in front of his cooker, which is a stove on wheels for field work. He is smoking his old pipe, with the air of a general figuring out his plan for the morning, while his assistant is busy gathering chips and wood for the next day's fire. One group of fellows is engaged in sewing on buttons and another in watching a little fire with a canteen on it very intently, to see that the new eggs in it do not burn. Needless to say, the farmer who wants to gather any eggs in this neighborhood must get up before breakfast, as the boys do not miss an opportunity of having an egg for breakfast. The old farmer has just come through the gap with his poor old mule hitched to the wagon. After a day in the fields the poor old mule looks as though night had not come too soon. I must stop now; the mail is leaving.

When our cause is vindicated and there is peace on earth, let it be recorded as the proudest pages in our annals that NOT ONE HOME, NOT ONE WORKSHOP failed to take part in the common struggle and earned a share in the common triumph."

—Asquith.

MRS. THOMAS GLENN died at her home on Front street on Tuesday morning, after an illness extending over ten weeks, in her 62nd year. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, service being held in the Congregational church, by the Rev. R. Stevenson, and interment made in Watford cemetery. Mrs. Glenn was a daughter of the late James Hartley and leaves a husband and two daughters, Mary and Jennie, to mourn her demise.

A PUBLIC meeting will be held in the Armory this (Friday) afternoon, June 25, by the Watford Women's Institute. They have secured Mrs. M. N. Norman, of Toronto, as their delegate, when she will address the meeting, commencing at 3 o'clock. She comes highly recommended by the department. Some of her subjects are: "Women and the Community," "Women and War," and "What constitutes an attractive woman." There will also be music. Members please remember the date, and also visitors are cordially invited to attend.—S.E.C.

ON Monday evening last Rev. S. V. R. Pentland and family were entertained by the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, when a very pleasant evening was spent. After a musical and literary program, Miss Waugh, president of the League, read an address from the young

people, and Mrs. James Thompson read one from the Ladies' Aid Society, and Mrs. (Rev.) F. G. Robinson presented a silver berry and sugar spoon to Mrs. Pentland after which Mr. and Mrs. Pentland briefly replied, thanking the people of Watford Methodist Church for their kindness. Rev. F. G. Robinson in behalf of the congregation stated that the Pentland family would be greatly missed, and hoped they would be happy in their new home. Refreshments were served at the close by the young people and all united in singing "God Save the King."

NEW straw hats for 1st July.—SWIFTS'.

PERSONAL

Mr. Joseph H. Mitchell returned from the West on Sunday.

Mr. W. G. Hull, Hamilton, called on Watford friends Wednesday.

Miss Winnie Howson, Auburn, is the guest of Mrs. F. O. McIlveen.

Mr. Kenneth Sedwick, Owen Sound, called on Watford friends Monday.

Vern Brown, Sarnia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLaren spent the week end with Mrs. McLaren's parents in Sarnia.

Dr. V. L. Newell, Detroit, spent the week end here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harper and Mr. and Mrs. T. Hawes motored to Ridgeway on Saturday.

Mrs. J. Sutherland Cameron and daughter Mary Jean, of Detroit, are visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. McIlveen and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howden took a motor trip to Clinton and Auburn, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor and Miss Muriel Brown, and Rev. and Mrs. Connolly and Miss Ella McLeay motored to Hamilton on Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Hobbs, "the English nobleman," of Alpena, Mich., called on Watford friends Friday. During the week he visited his son, Deputy-Reeve Hobbs, of Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert and little nephew, and Mr. and Mrs. David Lambert and son Newell, Oil Springs, motored to Watford on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Spalding.

WARWICK.

Miss Maggie Cooper was a Stathroy visitor Saturday.

J. B. Hobbs, Alpena, Mich., visited at Jas. Cooper's, his old home.

J. Scott Luckham, Ottawa, is enjoying two weeks' holidays under the parental roof.

Mrs. M. Cassidy, of Sarnia, spent the week with her son, Fred Cassidy, Warwick Village.

Bethel Sunday school purposes holding its annual picnic to Hillsboro on Saturday, June 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cassidy, Warwick, spent the week end with the former's brothers, Woodstock, Ont.

Mrs. Donald Fraser, of Parkhill, and son, D. A. Fraser, Moosejaw, spent the week end at Jas. Cooper's, 2nd.

S. S. No. 5, Warwick, and Zion Sunday school purpose holding a union picnic at Port Frank on Saturday, June 26th.

Mr. McDonald, of the blind line, lost five valuable cattle by lightning on Friday night. They were partly covered by insurance.

Mr. J. E. Cassidy and wife, Mr. W. Cassidy and wife, and Mr. E. Wood and wife, Woodstock, motored to Fred Cassidy's and spent Sunday and Monday.

The Warwick branch of the Women's Institute, held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 10th, in the Foresters' hall. A paper on "How Queer" was read by Mrs. John Smith. The voluntary offering, which amounted to six dollars, will be sent to the Red Cross Society. After the general routine of business the time was devoted to quilting a quilt. There were twenty ladies present.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Rectory, Adelaide, on Wednesday, June 16th, when Mr. John Joseph Westgate was united in the holy bonds to Miss Edith Jane Topping, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. R. Diehl. After a short honeymoon, to be spent at Sarnia and other points, the happy young couple will take up their abode on the 4th line, Warwick, near Watford, where the groom is a prosperous young farmer.

There passed away Thursday one of Sarnia's oldest and most respected citizens, in the person of James Cusken 86 years of age. James Cusken began his career as a British soldier. His last position was turnkey for the Lambton County Jail.

On Saturday afternoon 5th inst., Mr. Geo. Addison, London Road was engaged hauling gravel for road work and took his 9 year old daughter with him. Mr. Addison was engaged shovelling the gravel on the load while his daughter sat in front on the gravel holding the lines. Her father told her to drive on a few feet, in doing so she by some means fell off the load underneath the wagon when the hind wheel passed over her leg fracturing it below the hip.

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