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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 them in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

**THE NEW COLLARS at SWIFT'S.**  
This is the 1300th day of the war.  
FOR Second-hand Cars see RAY MORNINGSTAR.

**DIVISION COURT in Watford** next Friday, March 8th.

**THE G. CHAMBERS EST.** is noted as the yard for good values.

This year the back yards should have more attention than the front lawn.

**HEAVY khaki bib overalls, all sizes, \$1.50.**—A. BROWN & CO.

**PEOPLE** who have the least to say usually have the most to talk about.

**"DON'T"** be a grouch. There's too much competition for you to hope to be a good success.

**THERE** are eight cases of smallpox in Sarnia and Mayor Crawford wants every citizen vaccinated.

**WHERE** is the coal bin? Some people have two—one for procuring purposes and the other for storage.

**READ OUR AD.** It may make you five dollars.—SWIFT'S.

**BILLY SUNDAY** says: "Turn hell upside down and you'll find 'Made in Germany' stamped on the bottom."

We have had an opportunity this winter to know what the weather man means when he speaks of "mean temperature."

**A SCHOOLTEACHER** asked her pupils to write the longest sentence he could think of. One little fellow wrote: "Imprisonment for life."

To encourage the production of spring wheat, the government has increased the prizes to local fair fairs from \$50 to \$75 for this cereal.

**OLD BLUE** Worsteds Suits to order at SWIFT'S. See window.

**BROWN** had a lovely baby girl. The stork left her with a flutter; Brown named her, "Oleomargarine," For he hadn't any but her.

**THE trouble** with the war bread the ladies are making is that it tastes so good that nobody can feel as if he was making a patriotic sacrifice in eating it.

**BEFORE** the marriage he saith, "How fascinatingly thy hair curlth over thine ears." But after the marriage he saith, "Say, whadda you fuss your hair up that way for."

**ALL ACCOUNTS DUE** at MISS WILLIAMS' millinery store must be paid to Mrs. John Baker not later than March 15th, after that date they will be handed to lawyers for collection.

**AN INCREASE** in the prices of the Ford production has been made and is now in force, as follows: Runabout \$575, Touring car \$595, Coupe \$770, Sedan \$970, f.o.b. Ford Ont.

**SMART** pinch-back suits for young men.—A. BROWN & CO.

**THERE** will be morning service in Trinity church next Sunday and a celebration of the holy communion. At the evening service the Rector's subject will be "Sin," text Romans 6: 23.

**DURING** the mild spell the hens have started laying, much to the disgust of the packing house people. Yet there are a good many people who will be pleased to taste a real fresh egg again if the price will permit.

**EARLY SHOWING** of Ladies' Coats and Suits, smart styles, new models. Get your Easter togery ready.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

**THE Ontario** Fairs Association has asked the Legislature to greatly increase the dog tax, to provide that every dog be tagged, and that any dog found abroad between sunset and sunrise might be shot on sight.

**AN Ontario** woman left her husband because he couldn't keep a good supply of coal in the bin. If every woman who was short of coal this winter did the same thing there would be a big bunch of grass widowers.

**MR. P. PATON**, of Montreal, formerly manager of the Northern Navigation Company, has purchased the interest of Chas. and Malcolm McKenzie and David Milne in the hardware business of McKenzie, Milne & Co., of Sarnia.

**A BILL** has been introduced into the Legislature making a tax of at least \$2 on dogs which can be increased by the municipality if desired. No doubt there will be just as many people squirm out of the \$2 tax as there are at present on the \$1.

**OUR SPRING** STOCK of footwear has arrived, and comprises all styles for men, women, and the little folks. Dressy boots in dongola kid, gunmetal, patent colt and calf leathers. Call and let us show you. The prices are reasonable.—P. DODDS & SON.

**ON SUNDAY EVENING** NEXT in the Congregational church, Rev. R. M. Stevenson will preach on the subject: "The Mystery of the Rapture, and the Judgment of the Righteous and the Wicked. When and where will both classes be judged?" See text in 1st Cor. 15: 51. A welcome extended to all.

**THE New Hats** and Caps at SWIFT'S.

**PETER MCARTHUR** is COMING. WHEN? MARCH 6th at 8 p.m. WHERE? IN THE LYCEUM.

**ASSISTED** by Lambton's 2nd Battalion and a monster patriotic male chorus, under the auspices of Lambton's 149, I. O. D. E. Tickets, adults 25c., children 15c.

**"KING" and "BORSALINO" Hats** for men. The new spring styles are here.—A. BROWN & CO.

**NOW** is the time to begin to plan and get your favorite brand of seeds sprouting in the little box on the window sill.

**A large shipment** of shingles expected the first part of March at G. CHAMBERS EST. Secure yours off this car at a reduction.

**AGRICULTURAL** papers are urging farmers to dispose of their surplus potatoes "at current prices, while they have the opportunity."

**NEW Middy Blouses** and Skirts.—SWIFT'S.

**THE POOL ROOMS** have changed hands. Roche Bros. have purchased Alex. Zimmerman's outfit, and J. McManus has purchased N. Chamber's.

**CHARTERED BANKS** have been granted permission to increase their note circulation fifteen per cent. during the summer to assist in crop financing.

**ALL parties** getting coal from the dealers must pay for the same promptly, as delivering in small quantities makes the profit very small.—W. H. HARPER, Fuel Controller.

**ICE MEN** in the cities are arranging prices for next summer's delivery. There will be no scarcity of the commodity, but that won't worry the big dealers any in setting the selling price.

**NEW YORK Silk Skirts**, very new.—SWIFT'S.

**THE REV. W. F. BROWNLEE**, of St. Thomas, will preach in Trinity Church this (Thursday) evening. Next Thursday the Rev. A. A. Bice, London will be the special preacher. All are invited to these Lenten services.

**ABOUT** every local paper you pick up these days you will find a heading: "Coal Situation Here Serious." It has been serious everywhere, but one seldom sees an item thanking the Lord that things are as good as they are.

**OUR SPRING** SHIPMENT of wall paper is here, comprising suitable patterns for every room in the house, English, Canadian, and American papers with borders to match, all shades, cut out and ordinary. Get your paper early while the stock is complete.—P. DODDS & SON.

**A RIPLEY MAN** was noticed absent from his pew in church. The pastor and sexton hurried to his home after the service, and the man, who lived alone, was found unconscious from coal gas. He was rescued just in time. Would your absence from church be of so much concern?

**PETER MCARTHUR**, the farmer-journalist, will give one of his humorous talks in the Lyceum on Wednesday evening next, under the auspices of Lambton's 149 I.O.D.E. Everyone has heard of Peter McArthur and should embrace the opportunity of hearing this talented speaker.

**WHEN YOU WANT SHOES** let us show you what we can do for you. Our spring shipments is here and comprises handsome, stylish shoes, well built, of fine quality and varied styles. Every pair an unusual value. A big assortment for ladies, men and children, and the price is right.—P. J. DODDS, the exclusive shoe store.

**EARLY** showing of Easter Blouses.—SWIFT'S.

**THE regular** meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E., will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Mitchell, on Tuesday March 5th, at the usual hour. The Regent requests a full attendance of members as plans to give assistance at once to the new branch of the Secours National at London, Ont. will be submitted. Patriotic Quotations.

**FIVE MEMBERS** of the Box Committee of Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E., met at the home of Mrs. N. B. Howden, on Monday afternoon of this week and packed forty parcels for Watford boys overseas. Each parcel contained two pairs socks, tobacco, home-made candy and candles. As the parcels were all sewed in cotton before being wrapped and addressed, the work was done in record time.

**WATER FREEZING** in the pipes caused the wreck of the kitchen range in the residence of Mr. A. G. Brown Tuesday morning. The sudden drop in temperature during the night froze the water in the pipes leading to the range, in a room adjoining the kitchen, which when thawed caused the explosion, completely wrecking the stove and causing general demoralization of the room.

**THE majority** of people would pay their debts, if other people would only pay them. Frequently when a man starts to pay his debts he puts in motion a row of men half a mile long, each one of whom is doing the same thing. It may be that you are the man who has stopped the motion. If you owe anyone, pay your debts, and thus keep up the circulation. Don't be the one to hold up this most important circulation.

**BUTTER** and EGGS WANTED for Prints and Gingham.—SWIFT'S.

**REV. FITZGERALD** was in Florence on business this week.

**MR. H. C. TAYLOR** returned to Alsack Sask., on Thursday last.

**MISS MINNELLY** is attending the millinery openings in Toronto this week.

**Miss Edythe McMacken**, Sarnia, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Willoughby.

**WILL** you see to it that your past due account for 1917 is paid at once? We need the money.—E. D. SWIFT.

**THE REGULATIONS** call for a "no-glare" auto lens after January 1st, 1918. We have the McKee—the authorized one. Let us show you.—T. DODDS & SON.

**A SPECIAL MEETING** of the Watford Council was held on Tuesday evening, when the licenses of the pool rooms were transferred to the new proprietors.

**MR. HERB SMITH**, Allan, Sask., who has been spending the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Smith, Strathroy, called on relatives and friends in Watford on Tuesday.

**ALL residents** of Watford needing coal are kindly requested to leave their orders with W. H. Harper, fuel controller, who has full charge and authority in the matter.—W. E. FITZGERALD, Reeve.

**DRAWING** for the leather cushion donated by A. Brown & Co. to Lambton's 149 I.O.D.E. was held on Wednesday, Mr. W. D. Cameron holding the lucky ticket, No. 2. The Chapter asked Mr. E. A. Brown to draw the ticket. The proceeds amounted to \$22.35.

**A TELEGRAM** was received on Wednesday by Mr. D. Roche from Mr. Frank Hillis, Toronto, stating that the latter had been notified by the Casualties Department that his son, Lieut. Charles R. Hillis of the 116th Canadian Infantry had died on Monday from wounds received on Sunday. Lieut. Hillis was well known to many in Watford, having lived here for some years before moving with the family to Toronto.

**THE congregational** meeting held in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening was an occasion of great enthusiasm with cause for very much encouragement. Plans were devised for the furtherance of the interest of the church and for the appropriate observance of the anniversary of the re-opening of the church on Sunday March 17th, when by unanimous vote the pastor, Rev. A. C. Tiffin, will preach. The services promise to be of special interest to all.

**LAST Sunday** morning the pastor Rev. A. C. Tiffin preached in the Methodist church on the text, Numbers 10: 29. After this followed the impressive reception service when 29 united in membership, and were given the right hand of fellowship and made welcome within the pale of the church. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed and the number of members partaking was the largest in the memory of many present at this long to be remembered occasion.

**THE kindly** feeling of the people of Watford toward "Our Boys" at the front was evidenced by the large audience at the Sacred Concert on Sunday evening and by the liberal collection of \$41.00 received on Sunday. It surely is a fitting thing that the different congregations of our town should get together occasionally and remember those whose names are on the Honor Rolls of our churches and who must stay in the trenches every day fighting to defend our Civil and religious liberty. The members of Tecumseh Chapter are most grateful to all who took part in the program or contributed in any way to the success of the concert.

**ANOTHER LOCAL SOLDIER** RETURNED from overseas on Friday afternoon in the person of Pte. Bert Saunders, son of Mr. John Saunders, fourth line. Pte. Saunders was working in Sarnia when the 149th Battalion was recruited and joined in that city, going overseas with the Lambton battalion. Owing to illness he was compelled to remain in England and forgo the honor of doing his bit on the firing line. He was met at the depot here by a large turnout of friends and citizens and conveyed home in a gaily decorated auto. His many friends rejoice to have him with them again and regret with him that his illness prevented him from taking an active part in the trenches.

**IT** has been found that the charge previously stipulated, 25c. for the forwarding of correspondence from Canada to enemy and enemy-occupied territory, through the medium of Thomas Cook & Sons, Montreal, does not cover the costs of such transmission and in future the charge for forwarding such correspondence will be 35c. per letter. This amount is to be remitted by means of a postal note, together with the letter, which is to be forwarded to Thomas Cook & Sons, 530 St. Catharine street West, Montreal, in accordance with instructions which may be obtained on application from Thomas Cook & Sons.

**THE section** of the Motor Vehicles Act regarding automobile lighting devices, passed by the Ontario Legislature, is not yet law, and does not come into force until proclamation is made by the Lieutenant Governor. The section reads: "(4) It shall be unlawful to carry on a motor vehicle any lighting device of over four candle power, equipped with a reflector, unless the same shall be so designed or arranged that no portion of the beam of reflected light when measured 75 feet or more ahead of the lamp shall rise above 42 inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands." Mr. W. A. McLean, deputy minister of highways,

says in a letter to Mr. Ray Morningstar, "It is not, therefore, legally necessary to use any special non-glare lens, although desirable to do so."

**REGULAR MEETING** of Watford council next Monday.

## SERGT.-MAJOR GLENN NICHOL RETURNS

Sergt.-Major W. Glenn Nichol, who lately returned from the battle front, dropped into Watford quietly and unexpectedly on Thursday afternoon last, and in so doing defrauded the citizens of an opportunity of meeting him at the depot and tendering him a fitting public welcome. "Nic" never did like a fuss and consequently did not give his friends a chance to make one. Nevertheless he received a hearty individual welcome from his old friends, and that means everyone who was fortunate enough to make his acquaintance during the twenty months he spent in Watford before he enlisted. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rogers during his stay in town. On Thursday evening he spent some time with the Progress Club and on Friday evening was entertained at dinner by Capt. and Mrs. R. H. Stapleford, who invited a dozen of the business men of the town to meet Sergt. Nichol at their residence. After partaking of a toothsome and faultlessly served repast the guests were favored with some exceedingly interesting reminiscences of the early days of the war by Sergt. Nichol and their host.

Sergt.-Major Nichol enlisted at Watford in August, 1914, as a private in the 1st Battalion C.E.F., and after training at Valcartier went overseas. He was wounded in the memorable battle of Ypres, shot through both legs and afterwards crawled through a trench over a mile to the base hospital and was admitted to an English hospital in June, 1916. After his recovery he again went to the front and was engaged in the battles of Vimy Ridge, Courcellette and other engagements. He was awarded a medal "For Bravery in the Field" in the spring of 1917 and was promoted to Sergt.-Major. Last November he was ordered to take a course at the Military College in England for service in training the recruits in Canada, and for the present will be stationed at London.

On Wednesday of last week Sergt. Nichol visited Watford, his birthplace, and in the town hall and presented with a handsome club bag.

## Carnival Prize Winners

Those who were successful in winning the prizes in the different contests at the Carnival on Wednesday of last week:—

**Best ladies' costume**—Q. P. Club, representing "The Red Letter Days of the Year."

**Best Gent's Costume**—G. Trenouth, "The Devil."

**Best Girl's Costume**—Evelyn Dodds, "Canada."

**Best Boy's Costume**—S. Trenouth, "Uncle Sam."

**Barrel Race**—K. Spackman and D. Butler.

**Open Race**—H. Cooke, 10 laps.

**Girl's Race**—D. Power, R. Dodds.

**Boy's Race**—D. Weight, S. Trenouth.

The ice was in good condition, the band supplied inspiring music, and the large crowd present thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.

## BROOKE

Miss B. Rundle is visiting in London. Mr. Louis Lehrbass has purchased Fred King's farm.

Mr. Walter Swan, of Brooke, spent Sunday in Sarnia.

Humorous Lecture by Peter McArthur, March 6th, in the Lyceum.

Miss G. Goldrick is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Roy Prior, Sparta.

Miss Ada Lucas is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Gordon Luckham, Sarnia.

Mr. Chas. Rundle is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. W. Rundle, Alvinston, who is very ill.

Mr. Wm. Parker and Mrs. Russell Parker left Tuesday for their home, Kelliber, Sask. after visiting relatives here.

Let us show you our new spring stock of shoes. We have the goods that will please you.—P. J. DODDS' Exclusive Shoe Store, Watford.

Mrs. John Denning, 10th line of Brooke, has been confined to her bed for the past week as a result of a pitch from a buggy when the bit broke in the horse's mouth.

Divine service will be held in St. James' church, Brooke, on Sunday afternoon at 2.45. The rector will continue his course of Lenten Sermons. The subject for Sunday being "Sin."

Mr. and Mrs. Putoff and Mr. Dan Bowlby, who have been spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bowlby, returned to their home in Alberta.

A patriotic concert will be held Friday evening March 8th, under the auspices of the Brooke Woman's Institute, in S. S. No. 11, tenth line East. An entertaining play, "The Stubborn Motor Car" will be presented by the young people of Walkers, also several musical selections. Admission 25c. Don't miss it.

The Willing Workers Sewing Circle

held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Powell. Although the membership is small the following articles were shipped to Hyman Hall during the past year:—31 suits pyjamas, 10 grey flannel shirts, 3 helpless shirts, 90 trench towels, also 14 trench towels were sent in overseas boxes; 63 pairs of socks were sent to Mrs. McPhedran, besides 7 pairs knit by Mrs. F. Powell for overseas boxes. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Powell.

The Rokeby Red Cross annual box social was held last Thursday evening in the Rokeby schoolhouse and was a decided success, both from a literary and social standpoint. The program consisted of music, recitations and a debate: "Resolved, that United States is a greater nation than Great Britain," between the Ebenezer Rural Improvement Club and the Rokeby Club. The affirmative was most ably upheld by Rev. Donnelly, Mr. Lovell and Miss Rutledge, while Mrs. Mac. Campbell, D. McEachern and S. Graham (the home team) upheld the Great Britain end. The judges, Miss McPherson, Mr. Atkin and Mr. Putoff, gave their decision in favor of the negative side by one point. Then came the selling of the boxes, Mr. Alex. McLean wielding the hammer. They sold from \$1.25 to \$5.50, the 36 boxes realizing \$80.20. The ticket for the pair of socks which had been donated was drawn by Mr. Geo. Campbell, who offered them for sale by auction, Mr. J. McEachern getting them for \$3.55. This, with the \$9.50 worth of tickets sold, brought the proceeds from the box to \$13.05 and total box social proceeds to \$93.25. The January parcel shipped to Hyman Hall contained 30 flannel shirts and 15 pairs socks, valued at \$82.50. Our trio of debaters expect to return Ebenezer's visit next week and we wish them success.

## WARWICK

Don't fail to hear Peter McArthur next Wednesday in the Lyceum.

The Kingscourt Sewing Circle wish to thank the Watford Council for the grant of \$84.00 received.

Miss Mabel Minnelly, of the 2nd line north, spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. John Miller, 4th line.

Mr. Wm. Evans, townline Bosanquet, has purchased from Robert McDonald, his property on 18 sideroad, Warwick township.

The 4th line east W. I. Workers' wish to thank the Warwick Council for the generous grant of \$80.00, received last week.

Complete line of Spring Shoes at P. J. Dodds' shoe store. All the new styles in leading makes. Substantial, handsome goods at right prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cates and family, who have been spending the winter at Mr. E. Robertson's, 2nd line, returned to their home in Provost, Alberta, this week.

The Kingscourt Sewing Circle packed a bale to be sent to Hyman Hall, containing 18 grey flannel shirts, 24 pillow slips and 53 pairs of socks. For the month of Jan. a bale was sent to the Halifax road containing 4 quilts, 15 suits of underwear, 3 night gown, 1 suit of boy clothing, 3 pairs of boy pants. At the last regular meeting a collection in aid of the prisoners of war fund was taken and \$13.00 received.

The Women's Patriotic League held a meeting at the home of Mrs. R. McKenzie, Warwick Village, on Wednesday, Feb. 20th, at which two quilts were quilted and other work done. The bale packed after the meeting contained the following: 26 shirts, 10 pyjama suits, 6 pillow slips, 12 trench towels and 2 hospital towels, value \$73.56; also 30 pair socks sent to Toronto; donations \$20.20; goods made and sold \$6.00.

The entertainment given by S. S. 16 and 20, Bosanquet and Warwick, on Friday evening was a decided success. Despite the condition of the roads the schoolhouse was packed to the doors. Mr. John Farrell occupied the chair in his usual manner and the children all played their parts extremely well. The pantomime, "Abide With Me," acted by Miss Minnie Fuller; "The Littleman-Tinytot Wedding," with little Evla Hart as bride, Melvin Turner as groom and Clarence McCall as minister; and the drill entitled, "Rule Britannia," in which Florence McPherson personated Britannia, are worthy of special mention. The Tipperary Red Cross sketch, "The Match Box," was well played, while Mrs. Gillis McPherson's readings, Miss Coffin's violin selections, and the solos by Mrs. Wm. Johnston and Miss Merie Holbrook were highly appreciated by all. Mrs. Gillis McPherson won the prize given by Mr. Farrell for the best story told by a married woman. The proceeds were \$34.50, of all which has been put into the hands of Red Cross workers.

## Potatoes at Toronto

An easier tone prevails in the potato market at Toronto, and lower prices are almost certain to follow when the cars become available for shipping to the central markets. The future price will depend largely on what quantity are frozen, though there is a prevailing opinion that there will be enough good ones on hand to bring a drop in price. At present Ontario potatoes are worth about \$2.00 per bag on the track at Toronto, bags and all, and New Brunswicks about \$2.10 on the same basis.