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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.

A PROSPEROUS New Year to all.—SWIFT'S.

It is a wise girl who knows her own mind.

BEST wishes for the New Year.—J. W. McLAREN.

BEWARE of the Huns when they come talking peace.

HORSE MEAT and liver is 20 cents a pound in Berlin.

P. DODDS & SON wish all their friends and customers a Happy New Year.

RESOLUTION for 1917:—"I will buy only goods made in the British Empire."

BANISH the bottle! is the new war cry. The bottle did not go out with the bar.

SPLENDID holiday trade. We thank you.—SWIFT'S.

A CHICAGO youth was fined \$3 for stealing a kiss. Probably cheap at that price.

GERMAN vessel owners are figuring on an early peace. Another Teuton miscalculation.

UNTIL further notice advertisers are requested to send in their changes on Monday.

AN exchange remarks that more statesmen and fewer politicians are needed on our municipal boards.

CUT flowers for New Years—let us have your orders early—supplies are very limited.—J. W. McLAREN.

TORONTO papers contemplate making another raise in prices soon, both in subscriptions and advertising.

CORRESPONDENTS will please remember that we make a charge for inserting complimentary addresses.

WITHIN the handle of a new jumping rope for children is a recording device to count the number of turns made.

JIM—How long will the war last? Jack—How long is a piece of string? Jim—I don't know. Jack—Neither do I.

BIG VALUES in dress goods and silks.—SWIFT'S.

LIEUT.-COL. MACVICAR and officers of the 149th Battalion issued a very handsome Christmas greeting card.

THERE was a big crowd in town on Saturday afternoon and all the business men and their staffs were kept very busy.

Yes, dangers around us thicken. We shudder like a loon.

At the price of a six-pound chicken On a winter afternoon.

ENGLAND looks after her soldiers. Tommy, while in the front trenches, gets five hot meals in the 24 hours of each day.

PAPER economy campaigns are said to be the order of the day, in department stores and elsewhere in a number of large cities.

THE FAMOUS CANADIAN JUBILER SINGERS will appear in Taylor's Lyceum on Monday evening, Jan. 15th. Reserve the date.

At a special meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday evening the salaries of the teachers in the public school were raised \$50 a year.

OUR old indigo blue suits to order \$25.00 and \$27.50.—SWIFT'S.

UNLESS some unlooked for change should occur in the near future, the nation likely to come worst out of this war is the United States of America.

A DRINK of cold water before breakfast is said to be a good thing to sharpen the appetite. Before the 10th of last September quite a few people used to take a drink of fire-water.

THE Dominion Cannery has raised the price of tomatoes 100 per cent above normal. It is said there is no reason for such an advance but you can take the goods or leave them as you see fit.

AN exchange says:—"We claim to be just as honest as anybody, but right at this time, if a neighbor's hen were laying in our barn, we'd be the last person in the world to tell the neighbor about it."

PERHAPS you would like to remember someone at New Years with a box of choice chocolates. We have a few large boxes which we are clearing out this week at 25 per cent discount.—J. W. McLAREN.

SUNDAY NEXT Dec. 31st, being the last Sunday of the old year, the services in the Methodist Church will be appropriate. Rev. F. G. Robinson will preach suitable sermons, and the choir will render special hymns and music.

THERE will be a public installation of the officers of Court Lorne, C. O. F. on Jan. 8th in their hall, and a supper and social time after the ceremony. Members are asked to bring wife or sweetheart, and the ladies are requested to bring a basket of eatables, &c.

MR. N. McNEE (Section Foreman) received a pleasant surprise on Friday evening when the men of his section met at the home of Mr. J. Wrinkle and presented him with a gold chain and an address, to which Mr. McNeer replied in a few well chosen words, after which a dainty luncheon was served and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in games.

DID you ever notice the difference in people in the treatment of dumb animals? This is a good index of character. The kind and humane man will provide shelter and a blanket for his horse these cold days, whilst the inhumane is careless in these matters.

EVERYONE should prepare for the national registration the first week in January. The coming year will probably decide the war, and if Canada is to continue doing her just share, it is necessary that some systematic registration of her available man power is taken.

PAY your bills by the end of the year.—SWIFT'S.

THE post office people were kept very busy on Saturday and Monday with the enormous Christmas mail. The 6.40 mail Saturday did not get in until a late hour consequently was not delivered until Monday and the Christmas morning mail of 14 bags came in at 10.30.

THE Sunday School Entertainment in connection with the Methodist Church was a decided success. On Wednesday evening the basement was well filled to listen to an interesting program given by the teachers and scholars. At the close every scholar received a box of candy.

HORSES WANTED for the French army. A buyer will be at the Roche House, Watford, on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd to purchase horses in good condition and sound, from 5 to 9 years old, weight 1300 lbs. up and from 15.2 to 16.2 hands high. See Frank Restorick for further particulars.

SPECIAL year end sale of Boy's Overcoats. Bring in your little men and save money.—SWIFT'S.

IT'S always a good plan to read over an agreement before you append your signature. Better to be sure than sorry and it's more business like and no reflection on the other party. Nine people out of every ten could not tell you what their insurance policy or their beneficiary certificate contains. They will likely pan out O. K., but it would not be amiss to be aware of the conditions and clauses.

DURING the winter months the disposal of ashes from stoves and furnaces demands attention. Though many fires are caused by the disposition of hot ashes against frame buildings, wooden fences, etc., the practice is still continued. Too much care cannot be given to the disposal of ashes. Either metal containers should be used or the ashes should be placed at a safe distance from anything combustible.

FROM now until the last week in April the probability is that the mail carrier will earn all the money he will receive for making his six rounds a week. He will appreciate all the help we can give him in the way of making the roads more passable. When the winter snows come if every farmer would break out the road alongside his farm after every storm the rounds of the mail carrier would be more easily made and his mail boxes more promptly visited.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of a special meeting of the Watford Board of Education, called for general business, held on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—J. W. McLaren, chairman; Dr. Newell, W. E. Fitzgerald, Dr. Hicks, John White, C. W. Vail, Dr. Howden and R. C. McLeay.

The Principal's report of public school was read.

Howden—McLeay, and carried, that the principal's report be received and filed.

Fitzgerald—Howden, and carried, that the following accounts be accepted and paid:—

HIGH SCHOOL

Swift, Sons & Co., blinds.....\$ 1 95

Wm. Marwick, cement..... 58 00

Wm. McLeay, postage and stamps. 1 40

Secretary, postage..... 30

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Walter Scott, brooms..... 70

Wm. McLeay, postage and stamps 1 10

Public School Inspector's report of the Public School was read, also the High School and Principal's annual report.

Fitzgerald—White, and carried, that the public school inspector's report be received and the suggestions mentioned be left to the principal to act as he sees fit and that the principal's annual report of the high school be also received and sent to the Minister of Education.

McLeay—Vail, that we consider Miss Hume's resignation.

Yeas—Howden, McLeay, Vail, Newell, McLaren.

Nays—Fitzgerald, Hicks, White. Motion carried.

McLeay—Vail, and carried, that we received the motion passed in June, re: increase in teacher's salaries, and that we increase the salaries of Mr. Shrapnell, Miss Hume, Miss Waugh, Miss Cameron and Miss Reid to the extent of \$50.00 each per annum, to commence Jan. 1st, 1917.

Vail—Hicks, and carried, that we adjourn.

D. WATT, Secretary.

Jas. Tearney, Wyoming, has sold his famous race horse Texas Jim for the sum of \$1,500.

A Michigan paper records that "Farmer Jones" took advantage of yesterday's weather by bringing two bushels of potatoes to market and taking home a piano."

NEW YEAR'S GREETING OF THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE.

We breathe for all our readers now
That kind and cordial wish that you
May find your joys increasing:
And may to you the New Year prove
A year of health and peace and love
And true success unceasing.

WATFORD NOMINATIONS

There was not a very large attendance at the nomination meeting in the Lyceum Friday evening, but those present manifested considerable interest in the proceedings, and although most of the speeches were short considerable cross-firing was indulged in, and at times some strong expressions used. Below are the nominations:—

FOR REEVE

F. Kenward, nominated by P. J. Dodds and W. H. Shrapnell.

J. D. Brown, by W. E. Fitzgerald and D. A. Maxwell.

W. E. Fitzgerald, by N. Chambers and R. A. Higgins.

S. Stapleford, by W. E. Fitzgerald and W. Doan.

R. E. Johnston, by P. E. Fuller and N. Chambers.

FOR COUNCILLOR

Joshua Saunders, nominated by R. C. McLeay and J. D. Carroll.

N. Hawn, by W. H. Shrapnell and W. E. Fitzgerald.

P. E. Fuller, by D. A. Maxwell and John Bruce.

W. Doan by James Harrower and Robt. Auld.

R. E. Johnston, by F. W. Rogers and F. Kenward.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. H. Harper, nominated by R. O. Spalding and Robt. Auld.

J. W. Bate, by R. C. McLeay and T. D. Hamilton.

I. Kinnell, by R. C. McLeay and John Bruce.

W. G. Siddall, M.D., by W. E. Fitzgerald and N. Hawn.

Dr. G. N. Howden, by G. O. Stephenson and D. A. Maxwell.

R. C. McLeay, by D. A. Maxwell and R. A. Higgins.

Dr. Geo. Hicks, by W. E. Fitzgerald and N. Chambers.

R. O. Spalding, by W. E. Fitzgerald and S. Stapleford.

At the end of the nomination hour Mr. W. S. Fuller, town clerk, was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Lawlor, representing the Hydro Electric Commission, being present was asked to speak first. He stated that the question of inadequate supply of power at Niagara Falls had become one of grave concern. The original 100,000 h. p. contract for with the Ontario Power Co. has been used up and an additional supply of 50,000 h. p. contracted for with the Niagara Power Co. has also been used up, thereby forcing the government to seek all the available sources to supply the growing demands of the Province.

In view of these facts the government deemed it advisable to acquire all the remaining water rights at Niagara Falls. This has been done and arrangements have been made to divert water from Chippewa Creek which is above the Falls and carry this water to a point near Queenston where a plant will be constructed with a capacity of over 200,000 h. p. and designed with a view of having an ultimate capacity limited only by the amount of water available for power purposes. The Hydro municipalities at a meeting of their representatives expressed a desire to undertake this development in place of having the government do so, providing a sufficient number of the Hydro municipalities are in favor of owning the generating plant as they now do the transmission lines. If the by-law carries the municipalities will own the generating station in the same manner as the present transmission lines, and in time the cost of power will be reduced to operating and maintenance expenses only. If the Ontario government develop the power the municipalities will have to purchase power the same as at present instead of becoming partners. Replying to a question Mr. Lawlor said that the delay in supplying Watford with power was caused by inability to get material.

The members of the Board of Education were then called on but no one came forward to say a word for that important body.

The Reeve and Council gave an account of their stewardship, explaining the different expenditures and doings of that body during the year; afterwards the newly nominated candidates were given a chance to explain their views on municipal matters.

As both Council and Board of Education have been elected by acclamation it

is not necessary now to report the remarks made. The ratepayers seem to be satisfied with the present council, hence their election for 1917 without opposition.

All by Acclamation

The Watford Council and Board of Education for 1917 were elected by acclamation, the Council being composed of the same members as 1916 and the four members of the Board of Education required being Dr. Hicks, W. H. Harper, Dr. Howden and Dr. Siddall, the last named taking the place of R. C. McLeay, who declined the nomination on Friday night.

PERSONAL

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. W. G. Greer, Sarnia.

H. J. Nash and wife, London.

Geo. Tye and Geo. Tye, Jr., London.

John Smith and wife, Canadagau, N. Y.

H. A. Cook and wife, Toronto.

W. K. Cook and wife, Toronto.

O. W. Fuller and wife, London.

S. W. White and wife, London.

Dr. V. L. Newell, Detroit.

Lieut. R. D. Swift, 149th Batt.

Miss Stella McManus, Dawn.

Peter Dodds, Toronto.

Miss Tanner, St. Thomas; Miss Annie Tanner, Streetsville; Dr. Arch. Tanner, Chatham.

Sergt. E. Dodds, 149th Batt.

Capt. Wykesmith and wife, London.

D. G. Parker, wife and daughter, Leamington.

B. McPadden, Windsor.

W. McPadden and wife, London.

Miss Isabel Harris, Welland.

Miss Florence Johnston, Essex.

Miss Loretta Roche, Toronto.

Miss Maude Marwick, Ridgeway.

Miss Clara Carroll, Sarnia.

Miss Reta Logan, Camlachie.

Miss Stella McManus, Dawn.

Miss Jean McKeercher, Courtright.

W. J. Jones, Toronto, spent Xmas here.

Miss Olivia Kadey, Ingersoll; L. R. Kadey, Paris; F. L. Kadey, Kitchener.

Dr. J. McGillicuddy was home from St. Louis for Christmas.

Mrs. Jacklin and son Edward are visiting relatives in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McKenzie are spending the holidays with relatives in Guelph.

H. Albert Lovell, Vancouver, is visiting at his home here.

Mr. Somers, Hagersville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. B. Howden.

Dr. T. J. Foster, Scottville, Mich., visited his mother, Mrs. Jane Foster this week.

Capt. and Mrs. R. E. Mulley of La Salle, N. Y., are spending the Christmas holidays with the latter's sister, Mrs. Timothy Gavigan, Ontario.

Mr. McNeer spent the holidays at Rose Villa, Brantford, with his sister, Mrs. W. Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Wanless, Sarnia, Mrs. G. Strangway and sons Guy and Walter, Windsor, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Class.

Warwick Nominations

REEVE

Arthur Hobbs, nominated by W. Percy and D. Hay.

B. B. Dann by H. Morningstar and S. McLelland.

DEPUTY-REEVE

John W. Blain by S. McLelland and D. R. Falloon.

D. D. Brodie by S. McLelland and A. Smith.

COUNCILLORS

Wm. E. Parker by A. Higgins and W. Hall.

Jacob Cline by A. Hobbs and W. E. Parker.

Walter Percy by W. G. Hall and A. Hobbs.

Adam Higgins by W. E. Parker and A. Hobbs.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE "YES" ON THE HYDRO BY-LAW

1.—Because you will be owning, operating and controlling your own generating station.

2.—Because you will reap the benefit of the cheapest power possible from Niagara Falls.

3.—Because you are going to assist in the building up of the greater industrial Ontario.

4.—Because if the municipalities own their own development, you will obtain power at cost.

5.—Because if municipalities own their own power development there will be no dividends to share with stockholders; there will be no stockholders except yourselves.

6.—Because the load on the Hydro system in 1915 was 110,654 h. p.; in 1916 over 150,000 h. p.; the estimated load in 1917 will be 183,000 h. p.; and in 1918, 227,000 h. p., and the total present power arranged for, only 150,000 h. p.

7.—Because electric energy is regarded as a most vital factor in the development and the prosperity of this province.

8.—Because it means that the municipalities wish to control the additional power development on the Niagara river in a manner similar to their present ownership of the distribution system.

9.—Because the new source of power will ensure an abundant supply of electric energy at a time when it is most urgently required to assist in the development of the province.

10.—Because the municipalities which decide in favor of the by-law will in time obtain an interest in a development which will result in a reduction in the cost of power to the consumers.

11.—Because a vote in favor of the by-law is a vote for municipal ownership and not provincial ownership.

12.—Because if the generating station is owned by the Provincial Government when the debentures issued to pay for plant have been paid off, the plant will have to be paid for entirely by the municipalities but still be the property of the Government to do with as they choose.

13.—Because the passing of the by-law does not commit the municipality to any financial outlay.

Week of Prayer.

United meetings will be held in the Watford churches next month as follows:

In the Presbyterian Church.

Jan. 4—The New Call to Prayer.

Jan. 6—Back to Fundamentals.

In the Methodist Church.

Jan. 8—The Judgments of God.

Jan. 9—An Urgent Call to Consecration.

In the Baptist Church.

Jan. 10—The Sacrificial Life in the Present World Crisis.

In the Anglican Church.

Jan. 11—Lessons from the War for Work.

Jan. 12—Value of the Resurrection Hope.

An offering will be taken up at each service.

Kelso—Sawers

The marriage of Agnes Wilson, daughter of Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Sawers, of Watford, to Mr. Charles Kelso, of Port Elgin, took place at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday, Dec. 14th. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. J. C. Foster, in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Kelso left on the evening train for Chicago, St. Paul and other western cities. On their return they will make their home at Port Elgin.

L. O. L. Officers

The following officers were elected at the meeting of L. O. L. 505 on the 15th inst.:

W. M.—Bro. Bert Fulcher.

Dep. M.—Bro. J. Joynt.

Rec. Sec.—Bro. M. Thompson.

Fin. Sec.—Bro. Geo. Pike.

Treas.—Bro. Wm. Davidson.

Chaplain—W. A. Carroll.

Dir. of Cer.—J. Doar.

Lecturer—J. Cline.

Com.—1st Fred Westgate, 2nd A. Spalding, 3rd T. Karr.