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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.

**NEXT Sunday will be Advent Sunday. SPECIALS in children's coats.—SWIFTS'. VON KLUCK is clucking again. Thinks he has laid an egg.**

**RATHER a desperate time though for Mr. Wilson to have a serious love affair on his hands.**

**TIME for neutral civilization to wake up and put a stop to such incidents as the Ancona massacre.**

**MISS LELA CROOKSHANK, Blenheim, is visiting her cousin, Miss McCaw St. Clair St.**

**MISS MINIELLY has bills to meet the first of December and would like her accounts paid by then.**

**Buy your Christmas goods early.—SWIFTS'.**

**MRS. J. K. MORRIS, Blenheim, spent the week end with her niece, Mrs. Geo. Shirley, St. Clair St.**

**MR. RICHARD ROCHE, of Winnipeg, has again been chosen starter for the Winnipeg Driving Club.**

**THE surface of Mars is cut by a network of canals. That planet must look like heaven to the German navy.**

**WHEN Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes was asked what he thought of afternoon tea he replied, "It is giggle-gabble-gobble—git!"**

**THE thanks of the editor are due Mr. George Harper for delicious wild ducks which he brought down by his uddering aim at the lakeside last week.**

**To friends and relatives your portrait at Christmas will carry a message of thoughtfulness that is next to a personal visit.—AYLESWORTH'S STUDIO.**

**AN exchange says: "The man who could run a newspaper to suit everybody, went to heaven—or somewhere—long ago. We're staying here to do the best we can."**

**THERE is no time like the present for letting those who want to buy know what you have to sell, and there is no medium for making it known like the Guide-Advocate.**

**"LADIES' mud coats \$2.50, quarter regular price.—SWIFTS'.**

**ON Saturday, Nov. 20th, Sir Wilfrid Laurier celebrated his 74th birthday and received congratulations personally at his home and by telegraph from all parts of the Dominion.**

**DR. J. A. McDONALD has resigned from the position of managing editor of the Toronto Globe after holding the position for thirteen years. He will still remain on the editorial staff.**

**ANYONE wishing to contribute to a barrel for fruit to be sent to Shorncliffe Hospital through the I.O.D.E. will please leave the same at the Armories on Monday or Tuesday of next week.**

**EPWORTH LEAGUE Rally service on Monday evening at eight o'clock. Addresses will be given by Rev. Mead, Mrs. (Rev.) Snell and Rev. Forster. Special music is also being prepared for the Rally service. All are welcome.**

**RUBBERS and overshoes of all sizes always in stock, also rubber boots. A full line of stylish new shoes for men, women and children, also a dainty line of Christmas slippers.—P. DODDS & SON.**

**THE order of the Postmaster General issued last March restricting to \$5 the total value of postal notes to be sold to one person for remittance to the United States has been cancelled, and now any amount required can be purchased.**

**REV. H. E. STILWELL, B.A., who has spent 20 years in missionary service in India, and who is a most effective missionary speaker, will preach at Calvary Church at 3 o'clock and at the Watford Baptist Church on Sunday evening next, Nov. 28, at 7 o'clock.**

**A SIGN of the changing times is the dying out of the telegraph offices in the smaller places. Very few students present themselves nowadays; the telephone is more and more cutting into the business, and so it is difficult to keep offices open save in the larger places.**

**SPECIALS in ladies' nifty coats open Saturday.—SWIFTS'.**

**BEGINNING November 1st, 1915, the following rates of subsistence allowance in lieu of rations and quarters will be paid recruits, Canadian expeditionary force, until drafted into one of the units: Unmarried men 50 cents; married men 75 cents; unmarried men, if only supporters of widowed mothers, 75 cents.**

**WEST LORNE Choral Society refused to give up their practise hall for a recruiting meeting which had been advertised for that building. Not a very patriotic bunch. Better change the name of the society to "The Little German Band." They are unworthy the name of Britishers.**

**WORD has been received from the Red Cross Society that the boxes of Christmas gifts sent by the Watford children have been received and forwarded for distribution. The contents of the boxes met with high praise and the thanks of the Society are sent to everyone who contributed to them.**

**NIFTY Bloomer suits for boys, odd pants \$1.25.—SWIFTS'.**

**BOYS overcoat specials at SWIFTS'. FAMOUS MOUSTACHES—those of Charlie Chaplin and the Kaiser.**

**NEXT Sunday is the Rev. T. M. Mead's last Sunday as pastor of the Baptist churches.**

**RAY MORNINGSTAR has erected a handsome colored electric sign in front of his garage.**

**A PETITION was in circulation this week asking the Council of Watford to submit a hydro-electric by-law to the ratepayers.**

**CHEERFUL TOMMY (leaving hospital fitted up with a brand new pair of artificial feet)—"No more bloomie" cold feet for me!"**

**"MAMMA," said a little 4-year-old girl the other day when her baby brother had a crying spell, "why do you not dive zat kid some smoothin' sirup?"**

**RALPH CONNOR has confessed that before the war he regarded soldiering as "a piece of perfect stupidity." If only some of the other ex-pacifists would admit their error as readily.**

**THE simple Christmas gift that lends the touch of friendship without the embarrassment of an obligation—your photograph.—AYLESWORTH'S STUDIO.**

**W. B. STEWART, who left Watford about three years ago to establish the Petrolia Milling Co., left there last week for Dresden to take a position as second miller with the Maple Leaf Milling Co.**

**GET in your Christmas clothing orders.—SWIFTS' Tailoring Dept.**

**THE exchange of money orders with Switzerland which was suspended by the Postoffice Department last year has been resumed and now money orders can be purchased at the same rate as formerly.**

**THE home-made cooking sale held by the ladies of the Presbyterian church on Saturday afternoon was well patronized and the pies, cakes, bread, candy, etc., offered for sale was quickly disposed of and a nice sum of money realized.**

**A VERY pleasant time was spent at the dance given by the young men in the Lyceum on Monday night. About forty couples were present, including visitors from Petrolia, Forest and Wyoming. The Cortese orchestra of London supplied excellent music. The assembly broke up about three o'clock.**

**THE farmer can help the business man by paying cash for everything he purchases during the present time of stress and business depression. And the business man can help his brother business man by doing the same thing. In this way only can we run business at the present time and keep our heads above water.**

**PLACE your orders for fruits for Christmas cake and pudding with P. Dodds & Son now before the expected raise in price. Fresh supply each week. You get them right when you buy from P. DODDS & SON.**

**THE barn at the rear of the premises of Mrs. P. Dodds, Sr., was discovered to be on fire about 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. The alarm was given and the firemen were on the spot in short order but the flames had made such headway that nothing could be done to save the building, which was totally consumed.**

**AFTER business was completed at the last meeting of the Willing Workers of the Watford Methodist church, which was held at the home of Mrs. Wellington Smith, Ontario street, the members were entertained to an order supper by Mrs. Smith and a pleasant social hour spent. The young people purpose holding a bazaar some time in December.**

**THE Canadian \$50,000,000 war loan was subscribed in one day. This does not mean that the lists will close. They will be kept open for some days to enable small investors to subscribe, as the Finance Minister desires particularly to enlist the support of the general public. Banks and Insurance Companies are the principal applicants so far.**

**CLEARANCE sale of ladies' suits—6 at \$7.50; 4 at \$10.00; 6 at \$13.90—less than manufacturers' price.—SWIFTS'.**

**MISS NESBITT will have her display of Christmas goods in Harper Bros. store, and will open Wednesday, Dec. 8th. A picture makes a handsome and useful gift. In my display of art work you will find it easy to choose a picture that suits your taste and purse, and in turn just as surely please the recipient. Also Christmas cards and dainty little novelties, hand made and hand decorated. I kindly invite your inspection. n25-5t**

**THE famous Guy Bros. Minstrels will pay their annual visit to Watford on Saturday, Nov. 27th, when they will give a performance in the Armory for the benefit of the 27th Regt. Guy Bros. are always worth hearing and their program this year is said to surpass all former ones. The first part, "Night Before the Battle" has some original, striking and stirring effects. Secure your tickets at McLaren's.**

**Show your patriotism by buying some of the War Loan Bonds. You may be able to invest your surplus cash to better advantage, but by subscribing to the War Loan you will help to put down militarism and also be of service to the Empire in her time of need. The Finance Minister is anxious that the loan should be a popular one and that the subscriptions should be as Dominion wide as possible. For that reason bonds will be issued in one hundred, five hundred and thousand dollar lots. See advertisement on another page.**

**MR. ALF. DUNLOP, Chatham, spent the week end in Watford and vicinity.**

**MR. BERT MITCHELL is home from Toronto Medical College, suffering from illness.**

**MR. AND MRS. J. E. FOWLER spent the week end in London with their daughter, Mrs. E. Palmer.**

**DR. C. S. WYNNE, son of the late J. B. Wynne, sailed from St. John, N. B., Monday, Nov. 22nd, for overseas service.**

**W. P. RAPEE, operator at the G.T.R. Station, left for Sarnia on Tuesday to take unto himself a wife. L. A. Knox, of London, is relieving until Mr. Rapee returns.**

**MISS WILLIAMS would take it as a favor if all parties having accounts on her books would call and pay by Dec. 23rd, as she requires the money at this season of the year.**

**Pte. Harry Whitsett has been invalided home and is now in London, Ont. When he returns to Watford he will be tendered a warm reception. He has done his bit and deserves a welcome.**

**DR. G. G. BRAITHWAITE, principal of the Western University, London, will preach in the Watford Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening, and at Zion in the afternoon.**

**AN explosion of gasoline raised the roof of T. Dodds' oil house on Tuesday evening about 6.30. Mr. C. C. Dodds was near the building at the time and was knocked down by the force of the explosion and had his face slightly singed. The fire arising from the explosion was put out by chemicals. The roof was only holed a few inches.**

**THE Watford evaporator has closed down after a very successful season. Mr. Geo. Eccles, the proprietor, has gone to Grand Falls, B.C., to take charge of one of the evaporators of Graham & Co., of Belleville, Ont., who have a contract on hand for nine million pounds of dried vegetables. It will take 90,000,000 lbs. of green produce to fill this contract. Mr. C. H. H. who has worked in the evaporator here for some months, goes to B.C. with Mr. Eccles.**

**ONE of the best minstrel shows ever given in the Lyceum was that by the Reese Bros. Africans on Friday and Saturday evenings. The company numbers fifteen, and have a brass band and orchestra. There was not a dull moment in their whole performance, which was good wholesome fun. The program included plantation songs and dances, music and vaudeville in great variety. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Watford Women's Institute and a nice sum was realized for Red Cross purposes.**

**JOHN M. DOWDING, painter, of Watford, died in Strathroy about 5 o'clock Monday morning in the boarding house of Mrs. A. McKenzie. Dr. O. L. Berdan was called and found the man in a dying condition from poisoning. An empty bottle labeled "batting alcohol" was found in his room and the doctor came to the conclusion that death was due to alcohol poisoning. Mr. Dowding, who was only 28 years of age, had been working with Mr. A. D. Hone, of Watford, decorating St. John's Anglican Church. His mother, Mrs. John Dowding and his brothers, James, Reuben and Thomas, and one sister reside in Arkona. The remains were sent to Arkona for interment.**

**THE young ladies of Watford who belong to that energetic organization known as the Young Ladies' Patriotic Society have been busy this week sending Christmas comforts to the boys at the front, and each of the thirty odd-Watford boys now serving their country in the east will receive a parcel from a young lady in town. The parcels contained bottled marmalade, omelette, gum or whatever the sender thought would be acceptable. Each young lady enclosed her card so that the recipient will know the sender. The thoughtfulness of the young ladies is to be commended and no doubt the boys will appreciate their kindness and think more than of the old town on Christmas Day.**

**IT looks as if the ingredients for the Christmas cake and pudding will be scarce and high in price this year. A wholesale report says:—"New almonds are arriving now, but it is stated that they may not have enough walnuts here in time for Christmas selling. As for dried fruits—another Christmas line—these are worse and worse. A few currants have arrived, but they are a mere drop in the bucket of demand; peels are away up; raisins are firm and supplies are inadequate to the demand and the general situation may be described as acute. In view of this it looks as if it is now generally assured that all ingredients for Christmas puddings and cakes will be up and we think that people can make up their minds to pay more for these luxuries than heretofore."**

**A FORMER resident of Watford for many years died at her home in Sarnia on Monday in the person of Blanche Virgo, beloved wife of Mr. William Virgo, Sr., aged 75 years, 2 months and 19 days. Deceased had been in poor health with Bright's disease for some time. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss one son, William, of Sarnia, and three daughters, Mrs. Kelly, Elbow, Sask., Miss Ethel, a missionary in China, and Miss Kate at home. The funeral service was held at the family residence, 341 Davis street, Sarnia, at one o'clock on Wednesday and the remains were brought to Watford on the 3 o'clock train and interred in the Wat-**

**ford cemetery. The pall bearers were:—Wm. McLeay, Col. Kenward, Jas. Glass, J. H. Hume, T. B. Taylor and Wm. Thompson. The Rev. Graham, of Sarnia, conducted the service, assisted at the grave by Rev. F. G. Robinson, of Watford.**

**COMING**

**Armouries, Saturday Evening, Nov. 27, Guy Brothers' Big Minstrels. Everything New But the Name**

**Grand military opening, "Just Before the Battle," the greatest and grandest scenic opening ever witnessed. It sets the fires of patriotism burning in the hearts of every loyal Canadian—in fact, all British subjects. 12 big acts of vaudeville. Our own big concert band and orchestra. Big street parade at noon. Tickets on sale now. Prices 35c and 50c.**

**Watford Young Lady Wounded at the Battle Front**

**Miss Margaret Bell Saunders, of Watford, who has been doing relief work amongst Belgian children in Furnes, was wounded last week while in a hut preparing food for the destitute children. The building was struck by a German bomb. Miss Saunders was wounded in the leg. She has been working in co-operation with Mrs. Agar Adamson and Mrs. Innes Taylor, of Toronto. Miss Saunders is a journalist, a member of the Toronto Women's Press Club, and writes under the name "Margaret Bell."**

**Lambton Battalion for Overseas Service**

**Lieut. Col. Kelly is daily expecting the acceptance by the Militia Department of his offer to raise a Lambton county battalion for overseas service. The idea seems to be a popular one, and already a number of applications have been made by good, reliable, energetic men for positions on the staff of the battalion. As soon as the offer receives the sanction of the Department recruiting will begin. It is proposed that during the winter the men will be distributed at the principal points of the county—Sarnia, Petrolia, Forest, Watford, Alvinston, Theford, Courtright and Bridget each having a number of men billeted in their midst, and a competent instructor will be furnished for each place. In the spring the battalion goes to the front. Colonel Kelly will be in command, and no doubt they will give a good account of themselves and be a credit to the county.**

**Hawkshaw—Downie**

**(Vancouver Province, Nov. 18)**

**A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends, both in British Columbia and the eastern provinces, was celebrated in St. Paul's Church yesterday afternoon, when Miss Rietta Downie, daughter of the late Rev. Canon Downie and Mrs. Downie, of Port Stanley, Ontario, was married to Mr. William Henry Hawkshaw, eldest son of Captain W. S. Hawkshaw, of Chilliwack, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. G. Miller, M.A., cousin of the groom, assisted by Rev. Harold King, rector of St. Paul's. The bride, who was brought in and given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. C. H. Cowan, wore a lovely gown of white satin adorned with embroidery in crystal beads with a tulle veil surmounted by a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses and orchids. She also wore the groom's gift, a necklace and pendant of sapphires and pearls. The bridesmaid was her niece, Miss Irene Cowan, whose frock was of pale blue silk, with a lace fichu, with which she wore a black velvet hat entwined with pink roses, and the groom's gift, a jade ring. Her bouquet was of pink roses and orchids. The best man was Lieut. F. G. Colquhoun of the 72nd Highlanders, and the bride's nephew, George Cowan, was usher. Following the ceremony at the church the bridal party drove to the residence on Davie street of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, where a small circle of immediate relatives were entertained at luncheon. The house was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums and carnations, and white satin ribbon streamers added a festive note to the pleasing effect. Mrs. Cowan was handsomely gowned in black velvet adorned with cream lace and a black velvet hat and white furs. Mrs. Hawkshaw, the groom's mother, was wearing black silk in combination with lavender and a black velvet hat. In the party of guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alred Unsworth, of Sarnia, Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, of Burquitiam, Mrs. Embury and Mrs. S. A. Codd. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkshaw left on a honeymoon trip to southern cities from which they will return to take up their residence in Chilliwack. The bride received a great number of telegrams of congratulations and good wishes from friends in Eastern Canada, and many beautiful gifts were bestowed upon her.**

**The jury impaneled to inquire into the death of George Lumley, who fell to his death from a window at the house of refuge, met at the police court Friday afternoon and they brought in a verdict of accidental death. Coroner Dr. Logie conducted the inquest.**

**WARWICK.**

**The box social announced to be given by the young people of Warwick under the auspices of the Women's Patriotic League will be held in the Orange Hall on Tuesday evening, Nov. 30th. Mr. McFarland and the quartette from Forest, Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Crosse, of Watford, and our own local talent will provide the entertainment. All the ladies are requested to bring boxes of lunch with their name enclosed—to be auctioned by Mr. Farrell.**

**The Warwick branch of the Women's Institute held their November meeting in the Foresters' Hall on the 11th inst. There were 19 members present. The work for the afternoon consisted of quilting and packing clothing for the destitute in France. A case of fruit was also packed to be sent to the Farmers' Advocate shower for the Red Cross in London. The cash donations amounted to \$4.25. Next meeting will be held on Dec. 9th. All ladies interested in the work are cordially invited to attend.**

**BROOKE**

**The Tipperary Club sent a lot of Christmas comforts to our boys of the 27th at the front.**

**Mr. Geo. Willoughby, barrister, Toronto, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Willoughby.**

**Mrs. W. E. PARKER and Mrs. E. A. Edwards and little Donald spent a few days at the parsonage, Parkhill, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Pentland.**

**CHAS. MAY, of Forest, who has been living in Brooke for some years, has returned to town, and has re-opened the blacksmith shop on Broadway, lately operated by W. Beech.—Forest Free Press.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Clare, of 857 William street, London, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Ruby Alvina Pearl, to Mr. R. Leo Watson, of St. Marys, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Watson, of Alvinston, the wedding to take place quietly early in December.**

**All advance notices for entertainments of any kind published in the Guide-Advocate, whether an admission fee is charged or a collection taken up, are charged for at the rate of five cents per line. Six words make a line. Committees sending in such notices will kindly state who is responsible for payment.**

**A Letter Of Thanks**

**Mrs. W. J. Thompson has received the following letter from Mrs. F. L. Edwards the Secretary-Treasurer of the London Branch of the Belgian Relief Committee. It speaks for itself.**

**DEAR MRS. THOMPSON—I understand that it was through your circle that the splendid shipment of "Belgian Relief Goods" came from the children of Watford for the Belgian children. Our committee thank you all for this grand donation. We are sending to Montreal early next week a Christmas shipment of clothing, etc., to go on a Christmas vessel, and yours came along just in time. Kindly thank all who helped. I am sure they will be appreciated.**

**Yours sincerely  
FANNIE L. EDWARDS,  
Nov. 18th, 1915.**

**BORN.**

**In Warwick, on Monday, Nov. 22nd, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Russel Ward, a daughter.**

**In Watford, on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Edwards, a son.**

**In Brooke, on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Walls, a daughter, (stillborn).**

**DIED.**

**In Sarnia, on Monday, Nov. 22nd, 1915, Blanche, beloved wife of Wm. Virgo, Sr., aged 75 years, 2 months, 19 days. On Friday, Nov. 5th, 1915, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hofferker, Chester, Pa., Christina Livingston, relict of the late Mr. William Bradley, of Smyrna, Del., formerly of Forest, in her 86th year.**

**Parkhill, Friday, Nov. 12th, Rosanna Connor, wife of Mr. Lewis Hope, aged 68 years.**

**Feature Attraction Coming**

**On Saturday evening next Guy Brothers Celebrated Minstrels will be the attraction at the Armouries, and it is one that can be depended on to please the patrons. Mr. Geo. R. Guy always carries a first-class production, and this season will retain the name won years ago. This company is the oldest on the road, this making the thirty-ninth year of continued success. The minstrel shows of 40-day are made up to last one year, while Guy Brothers will live forever, as they always have a clean, refined and wholesome performance, and one which you can go to and enjoy a good hearty laugh. Thirty-five people are carried to make the company complete, and they are the best of soloists, musicians, acrobats, jugglers, dancers and comedians in the business. Every one will be pleased to hear good music, and the kind put up by Guy Brothers' famous Silver Concert Band and Orchestra is always of the very best quality. Don't miss seeing this attraction next Saturday evening. Secure your reserve seat tickets now at McLaren's Drug Store. They don't cost any more.**

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