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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.

ONLY four days more to do your Christmas shopping. Get a move on. FORD size guaranteed tires at \$15.00 up. —RAY MORNINGSTAR.

E. P.—Your literary contribution received. Will be published when time permits.

MUNICIPAL candidates should make their announcements early. The early bidder gets the votes.

DECEMBER holiday shopping, municipal elections, church and school entertainments, etc. Too much crowded into one month.

RUBBERS, rubber boot, high and low overshoes, and all winter weather footwear at P. DODDS & SON.

SEVEN of Mr. Drury's cabinet were given acclamation Monday. Three more are yet to be returned. Premier Drury, W. E. Raney and Mr. Doherty.

If you have any guests for the holidays kindly send in their names for the Personal column. If you are going away for Christmas your friends would like to see the fact recorded.

A FRESH stock of Neilson's, Lowney's and Willard's Chocolates at lowest prices.—TAYLOR'S.

WE HAVE a few personal greeting cards left. These will be printed with your name and any greeting you desire in the latest style at this office, if you order at once. Call and see samples.

THE high cost of living is causing many Turks to buy more wives. Women are cheaper at fifteen cents than mules for labor purposes, says an official of the Near East Relief Organization at New York.

TO ADD to our special for Saturday (see advt) we have 2 doz. ladies white and cream silk waists, the line opened up beautifully, the price is \$4.50, all sizes.—SWIFT, SON & CO.

THE services in the Methodist church next Sunday will be in keeping with the Christmas thought and spirit. You are invited to worship there and will be heartily welcome.

EIGHT HOURS for sleep, eight hours for work, and eight hours to spend the money. The ancients divided the day into twelve hours for labor, two for prayer, two for refreshment and eight for sleep. Some difference, what!

POWERS gloves for men and women, unlined, silk or wool lined for Christmas gifts.—A. BROWN & CO.

It is expected that there will be one or more women candidates in the field for municipal honors in Watford at the coming election. If so they will doubtless be elected. The ladies are coming to the front in many municipalities and will no doubt do good charge on School Boards or Councils.

LET us charge your storage battery this winter. We will keep it charged and filled for 50 cents per month.—RAY MORNINGSTAR.

TIME was when a woman boasted how cheap she could buy an article. Now she says nothing about her purchases unless she can stagger her neighbor by the amount she pays for them. It's grown fashionable to have expensive tastes. Makes no difference as to whether you can afford these or not.

WHEN seeking a suitable Christmas present for husband, father, mother, uncle, aunt, call and see our big assortment of slippers. Something to please all.—P. DODDS & SON.

At the O. H. A. executive meeting held at Toronto on Friday, Watford was placed in Intermediate Group No. 1 comprising London, Watford and Sarnia. The convener of the group is H. H. Ferguson of London. Strathroy has dropped out. The schedule will be found elsewhere.

REV. MR. WOODSIDE, of Brantford, is preaching every evening this week at the union services in the Armory. Song service commences at 7.45, regular service at 8 p.m. The building is brilliantly lighted, well heated and you will be very comfortable. Come and enjoy the meeting and share the inspiration.

SAFETY razors and fountain pens at TAYLOR'S in great variety.

THERE seems to be a lull in municipal politics in town. It is to be hoped that this does not presage a lack of interest in the approaching nominations. The many questions that arise during the year affecting the town's welfare and the heavy expenditure of money now made annually, should warrant a lively interest in the town's affairs by every ratepayer.

CARR'S genuine all-wool mackinaw coats for men and boys, make an ideal gift.—A. BROWN & CO., sole agents.

LAST Sunday morning Mr. J. H. Hume spoke as a minute man in the interests of the Methodist National Campaign and in the evening Mrs. Tiffin performed the same role. Each spoke but five minutes and to the satisfaction of the deeply interested congregations. In the Sunday school and Bible Class this task was ably performed by Mrs. J. V. Humphries and Mrs. A. J. Hagle. This Methodist National Campaign is discovering and developing much latent talent in the laity of the church.

REMEMBER those in need at Christmas. ONLY four more days to do your Christmas shopping.

XMAS Delinators are here.—SWIFT, SON & CO.

SOME real bargains in used Ford and Chevrolet cars.—R. MORNINGSTAR, Watford Garage.

THE annual Christmas entertainment of Trinity Church Sunday School will be held this (Friday) evening in the school room. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS services will be conducted on the Brooke circuit next Sunday, Bethesda 10.30 a.m., Walnut 3 p.m., Salem 7 o'clock in the evening.

ANOTHER added special on sale Saturday morning (see our advt.) 10 doz. boys heavy rib wool stockings sizes 9, 9½, and 10, per pair 79c.—SWIFT, SON & CO.

MEMBERS of Tecumseh Chapter I.O.O.F. are reminded that the Christmas box for an absent member will be packed at the home of Mrs. N. B. Howden on Friday, Dec. 19th.

THE Croix de guerre has been awarded to Johnston McAdams of Sarnia who was connected with the 14th batt. Prior to taking up military service Mr. McAdams was editor of the Sarnia Canadian.

NO MORE useful Christmas present could be imagined than a comfortable pair of slippers. We have a variety of styles for men, women and children.—P. DODDS & SON.

NEATLY printed calling cards make a very suitable Christmas gift to a lady. You can get a box of them for \$1.00 at the Guide-Advocate office if you place your order early.

WHAT pleasanter surprise could you give to a friend than a year's ticket for the Public Library? If you wish to be gratefully remembered for the whole of 1920 in one or two in your list of Christmas gifts.

At a special meeting of the Strathroy town council a letter was received from the Andrews Wire Works concerning the proposition recently placed before them by the town. The company say they will eventually require upwards of two hundred girls, and they still fear they would not be able to secure that extent of help in a town this size, unless the corporation gave some guarantee. Their letter was filed.

THE popular gift, a Ladies or Gent's dressing case at TAYLOR'S.

THE Post Office Department invites attention to the postal rule which does not admit of the affixing of the face or address side of letters or other mail matter, of Christmas, charity, or other similar stamps. Such stamps, however, may be placed on the back of letters or other mail matter, as stickers, provided they do not resemble postage stamps in form and design, and do not bear numerals or indication of value.

XMAS HANDKERCHIEFS at popular prices in boxes, in Xmas cards, in special envelopes, in Japanese hand craft cartons, a big display for Xmas week.—SWIFT, SON & CO.

COMING! THE NEW FORD, with one man top, Ventilating windshield, better and deeper upholstery, wider and more comfortable seats, demountable rims, Non-skid tires, tire carrier, roller bearing in front wheels, improved steering gear, all at the same price. Surely it will pay you to see this car before purchasing.—RAY MORNINGSTAR.

THE automobile license plates for Ontario for 1920 will be a combination of blue and white both letters and figures being painted on a field of white. At least this was the plan of the Department of Public Highways before the change of government, and it is possible that the new plates were ordered some time ago. The Ontario Motor Vehicles Act requires that the new tags be fixed on January 1. Motorists are advised to do their license shopping early—as soon as the application blanks are issued.

THE big Ladies Coat Clearance Sale at SWIFT'S is in full swing, late coat buyers will be delighted at the saving. This offers real bargains.

The proposition made by Mr. Poole, of London, secretary of the V. M. C. A., who visited here recently, is that the committee named in Watford at the meeting be part of a county scheme to act in conjunction with Forest, Petrolia and Alvinston. A secretary would be employed with headquarters at Petrolia who would map out the year's program in each of the towns mentioned, and also be present as much as possible at each town to assist the local committee. The cost would be about \$4000.00 a year, the expense to be borne equally by each town. The money would be raised by popular subscription.

FRENCH IVORY in great variety at TAYLOR'S.

THE ERNIE MARKS STOCK COMPANY No. 2, headed by Miss Verna Warde, the popular American repertoire star, will open a two nights' engagement at the Lyceum next Monday night. This attraction unlike others is coming under the personal engagement of Mr. Taylor.

The company has been playing all the large cities through Ontario and it is through a mistake in bookings that they had two nights open and decided to give Watford theatre goers a real treat. Monday night the Company will present "My Boy Jack," a comedy drama in 4 acts, with four big vaudeville specialties between the acts. Prices, Children 25c, Adults 35c. Reserved seats 50c. Plan now open at Taylor's Drug Store.

A REGIMENT of Dolls at TAYLOR'S. Glencoe school children have all been vaccinated.

SWIFT'S store will be open every evening until Christmas.

HOCKEY MATCH, Monday night, Watford vs Glencoe. Come and see the first game of the season.

Christmas Entertainment and Tree in the Cong'l Church, Watford, on Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. Good program. Admission 15c.

The drilling operations for water on Huron street resulted in a dry hole. An attempt will now be made to secure water in the town park.

A NEW RANGE of worsted and tweeds in our tailoring department, including the Prince of Wales check in a grey mixture, these cloths are the season's best.—SWIFT, SON & CO.

The pupils of the Strathroy public schools last week underwent a thorough medical inspection by a doctor and a school nurse sent out by the Ontario Government for this special business.

Christmas services, with special music by the choir, will be held in the Cong'l Church, Watford, on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. T. D. Rayner, will preach, his topics being: 11 a.m., "The Rising Star" and 7 p.m., "The Mistletoe of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS SALE of ladies coats—one quarter off.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE employees of the Andrew Wire Works here go to Strathroy this (Thursday) evening to partake of the annual dinner given by the firm to all its employees. Musical talent has been engaged from London to entertain the gathering.

A PIECE of handsome china makes an ideal gift for Christmas. We have a choice selection. Call and see, the prices will attract you.—P. DODDS & SON.

AN exhibition game of hockey was played in the Alvinston rink between Watford and Glencoe which resulted in a score of 7 to 5 in favor of Glencoe. The game was fast and rough at times. A return game will be played here the first of next week.

TAYLOR'S store, the Fairland for adults or children, every thing for a Christmas present.

THE best Christmas gift you can make to a friend at a distance is a year's subscription to The Guide-Advocate—a gift well welcomed and appreciated every week in the year. New subscribers receive the balance of this year free.

THE Commencement exercises of the Watford High School were held on Thursday evening, Dec. 18th, when the Lyceum was filled with students, their parents, and friends of the school. An excellent program was given, the musical part being under the direction of Prof. Howard Gordon. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the tableaux by High School girls. Mr. Chas. Vail, chairman of the Board of Education presided.

We are now carrying a nice assortment of Chevrolet parts, which Chevrolet owners will appreciate.—RAY MORNINGSTAR.

## PERSONAL

Miss George, milliner, has gone home for the holidays.

Miss Holmes, milliner for A. Brown & Co., has returned to her home in Petrolia.

Inspector McDougall, Petrolia, paid an official visit to the Watford public school last week.

Mr. Wm. Field and family have moved into Watford from Kerwood and are now domiciled on Front street.

Miss Lois Johnston, R. N. graduate of Harper Hospital, Detroit, is visiting her father, Mr. R. E. Johnston.

Mrs. H. F. Richardson, Harts Horn, Alberta, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cameron and other relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. Wilbert Graham, Biggar, Sask., is spending a few days with his grandfather, Mr. D. A. Ross and other relatives prior to going to Ottawa.

## O.H.A. FIRST GAME AT WATFORD

The Intermediate Series Opens on January 6th, Between Sarnia and Watford

Convener H. H. Ferguson, of Group No. 11, in the O. H. A. intermediate series, presided over a schedule meeting held at the Hermitage Club, Monday afternoon.

The following schedule was adopted: January 6—London at Watford. January 9—Sarnia at London. January 13—Sarnia at Watford. January 17—London at Sarnia. January 23—Watford at London. January 27—Watford at Sarnia. The secretaries for the group teams are: Watford—A. L. Johnson. Sarnia—Bert Crouchman. London—J. A. Greer. The referees named are: Sarnia—W. McCart, B. Crouchman, S. Simpson. London—J. A. Greer, M. H. Legg. Watford—F. W. Rogers, A. D. Elliott. The local boys are getting down to business and expect to give a good account of themselves and do credit to the town. Make up your mind to see both games played here.

## ONE DAY EARLIER

Owing to Christmas and New Years falling on our publication day the Guide-Advocate will go to press on Wednesday afternoon next week and the following week. Advertisers and correspondents are requested to send in their favors one day earlier.

## WARWICK.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Barnes motored to London last Wednesday to attend the Barnes-Lindsay wedding.

Mrs. H. F. Richardson and son Cameron, of Hartshorn, Alberta, visited her sister, Mrs. W. G. MacKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Barnes and family motored to London on Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to attend the Barnes-Lindsay wedding.

D. R. Edwards has sold his 100-acre farm, west half 29, con. 1, to Wm. E. Parker. He held a successful sale recently when cows sold as high as \$150 and young cattle up to \$85.

An entertainment under the auspices of Grace Church Sunday School, 4th line, will be held in the School House, on Friday, Dec. 19th. Admission, adults 25c, children 10c, all in advance. 28-4t.

Mr. Thos. Kerr, 4th line, returned from Biggar, Sask., recently well pleased with his stay in the West. He did not come home empty-handed, his ventures there having proved profitable.

A special Christmas service will be held in Zion Cong'l church on Sunday afternoon at 2.45. The pastor, Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, will preach, his topic being "The Rising Star." Everybody welcome.

A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in Zion Methodist Church, 2nd line, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23. A good program will be presented. Admission, adults 25c, children free. All welcome.

Last Sunday afternoon the Zion Methodist Sunday School put on a splendid missionary program instead of the regular lesson for the day. It was much enjoyed by a splendid audience. They are having their Xmas entertainment, Tuesday 23rd.

Mrs. Elizabeth MacKenzie Lucas, wife of the late Francis Lucas, died on Dec. 3 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Carpenter, Flint, Michigan. She is survived by five daughters and four sons, one sister, Miss Margaret MacKenzie, of Wainwright, and one brother, Mr. W. G. MacKenzie, Warwick.

COMING! THE NEW FORD, with One man top, Ventilating windshield, Better and deeper upholstery, wider and more comfortable seats, demountable rims, Non-skid tires, tire carrier, roller bearing in front wheels, improved steering gear, all at the same price. Surely it will pay you to see this car before purchasing.—RAY MORNINGSTAR.

The marriage took place at Sarnia on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, of Mr. Wilbert Robert Field, of Kerwood, to Miss Lottie Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fuller, con. 6, N. E. R. After a short honeymoon the young couple settled down to housekeeping at the home of Mr. Field, lot 3, con. 8, Metcalfe.

Mr. T. A. Gault, spoke to the congregation of the Zion Methodist church last Sunday afternoon in the capacity of a minute man in the interests of the Methodist National Campaign. This will be a feature of each service for some time to come but each Sunday will produce a different minute man from the previous Sunday. Mr. Gault did splendidly.

Mr. S. A. G. Barnes, an old Warwick boy, son of the late S. D. Barnes, who has been in Edmonton for some years, made a good run in the election for school trustee at Edmonton last week, coming within six votes of heading the poll in a vote of nearly 6,000. Mr. Barnes has been a member of the board for several years. Warwick boys generally make good wherever they may go.

The regular meeting of the Warwick branch of the Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting in the Foresters Hall on Dec. 11th at 2.30. Meeting opened with the singing of the Maple Leaf followed by prayers. After the minutes were read and the general business was disposed of. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Kervill on Jan. 8th, when Mrs. A. Auld, D. Ross and Miss L. Ross will take the meeting. Each member is requested to bring a friend.

The congregation of Knox church, Warwick, held their first service last Sunday since the church was newly decorated. The whole service was much brightened by the new surroundings, which are chaste and beautiful. The decorator, Mr. H. Durstan, deserves much credit for his fine workmanship. The committee has completed the historical sketch of the fifty years and more since the congregation was established and is now having it printed. This Golden Jubilee souvenir will be very attractive and no doubt will be of value even to many outside the congregation. Keep in mind the Jubilee dates, January 4th and 5th, 1920.

Municipal matters are very quiet in the township. The present reeve, deputy-reeve and councillors, we understand, are all in the field for re-election and we have not heard any new names mentioned as aspirants for office. The 1919 council seems to have given general satisfaction and it would not be surprising if they

were returned by acclamation. During the year about \$6,000 has been expended on bridge work, and through careful and economical management the debt of the township has been reduced to about \$5,000. There does not seem to be any call for a change and an acclamation of the present council would save considerable expense just at a time when it is necessary to make every dollar tell.

After an illness of about three months' duration Elizabeth James, relict of the late Robert Moore, passed away on Monday, Dec. 15th, aged 53 years and nine months. The funeral was held from the family residence, lot 2, Egremont road, on Thursday afternoon to the Watford cemetery where she was laid at rest beside her husband, who predeceased her September 18th, 1916. The Rev. W. M. Shore, rector of Warwick, conducted the service. Deceased was born in Watford and was a daughter of the late William James. Since her marriage she has resided on the Egremont road. She is survived by three sons, George, Robert and Francis, of Warwick, and three daughters, Mrs. J. T. Chambers, Brooke; Mrs. Matthew West, Strathroy and Ida Pearl at home.

The annual meeting of Bear Creek Club was held at M. G. A. Smith's, on Friday evening, Dec. 12th, when the club was organized for the ensuing year and the following officers elected:—President, J. J. Cates; vice-pres., J. F. Smith; secretary, C. N. Richardson; treasurer, G. Brent; Delegate to annual meeting at Toronto, C. N. Richardson; Board of Directors, W. H. Lucking, Stanley Brent, John Cable, M. D. Campbell, Geo. Ridley, Mr. Albert Hare, manager of United Farmers' Co-operative Association, of Forest, was present and gave an interesting and instructive talk on the business done by Forest central, which the members appreciated very much and have every confidence in the business ability and honesty of their manager, Mr. Hare. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mr. L. H. Vance, January 8th, when their annual oyster supper and social evening will be held.

## BROOKE

CHRISTMAS TIES and mufflers.—50c to \$5.00.—A. BROWN & CO.

Miss Hattie Zavitz left last week for Los Angeles, California.

We are now carrying a nice assortment of Chevrolet parts, which Chevrolet owners will appreciate.—RAY MORNINGSTAR.

The Christmas service will be held in St. James' church, Brooke, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

An entertainment and Christmas tree will be held in School Section 10, Brooke, on Monday evening, Dec. 22nd. A good program will be presented. Admission 25c and 15c. All invited.

The Bethesda Methodist Sunday school will hold their Christmas tree entertainment on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 23. A good program provided. Admission, adults 35c, children 15c. All welcome. Come and enjoy yourself.

The Christmas service will be held in Christ church, Sutorville, on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, the service will be in keeping with the joy of Xmas. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

Chalmers Church, Brooke, annual Sunday school-entertainment will be held on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 23. A good program is being prepared by the young people of the congregation. Come and enjoy the evening with us. Admission 25c and 15c.

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Mr. Rich. Williamson left on Friday las. for El Paso, Texas, to see some 250 Mexicans who have been engaged in the beet sugar industry back to their homes. He did not go across the Rio Grande, deeming it safer to remain on U. S. soil. The Mexicans have a bad habit of shooting or jailing visitors from the north and we don't want to lose Richard from Sutorville yet awhile.

The congregation of Bethesda church had a narrow escape from losing their church by fire Sunday last. When Mr. Andrew Moffatt went into the building to put on the fire he found the floor in flames. Evidently the fire had caught from the stove as the blaze was in the spot where the stove stood, a hole being burnt through the floor through which the stove had fallen. Fortunately Mr. Moffatt was able to extinguish the blaze before extensive damage was done. There passed peacefully away at her home on the 10th concession, Brooke, in her ninety-first year, Mary Hammond, beloved wife of the late John McGregor, on Monday, December 8th, 1919. Deceased was born in Westminster Township, in the year 1828 and in the year 1866 she was married to her late partner who predeceased her ten years ago. She was a member of the Methodist church of which she was a faithful worker since her childhood days. The funeral was held on Tuesday from her late residence at Alvinston cemetery. The pallbearers were her six nephews.