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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.

START your Spring buying.—SWIFT'S. WHEN it comes to shortage of coal, look at Italy with \$170 a ton.

THERE will be no election for the Ontario Legislature until after the war.

THE mean temperature for January was the lowest since 1857, and quite the meanest.

THE Monday thaw was exceedingly welcome to many people who were out of soft water.

INFANTS' SOCKS are quoted at 72 cents a pair in Germany, but the supply of babies is short.

IF you have not paid your coal account at the Sterling Bank do so at once, as the Corporation needs the money.

FINE value in Work Shirts and Overalls.—SWIFT'S.

IN the centuries of its history, Britain has never been beaten and never will crouch beneath the heel of a conqueror.

BWARE the deadly icicle that from the roof hangs down, for it may suddenly descend and crack you on the crown.

MONDAY was a pet day for a winter holiday, the high temperature and bright sunshine making it pleasant to be outdoors.

USERS of hydro are notified not to use the energy for advertising purposes. See ad. of the Commission in another column.

ABOUT the only way you could distinguish Sunday from Monday this week was that you could get your mail on the latter day.

GET in your Easter orders for Ladies' Suits. The fashion plates will show you the correct styles.—SWIFT'S Tailoring Department.

THE electric motor in Trinity church got out of order last week and the Sunday School organ is being used for the church services.

YOU often hear about "A Nigger in the Woodpile," but there are some white people who occasionally raid woodpiles that do not belong to them.

THE chap who spent the summer hoeing potatoes builded wiser than he knew. He was getting up a great muscle for shovelling snow this winter.

THE RURAL MAIL delivery men are earning their money this winter, and something more. An appeal to the Government for a bonus is talked of.

LIKE the rest of us, the farmer may suffer from the sugar shortage, but in a few weeks he can tap his sugar maples and also unleash his bees for the season.

STATISTICS just to hand state that 1200 newspapers went out of business in the United States and Canada last year. The high cost of publishing is given as the cause.

NARROW EDGINGS for blouse trimmings, nifty patterns, white, price 15 to 25 cents.—SWIFT'S.

THE gambler's wife who pathetically wailed: "No fire; dim on the hearth the last faint sparks expire" was no worse off than most of us in these days of fuel shortage.

NOTICE appears in the Canada Gazette that the Indian Order of Foresters, having complied with the requirements of the Insurance Act, has been granted a license to transact in Canada the business of life insurance.

WATCH the Food Hog, he is a new and an interesting specimen and you will have lots of opportunity to study his habits. He may talk about helping to "Win the War" but really he is earning an iron cross from the Kaiser.

And still again, there are those who have coal enough to last them through.

But though their bins are packed to door

Still haunt the dealers and cry for more.

300 DOZEN PEARL BUTTONS, three sizes. Fine stock, 3 dozen for 15 cents.—SWIFT'S.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CADETS attracted attention at the home-coming reception at the station on Monday. Their smart appearance while marching in company order and the prompt and soldier-like manner they obeyed orders reflected credit on themselves and their instructor, Mr. R. N. McKenzie.

OUTSIDERS who want to size up a town or city first read over the papers published there. The paper reflects the town in every way. A paper well-filled with advertisements shows live, up-to-date business men, the class who do things themselves and give the glad hand to newcomers who are interested in the place.

WORK done at Mrs. T. Newell's for December and January:—To Hyman Hall, London, 13 suits pyjamas, \$32.50; to Mrs. McPhedran, Toronto, 32 pairs of socks. Below is a report of the work for the year: To Toronto, 184 pairs socks; to London, 85 suits pyjamas, 30 towels, half-dozen pillow cases, 11 pair socks, valued at \$225.50. Owing to the high price of material we have decided to drop the sewing. Our thanks are due to all those who so kindly helped.—Mrs. T. Newell, Watford.

SEE our Linen windows. Some Belfast goods yet.—SWIFT'S.

CASH, accompanied by order from W. Harper secures coal from G. CHAMBERS EST.

BUSINESS MEN should read the advertisement of the Watford Hydro Commission on page five.

FROM now on Meatless Days will be Wednesday and Friday instead of Tuesday and Friday as heretofore.

GRAND MASQUERADE CARNIVAL at the Rink next Wednesday evening, Feb. 20th. See the bills for particulars.

THE Fuel Controller should be satisfied with the amount of fuel saved since Saturday. The weather man helped him out in great shape.

ALL accounts due MISS WILLIAMS must be paid at once or they will be placed in the hands of a lawyer. Same may be paid at Lovell's Bakery.

ON Thursday evening, Feb. 21st, the Rev. W. J. Doherty, B.A., of London, will be the special preacher at the mid-week Lenten service in Trinity Church.

WEATHER PERMITTING, the Q. P. club will make another collection next Saturday, Feb. 16th. Please have your papers tied and ready, as the girls would like to do their work as quickly as possible during the cold months.

ON Sunday next in the Congregational church, Rev. R. M. Stevenson will preach on the following subjects: at 11 a. m., "Care and its Cure"; at 7 p. m., "Some incontrovertible proofs that we are in the last days." A welcome extended to all.

SOMETHING strange about the use of hydro power. When you want to use the light in a store window to advertise your goods the Commission says "No," but you must pay for so much light each month whether you use it or not.

PAY your COAL ACCOUNT.—Those who got coal from the confiscated cars should pay for the same at the Sterling Bank at once. No coal from the next car will be given to those who have not paid for the previous lot.—W. H. HARPER, Fuel Controller.

EVANGELIST P. P. EMMONS, late pastor of the Creemore Baptist Church, who is assisting Rev. Geo. W. Conners in special services at Calvary Baptist Church, will preach in the Watford Baptist Church on Sunday morning next at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

"I WOULD most sincerely advise everybody," said Dr. Malte, an authority on the subject, "to grow some root seed this year, the more the better. Every farmer who grows what seed he needs for his own farm is protecting himself from want, and every farmer who grows more than he can use for himself is doing a service to his country."

THE Government has purchased 1,000 Ford tractors at cost. They will be sold to Canadian farmers also at cost, plus freight. Details of freight costs have not yet been worked out, but it is estimated that the average cost to the farmer, including freight will be about \$300. In addition, the Government has secured options on another 1,000 of the Ford tractors.

THE new one dollar bills which were issued in March last are now finding their way into circulation. They are of a very artistic design, green in color, and from a pictorial point of view are an improvement on the old bills. On the front is a medallion showing a portrait of Princess Patricia, while on the back is a picture of the Dominion House of Parliament.

RING US UP if you need information on any line of goods. Always ready to reply.—SWIFT'S.

UNDER an order-in-council passed on Sunday the office of food controller is abolished and the functions formerly exercised by that official, greatly enlarged, will now be assumed by a new organization to be known as the Canada Food Board. The board will consist of three members—H. B. Thomson, who succeeded Hon. W. J. Hanna as food controller; Hon. C. A. Dunning, provincial treasurer of Saskatchewan, and J. D. McGregor, of Manitoba.

THE heatless days were fully observed in Watford by all places coming under the order. The stores were all closed, the druggists and confectioners only being open in the forenoon for legitimate sales, in fact every place was closed up tighter than on a statutory holiday. This is to the credit of the business men of the place and shows that they are willing to do all in their power to help with the conservation of fuel.

IF it becomes necessary to have another general close-down for fuel conservation the Fuel Controller should study conditions more thoroughly, so that changes and additions would not be necessary and business men would be able to arrange to comply with the order and know where they were at. Before the recent closing down it was necessary to read the decisions up to the last minute to be sure that you were complying strictly with the instructions.

LICENSING of bakery establishments using five barrels of flour or more per month, and standardization of bakery products, is provided for in an order of the food controller. The order makes it illegal, on and after March 1, for any baker to make bread, rolls, pastries or other bakery products, without written permission from the food controller, from wheat flour, other than the standard flour already prescribed. Licensees may manufacture

and sell bread in the following weights or multiples thereof, which shall be net weights, unwrapped, twelve hours after baking, Ontario 12 and 24 ounces to 13 and 25 ounces.

IT is the duty of all classes to patriotically obey all rules and regulations made with a view to relieving distress occasioned by the war, even if some of the demands made seem harsh and unreasonable. The people of Canada got a real touch of war conditions under the recent "heatless" regulations. They may be thankful if they do not have to submit to greater personal sacrifices before the war is won. Lambton boys on the firing line, whose names will be forever enrolled on the pages of history for heroism and unselfish devotion to duty, have never paused to "reason why," when the order came to advance. Those at home, for whom they are fighting, must not play a lesser part when called upon to make small financial sacrifices to the end that conditions may be relieved. If our armies backed up in the face of difficulties, we would all have been at the mercy of the Hun long ago.

Lambton's 149 I. O. D. E.

The regular meeting of Lambton's 149 I. O. D. E. was held at the home of Mrs. Stapleton, Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. The Treasurer reported that \$840 in money had been raised during the year, besides bales of clothing and barrels of fruit sent to Halifax and London. Letters of thanks were read from Mrs. Adamson for bales of clothing sent to the Belgians, from Wolsey Barracks for barrels of fruit sent to London, and from Capt. Allan, for shipment of socks sent in December.

The following officers were elected for the new year:—

Regent—Mrs. McLeay
1st Vice—Mrs. Kelly
2nd Vice—Mrs. Connolly
Secretary—Mrs. McLaren
Treasurer—Mrs. Matthews
Standard Bearer—Mrs. Lovell
"Echoes" Secretary—Mrs. Howden
Plantist—Miss Taylor.

Conveners of committees:—
Sock—Miss McLeay
Sewing—Mrs. Harper
Packing and buying—Mrs. Rogers
Entertainment—Mrs. Connolly.

All those who so kindly contributed to the donation of fruit to the London Convalescent Home can have their jars by calling for them at Mrs. C. Sawers'.

Also, will the relatives of overseas soldiers whose addresses have been changed, please telephone the new addresses to Miss Ella McLeay, Convener Sock Committee.

Next meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Adams.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Rapson, Clinton, is the guest of Mrs. Rapson, Watford.

Mrs. H. A. Cook returned to her home in Toronto on Saturday.

Thos. Fortune left for the West on Tuesday for the summer.

Miss Bernice Dodds, Paris, spent the week end at her home here.

Miss Olive Stuart, Sarnia, spent the week-end with Miss Jennie Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Scott, Provost, Alberta, were the guests of Mrs. Rapson last week.

Mrs. N. McLean, Sarnia, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Neil Bennett.

Mrs. (Capt.) Wykesmith, Sarnia, spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dodds.

Mr. W. McDonald, of the Sterling Bank staff, Toronto, was a guest at the home of Mr. T. Dodds for the week end.

Mrs. Orrie W. Harris, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Watford, Stratford and other points in Ontario, returned to her home in Calgary on Saturday.

W. E. Fitzgerald attended Court in Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Monday and Tuesday and also attended the joint meeting of the Hydro-Electric Railway Association of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Electric Association held in the Toronto City Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

Carmen Spalding has been very ill this week with congestion of the lungs.

Vernon White, London, spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nash.

Mansfield—Healy

A very pretty house-wedding occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Nellie Healy, on Wednesday, February 6th, when her eldest daughter, Marion Kathleen, became the bride of Mr. Fred Ellis Mansfield.

Promptly at 6 o'clock to the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus played by Miss Stella Craig, the bride entered the parlor on the arm of her brother Mr. Thomas Healy, and took her place under an arch of evergreens.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. A. Campbell, of Inwood, in the presence of about 40 guests.

The bride was becomingly attired in ivory crepe-de-chene, her only ornament being a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom.

The young people will shortly take up house-keeping at Kincaid, Saskatchewan.

A VISIT TO THE ANDREWS WIRE WORKS

The Extent of the Business Done by the Firm a Surprise to Many.

At the invitation of the Superintendent, Mr. W. Bate, between 35 and 40 business men and other citizens of Watford embraced the opportunity on Monday afternoon to visit the Andrews Wire Works plant. The visitors were conducted through the works by Mr. Bate and Manager W. L. Millar, who in a courteous and painstaking manner explained the mode of making some of the four hundred odd wire articles manufactured by the Company. For many of the visitors it was the first time they had seen this busy establishment, and the neat, clean, business-like appearance of the building and the variety of the machines in operation was a revelation to them, for the building is fitted up with every convenience tending to the comfort of the employees and expedition in manufacture.

The information given as to the capacity of the plant and the business turnover was also a surprise to some. During the past year the firm paid out in wages alone \$16,500.00, which amount will be increased by five or six thousand dollars during 1918. Besides this over six thousand dollars were paid out in fueling, payments to the Corporation, dry, supplies, etc., making a total of over \$22,000.00 that was circulated in Watford by the firm during the year. During 1917 the firm spent \$5,500.00 for additions and improvements to the plant and for new machinery and equipment. At present 33 hands are employed at Watford and 17 at Strathroy.

As an instance of how rapidly some of the articles are made we note that the plant turns out horse nose guards at the rate of 2,600 a day.

The demand for the goods made by the Andrews Wire Works is steady and ever-increasing and the plant is never shut down on account of over production or slow sales. An instance of this is shown in the fact that the 1917 business of the firm showed an increase over the preceding year of 67 per cent.

The Andrews Wire Works is an institution of which the people of Watford are justly proud.

High School Commencement

There was the customary good audience at the High School Commencement in the Lyceum on Tuesday evening and an interesting and pleasant time was spent by all present. The printed program was followed, and the three excellent speakers spoke briefly. Some excellent music was given, the Anvil Chorus from Il Trovatore being especially good, but the bulk of the time was taken up in the presentation of diplomas and certificates to the successful candidates at last summer's examinations and the remarks of those presenting them. The diplomas were presented by Dr. Newell, the Upper and Middle School certificates by Miss B. Mitchell and the Lower School by Miss McCaw. Mr. R. N. McKenzie presented the medals for the field day sports and Mr. J. W. McLaren read the High School Roll of Honor. The names of the successful candidates are as follows:—

Upper School Part I.—M. Forster, C. McManus, J. McKercher, Leona Harper, Franklin Smith, Earl Squire.

Graduates of Middle School—George Fuller, Alfreda Mitchell, Florence McDonald, Belle Knisley, Florence Hick, Evelyn Cowan, Winnifred Swift, Gladys Ramsay, Gladys Callaghan, Millie Barnes, Ethel Annett, Ella Acton, Sara Cran, Stella Williamson, Jean Fitzgerald.

University Pass, Matriculation Full—George Fuller, Alfreda Mitchell, Evelyn Cowan, Florence McDonald, Jean Fitzgerald, Sara Cran.

Entrance to Middle School from Lower School—John Bruce, George Chambers, Margaret Cameron, Ila Cook, Florence Cooke, Bessie Forster, Sadie Howden (Honors), Mabel Logan, Sadie McEachern, Jean McManus, Ada Minielly, Marjorie Ramsay, Grace Edwards, Marjorie Swift, Theresa Logan.

Lower School and Military Farm Service.—Vernon Bryce, Jack Irwin, Earl Logan, Orton Letherland, Ross Restorick, Clara Richardson, Freeda Richardson, Alma Hobbs, Hope Taylor.

Letter of Thanks

The following letter was received by a member of Tecumseh Chapter, I.O.D.E. It speaks for itself. The stocking was just addressed "For a Canadian Soldier." Dear Madam:—Just a line to thank you for the nice Christmas stocking which I received, with your letter in the toe. I was wounded Christmas Eve and your gift was handed to me the next morning at the Field Dressing Station. I am not seriously wounded. Was moved to England on January 2nd. It is sure a fine change to get over here after 18 months in France. Thanking you again,
PTE. H. EVOY,
42nd Bn. Canadians.

Princess Christian Military Hospital, Surrey, England.

Several parties broke through the ice in passing between Pt. Huron and Sarnia.

The home of Philip Kimberly on the 10th con. of Emskillen was completely destroyed entailing a loss of \$2500. Little furniture was saved.

CHOP STUFF

Sarnia has 56 school teachers.

Beet raisers in this district will receive \$9 a ton for their crop the coming season. Five G. T. R. engines were crippled between Toronto and Sarnia in one day last week.

Six conductors and six brakemen laid off on the G. T. R. at Sarnia last week owing to the shortness of freight.

Cadet F. E. Fisher, a Petrolia boy, was instantly killed at Toronto when his aeroplane "banked" and he fell 500 feet.

Hon. W. J. Hanna left for Peru last week for the purpose of adjusting some matters between the International Petroleum Corporation and the Peruvian Government.

A dispatch states that Lieutenant Frank Donald, son of John Donald of Plympton township has won the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The same dispatch states that Elmer Routley has had a bar added to his D. C. M.

Kingston despatches carry the interesting information that since the beginning of the war the farmers of Frontenac County have reduced chattel mortgages from a quarter of a million to fifty thousand dollars.

The death occurred this week in New York of Henry Purser, son of the late Henry Purser, of infantile paralysis. The lad who was eleven years of age, was a bright boy and beloved by all, and his death is generally regretted. He was a nephew of Mrs. Jos. H. Morrison, of Sarnia.

Overheated pipes started a fire in the home of John Stewart on the 8th con. Emskillen on the cold Monday morning. Mr. Stewart and the children were forced to take refuge in the barn in their night clothes. Mr. Stewart and the hired man fought the fire with pails for nearly two hours and finally mastered it. Considerable damage was caused by the fire.

At the annual meeting of the People's Telephone Company held at Forest, the following directors were appointed: Bosaquet, A. Loughheed and D. K. Stewart; Plympton, Sam Baily and T. Burnley; Warwick, P. E. Elerker and W. J. Jones. The directors met afterwards and appointed their officers as follows: President, S. Baily; secretary-treasurer, R. B. Crossbie; vice-president, A. Loughheed.

Mr. Whalen, who went to the county house of refuge in Leamington to live, and who was supposed to be indigent, died recently at Staples, and, much to the surprise of everyone, left a well-bequeathing enough money to build a Roman Catholic church at that place. He was about 70 years old and no one knew but what he was in extreme poverty.

Mrs. Elmer Quick, Napier, has received a letter from her son Roy, in the British Navy saying their boat struck a mine when about a hundred miles out and sank in about an hour. Twenty-three men were drowned, only nine saved, he being one of the nine. Four Canadians were among those saved. They clung to a raft, with the sea rolling mountains high, until picked up by a trawler.

D. A. Campbell of the Mill Road, Southwold, has discovered a valuable peat bog on his farm, the old Angus McClarty property. The bog is about six acres in extent, and was discovered accidentally when a tree fell over, disclosing the vein. The peat is of good quality and can be readily lighted with a little paper in a grate, or in stoves. A small chunk will burn half a day. Extensive peat bogs are said to exist in Southwold and Dunwich, but have never been developed.

One of the most amusing incidents reported in connection with the big blizzard two weeks ago was that F. Weir, who has a small restaurant on the roadside leading into the Government Park at Rondeau, and who also lives there, had his place completely snowed under, the only thing remaining in sight being the chimney. Fortunately he was able to phone and friends came and dug him out, being able first to walk on top of the snow up to the chimney to inquire if all were well inside.

Peter McArthur, the well known Canadian writer, gets off this one:—"By the way, there is a wicked story current among the farmers that received joyous appreciation. I am told with great gravity and there is a great scheme being put through to have some thousands of Chinamen brought in under a bond to fill our Government offices and allow able-bodied officials to go back to the land. The farmers think it is the best scheme that has been suggested so far, and say that they hope it will go through."

A man who claimed to be an old-time bushman applied to the Belleville fuel controller recently for a supply of coal. When told there was no immediate prospect of his getting any he smiled, and said that the winter would soon be over anyway, that February 20 would see the last of this winter, and that spring would be on the job immediately afterwards and go the limit on the "fair and warmer stunt." It is just such optimistic chaps we like to meet, and he may be a bushman or he may be a liar, but until February 20 his prediction goes with us. Should it fail then we will look for another prescription in the prediction line.

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