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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

RENEW your subscription.

HAVE you ordered your wet goods?

FOUR size guaranteed tires at \$15.00 up.

—RAY MORNINGSTAR.

WITH this issue the Guide-Advocate enters its forty-sixth year and is still going strong.

THERE will be a special meeting of Havelock Lodge on Tuesday evening next.

SOME real bargains in used Ford and Chevrolet cars.—R. MORNINGSTAR, Watford Garage, Oct 11.

REV. ROBERT HADDOW, D.D., Toronto, will preach in the Watford Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

A Toronto woman discovered after she had walked a block on her way to business that she had not put on her skirt.

A HEAVY rib wool stocking, our 79c special, here they are again, 20 dozen this time.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE extends greetings and its best wishes to all its readers for prosperity and happiness during 1920.

There will be no shortage of ice next summer. Large quantities are being harvested in some places. The quality is good.

The Junior Progress Club will give an informal dance in the Music Hall on New Year's night. Dancing at 8:30, music by the Kineto orchestra.

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

USERS of gasoline and coal oil gave one hundred million dollars to aid education in the U. S. and Canada, but John D. Rockefeller got the credit.

THE Christmas services in Trinity Church on Christmas morning were well attended and the offering, which goes to the rector, was a liberal one.

EVERY newspaper in the U. S. has been instructed by the Post Office Department to reduce its consumption of newsprint paper ten per cent for six months.

SCGAR will sell at 16c a pound in January, 20c in October, and eventually at 25 or 30c, in the opinion of R. V. Keller, editor of "Sugar," published in New York.

TWO BIG TABLES of boys suits, sizes 26 to 32 at special January prices, look these over. Prices range from \$6.00 to \$10.00, this means a saving for you.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

THE Christmas rush at the Watford post office was the greatest in years. For several days there was a continual stream of people at the wicket either receiving or sending parcels.

At the meeting of the Board of Education Friday evening, Miss Jessie Hume was engaged as teacher on the public school staff to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Waugh.

THE annual meeting of the Watford Fruit Grower's Association will be held in the Fire Hall, Saturday, January 10th, at 2 o'clock. Orders will be taken for spraying material.—J. W. GAULT, Secretary, 11-21.

THE January meeting of Tecumseh Chapter, I. O. O. F. will be held at the home of Mrs. Angus Mitchell on Tuesday January 6th, at 3 o'clock. Quotation.—Each member do something for the good of the order.

ANOTHER newspaper has ceased publication. The Star-Bulletin, the official organ of Sing Sing prison, goes out of business because it is not a single newspaper man in the prison to continue the work.

ASK us to show you "Swift's Special" Overalls and Smocks, they are our big line for 1920 and we guarantee them. We firmly believe there is not a better overall manufactured.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

COMMENCING with this issue a slight rise per inch will be made in the advertising rates of the Guide-Advocate. This is unavoidable owing to the largely increased cost of production. The new rates will be found on page 4.

Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Tiffin were called to Trowbridge on Christmas Day, owing to the very serious illness of Miss Cosens, Mrs. Tiffin's sister. She is slightly improved, so they were both able to return to town on Monday of this week.

EVANGELIST Rev. H. T. Crossley, who is conducting the campaign in the Lord's Supper follows this service. United service in the evening at the Armory.

THE price of newsprint paper in Canada has been raised to \$80 a ton by order of R. A. Pringle, paper controller. This is for paper in rolls used by the dailies. The price for the paper in sheets used by weekly papers is nearly \$100 a ton. Many papers, in order to continue in business have found it necessary to increase their advertising rates from 25 to 50 per cent.

THIS is acclamation year. Both the Council and Board of Education have been returned without a vote. On the Board of Education Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald takes the place vacated by Mr. C. W. Vall, Mr. Swift and Mr. McLaren being the other members returned. The personnel of the Council is the same as last year.

Battery service station coming! We are installing a storage battery service station and will be able to overhaul any make of battery at the least notice. We will be carrying a stock of new Pres-O-Lite batteries on hand also will have service batteries to rent while your old one is in for recharge or repair. Pres-O-Lite are equipment on seventy-five per cent of cars made in Canada this season.—R. MORNINGSTAR.

WHEN the statesman makes a speech he speaks to crowds, when his address appears in print he communicates with multitudes. The popular minister thunders his sermon to his own congregation, and the press proclaims it to the whole land. The great author reads his laboriously written manuscript in the seclusion of his home, and the type sets it before the civilized world. The creators of an immense industrial or commercial enterprise plan successfully the scope and purpose of their undertaking, but until its merits have been set forth in the press would-be investors remain in ignorance of its existence. And so it is with the merchant. He, too, must depend for success upon publicity, which is always furnished him through the medium of the local paper.

THE Union Special Services under the leadership of Rev. H. T. Crossley and Mr. Leonard, commenced in the Armory last Sunday evening with a very large congregation filling the large building to its capacity and the service was such as to give promise of great success. Mr. Leonard sings sweetly himself and is an efficient leader to both choir and congregation. Rev. Mr. Crossley retains his vigor and preaching power to a wonderful degree. His sermons thus far have been beautiful in spirit and strong in appeal to heart and mind. On Wednesday evening his subject is "Seven Views of God"; on Thursday "The Highway to Heaven"; on Friday "Seven Practical Life Maxims." On Sunday evening next his subject will be "The What? Why? Who? and When? of Conversion." Everybody is invited to all the meetings.

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At the last annual meeting of L. O. L. 1029, held Dec. 3rd, the following officers for the coming year were elected: "The W. M.—Bro. Sanford Lucas; D. M.—Bro. Sanford Lucas; Chap.—Bro. Absalom Lucas; Fin. Sec.—David Higgins; Rec. Sec.—Thos. H. Higgins; Treas.—R. J. Lucas; D. of C.—J. Taylor; Committee—J. T. H. Lucas; 2, Ed. Morris; 3, John Saunders; 4, Arthur Sayer; 5, W. Henderson.

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

The congregations of the Brooke circuit very graciously and generously remembered their pastor, Rev. S. J. T. Fortner and family, during the Christmas season. Mr. Fortner and each member of the family shared in the generosity of the people. The congregation of the Bethesda appointment presented him with a beautiful leather purse containing sixty-five dollars, also a nicely worded address expressing their appreciation of his services among them and conveying to him their best wishes for his happiness and continued success in the future. The congregation of Walnut made their contribution of many choice gifts. They provided the requested for a choice Christmas dinner, including a sixteen pound turkey. His friends at Salem were not remiss in their expression of goodwill and friendship, manifested in a tangible way in cash and other gifts. The people of the entire circuit are delighted to know that Mr. Fortner is considerably over one hundred dollars richer by the visits of Santa Claus.

Dr. R. F. Foster, Detroit, Mich., spent Christmas with his mother here.

Walter Pearce and Wm. Bruce, Detroit, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Restorick spent Christmas with their daughter in Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nash spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. S. White, London.

Mr. Fred H. Lawrence and son Jack, of Detroit, visited friends in town this week.

Miss Lillian Kelly, Imperial, Sask., is spending winter with Mrs. R. G. Kelly, Front street.

Miss Frances Weiser, of Detroit, spent her Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooke, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Kingston, Lloydminster, Alberta, are visiting relatives in Watford and vicinity.

Mr. W. D. Lamb returned to Sarnia on Friday, after spending his Christmas vacation at his home here.

Mr. Arthur Maguire, Detroit, spent a couple of days last week with his uncle, Mr. Wm. Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cowan, Drumbo, spent Christmas here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lovell.

Francis and Alberta Lovell are spending their holidays with their aunt, Mrs. R. C. Cowan, Drumbo.

Mr. E. F. Bodaly, London, spent Christmas at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. J. Bodaly, Front St.

W. L. MacKenzie, Galt, spent the holidays at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. R. Kinnell.

Mrs. A. J. Osborn and Mrs. E. Watson were the guests of Mrs. R. Smith, "Rose Villa," Strathroy, for the holidays.

Julie Osborn, Gladys and Irene Jones spent the holidays with Dorothy and Lella Smith, Strathroy.

Misses Harriet and Florence Cooke, Mrs. E. Colburn and Mr. Clarence Cooke, of Detroit, spent their Christmas holidays at their home here.

Rev. Hugh Cameron, of Morrisburg, is expected to arrive at Watford on Thursday and will visit a number of old friends in Warwick and Watford during the days he will be in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaughton and sons, Ivan and Freddie, of Plympton and Mr. Cecil and Miss Viola McNaughton of Warwick, spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McNaughton in town.

Mr. Thos. N. Talbot, of London, Ont., attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Margaret E. Campbell, of Warwick on Sunday and was the guest of his nephew, Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald, Watford, on Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Alex. Mavity, of Billings, Mont., was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. A. Class on Tuesday. Mr. Mavity left Watford with his parents about 17 years ago for Vancouver, and this was his first visit to the old town since that time.

UNVEILING MEMORIAL SHIELD

Trinity Church Sunday School memorial shield will be unveiled on Sunday evening. The shield bears the names of several young men from the Sunday School who made the supreme sacrifice in the late war. Later on it is hoped to place a memorial to the memory of all the men, some 12 in number, who gave their lives for world freedom.

BROOKE

Mr. Stanley Higgins, of Detroit, spent Christmas with his parents here. Church service will be held in Christ church, Sarnia, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. William Chittick and son Barney, of Flint, spent Christmas day with Mrs. E. McLellan.

Mr. George M. Willoughby, Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Willoughby.

Roy T. Brander has sold to Arthur B. Sisson the gore part of lots 1 and 2, Con. 14, Brooke, containing 80 acres.

C. E. Sisson returned to Orillia Monday after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Chalmers and family, of Sarnia, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Higgins, of Brooke.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Chittick, of Detroit, Mich., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Chittick's sister, Mrs. E. McLellan.

Wilfred Costeigne, of Brandon, who is attending Dental College at Toronto, is spending a few days with his uncle, Dillon Costeigne, 12th con.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Corstine and daughter Lillian of London, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Corstine, at Walnut.

On the evening of December 23rd the Ladies Aid of Bethesda Methodist church presented their pastor's wife, Mrs. Fortner, with a quilt, as a token of their esteem for her.

Divine service will be held in St. James' church, Brooke, on Sunday afternoon next at 3 o'clock. Begin the new year right by attending church. All are welcome.

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WATFORD NOMINATIONS

Large, Harmonious Meeting of Ratepayers Monday Night.

The nomination meeting in the Music Hall on Monday night was well attended and was one of the quietest and shortest in the history of the town. Everything was harmonious and no one seemed to be in the least worried about the management of the affairs of the town and seemed satisfied that the Council of 1919 had done their best. Mr. W. S. Fuller, town clerk, presided, the nomination and also at the after meeting and supplied many explanations that seemed necessary from the remarks of some of the nominees. Following are the names of the ratepayers who were responsible for the nominations:—

RESERVE
Nominated by
R. E. Johnston N. Hawn, R. Stapleford
W. E. Fitzgerald E. E. Fuller, H. Pearce
S. Stapleford W. E. Fitzgerald, H. Pearce

COUNCILLORS
N. Hawn R. O. Spalding, R. E. Johnston
R. H. Stapleford E. E. Fuller, H. Pearce
Wm. Doan R. H. Stapleford, W. J. Coupland
Geo. Harper H. Hollingsworth, L. Kinnell
H. Hollingsworth P. E. Fuller
W. J. Trenchouth W. E. Fitzgerald, P. E. Fuller
S. James N. Hawn, G. N. Howden

BOARD OF EDUCATION
L. R. Kinnell R. H. Stapleford
J. W. McLaren J. McKechee, G. N. Howden
D. Swift G. N. Howden, J. McKechee
W. E. Fitzgerald H. Pearce, S. James
C. W. Vall F. O. McIlveen, J. B. Cowan

At the expiration of the time set apart to receive nominations Mr. Fuller called upon Mr. D. Watt, secretary of the Board of Education to read a statement of school finances which showed the total receipts for public school purposes to be \$4799.87 and the disbursements \$4799.21, leaving a credit balance of sixty-six cents. The High School account showed that \$8110.57 had been received and \$7789.77 expended, leaving a cash balance of \$320.80. Against this credit balance outstanding accounts passed but not yet paid amounted to \$199.26.

Mr. C. W. Vall was then called on. He stated that the cost of the schools was, like everything else, unavoidably increasing. The Board had advertised for a teacher also a janitor and had to pay increased salary in each case. He wished to withdraw his name from the list of nominees.

Mr. E. D. Swift said the report read by the Secretary went into detail. The expenditures had been kept down as much as possible. He referred to the Wire Works and thought every effort should be made to do everything possible for the firm.

Reeve Johnston said that at previous nomination Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the 1918 council had a balance on hand of \$2000, while the auditor's report showed only \$693.78, out of this there was an amount of \$523 for coal purchased in 1918 and other accounts to pay, which when deducted left a balance of only \$57.41 instead of two thousand. At the present time all accounts were provided for and there was a balance on hand of \$1756.04, and uncollected taxes \$413.25, making a balance to start the year 1920 of \$2169.29 and no accounts due until Jan. 31st. The Council had to pay high prices for all work done and the schools had cost more but he considered they should be kept as up-to-date as possible.

Mr. Geo. Harper and Mr. Wm Doan were called on but were not present.

Mr. H. Hollingsworth thought the Reeve had said all that was necessary.

Mr. R. H. Stapleford said his duties, and also his expenses had been light. He reviewed the matters leading up to the Waterworks bylaw. The Wireworks asked the council to furnish additional buildings, but as fire protection was badly needed by the residents the proposal to furnish this protection was satisfactory to the Wireworks people and would also provide the protection needed by the business men and others, so the bylaw was submitted and carried by a good majority. The speaker told what had been done in the matter of making tests for water and although some of the tests had provided nothing but dry holes, the tests on the fair grounds were successful and it was very probable that seven or eight first-class wells with a capacity of fifty gallons a minute would be the result of the test on the fair grounds.

Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald argued the matter of balances left by council and thought it much less than claimed by Mr. Johnston. The village rate for 1919 was three-tenths less than in 1918 but there had been much more work done the previous year. He was in favor of having the Waterworks proceeded with but thought estimates should be secured from other engineers before going on with the work. He spoke of the benefit that the town and vicinity would derive from a canning factory. He referred to the poor sidewalks on certain streets and claimed the councillors in office at the time these were laid down passed the accounts over his protest, and consequently he had to sign the order. He spoke in favor of retaining a Board of Education as he thought that system better than having the schools run by separate boards. He was not anxious to oppose Mr. Johnston if he wished to stand for another year.

Mr. Sandford Stapleford was called upon but was not present.

Mr. N. Hawn was in favor of the old council being returned by acclamation,

but if there was going to be a fight he would be in it.

Wm. Doan, W. J. Trenchouth and Geo. Harper were not present, and S. James withdrew his name.

R. H. Stapleford explained the agreement with the Soldiers' Aid re signetings for returned Watford men. The Council was entitled to pay for these and would be relieved from further grants.

The chairman stated that \$983.04 had been received last week as rebate from the Hydro Commission making a total to date of \$1275.16.

WATFORD ACCLAMATIONS

Reeve—R. E. Johnston
Council—W. Doan, Geo. Harper, H. Hollingsworth, R. H. Stapleford.
Board of Education—E. D. Swift, J. W. McLaren, W. E. Fitzgerald.

Warwick Nominations

Reeve—W. E. Parker.
Deputy-reeve—Adam Higgins.
Councillors—Henry Williamson, Malcolm Campbell, B. Mums.
All re-elected by acclamation.

Levise Nominations

Reeve—L. Lindsay.
Deputy-reeve—Albert Sutton, Clarence Atkens.
Councillors—Arthur Loesemore, Douglas Campbell, A. Zavitz, John Zavitz, D. L. Fisher.

Bosquet Nominations

Candidate FOR REEVE Nominated by
Robt. Tidball—W. J. French, W. G. Nutt,
R. D. Thompson—J. Fleming, C. Campbell,
N. Sitter—Geo. Smith, Frank Wight.

COUNCILLORS

Jno. Menhenick—W. J. French, W. G. Nutt
W. M. McDonald—A. Jamieson, N. Sitter
Engl. Russell—J. Vivan, J. E. Campbell
Jno. Vivan—W. E. Brand, Orley Walden
Orley Walden—A. Jamieson, S. McBryan
R. D. Thompson—W. G. Nutt, Geo. Smith
D. K. Stewart—J. A. Campbell, R. Lighthow
Robt. Lighthow—G. Jamieson, W. J. French

CHOP STUFF

The two Tillsonburg papers have amalgamated.

A Chatham young man and his wife were indulging in a friendly argument which resulted in playful blows. One of the wife's blows fell on a delicate part of her husband's neck, and it is reported that careful surgical treatment will be required to prevent paralysis.

Mr. McAllister, of Dawn, suffered a very severe accident recently while he had a number of teams on a building, which was being moved. He was caught between the building and a large tank and one leg was broken and the other smashed to a jelly. Dr. Kelly was called and seeing the man's condition relieved him as far as possible of his sufferings but had him removed at once to Chatham hospital and accompanied the unfortunate sufferer. Mr. McAllister is a man near 63 years of age and is in a most serious condition.

The death occurred at the family residence, in Sarnia, on Friday, Dec. 12, of Ellen Brock, beloved wife of James Tyler. The deceased was the daughter of the late George and Isabella Brock, of Adelside Township. About three months ago she met with an unfortunate accident fracturing her right leg above the knee, and being 80 years of age, the shock was too great for her, and she grew gradually weaker, passing peacefully away Friday afternoon.

A Tilbury Public school girl's prank caused a heap of excitement in police and ministerial circles in that town quite recently, and since the facts have become public property there is a heap of suppressed laughter in consequence. A grandmother found in her granddaughter's school books, a note from a man, much her superior in age, proposing marriage to the girl. After the aid of the grandmother's clergyman and also the chief of police had been enlisted, and the force of both the church and law set in motion to prevent a marriage, the proposal (?) was found out to be the handwriting of two fellow school girls of the granddaughter, who had written the note in school, and put it in her book, where it was discovered by the grandmother, who at once got busy to stop the tragedy.

A citizen of Kitchener was motoring to Mitchell on Wednesday evening last and on reaching Seabach's Hill, six miles east of town, his car became stalled in a snow drift. He asked for assistance from a neighboring farm. The farmer hitched up a team and pulled the car out as easily as though he were hauling a milk wagon. The rather timid car owner fearing a repetition before reaching Mitchell, engaged the farmer to drive ahead of him to town, but the car travelled all the way under its own power. When asked his charges, the farmer replied that they would be \$25.00, and refused to accept \$10.00, \$15.00 or even \$30.00. He took the \$25.00, stuck it down in his jeans and returned home rejoicing. The return trip was almost twelve miles and thus the charge was a little over \$1.00 per mile. We have heard of people being held up and this is little short of the real thing. Is there no remedy for such an occurrence?—Mitchell Advocate.