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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.

Dance in the Armory tonight. Write it "Christmas", not "Xmas." Holeproof Hose \$2.00 a pair.—Swift's Christmas Store.

Next Tuesday is the shortest day of the year.

The stores are beginning to look quite Christmasy. Remember the subscription price of the Guide-Advocate is \$2.00.

Now, girls, there are only two weeks more of leap year to secure a husband in.

Many a good man will see the end of his bank roll before the end of the year.

A small box of cigars specially gotten up for Christmas gifts. 10 in a box.—F. H. Lovell's.

It would be hard to find better dressed shop windows than are to be seen in Watford.

All municipal councils met last Wednesday to close their financial year and prepare their financial statement.

A new principal has been engaged for the public school in the person of Mr. Mahon, formerly of Forest, at a salary of \$1,500.

Dent's Gloves for men, unlined, silk lined, wool lined.—Swift's.

The first calendar for 1921 to reach this office comes from the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Waterloo, of which Mr. W. H. Shrapnell is local agent.

Our local merchants are advertising Christmas goods at attractive prices. Read their advertisements carefully and you will find many price-saving opportunities.

The sensible gift for boys and girls—new Shoes and Rubbers. We have their sizes.—P. Dodds & Son.

A communication regarding certain G. T. R. rates has been received for publication. It is of no interest to the general public and the printing of same may lead to controversy.

In the grouping of the O. H. A. Intermediate series Watford is with Strathroy, Sarnia and Glencoe. The convenor is Reg. Brown of Watford. The Glencoe games will be played at Alvinston.

The average young man around town is just now more interested in the selection of a Christmas present for his best girl than he is about the figure the Waterworks debentures will sell for.

Little girls' pullover sweater coats specially priced for Christmas.—Swift's.

Commencing January 1st, there will be no Saturday night delivery, on account of the bad roads. See that your orders are placed before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Last delivery will be at 5.30.

The total collections in Watford for the Navy League amounted to \$114.80, collected as follows:—Women's Institute \$4.90; Lambton's 149 I.O.D.E., \$9.70; Tecumseh I.O.D.E., \$33.45; Main street, \$66.75.

The regular meeting of L. O. L. 505 will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st. Election and installation of officers and other important business. All members requested to attend.—J. Dear, Rec.-Sec.

We have useful gifts for every member of the family that will suit all purses. Let us suggest that you call and inspect before you buy.—T. Dodds & Son.

The weather here so far this month has been the mildest on record for the month of December according to statements made on all sides. Some old-timers claim that 1886 produced a December almost as mild as this.

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, 2 and 3 in a box.—Swift's Christmas Store.

News of the proposal of the Ontario Government to make it compulsory for all persons intending to be married in Ontario to give public notice one week in advance of the proposed nuptials, is generally welcomed by the clergy.

Bread has dropped to 12c. Christmas Holly at Swift's. Place your order now.

There are at present only three inmates in the Lambton county jail.

Our Candies are bought from the best manufacturers in Ontario and will be sold as close as possible.—F. H. Lovell.

How are you progressing with your Christmas shopping? The sooner you do it the better chance of a selection.

Aluminum ware in holly boxes, casseroles, O-cedar mops, carpet sweepers, oil heaters, etc., make useful gifts.—T. Dodds & Son.

Rev. Arthur Carlisle, rector of St. Paul's church, Windsor, has been appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court at Windsor by the Attorney-General's Department at Toronto.

School reports and many other interesting news items unavoidably crowded out this week. Everything must give way to the Christmas shopping at this season.

There is nothing nicer for a gift than a choice piece of fine china or Handpainted China. Come in and see our display.—P. Dodds & Son.

Passengers and freight rates on all Canadian railways will be reduced on Jan. 1, 1921, passenger rates 10 per cent. and freight rates 5 per cent. by order of the Board of Railway Commissioners. This cut amounts to one-half the increase made in September.

Lovely lace trimmed handkerchiefs 75c to \$1.38, in fancy boxes.—Swift's Christmas Store.

The Watford Orchestra has been reorganized under the management of Messrs. Swift and Dodds and now have an instrumentation of six pieces well under way for dance and concert engagements. Full details regarding terms will be given on application to the management.

Automobile skates, sticks, pucks, knives, sleighs, flashlights, etc., in abundance for boys' and girls' gifts.—T. Dodds & Son.

Speaking of Christmas presents you could hardly select one that would please an absent relative or friend more than a year's subscription to the Guide-Advocate. It will remind them of your thoughtful kindness every week and keep them posted regarding what is taking place in their old home.

Soon be skating again. How about giving the boy new Hockey Boots? We have his size, priced reasonably.—P. Dodds & Son.

Now is the time when the drivers of automobiles try to secure something which will keep the water from freezing in the radiator. On Tuesday a traveller who has worked in Western Canada, stated that he put coal oil in his radiator. He states that last winter he drove his car when the temperature was fifty degrees below zero.

Big Sale of \$1.98 Silks a great success. Navy, black, green, blue.—Swift's.

Offerings will be received in the Catholic churches throughout Christendom on Dec. 26th on behalf of suffering children in all countries which are suffering because of the war. This day was fixed in an encyclical letter issued to the church by Pope Benedict on Thursday, Dec. 2nd. The date fixed is the Sunday preceding Holy Innocents' Day, Dec. 28th.

A nice box of Chocolates—a little luxury this Christmas. Just think what pleasure you would give that friend of yours. Probably he or she never had such a gift before. We have nice ones at popular prices for just such an occasion.—F. H. Lovell's.

Don't forget that that storage battery of yours needs first class attention through the winter months. We have everything necessary to give first class service on all makes of batteries. We use Canadian made material and so can give you the highest grade material at a saving of duty and exchange. Let us store your battery this winter.—Ray Morningstar.

Ladies' Gowns, Bath Robes, Silk Waists, Camisoles, Hosiery and Gloves for Christmas.—Swift's.

Men's Ties in fancy boxes, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.—Swift's.

The by-law to raise \$5,000.00 to be loaned to Trenouth and Company to enable them to equip the flour mill operated by them will be found elsewhere in this issue. Property owners are asked to read carefully the bylaw in order to be fully informed as to its provisions. If in doubt about any portion of it full explanations can be obtained from the Reeve or Councillors at any time.

If it's Silverware we have it—in Community plate, or Roger Bros.' 1847 goods. That means the best the world produces.—T. Dodds & Son.

The principal of the Watford public school has received from the Ontario government three medals, being the prizes awarded for essays written on "Fire Protection" by pupils of the school during Fire Protection Week in October last. The first prize was won by Sadie L. Harper, the second by Doris Kelly and the third by Reta Dodds. When space permits the essays will be printed in the Guide-Advocate.

Men's Smoking Jackets or House Coats.—Swift's Christmas Store.

County Road Superintendent John McCallum, in his report to the County Council last week, stated that the total spent on roads and road improvement in Lambton County this year was \$114,619.94. This included repairs to roads in every township, but there was still much to be done. The warden and treasurer were authorized to raise \$20,000 to carry on the work of good roads in the county until the Government grant arrived.

A box of pretty Christmas cards, and eleven copies of "The Pocket Testament League" were sent here by Mrs. J. George Ormrod, Biggar, Sask., (Miss Maggie Thompson), to Mrs. (Dr.) George Hicks. The cards to be distributed to the Primary class of the Methodist S. S., the new Testaments to be given to the lady members of the Epworth League. Mrs. Ormrod was at one time a member and a regular attendant of the Sunday School.

Men appreciate a useful gift such as AutoStrop or Gillette safety razors, straight razors and strops, brushes, etc. Don't overlook our \$3.00 razor at \$1.98.—T. Dodds & Son.

The Tom Marks Co. played in the Lyceum on Monday and Tuesday to fair-sized audiences. The plays put on were laughable. The predicament of the young man who found himself with three wives and four babies on hand made the audience for the time forget the Christmas worry of shopping and present buying. The cast was well balanced with Tom in the leading role. The vaudeville acts were well put on and warmly received. The performances were worth the money and time spent by the audience in attendance.

The present reductions in prices expressed in percentages are not so impressive as the percentages of increases were two or three years ago. The consumer who used to read about 100 and even 200 per cent. increase in the price of certain articles may not be deeply stirred by news of a 50 per cent. drop in cotton goods, or a 35 per cent. cut in woollens, but if he reflects a moment he will realize that a 50 per cent. drop is exactly the same as a 100 per cent. advance made when all goods went soaring with war prices. Did you ever think of it in this light?

1847 Silverware in Old Colony pattern, Community Plate in Adam pattern, and Par Plate in an exceptionally full line, Electric Toasters, Irons, etc., aluminum and Pyrex ware casseroles, bean pots, serving trays, etc., make very acceptable gifts.—T. Dodds & Son.

Miss Bessie Hunter of Pine Grove discovered a fox among her father's cows. She went for dad's rifle and got reynard with the first shot.

Hamilton, with over 100,000 population, now has only two newspapers, The Spectator and the Herald. This, however, is not a unique situation, as the city of Flint, Mich., with about the same population, has only one.

New Zealand has ordered 3,000 tons of cement from Canada.

The members of the Watford Women's Institute entertained the Brooke W. I. on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas Dodds. The meeting opened by singing the "Maple Leaf" and the repeating of the "Lord's Prayer." Roll call was answered by short clippings on Christmas. Mrs. T. G. Mitchell gave a reading on "Peace," and Miss Willoughby on "Friendship." Mrs. E. D. Swift, Mrs. W. Shugg, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Clark contributed to the musical part of the program Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem after which lunch was served by the Watford W. I. and a social time was spent.—Sec'y.

Mrs. Reid, Librarian of the Watford public library, passed peacefully to the great beyond on Wednesday morning, after a lengthened illness. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2.30 to Watford cemetery. Mrs. Reid was appointed librarian on the death of her husband, Dr. John Reid, many years ago. She filled the office with great care and ability and endeared herself to all patrons of the institution as well as to all others she came in contact with, and will be much missed by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her loss one son, Dr. Wm. Reid of Wyoming, and two daughters at home, Miss May of the public school staff and Miss Effie. She was a resident of Watford for 52 years.

PERSONAL

Mr. Herb. Willoughby, Hyde Park, called on old friends here on Monday.

Mrs. H. Thomas is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. A. Allen, of Sarnia.

Mrs. F. A. MacLean left on Thursday for Acton, where she will remain until after Christmas.

Mr. J. W. Mahon, of Forest, has been engaged as Principal of the Watford public school for next year.

Mrs. T. W. Handsford and children, Saskatoon, are here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor.

Mrs. N. J. Harper and little daughter, Margaret, of Provost, Alta., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harper, for the past week.

Miss Lois Johnston, Detroit, is spending a few days with her father, Mr. R. E. Johnston, before leaving for Owen Sound for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Clark and daughters, Mary and Sara, also Miss Nellie Johnson, of Monticelli, New Ontario, are visiting friends in Watford and vicinity.

WARWICK

Remember the concert of comic dialogues, recitations and drills to be given in S.S. No. 6, Warwick, on Friday evening, Dec. 31st, New Years Eve. Come and have a good laugh. Admission adults 25c, children free.

The Bethel Sunday school Christmas Tree and entertainment will be held in the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd. A good program is being prepared, consisting of musical dialogues and drills. Program commences at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25c. All are welcome.

St. Mary's church Sunday school will hold their entertainment and Christmas Tree in the Orange Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. Admission 25c. Sunday school children free. All are cordially invited.

The regular meeting of the Warwick branch of the Women's Institute was held in the town hall on Dec. 9th at 8 p.m., with an attendance of 75. The meeting opened in the usual manner by singing the Maple Leaf, followed by prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted and general business dispensed with. An interesting feature of the meeting was a spelling match, which was much enjoyed by all. A dainty lunch was served and the meeting closed. Next meeting will be held in the town hall on January 13th, at 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DANCES

The Watford Concert and Dance Orchestra will hold Christmas dances on Wednesday, Dec. 22, and on Wednesday, Dec. 29. See bills for special added attraction. \$1.00 per couple.

BETHELEHEM PAGEANT

Members of the Methodist Sunday School will present the Bethlehem Christmas Pageant in the Lyceum next Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd, A Celebration of the First Christmas in Picture, Song and Story. Oriental costumes, appropriate music with recitations, songs and other exercises by the little ones will all help to give you an enjoyable evening. Come and you will be made welcome. Program begins at 8 o'clock. Admission 25c and 15c. Homemade candy and chocolates on sale.

BROOKE

The Ladies Aid of Bethesda church will meet at Brooke Parsonage Friday afternoon at 2.30.

Mrs. John Hall has returned home from St. Joseph's Hospital, London, after undergoing a critical operation for chronic mastoid. She is improving nicely.

Christmas Tree and Concert in Bethesda Methodist church Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd, at 8 p.m. A good program of music, dialogues, orchestra, etc. Admission—adults 25c, children 15c.

Chalmers Presbyterian church, Brooke, will hold its annual Christmas entertainment on Wednesday, December 22nd. A program consisting of recitations, dialogues, solos, drills, etc., is being prepared. Come and enjoy it.

A Christmas concert will be given in the Walnut Methodist church on Thursday evening, December 23rd. A good program consisting of dialogues, music, choruses, etc. All are welcome. Admission—adults 35c, children free.

CHOP STUFF

Premier Drury says that a readjustment of wages will follow generally reduced prices.

Rev. Mr. Cree, rector of Parkhill, has been appointed to the church of the Redeemer, London.

Appeals to add about 300 names, mostly of women, to the Forest voters' list, have been filed with the Town Clerk.

Lindsay grain merchants are paying 15 1/2 cents for alsike clover seed. One farmer realized \$1800 off a ten acre field.

Sarnia Board of Education has increased the rate for country pupils attending the city schools to \$4 a month, effective after the new year.

John Gibson, a life-long resident of Aulhriam, passed away on Wednesday, at the residence of his son, Forest at Edy's Mills, aged 83 years.

W. J. MacMahon, a former Wyoming man, and brakeman on the G. T. R. lost his life Wednesday by falling under the cars at Dunnville.

Two Cookstown dealers paid about \$14,000 to Harry Carter and William Jackson for their alsike clover seed. Mr. Jackson sold 350 bus.—Beeton World.

Mamie Richardson, daughter of N. R. Richardson, Forest, had the misfortune to have a heavy bench fall on her foot, badly bruising it, while playing at school one day last week. She will be laid up for some time.

Sweet clover, which last year proved a tremendous money maker for the comparatively few farmers that then grew it, is this year a glut on the market. The reason appears to be that the great demand for seed caused the price to soar far above its commercial value. That demand has now been supplied and the price has dropped.

DIED

In Wyoming, on Sunday, December 15th, 1920, Ellen Smith, widow of the late James Squire, aged 64 years.

In Watford, on Wednesday, December 15th, 1920, Maria, wife of the late John Reid.