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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 Letterbox.

NEW Caps for early spring.—SWIFT'S. Do your shopping on Friday. Saturday and Monday are heatless days and all business places are ordered to close.

CANADA has so long been a land of plenty that our people are slow to realize the need of economy in spreading their tables.

SERVICE will be conducted in the Congregational Church on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. No Service in the evening.

NELSON HAWN lost another valuable milk cow on Tuesday. This is the second that has died in his hands within a few weeks.

JOSEPH WISE says:—"No woman is ever old as long as she'd rather have on a pretty nightgown than a flannellette one on a cold night."

It would be wise to leave the date off newspapers for a time. Late trains and delayed delivery often make a paper look old, if you look at the date.

RED CROSS trench towelling in pieces or half pieces, flannellette, 34 in. wide.—SWIFT'S.

TOMMY ATKINS' opinion of the Boche:—"E's a stiff fighting man, Fritzle is. I give him that. But he don't fight clean. E's dirty, Fritzle is."

OWING to the continued cold weather there is a great scarcity of water in this vicinity, some farmers having difficulty in obtaining enough for their cattle.

No one will object to the County Council's patriotic grants. We are getting off remarkably light when we realize that this is the fourth year of the war.

No one ever saw about Watford such an ice harvest. On account of the great thickness of the ice, the blocks being taken through town are as clear as blocks of glass.

MILL END Prints and Gingham, 2 to 3 yd. ends.—SWIFT'S.

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G. A. BROWN near Leamington, ordered 250 tons of Gunns' Fertilizer for this year's crops, double the quantity he used last year. Mr. Brown raises tobacco and general crops.

It is now stated by the authorities of the U. S. and Canada, that there will be no shortage of gasoline this year. In fact there will be lots of it and the price may come down.

The merchants of Watford will keep open on Friday evening until 9 o'clock when they will close until Tuesday morning in compliance with the order of the Fuel Controller.

THE Fuel Controller has received instructions that any person making a wrong statement as to the amount of coal in their possession will be subject to a fine of from \$100 to \$500.

FINE stock of overalls, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.—SWIFT'S.

Do not send more than one copy of a newspaper in a wrapper to the United Kingdom. The British Government has forbidden the carrying by the mails of newspapers which are not wrapped separately.

It will soon be necessary to have a printed card before you all the time to keep track of the meatless and wheatless days. The heatless days we are not likely to forget as they are with us all the time.

In renewing his subscription Mr. H. S. Sweet, Cayley, Alberta says:—"Would not like to be without our Monday letter from Watford. We had a fine winter here so far with only a few cold spells and not enough snow to stop the automobiles."

MRS. STANLEY ROGERS, of Forest, received a letter last week from her husband "Somewhere in France." He is well and has been promoted to Corporal. In his letter he mentioned having met Clare Roche, of Watford.

GOOD NEWS! New Goods. Get on with your sewing.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

MONDAY night was undoubtedly the coldest of the winter, reports of from 26 to 30 below being recorded. On Tuesday morning at 8.30 several local thermometers registered 20 below. At the same time Wednesday morning the freezing point was barely passed.

THE regular meeting of the Lambton County Medical Society will be held on Wednesday next, Feb. 13th, at 10.30 a.m. in the Board of Trade Chambers, Sarnia. A paper on "Tumors on the Breast" will be given by Dr. MacDonald of Sarnia, and officers for the year will be elected.

THE new food controller is not in favor of price fixing, neither, it is stated, is he in favor of rationing. He takes the ground that the expense and machinery necessary for a successful and effective rationing system in Canada would not be justified by the comparatively insignificant results which would be obtained.

A SHIPMENT of men's sweater coats, Fine heavy garments.—SWIFT'S.

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COAL ACCOUNTS READY. — The invoices for the coal distributed by the Corporation are to hand and the accounts made out at the Sterling Bank. Those who got any of this coal are requested to call at the Bank as soon as possible and make settlement. The price is \$8.35 per ton.—W. H. HARKER, Fuel Controller.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER" presented by the Walnut Dramatic Club in the Lyceum on Wednesday evening, was well patronized and cleverly put on by the talented young people. A goodly sum was secured for Red Cross purposes, the proceeds being divided between the Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E., and the Walnut Red Cross Society.

THE Government should develop the Canadian peat industry, in order to overcome the fuel shortage. The Government will be well advised if it does something and does it quickly. Canada wants no repetition next winter of the shortage, that has occurred in the past few months, particularly when it is known that we have the natural resources at hand to make such a shortage impossible.

THE new Ontario motor head light law says:—"It shall be unlawful to carry on a motor vehicle any lighting device of over four candlepower, equipped with a reflector, unless the same shall be so designed, deflected or arranged that no portion of the beam of the reflected light, when measured 75 feet or more ahead of the lamp, shall rise above 42 inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands."

MR. W. B. LAWS has some valuable old books in his possession, among them a Concordance to the Bible printed in 1635 and a Bible 220 years old, both in a good state of preservation. The headings in the Concordance are in Old English type and the spelling of some words unique. Many words seem confusing on account of the use of the now obsolete long "S."

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE thanks its subscribers for prompt renewals made for this year and for the many kind and encouraging words which in nearly every case accompanied the remittances. If time permitted we would like to write to each one personally, but at present the best thing we can do is to say to one and all, "We thank you," and strive as ever to give you a good home paper.

KEEP the boys in sox. We have white and grey wool yarn.—SWIFT'S.

It is a mistake for any business man not to take an active interest in the affairs of his community, making his town so attractive as to invite business. We are up against stronger competition every day and the strongest feature of all is the mail order house. A Business Men's Association, or something of the sort, might be able, by concerted effort, to do much to offset this tendency to buy out of town.

THE Dairywomen in a recent convention protested against the sale of oleomargarine in Canada. The consumer, on the other hand, is well content to be able to find oleo on the market. Few people buy oleo from choice. But if butter is beyond the size of a man's purse, or, if better can not be obtained, as is often the case in Watford, then oleo is a substitute which is very palatable. There is little or no difference in the price of oleo and butter so the dairymen need not worry. Few will buy oleo if there is enough butter to go around. If not, let us by all means be able to buy oleo.

NEXT Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The lenten season is observed in all Christian countries to give people a chance to stop the whirl of everyday life and take stock of themselves. The lenten season was established in recognition of one whose life is a model towards which all of us may strive. What better recognition of the time can be found than to take stock of our own relations to those about us? Such an observance cannot fail to make the time of the greatest value to the world and to humanity at large.

LAST Saturday, Feb. 2nd, was Candlemas Day, and, according to the old adage, if the bear sees his shadow on that day he will return to his lair and remain for another six weeks. If Bruin came out in the vicinity of Watford, he surely would have no time in finding his shadow, for the day was quite bright. It was also one of the coldest of the winter, and Old Bruin would scarcely relish the temperature and would hastily beat a retreat. The definition of Candlemas Day runs thus:—"If Candlemas Day be bright and clear, we'll have two winters in one year." So look out for squalls.

OWING to the fuel shortage, our store will be closed all day Saturday and Monday.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

Watford High School Commencement

The staff and students will hold their commencement exercises in the Lyceum, Tuesday evening, February 12th. An excellent musical programme of choruses is being prepared, under the direction of Mr. Baskerville. As the students contribute liberally to local interests in every way possible they hope for a full house and the most generous support of Watford and its environs. Medals, certificates and diplomas will be presented on this occasion. Programme at 8 p.m. Admission 25c to all parts of the hall.

"Intolerance" Shown Here

There was a good crowd at the Lyceum on Wednesday afternoon and a fair sized crowd in the evening when D. W. Griffith's colossal film spectacles was presented. The attractive scenes depicted love's struggle through the ages. From the standpoint of sheer artistry this picture is the highest achievement the camera has yet recorded. One theme is told in four separate stories, the Modern, the Judean, the Medieval French and the Babylonian stories. The pomp and magnificence of ancient Babylon at the time of Belshazzar are shown in all their splendor. It is indeed a great spectacle and one from an educative standpoint well worth seeing. Those who did not attend missed a rare treat.

The Late Mrs. Ellen Creasey

Another old and highly respected citizen passed peacefully away at the home of her son, James Creasey, Watford, on Jan. 30th, 1918, at the ripe old age of 89 years, 10 months, 13 days. She was a native of Yorkshire, England. In the year 1849 she was married to Moses Creasey, at Doncaster, England, who predeceased her over 36 years ago. In the year 1853 they left England and after a rough voyage of six weeks they landed at St. John, New Brunswick. After a few years they moved to Bosanquet, where they remained for a number of years. In 1881 they moved to Brooke where deceased lived until 6 years ago, when she moved to Watford, making her home with her son James. To this union 11 children were born, three of whom predeceased her. The surviving children are:—George, of Brooke; John, of Oil Springs; James, of Watford; Charles, of Dresden; Mrs. Roszell, of Leakville, Sask.; Mrs. Lockrey, of Alba, Mich.; Mrs. Somerville, of Central Lake, Mich.; and Mrs. Tommaso, of Theford. The funeral was held from her son's residence, Warwick St. Watford, on Friday afternoon to Warwick Village Cemetery. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. R. M. Stevenson, pastor of the Congregational church. The pall bearers were Messrs. David Hamilton, John Bruce, Jacob Fowler, John Stanger, Mr. Davidson and Wm. Williamson.

Lenten Mid-Week Services

During Lent mid-week services will be held in Trinity church, Watford, when visiting clergymen will deliver addresses. The dates of services and names of speakers are as follows:—

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13.—Communion service and the Bishop's Pastoral on Lent.

Thursday, Feb. 21st.—Rev. W. J. Doherty, B.A., London.

Thursday, Feb. 28.—Rev. W. F. Brownlee, rector of St. John's church, St. Thomas.

Thursday, March 7.—Rev. A. A. Bice, B.A., rector of All Saints' church, London.

Thursday, March 14.—Rev. A. E. DuPlan, rector of Alivinston.

Thursday, March 21.—Rev. Murton Shore, rector of Warwick.

Wednesday, March 27.—Rev. H. R. Williams, B.A., rector of Wyoming.

Good Friday, March 29.—The rector, Rev. S. P. Irwin, B.A.

On the Sunday evenings during Lent the rector will preach a course of sermons on the following subjects:—

"God"—Text, Heb. 11: 6.
"Man"—Text, St. Matthew 16: 26.
"Sin"—Text, Romans 6: 23.
"Redemption"—Text, I. Peter 1: 18.

"Decision"—Text, Joshua 24: 15.
"Palm Sunday"—Text, St. Luke 19: 28.
On Easter Day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 and 9.15 a.m. Evening service at 7 p.m.

The Union Special Services

This most helpful and inspiring series is still in progress. Rev. H. H. Bingham on Thursday last week told the story of his own conversion and on Friday he spoke on the subject, "Heaven."

On Sunday morning Rev. E. H. Sawers preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation. In the afternoon Rev. W. E. Donnelly, B.A., spoke to the men on the subject, "A Race with the Devil," and in the evening he preached with much acceptance to a very large gathering.

Rev. Mr. Ashton has been here the first three nights of this week and notwithstanding the intense cold and storm the congregations have been most encouraging and the good work continues with much encouragement and satisfactory results, in as much as many have professed conversion and their determination to serve God.

Rev. H. H. Bingham is returning for to-night (Thursday) and Friday. He will address another "boys and girls' meeting" on Friday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Ashton will be present on Sunday evening. It is expected that this will be the final meeting of the series. No doubt if the weather is at all favorable that these remaining services will be very largely attended. The universal verdict of the people attending these services is this:—"They are the best I have ever seen in Watford and result cannot be other than a great blessing to the whole town and community."

There has scarcely been a night when the Armory was not packed with an

In compliance with the order of the Fuel Controller,

Watford Stores Will Be Closed

from 9 p.m. on

Friday, Feb. 8th

until 8 a.m. on

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Do Your Saturday Shopping on Friday.

eager and attentive through hanging upon the Word of God ably and effectively preached by all who have tendered assistance in this way. The deep, reverent attention of the worshippers is most remarkable. These meetings can never be forgotten.

Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E.

Tecumseh Chapter, I.O.D.E., met at the home of Mrs. E. D. Swift on Tuesday of this week. There were 19 members present and two visitors. Letters were read from Byron Sanatorium for returned soldiers thanking the Chapter for the leather couch given for the living room. The following Watford boys sent thanks for parcels:—Cecil McCormick, John Saunders, Bert Saunders, Fred Collins, S. L. McClung, T. Stilwell. There were also three letters from friendless boys who have received parcels sent by the Chapter. One of these, written from Italy, said:—"The Canadian tobacco was a great treat. Since we left France we have been unable to get any smokes. The Italian cigarettes and tobacco are I think a few degrees worse than the French, and they are not worth smoking. Thanks for remembering a boy who has no one to send him parcels." The Treasurer, Mrs. Newell, reported that the Chapter had raised during the year the sum of \$1,002.73 and gave an itemized account of receipts and disbursements. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the treasurer for her work. Miss E. Adams, convener of the sock committee, reported that there had been 400 pairs of socks knitted by members and friends of the Chapter during the year. This is a banner year for sox. Ninety pairs will be sent to boys from Watford and vicinity this month. Each boy will receive two pairs and be asked to hand one pair to a needy pal, should he not require them himself. The following officers of the Chapter were re-elected by acclamation: Regent, Mrs. Fitzgerald; first vice-regent, Mrs. T. G. Mitchell; second vice-regent, Mrs. C. Howden; treasurer, Mrs. Newell; secretary, Miss N. Trenton; standard bearer, Mrs. Thompson. A very amusing and original reading was given by Mrs. A. G. Brown. Misses Winnifred and Marjory Swift played two duets, which were much enjoyed. A pleasant meeting closed in the usual manner. March meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Mitchell.

HOCKEY

Watford 16; Wyoming 8.

It was all Watford when the Green and Whites played in Wyoming on Tuesday night. The Wyoming boys were outskated and outplayed at all stages of the game. The Watford forward line scored at will. Watford scored the first three goals and then eased up, letting Wyoming tie the score. In the next period the goals began to roll in on the Wyoming goal until all trace of the score was lost. C. Clarke, of Watford, refereed. Wyoming couldn't afford to buy him a bell so he was provided with a stick and a tin pail, which he hammered in a very able manner. After the game the Watford boys were given a very substantial lunch. D. Dodds.....goal..... Higgins C. Clarke.....r. defence..... Randall R. Brown.....l. defence..... Wark J. Irwin.....l. wing..... Brown V. Auld.....r. wing..... Rogers N. Trenton.....centr..... Scharf Watford has yet to lose a game this winter.

In five games they have scored 67 to their opponents' 29.

A game is being arranged between a fast Sarnia team and Watford at an early date.

Jim Sullivan, the ex-middle-weight boxing champion, who was wounded in the fight at Bourlon Wood, in a letter to the sporting editor of a western daily, says:—"I fell down the stairs of a dug-out along with a big German, and as I wouldn't give it as a souvenir and he wouldn't give it to me, we had a wrestle for it. I couldn't hit him because he held me too tight, but as we fell I bumped his nut on the corner of the stairs, and he went 'out,' though not before he had taken a bite at my shoulder. I grabbed his watch, however!"

WARWICK.

Bethel S. S. raised \$170 for the Armenian Relief Fund.

George McCormick son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCormick is visiting friends in the West.

C. F. Luckham who was home on a two weeks' visit pending his discharge, returned to Guelph last Thursday.

Mr. James Cooper who has been in poor health for some time is now in a very critical condition in Strathroy Hospital.

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On Sunday evening next at 7.30 p.m., divine service will be held in the Zion Congregational church. Rev. R. M. Stevenson will preach on the subject, "The Fall of Jerusalem." A welcome extended to all.

Many friends of Mrs. Frances Kent, 4th line, will regret to hear that she was badly burned last Wednesday night, when she lit a candle to get a drink and in some way set fire to the curtains and her night dress which was completely burned off her, before she could waken her son and daughter who sleep upstairs. Mrs. Kent's hands are badly burned and the doctor does not think she will recover at her advanced age. The fire made good headway in the bedroom and for a time it was fought frantically to save the house from burning.

The annual meeting of the Birnam Red Cross League was held at the home of Mrs. Halliday on the afternoon of Jan. 24th, when the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year. President—Miss Jennie Vance; 1st Vice-President—Mrs. C. N. Richardson; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Halliday; Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Luckham; Assistant Sec'y—Mrs. John Smith; Treasurer—Mrs. Will Vance. A bale was packed at the meeting and sent to Hyman Hall. Two weeks ago the Society shipped two bbls. of canned fruit and pickles to Byron Sanatorium for tubercular soldiers.

BROOKE

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Mrs. James L. Kelly passed away on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, the funeral taking place on Tuesday afternoon, from the family residence, con. 12, to St. James' church cemetery. Obligatory notice will appear next week.

The Inevitable R. C. S. met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Sisson on Wednesday, January 30th. About 30 members were present and completed a bale of the following:—Pyjama suits, 12; Grey flannel shirts, 9; socks, 35 pair; pillow 7. A quilt was quilted and sent to London to be forwarded to the Halifax sufferers. The special donation amounted to \$44.00.

PERSONAL

Col. and Mrs. Kenward are visiting relatives in the U. S.

Mr. Aurdia Butler, Smoco, is visiting his brother, Mr. Cecil Butler.

Miss Gladys Shrapnell, Ingersoll, spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. W. S. Beckett, Norwich, was a guest at Mr. C. H. Butler's over Sunday.

Pte. R. H. McCormick, W. O. R., spent the week end at his home here.

Mrs. Henry Conn, Sarnia, was here on Friday to see her father, Mr. Frank Restorick.

Miss Leona Harper, London Normal, spent the week end at her home here. She was accompanied by her friend Miss Marie Campbell, of Windsor.

Death of the Late John Marshall

On Sunday, Jan. 27th, death called away one of Watford's highly esteemed residents, the late John Marshall. Before his release from pain the deceased suffered from a long continued sickness lasting for over two and a half months. He was 61 years of age and had been a life-long resident of Watford Township.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, Jan. 29th, at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, lot 28, 2nd line, of Watford, for West Adelaide cemetery. The service, conducted by the Rev. G. B. Ratcliffe, was held in West Adelaide Presbyterian church, the deceased having been a member of that church for years. The large attendance at the funeral service was an expression of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his friends and neighbors. His quiet and kindly spirit had won for him a host of friends, and the sympathy of the whole community goes out to his widow and family in their bereavement. Besides his widow there are left to mourn the loss, three daughters and one son: Mrs. Fred Elliott, of East Williams; Mrs. Archie Pedden, of Adelaide; Lorne and Pearl at home. Also the following brothers and sisters: David, William, Lawrence and Mrs. Walter Hall, of Watford; Mrs. Wilbert Hodgson, of Adelaide; and George, of Biggar, Sask.