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## WANT COLUMN.

FOR SALE—One wood turning lathe, nearly new. Apply to H. McNALLY, Watford.

LOST on Saturday 8th inst. between home and Watford, one auto tire chain. Finder please advise W. G. WILLOUGHBY.

FOR SALE, Bronze Turkeys, also some choice lambs.—CHARLES TANNER, lot 26, con. 12, Enniskillen. R. R. 2, Petrolia Ont.

FOR SALE, good, reliable Hackney driver, with harness, buggy and cutter. Going cheap. Apply to REV. R. M. STEVENSON, Watford.

FRAME house on E ½ lot 20, Main Road, Watford, for sale. To be moved off the premises. Apply to R. E. McGILLICUDDY or Ed. Cundick. 7-2

FOR SALE—Hard coal baseburner, nickel top, dome and base, mica fireview, with small oven, nearly new. Also an extension table. Apply to MRS. GHO. ANNETT. 7-2

WORN OUT HORSES and tall animals of any kind bought.—LETT BROS., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 4821. Watford P. O. Phone messages at our expense. 7-2

STRAYED—From lot 19, con. 3, S.E.R. Warwick, some time during the last two weeks, a red steer, weighing about 800 lbs. Is not dehorned. Send information of same to H. K. LAIRD, Watford R. R. No. 2.

FOR SALE—Good brick house with frame kitchen and woodshed, hard and soft water inside, fruit trees and stable on lot. Situated on St. Clair street, Watford. For particulars apply to MRS. GHO. ANNETT, at Roland J. King's, R. R. No. 3. Phone 4923-1. 7-2

Do you realize that you obtain twice the light with half the oil by using an Aladdin Lamp. Prove it yourself in your home by getting an Aladdin on free trial. It cost you nothing and puts you under no obligation. Do not fail to take advantage of this offer without delay.—C. M. FITZGERALD, Watford.

## BORN

In Forest, on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sutherland, a son.

## MARRIE

At Arkona, on Wednesday, November 21st, David Allan Raison, of Adelaide, to Mrs. Isla May Russell Riggs, of Arkona.

At the residence of the bride, Brooke, on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 1917, by the Rev. S. P. Irwin, Mary B., daughter of Mrs. J. H. Lucas to Mr. Arnold Parker.

## DIED

In Warwick, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1917, Margaret Henderson, widow of the late William Leach, in her 74th year.  
In Besanquet, on Dec. 3, Frances Aldred, relict of the late William Burr, of the 16th con. Besanquet, in her 83rd year.  
In Flint, Mich., on Dec. 4th, Mrs. John Branden, of the 8th con. Besanquet.

## BROOKE

Archie McGugan won the Red Cross doll raffied by the Watford A. Y. P. A. He held ticket No. 136.

Squire Lucas returned Monday from St. Joseph's hospital, London, where he underwent surgical treatment, several weeks ago.

The Tipperary Red Cross circle has decided to hold a miscellaneous shower at their next meeting to be held at home of Mrs. R. J. Lucas, January 8th, 1918.

IRISH LINENS for Christmas—table cloths and naps.—SWIFT'S.

"She Stoops to Conquer" is the name of the play to be given in Walnut School in aid of Red Cross on Friday, Dec. 14th. Admission 35c, and 25c. Dont fail to go.

The Tipperary Red Cross circle has shipped to Hyman's Hall a bale containing 21 grey flannel shirts valued at \$40; 12 suits of pyjamas valued at \$21; 20 trench towels valued at \$3; 16 pillow cases valued at \$8.50; 1 pair socks valued at 75c. The circle has also sent 14 pair of hand knit socks to Mrs. McPhedran, Toronto.

## School Reports

Report of S. S. 13 Brooke, for November 1917.  
Class IV Sr.—Jean Lucas, Lottie Higgins, Jr.—Gordon Johnston, Velma Griffith.  
Class III Sr.—John Lucas, Jimmie Burns, Sadie Fisher, Jr.—Edna Griffith, Harry Chalk.  
Class II—Kathleen Burns.  
Class I—Margaret Lucas, Lydia McDonald, Julius Van Den Bergh, Mary Lucas, Johnny Griffith.  
Primer—Jimmie Chalk, Clarence Johnston, Fisher Burns.—A. M. COWAN, Teacher.

A CHRISTMAS waist—see our \$5.00 window. All the shades, in georgette crepe and crepe de chene.—SWIFT'S.

## Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

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Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

Report of S. S. 12 Warwick, for November.  
Class IV Sr.—Morgan Cameron, Ola Routley, Jr.—Irene Westgate, Verna Pyke, Percy Ward, Milton Williamson.  
Class III—Melvin Williamson, Archie Cameron, Lorenzo McLean, Melvin Routley, Fred O'Neill, Nelson McLean, Amelia Pyke, Alfred Horne.  
Class II—Oscar Westgate, Gilbert Kersey, Orville Craig, Mac McIntosh.  
Class I Sr.—Harold Westgate, Edna McIntosh, Jr.—Wilson Westgate, Robert Pyke, Lyle McIntosh.  
Primer—Robert Routley, Roy Craig, Ariel Routley, Fred Ward.—JEAN MCKECHIE, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 5 Brooke, for the month of November.  
Class IV Sr.—Clifford Higgins, Maggie Watson, Leonard Annett, Jr.—Ethel

Watson, Rato Clarke, Merrilline Whitehead.  
Class III—Alice Sutton, Allan Higgins, Harold Sutton.  
Primer (a)—Aileen Sutton. ■  
Primer (b)—Bert Oakes.—V. BAMBRIDGE, Teacher.  
S. S. 16 and 18 B. and W. November 30, 1917.  
Class IV Arithmetic.—Edith Moffitt, Olive Leach, Ula Higgins. Sr.—Arithmetic—Gordon Higgins, Earl Moffitt, Jr.—Arithmetic—Roy Higgins, Lena Bryce, Cecil Hayward.  
Class II—Arithmetic and Spelling—Audrey King, Stanley Hayward, Annie Higgins, Merton King, Grant Kelly.  
Class I Sr.—Jack Kelly, Ethel Moffitt, Austin Kelly, Mary Moffitt.  
Roll 18. Average 15.—A. W. KELLY, Teacher.

## 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.

EBONY and Ivory goods at McLAREN'S  
Pt. Huron got 2000 tons of hard coal last week.

As soon as the election is over Santa Claus will get an inning.

Pte. Geo. Patterson of Llenry, had his leg amputated above the knee. He has been moved to England.

NICK stock of Christmas things for wee kiddies.—SWIFT'S.

Strathroy women had a hair-pulling scrap over politics at a meeting there last week. O, the gentle six!

DON'T buy your Christmas presents until you read the announcements of the Watford merchants in this issue.

You will find things aplenty for the kiddies in our toy department up-stairs, J. W. McLAREN.

On Nov. 23 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. McAlphine of Moss celebrated their golden wedding and entertained 60 guests. There died in Courtwright on Tuesday, December 4th, Lena, beloved wife of Laughlin McDonald, at the age of 56 years.

THE best silk scarfs for ladies and men made in Canada. They would be fine for Christmas.—SWIFT'S.

The staff of the Petrolia Topic presented Mr. Dowling, editor, with gold pin, cuff links, etc. on his retiring from the position.

E. C. Green, a farmer near Dresden, had 83 yearling sheep worried to death by dogs in one night. He places his loss at \$900.

DESPITE the snow storm and the cold weather the tag day held by Lambton Chapter, I.O.D.E., on Saturday for the Navy League was a successful one.

YOU are invited to inspect our Xmas stock. Open every night.—J. W. McLAREN.

The plate for a page advertisement ordered for this issue has been delayed in transit from Toronto. The change in make-up was made to accommodate it.

The grand total of the Victory Loan drive in this county is now \$2,660,650. Of this amount Sarnia contributed almost half of the total with \$1,311,500.

A SUIT or Overcoat for Christmas. We have the goods and can make them.—SWIFT'S.

LAMBTON'S 149, I.O.D.E., is holding a patriotic "jintney" dance in the Armory New Year's night. Proceeds for yarn and soldiers' comforts. Particulars next week.

No, gentle reader, you will not find the news in the usual columns this week. It is here, there and all over on account of the election advertising. We hope to get back to our usual style next week.

A GOOD showing for Christmas of ladies' coats.—SWIFT'S.

The youngest child of Thomas Diamond, Glencoe, had his tongue badly cut and torn on Tuesday when the little daughter Dorothy was removing a small tin box which the child had put in its mouth.

Two hot heads got into a rough and tumble fight at the close of the political meeting on Thursday, Dec. 20th, at 8 o'clock. Spectacular carrying on does not help either party.

ORDER your cut flowers for Christmas now, the supply is limited.—J. W. McLAREN'S.

THE Watford Methodist S. S. will give an entertainment in the church next Tuesday evening, 18th inst., consisting of Illustrated Views of Belgium before and since the war. Over 100 illustrations. Admission 15c. The public cordially invited.

THE service in Trinity Church next Sunday evening will commence at a quarter to seven o'clock, in order to give the congregation an opportunity of hearing the Rev. R. J. Bowen's lecture in the Methodist Church later in the evening.

SPECIALS in Towels for Christmas. Irish linen and made-in-Canada goods.—SWIFT'S.

THE grand total of the Victory Loan for Canada amounts to \$408,475,400, contributed by 707,113 bond holders. \$190,450 of the above amount was written up in Watford, \$119,900 at the Merchants Bank and \$70,550 at the Sterling. This includes the amount subscribed through the canvassers.

THE Presbyterian S. S. Christmas Entertainment will be held in the Church on Thursday, Dec. 20th, at 8 o'clock. The program will comprise lantern views of recent events in the Great War, also miscellaneous views, interspersed with musical selections. Admission 15c., children of the Sunday School free.

D. B. Smith, Port Huron, lost \$1000 and he asked Chief Chambers to loan him the police department to help him find it. The money was in the shape of a \$500 Liberty Bond and two notes. Upon receiving no report on the success of the fortune hunt, the chief telephoned Mr. Smith. Yes, Mr. Smith had found

the money, he found it in his own back yard, snow covered but just as good as gold nevertheless.

COMFORTERS from \$2.50 to \$10.00. They are comfortable for Christmas.—SWIFT'S.

REV. R. J. BOWEN, district secretary of the Bible Society, will deliver an address at a mass meeting in the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7.30, in the interests of Emergency Fund, \$150,000 extra being required this year owing to conditions arising out of the war, increased cost in price of leather, paper, production, etc. A liberal offering on this behalf is desired.

NEW Leather Goods—Ladies' Hand Bags 50c to \$8.00. Hand purses, gents' purses, wallets and bill folds—all styles at McLAREN'S.

THE regular meeting of Lambtons 149, I.O.D.E., was held at the home of Mrs. L. Millar, Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock. In the absence of the Regent, Mrs. Adams, 1st vice-regent took the chair. Treasurer reported \$75 Saturday tag day receipts for the Navy League—sent to headquarters in Toronto. Sock committee reported having sent 22 pairs of socks to Capt. Allen for 149th boys. Meadames McLaren and Harper, that the Chapter form groups and make five quilts this week to be shipped with clothing to Halifax sufferers. A petition for the granting of furlough to the remnant of the First Contingent of the C.E.F., circulated by the I.O.D.E., was signed by all the members present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Howden.

NIRTY house coats and smoking jackets for Xmas.—SWIFT'S.

THERE were nineteen members and two visitors present at the December meeting of Tecumseh Chapter, I.O.D.E., held at Mrs. A. G. Brown's home. A letter was read from the Sanatorium for Soldiers at London saying that Trafalgar Chapter had already equipped their dispensary and suggesting that the society here supply a leather lounge for the living-room. It was decided to do this. Miss Marion Kelly, a life member of the Chapter, gave an interesting talk on the work being done for the Indians on the Reserve at Brocket, Alberta. Miss Mary Kelly, matron of the hospital, gave a description of the "Sun Dance." Miss Kelly also became a member of the Chapter. A committee was appointed to divide the membership into standing committees by way of systemizing the work, these to consist of a sock committee, a committee to pack and send boxes to soldiers, buying committee, sewing committee and entertainment committee. A pleasant meeting closed in the usual manner.

## PERSONAL

Miss Maude Marwick, who underwent a critical operation in St. Joseph's Hospital last Thursday is reported out of danger.

Mr. W. K. Cook, Toronto, was a Watford visitor Wednesday.

Miss LeGalle, of Detroit, is visiting at the home of her cousin, Mrs. J. H. Humphries, Wall-St.

Nursing Sister Clarie Tye was sent to Halifax with a relief party of Military Nurses from Toronto.

Mr. Beverly Tiffin visited over Sunday with his parents at the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. D. McFarlane, Edmonton, called on Watford friends last Friday.

Mrs. F. A. MacLean is visiting friends in Acton and Toronto this week.

## Help Halifax Sufferers

Will any friends who have warm second hand clothing of any kind in good condition or bedding to contribute to the bale Lambton's 149, I.O.D.E., is packing for the sufferers in the recent Halifax disaster please leave the same at Harper Bros.' store or at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Kelly, not later than Saturday, the 15th? As there is considerable rush in getting the bale ready and the need very urgent a special response will be heartily appreciated. Besides this, any donation of money and new clothing will be gratefully accepted.

## WARWICK

A Christmas Tree and entertainment will be held under the auspices of the Sunday School of Grace Church, 4th line, Warwick, on Friday evening, Dec. 21st, in the schoolhouse. A good program will be rendered and a pleasurable evening is anticipated. Admission 25c and 15c.

Margaret Henderson, relict of the late Wm. Leach, passed away at the family residence, lot 10, con. 6, S. E. R., on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, in her 74th year. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon to St. James' cemetery, Brooke.

## PLYMPTON

The marriage was performed at Brandon, Man., by Rev. Mr. Edmonson, of M. Elsie Dewar, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. B. Dewar, London Road, to Wm. H. Richards, of Navina, Man. Mr. and Mrs. Richards visited the cities of Regina, Calgary and Edmonton and will be at home to their friends after Dec. 20th at Navina, Man.

For the traveler the best guide is a check book.