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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.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS AT P. DODDS & SON'S.
AN electrical storm passed over this section on Monday evening.

LEAP YEAR IS NEARLY OVER. Girls, have you embraced your opportunity? Have you paid your taxes yet? If not do so at once. The town needs the money. Do your Christmas shopping as soon as possible.—SWIFT'S.

IF YOU ARE UNDECIDED ABOUT CHRISTMAS presents study the advertising columns. The last meeting of the Watford Council for this year will be on Friday, Dec. 15th.

THE LAST WEEK OF THE HALF PRICE SALE OF MILLINERY.—A. BROWN & CO.

MR. HICKS PREDICTED SEVERE STORMS FOR Christmas week and a severe cold wave for New Years.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADE PROMISES WELL this year, the farmers are realizing good prices for their produce.

SUBSCRIBERS SENDING \$1.00 WILL BE given only eight months' credit. Remember the price is now \$1.50 a year.

ALL ACCOUNTS DUE THE ESTATE OF Miss S. J. WILLIAMS MUST BE PAID BY Dec. 15, 1916. Call and get your receipt.

EVERY NIGHT WILL BE A DISPLAY NIGHT from now till Xmas at McLAREN'S. Now is the time to make your selections.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF Lambton Chapter I. O. D. E., will be held at the home of Mrs. R. C. McLeay on Tuesday, Dec. 12th.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE HAS ADDED A LOT OF new names to its subscription list during the past month. They all want the new year paper.

ON SUNDAY NEXT, IN THE BAPTIST Church the Rev. Mr. Conners will speak on "Are Afflictions Punishments from God? Does the Grave End All?"

GET IN YOUR CHRISTMAS ORDER FOR suits at Swift's Tailoring Dept.

A FULL LINE OF choice Xmas goods, the best value that money can buy. Also best bread and pastry flour, pure lard, and domestic shortening at R. Haskett's.

ABOUT THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID THE high cost of living is to cease living on this earth. There are no fluctuating prices on ambrosia and nectar in the spirit world.

JUST HALF A DOZEN choice Persian lamb suits at half price.—A. BROWN & CO.

COTTON CLOVES 15c., leather gloves 25c. to \$1.00, lined mitts 50c. to \$1.00, short globe lanterns 85c., old long globe 65c. Cow chains, halters, blankets etc., at last year's prices.—HOWDEN EST.

ONE OF OUR LOCAL DRUGGISTS NEARLY DIED of heart failure the other day when a young lady walked in and made the ludicrous mistake of asking him for a sponge bath, instead of a bath sponge.

THE WATFORD CONTINGENT OF THE 149th BATT., spent their monthly four days leave of absence here this week. All the boys are well and happy and we are glad to have them back if only for a few days.

IF THERE IS ANY SPECIAL BOOK YOU WANT for Xmas let us have your order, we'll get it for you at the regular price.—J. W. McLAREN.

OUR MAILING LIST IS CORRECTED UP TO Dec. 1st. If you have paid your subscription look at the date on the label on this paper, and see if it tallies with your receipt. If not let us know at once.

SKATING WILL SOON BE THE chief amusement of the young people of town and vicinity. Mr. Fowler is putting his rink in good order and with a little colder weather the exhilarating exercise will be an full swing.

THE FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY Star can still be had for \$1.00, but the publishers may be forced on very short notice to increase the subscription rate. Any subscriptions received within a week will hold good at the \$1.00 rate.

FINE STOCK OF men's mocha gloves and gauntlets.—SWIFT'S.

THE MILD WEATHER SUITS HOUSE-HOLDERS to a nicety, being easy on the coal pile. A green Christmas would be appreciated by the majority this year, even in the face of the old adage about a green graveyard. Coal is scarce and expensive.

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR THAT mother and daughters begin to touch Pa for dough to buy the material to make "guest towels" for their friends, while Pa will continue to wipe his face on the old towel in the kitchen.

TEAS ARE GOING HIGHER. Our 83c Japan and 40c blacks in bulk are worth more now. Redpath sugar \$3.50 and oatmeal \$4.00 per sack are worth thinking over.—N. B. HOWDEN EST.

THOSE OF OUR SUBSCRIBERS WHO ARE IN arrears on subscription will please bear in mind that we cannot afford to carry them along as was possible some years ago when the cost of living was not so high. We have to live and need the wherewithal.

SWEATER COATS FOR men, women and children. Greatest assortment and the best values we have ever shown.—A. BROWN & CO.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN ECLIPSES IN 1917, four of the sun and three of the moon.

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM. This applies to Christmas shopping. J. R. McCORMICK the Overland dealer received a carload of the popular Overland cars this week.

DO YOUR HOLIDAY BUYING NOW AND have the goods laid away for you.—A. BROWN & CO.

NOW UNCLE SAM IS TALKING OF WITHdrawing his troops from Mexico. What! Have they caught Villa!

DON'T BE TAKEN IN BY CHAIN LETTER PRAYERS. Destroy them. Ignore the so-called penalty for so doing.

WESTERN COAL MINERS HAVE GONE OUT on strike, just as if coal was not expensive enough and scarce enough at the present time.

SMART STYLES IN OVERCOATS FOR young men.—SWIFT'S.

BEGINNING WITH JAN. 4TH, 1917, THE Presbyterian and the Westminster will appear as one paper. Twelve of the fifty-two weekly issues will be special magazine numbers, issued once a month.

BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST, THE Grand Trunk Railway System will issue passes to employees and pensioned workmen recognizing long and faithful service in the schedule persons employed for 3 years with the company will receive a pass entitling them to travel over any part of the system as desired.

THIS IS TO BE A YEAR OF SENSIBLE, useful gifts. Why not send the Guide-Advocate for a year to those you wish to remember. Remit us \$1.50 with the name and address and we will do the rest. The friend at a distance will appreciate the Guide-Advocate more than anything you could send them.

OWING TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF electric lights McLAREN will have no special one night display, but will be open every night and visitors are welcome.

THE CASUALTY LIST ON MONDAY CONTAINED the name of Pte. C. J. Williams of Fingal, who was killed in action. Pte. Williams' mother is a sister of Mr. J. E. Fowler, of Watford. He enlisted with the 91st Battalion. Besides his parents he leaves several brothers and sisters to mourn his loss. He did his bit and sacrificed life for the good of humanity.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST, Rev. R. M. Stevenson will preach on Sunday next in the Congregational church on the following subjects:—at 11 a.m. "A Woman's Place in the Church According to the Scriptures." At 7 p.m. "Is there such a place as Hell? Is the soldier who falls on the battle-field sure of Heaven?" A cordial invitation extended to all.

CHRISTMAS GOODS ON DISPLAY ALL OVER the shop.—SWIFT'S.

THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED another appeal to wives of Canadian soldiers to remain in Canada and not go to England. It is pointed out that every additional person is a drain on the food supply there. In addition there is prospect of difficulty in returning to Canada after the war, owing to the scarcity of shipping and the tax on transportation facilities.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS ITEMS OF public interest kindly hand them in for publication. There are no doubt many items of interest occurring weekly in the town and vicinity of which we have had no intimation and are afterwards blamed for not having published. We are not omniscient and cannot have cognizance of news of which we have not been informed.

THE CANADIAN SYSTEM OF RECRUITING HAS been changed. There are to be no more units raised in Canada. Hereafter enlistments in drafts only. Units in Canada below strength will be amalgamated and by that process the enlisting force in Canada will be brought up to battalion strength to complete training. They will be sent across as full strength, but on the other side the units will be broken up and sent forward as reinforcement drafts for units at the front.

MEN'S EXCELSA AND LINEN Handkerchiefs with initials. Buy now.—A. BROWN & CO.

A NUMBER OF LADIES WITHIN THE past few days have received what are called chain letters, purporting to be the means of securing silk petticoats free. The recipients of the letters are requested to write five letters to friends and send the names to a mail order house in Minneapolis, which will entitle them to a free petticoat. The suspicious of some of those who have received letters have been aroused, the opinion being held that there is a "nigger in the wood pile" in connection with this proposition. It should be left alone.

RAYO LAMPS \$2.50, Rayo hangers \$6.00, glass hand and bracket lamps 25c. up. Royalite oil 75c for 5 gallons, 13 1/2c by the barrel at HOWDEN'S.

A PETROLIAN WHO WAS SURPRISED THAT the postage on parcels to England should be almost double the rate on parcels to France, communicated with the Postal authorities at Ottawa on the matter and received a reply on Monday to the effect that the Canadian Government had thrown off that share of the old postal rates to the soldiers in the trenches, while still retaining them with England, where training only is practically now being done. This explains a difference that has likely been a puzzle to others than the Petrolian who took the trouble to have it explained.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN daylight, formoons if possible.—SWIFT'S.

A PAIR OF FOWNE'S GLOVES IS AN IDEAL gift for lady or gentleman.—A. BROWN & CO.

WANTED AT THIS OFFICE, smart, industrious boy to learn the art of printing; or girls to learn to set type.

HAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER AND MAGAZINES ready to be called for next Saturday? Help the Red Cross.

ROYAL PURPLE STOCK AND Poultry Specific, 50 cents and \$1.50 packages. Calf meal \$1.10, per 25lb. bag.—HOWDEN EST.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY Mr. S. Stapleford that his son Capt. R. H. Stapleford is again on the firing line being in command of No. 3 Company, 1st Batt.

THE RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE Board of Education this year are Dr. Howden, Dr. Hicks, R. C. McLeay, W. H. Harper and Dr. Newell, the latter being the County Council appointee.

THE KEWPIE CLUB WILL MAKE THEIR next collection of waste paper on Saturday Dec. 9. This will be the second last collection so everybody please do their best to make it a large one.

WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF Christmas Handkerchiefs.—SWIFT'S.

UNTIL THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE SECURES some help in its mechanical department many interesting items will unavoidably be omitted each week. We are unable to secure help and consequently unable to put many items in type that came in late for this issue.

THE CASUALTY LISTS THIS WEEK CONTAIN the names of the following Lambton men: Killed in action, Pte. G. F. Stone, Petrolia; Pte. Fred Seager, Pt. Edward; Wounded, Pte. L. V. Garnham, Wainstead, Pte. H. H. Dagley, Petrolia, Pte. V. V. Buchanan, Sarnia.

WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO KEEP DOWN THE cost of living. Early cash purchases only make this quality possible. Nabob currents 22c., Red Band seeded raisins 15c., lemon peel 30c., citron peel 35c., cranio 38c., 3 lb. pail lard 70c., extracts 10c.—N. B. HOWDEN EST.

AT THE LAST MEETING OF Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E., a resolution was passed making a grant of \$6.00 a year to the Guide-Advocate for publishing the minutes, etc., of the chapter. We thank the ladies for their grant, and wish them all success in the good work they are accomplishing for the Empire.

IT IS FORTY YEARS AGO THIS WEEK SINCE THE A. Brown & Co. dry goods store was first established in Watford.

THE ST. ANDREW'S LUNCH AND PIE SALE, parcel post and cake contest, under the auspices of the Women's Institute was a great success in every way. Thanks are due to friends who so kindly helped. The cake was won by R. Dodds. Proceeds \$38.50, which will be used for Red Cross work.

MISS NESBITT WILL HAVE HER holiday display of Art Work at Harper Bros. Store, opening on Dec. 6th. Water color painting, all hand made, some useful and pretty Christmas Novelties, in silk, Christmas cards hand decorated and many other dainty little gifts. Would kindly solicit your patronage. n24-f

A SOCIAL EVENING OF THE A. Y. P. A., was held on Monday evening in the school room of Trinity Church. There was a large attendance and a pleasant evening was spent. The Red Cross Branch of this society have undertaken to knit wristlets for the C. Co. of the 149th. The next meeting for this work will be held Monday evening Dec. 11th, at the home of Miss Vera Swift.

THE WILLING WORKERS OF Watford Methodist Church, will hold their annual Bazaar, in the store owned by Mrs. M. J. Mitchell on Friday and Saturday Dec. 15 and 16. They will have on sale a splendid array of useful and ornamental articles suitable for Xmas Gifts. They invite everyone to come and make their purchases early. On Saturday afternoon they will have a sale of homemade cooking as well.

WE HAVE A HANDSOME LOT OF parlor and hall lamps, also some choice pieces of china and glassware suitable for Xmas presents.—P. DODDS & SON.

AN INTIMATION HAS JUST REACHED Rev. R. M. Stevenson to the effect that on Nov. 20th the degree of F. R. G. S., was conferred on him by the Royal Geographical Society. This is a distinction which comparatively few men in Canada enjoy. The holding of it has to do entirely with geographical and astronomical science, and as Mr. Stevenson's extended travels in Europe, Africa, America, Australasia and Oceania during the past fourteen years have enabled him to meet the peculiar requirements of the Society, together with his special studies in geographical and astronomical science, he was unanimously elected for the diploma.

CHRISTMAS FALLS ON MONDAY THIS year and Christmas shoppers can facilitate matters greatly if they do their shopping early. Christmas gifts should be sent forward in ample time to reach their destination on or before that date, because if it is worth sending at all it is worth sending in time. The employees and officials of the post office have in the past worked day and night during the holiday rush, and always there are belated packages by the hundreds swamping the office at the last moment. The early purchasing would also greatly assist the storekeepers and the clerks in rendering better service, and also giving the purchasers a better selection from which to choose.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL ATTENDED THE Guelph fat cattle show on Wednesday, the guests of Warden Hall and E. Sanders.

CURRENTS, SEEDED AND TABLE raisins, citron, lemon and orange peel, nuts and all Christmas requisites at P. Dodds & Son's.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF Watford Council of Chosen Friends is to be held in their hall here on Tuesday evening of next week December 12th at 8 p. m. Election of officers and then important business. A full attendance is requested.

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY NIGHT a bylaw was provisionally passed in favor of having the municipality develop or acquire through the Hydro Electric Power Commission whatever works may be required for the supply of energy or power in addition to such power as is already supplied or can be obtained under existing contract. The by-law will be published next week and voted on at the time of the municipal election.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E. was held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Brown, Mrs. Baird assisting hostess. Quotations from the "British Sailors Relief Fund" appeared to the members to donate twenty-five dollars to the fund. An interesting letter was read from nursing sister Reid. Mrs. Fitzgerald gave a Scotch reading "High Cost of Living." A humorous recitation was given by Mrs. Connolly. Miss Liddy gave an outline of the work the order is accomplishing in Winnipeg. After luncheon meeting closed by National Anthem.

THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE SHOWING AN utter indifference to the appeals of the recruiting officers and who refuse to assist by contributing to patriotic funds, should read the following written to his father, by a young soldier just out of his teens, who enlisted in an Eastern Ontario Battalion:—"Please do not worry about me at all. But remember if anything happens me that thousands of others have fallen too, and I would a thousand times rather die in France than stay at home and shirk. I am not saying this to make out that I am brave at all, but if you knew just how I feel about it it may help you and mother to bear it if any thing happen to me. Remember I am here because I wish to do my duty."

IN EVERY TOWN THERE HAS GROWN UP two classes of people since war broke out. There are those who have sent their boys and those who have refused to protect themselves and their homes in this way. And between the two classes is an ever widening gap. Those whose boys are at home apparently have the best of it now, but when the war is over and the boys come home, serious, scarred and with the youth gone forever from their eyes, those whose hearts are bleeding to-day will come into their own. Just as the soldiers made their influence strongly felt in every state of the Union, after the Civil War, so the soldiers in Canada will make their influence felt. Perhaps it will not be a good thing, perhaps it will, but the boys who become men in a few hours of life in that European Hell, for the sake of their country, are bound to feel that they have a right to exercise that influence.

BIG BARGAINS IN Ladies' and Children's Coats at Swift's.

REEVE NEWARD ATTENDED THE December session of the County Council this week. Miss Leah Baney, of Detroit, spent a few days with Miss Laura Doan this week.

W. E. FITZGERALD ATTENDED COURT in London, on Monday and Thursday of this week.

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PERSONAL

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BROOKE

THE RED CROSS WORKERS' UNION wish to acknowledge with thanks the \$15.00 received from the Brooke Council.

Mrs. S. J. McLellan and Miss Daisy Whitehouse are spending a month in Detroit with the former's son, and intend spending Christmas in Deckerville.

THE PEOPLE OF BROOKE ARE requested to bring in their waste paper, newspapers, magazines etc., as soon as possible and leave at Robt. Johnston's shop, Watford. The Kewpie Club will ship the paper in a short time.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL Christmas entertainment to be held in the Suterville school on Friday, Dec. 15th, consisting of songs, dialogues, speeches and drills. The Suterville Orchestra will furnish music.

Defiance Fire Co. Officers

The annual meeting of the local fire brigade was held on Tuesday evening and officers for 1917 elected as follows:—

**Chief—F. Restorick
Assistant Chief—J. Willoughby
Captain—W. Doan
First Lieut.—D. Roberts
Second Lieut.—R. Spalding
Secretary—J. D. Brown
Treasurer—P. J. Dodds
1st Branchman—W. Phair
2nd do —Sid Smith
Caretaker—W. Scott
Foreman of Hose—John Kersey
Suction Hose—J. Shaw, D. Hamilton
Auditors—C. Class, S. Mitchell**

WARWICK.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Herbert are visiting friends in Pt. Huron and Detroit.

Russell Clark, 2nd line, has purchased a new Overland touring car from the dealer, J. R. McCormick.

Among the prize winners in Silver Grey Dorkings at the Guelph Winter Fair were Rev. W. M. Shore and D. Ross, Jr.

A meeting of the Women's Patriotic League will be held at the home of Mrs. T. F. Wordsworth, on Wednesday afternoon Dec. 13th.

In spite of a heavy rain, some thirty-three persons gathered at the nice new home of Miss Nettie Tanner, on Wednesday afternoon, in attendance at the meeting of the Women's Patriotic League held there. The sum of \$10 was donated to the Queen Mary Needle Work Guild. It was decided that henceforth the tea should consist of plain bread and butter and a cup of tea. The collection amounted to \$10.35.

A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held under the auspices of Grace Church Sunday School, 4th line Warwick, in the school house on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd. An excellent program will be rendered consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues, fancy drills, solos, choruses, instrumental selections etc. A most pleasant and profitable evening is anticipated. Admission 25c. Children 15c. Everybody welcome.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AN attentive audience listened while Mr. J. E. Armstrong M. P., graphically described his trip to the trenches. He told of the wonderful work being performed by Canadian doctors and nurses; of the splendid way women are working in the munition factories and thrilled his audience by the description of the wonderful fleet which guards the North Sea. He spoke of the marvellous aeroplanes and submarines and of his narrow escape from death while visiting the trenches. The collection amounted to \$21.00.

BORN.

In Wyoming, on Sunday, Nov. 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rice, a son.

In Plympton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Houghton, a daughter.

In Bosanquet, on Nov. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Armitage, a son.

In Enniskillen, on Wednesday, Nov. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Butler, a son.

In Warwick, on Dec. 1st, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. John Aitken, a daughter.

In Brooke, on Thursday Nov. 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. John N. McEachern a daughter.—Alice Marian.

In Wyoming, on Tuesday, November 28th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Bier, a son.

MARRIED.

In Toronto, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, by Rev. A. Margrett, Mr. Ray Morningstar of Arkona, to Mabel E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McCormick, Warwick township.

CHOP STUFF

Ailsa Craig is troubled with chicken thieves.

Wingham contributed \$4,600 to the British Red Cross Fund.

J. B. Nichol and family of Wyoming have gone to Pt. Edward to live.

Capt. McAdams of Sarnia has fully recovered from his accident and is now in France.

A South Kent farmer sold his bean crop for over \$4000. The price was \$6 a bushel.

The Wallaceburg glass works during two weeks uses 100,000 feet of lumber for packing boxes.

The war between the Petrolia poultry buyers resulted in giving the farmers some fancy prices.

Mrs. Ogilvie, a special customs official, is again on duty at the Sarnia ferry dock, Beware, ye fair ones.

Hugh Askin, a Chatham township farmer, was blown from the top of a load of hay and had his thigh fractured.

Eleven hundred women and children of Kent county receive \$7000 in hard cash each month from the Patriotic Fund.

The Tilbury gas fields are approaching exhaustion. The Windsor Gas Co. has notified its customers to arrange for other fuel.

On account of so many farmers killing off or selling their hens it is the opinion of many that eggs will be five cents each before the winter is over.

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