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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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AT LAST Victory with peace in sight. JOIN THE KAISERSPANKERS—Buy a Bond.

WHAT'S the matter with putting a service stripe on a coat for every season it's worn.

NEW COATS open in our ladies' dept. every week.—SWIFT'S.

THERE'S never, they say, been such a harvest in the history of England as they are having this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Bond of Jersey City. Their new-born daughter has been christened "Buya Bond."

ANY man who is dodging creditors can tell you that it is almost as hard to keep out of the way of a bill as it is to meet it.

MODERN valuations disclose strange discrepancies. A man with a barrel of money does not feel absolutely sure of a scuttle of coal.

"THERE'S an unfortunate woman over there." "You mean that lady who is sneezing so much?" "Yes; she's a grass widow with the hay fever."

CANADIAN VICTORY BONDS bear 1 1/2 per cent. more interest than the U. S. Liberty Bonds, and are almost sure to increase in value after the war.

WE will give a prize to the youngest boy or girl with a Victory Bond in his or her name.—SWIFT'S.

THE Huns grow smarter every day. Each day they're getting wiser; instead of fighting Allies, they are gonna fight the Kaiser.

VERY popular remedies just now—Taylor's Throat and Lung Balm and Taylor's Stomach and Liver Cure.

In a number of places in Ontario where churches, theatres and schools were closed owing to the "flu," the epidemic has abated sufficiently to raise the ban.

MR. FRANK DARVOUX, who has been employed in the Pontchartrain barber shop, Detroit, for the past eleven years, has been made manager, at a good salary.

HALLOWE'EN passed very quietly in town and no damage of any account was done by the boys. A few odd articles were misplaced but no pranks of a serious nature were played.

AN exceedingly interesting letter from Pte. J. C. Trenchouth, written at the scene of action in France, is unavoidably left out this week on account of illness of members of the staff.

LADIES—Buy a Victory Bond and your fall coat at SWIFT'S.

LAST SUNDAY was probably the first churchless Sunday in the history of Watford. There were a few people who did not notice the difference because they seldom go to church at any time.

MEMBERS of Tecumseh Chapter will please send their Xmas remembrances for Nursing Sister Clara Tye to the home of Mrs. T. G. Mitchell not later than 3 p.m. Friday, November 8th.

PROF. HOWARD GORDON, teacher of vocal, violin, cello, etc., will teach in Watford on Wednesday instead of Mondays as advertised. Letters can be left for him at the Guide-Advocate.

EVERY motive that inspires good citizenship calls on Canadians to be lavish in their purchase of Victory Bonds and to insure their country's welfare and their own security against the rainy day.

OWING to scarcity of help and illness of the staff the Parkhill Gazette was not published last week. The publisher has our sympathy. We are in the same predicament ourselves and know all about it.

GUEST (in dining car, angrily)—Waiter, do you call that a war portion of turkey? Waiter (in a whisper)—De company does, boss, but pass'n'ly Ah wouldn't hab de nerve to call it even a famine portion.

MEN—Buy a Victory Bond and your clothing at SWIFT'S.

AMONG the victims of the "flu" in London was Dr. J. L. Stapleton, who died on Friday last. He was a brother of Mrs. George E. McIntosh, who some years ago was on the teaching staff of the Watford public school.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found an advertisement under the Military Service Act regarding the employment of men of draft age. Each employer must assure himself that each of his employees of military age is in possession of documents proving that he is not in any way in default under the Act.

THE many friends of Lieut. Mansell James will be glad to hear that he has been promoted to Captain for valorous deeds and has been transferred to the first line on the Western front. Captain James has certainly gained honor for himself and the town in his chosen profession. He always took deep interest in anything pertaining to aircraft, and no doubt, if opportunity offers, will still gain more honors. As it is he now has many stars and stripes on his uniform received for valorous conduct.

ONLY seven weeks till Christmas. BUY A VICTORY BOND even if you have to put a patch on your pants.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING will soon be in order. Do it early this year.

NO CHURCH, no school, no meetings, no public amusements, no visiting—it has indeed been a quiet week.

PEOPLE who are in the habit of going to church declare the churchless Sunday the longest day in the week.

YOUNG MEN—Buy a Victory Bond and your fall overcoat at SWIFT'S.

THERE will be a meeting of the directors of the Lambton Insurance Co., in Watford on Tuesday, Nov. 12th.

DR. SIDDALL has recovered from his recent illness and expects to resume his office practice at the end of the week.

ALL the Mitchell merchants generously contributed their advertising space in the local paper to the Victory Loan campaign.

In the obituary notice of the late John Coristine in last issue we omitted to mention that he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lee, of Watford.

A NOTICE to soldiers on harvest leave, from the Department of Militia and Defence, will be found on page two. It refers to men of the 20 to 22 Class.

THERE is now in Ontario one automobile for every 39 of the population. In the United States there is one to every 20. In Saskatchewan one to 12.

A FRESH supply of influenza preventives at TAYLOR'S—Oil of Eucalyptus, Gum Camphor, Pine Tar, Asperin Tablets, Paraformic Throat Lozenges, Quinine and every other known remedy.

THE PROGRESS BULLETIN of the County of Lambton issued by the Victory Loan Committee shows that up to 6 p.m. Monday night Warwick district, No. 8, had subscribed \$39,650 of the \$235,000 objective, or 42.40 per cent. Brooke district did somewhat better, the amount reached being \$107,650 or 48.93 per cent. of the amount aimed at. The total amount subscribed in the county during the seven days was \$1,678,250 or 59.90 per cent. of the total aimed at. There should be no trouble in exceeding the objective before the 16th inst.

If more of our local grocers would let the people know about the prices of their goods through printers' ink, as the travelling grocers and foreign merchants do by flooding the country with price lists, catalogues, etc., there would not be so many duped farmers or complaining merchants. The advertisers who put their goods before the people and keep them there are the ones who sell their goods. They must not say when too late, "I could have duplicated that bill of goods," but they should have let the farmer who sent away and bought advertised goods of a foreign merchant know it before he bought. That's the business of it.

THE BAN still remains on the schools, churches and poolrooms. At a meeting of the Board of Health on Saturday a resolution was passed prohibiting the congregating of people in the postoffice or business places, and ordering all funerals of people dying from influenza to be private. There are quite a number of people ill, but none of the cases in town are supposed to be of a serious nature at time of writing. The influenza scourge seems to be abating all over the province. Business places in town are being fumigated regularly and every precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

SIXTY-FIVE Xmas boxes for soldiers overseas were packed at the home of Mrs. C. Howlett last week by the box committee of Tecumseh Chapter, I.O.D.E. A little over one hundred dollars in money and gifts had been given and to this the Andrews Wire Works generously added fifty dollars. Each box contained handkerchiefs, a pound of homemade Christmas cake, a package of tobacco, cigarettes, package of figs, Reindeer coffee, can salmon, 2 cakes toilet soap, maple sugar, 6 chocolate bars, handkerchief, towel, oxi, gum, notepaper and envelopes and other gifts. Each box was worth \$4. Names of donors were put in boxes and seven of the boxes were sent to friendless soldiers. One other nice box already packed was given by a friend. The members of Tecumseh Chapter thank all who so kindly helped with the boxes.

PERSONAL

Miss Muriel Brown is home from MacDonald College, Guelph.

Nursing Sister R. F. Reed, London, was here on Saturday.

Mrs. John Bryson has returned home from visiting friends at Wisbeach.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Prentiss, Toronto, visited relatives in town this week.

Miss Louie McPhedran, Melford, Sask., spent last week with Mrs. E. Moody.

Mrs. C. W. O'Donnell, Waterloo, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. E. Moody.

Colonel and Mrs. Kenward left on Friday evening last for Crestline, Ohio, to spend a couple of months with relatives there and in other parts of the U. S.

Pte. M. Lilley, of the 1st Battalion, is visiting friends at Watford while on sick furlough for a short time. Pte. Lilley has been on active service overseas for four years.

Petroleum tax rate for 1918 is 33.08 mills less than 1917 mill heavier than last year.

BROOKE

Miss Mariah McPhail has returned home after spending the past two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McGugan.

Mrs. W. J. Bourne is visiting her daughter in Toronto, Mrs. M. L. Jones whose little son Lloyd is very ill with pneumonia.

What might have proved a very serious accident happened Master Neil Patterson one day recently when a wagon loaded with 2100 lbs. of grain ran over him, both wheels passing over his legs and hips. We are glad to report that he is not seriously hurt and is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Elizabeth McClung, wife of Alex. McClung, 8th con., passed away on Monday, Nov. 4th, from typhoid fever followed by appendicitis abscess. She was ill for nine weeks, and leaves a husband and two sons to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. She was in her 54th year. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, from the family residence, lot 4, con. 8, to the Alivinston cemetery.

WARWICK

Mrs. Jane Bryson, Wisbeach, is recovering from her serious illness and is still with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Sheppard, at Stratford.

Word was received last week of the death from Spanish influenza of John M. Hagle, Port Huron. Deceased was 23 years of age and was the grandson of Mr. John Clark, Main Road. He is survived by his bride of four months, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hagle and his sister, Miss Lillie, all of Port Huron.

Mr. John McDougall, and old and well-known resident of the sixth line south, passed away on Friday last in his 90th year, after about a week's illness. Deceased had been a resident of the township for 53 years. He is survived by two sons, James and William, on the homestead, and one married daughter in Winnipeg. The funeral took place from the family residence, lot 30, on Monday afternoon for the Stratford cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. J. C. Forster, of the Watford Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were H. Eastabrook, James Edgar, Robt. Edgar, Isaac Foster, Thos. Foster and James Brigham. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mrs. Johnston, of London, and Mr. and Mrs. James Greenlees, of Forest.

ARKONA

A small contingent of spooks and spooketts invaded the streets of Arkona Halloween night. No military damage.

Manager Smith and his workers of the evaporator are steadily overtaking the apple overplus.

The Medical Health Board have lifted the ban on church services, but not on the Sunday and Public Schools. The "flu" situation is much improved but the chicken pox, not so.

Corp. B. F. Plack has returned from the front where he was gassed and wounded. A community reception will be given him Friday evening in the Baptist Church, when addresses of welcome will be given him and he will tell some of his interesting experience in the great conflict.

Death of Mrs. Emma Watson

The death of Mrs. Emma Watson, one of the pioneers of Plympton, and relict of the late David Watson, took place on Monday, October 21st, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Fisher, after a ten days' illness, following a stroke. Deceased, whose maiden name was Emma Smith, was born in Cornwall, England, in 1835, and came to Canada with her parents when a child. The family settled in Darlington, Durham County, where Mrs. Watson married her late husband. They came to Plympton over 60 years ago and lived over fifty years on the Watson homestead. She also lived a few years in Forest. Of thirteen children, ten are living, namely, David, William and Daniel, of Plympton; Dr. H. J. Watson, at Williamston, Mich.; Mrs. John McKay, Warwick; Mrs. Arch. McFarlane, Mrs. Alex. Lang, Mrs. Jos. Fisher and Mrs. Chas. Fisher, in Plympton, and Miss Emma at home. Thirty-six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive, and one sister, Mrs. Fair, of Oil Springs.

The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place Thursday at Canolachie cemetery, Rev. John Murray, of Forest, and Rev. A. W. Gazley, of Canolachie, conducting the services. The bearers were six grandsons, Stanley and Wilmer Watson, Wm. Neil, Arch. McFarlane, Ernie McKay and Roy Fisher. Among the many who attended the funeral were relatives from Harrison. Mrs. Julia Watson, Forest, is a daughter-in-law of deceased.

Sale Register

Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Roche House at 3 p.m. Party head of choice cattle, chiefly yearling steers and heifers. 6 months' credit. G. Hollingsworth, prop.

Dr. Jessop, a former Enniskillen school teacher, but for a number of years member of parliament for Wentworth, died last week at St. Catharines.

CHOP STUFF

The two Owen Sound papers have amalgamated.

Blenheim merchants have adopted the strictly cash system of doing business.

Brockville merchants will close their stores at 5 o'clock during the winter on account of the fuel shortage.

Fifteen year old Edward Campbell of Parkhill was instantly killed in a whirling belt while oiling machinery on Thursday.

The commissions on the Victory Loan sales at Thamesville were donated by the canvassers to the Red Cross Society, which will benefit to the amount of about \$350.00.

Mrs. J. E. Armstrong and son, James, are home from Winona. Friends of the family will be pleased to know that James is recovering from his severe attack of the "flu."

At the meeting of Enniskillen Council on Saturday a by-law was passed permitting that body to invest in Victory Bonds to the extent of \$10,000. A wise bunch of Councillors.

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke, Napier, when their friend, Nita Mae Ebertz, was united in marriage to Alvin W. Lightfoot, Napier.

Mrs. Geo. E. Lambert, Oil Springs, received the sad news last week that her brother Gunner Howard Knight had died and had been buried while crossing the ocean to do his bit. She and her relatives have the sympathy of all.

Mr. W. H. Lawson of the Petrolia elevator, was called to time by the Government Grain Commission last week for paying two cents a bushel more for wheat than the price fixed by the government. He was let go with a warning not to repeat the offense.

Lindsay Scouler was severely burned about the face on Friday at the Forest canning factory. He was handling a steam hose, which in some manner got away from him, and the steam struck him in the face and causing several painful burns.

James Pyatt, a lad of 17, who resides near Iona, was fined \$10 and \$5 costs for tying a tin nail to the tail of a horse of William Moss of Wallace town, and letting the horse loose on the concession highway. The runaway horse cleared the road of vehicles and people on foot. The Humane Society prosecuted.

Girls are replacing men in many walks of life. This is more noticeable in the larger centres than in the smaller places, but Wm. Miller, barber, initiated the movement in Amherstburg by adding a female operator to his staff on Saturday. The new barberess was quite popular with the men and Mr. Miller did a rushing day's business.

Ernie Tudor of Parkhill met with a painful accident in London on Monday evening. He stepped backward into an open elevator shaft and fell ten feet, landing on a cement floor. He received a nasty blow on the side of the head which rendered him unconscious for several hours. He was taken to Victoria Hospital where he recovered quickly.

What would a man say to his wife if she were to leave her \$50 sewing machine over night in a rainstorm? Well, he would do a plenty if she persisted in leaving it out in the weather. Yet the same lord of creation has left his farm machinery standing in the fence corner. Many of these costly tools will stand out unprotected all winter. What should your wife do to you, Mr. Farmer? She should get a rolling pin after you and make you house them now. You can save a ten dollar bill any day this week by acting on this suggestion.

"Flu" in South Africa

Cape Town, South Africa, Nov. 3.—Some idea of the magnitude of the influenza scourge can be gained from the fact that almost every village has sustained losses. Besides 7,500 victims in Cape Town, 4,500 in Kimberley, the known deaths today total 1,000 in Pretoria, 600 each in Johannesburg and Stellenbosch. Durban escaped with only 47 deaths. Naturally it was the colored population that suffered most, but latterly many whites succumbed to septic pneumonia. Deaths among the British official and military community in Southwest Africa to date have been 125. Up to the present time it has been impossible to estimate the death toll in native territories.

BORN

In Toronto, on October 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones, (nee Ada Bourne) a daughter—Ruth Marion.

In Warwick, on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Woods a son (stillborn).

DIED

In Brooke, on Monday, Nov. 4, 1918, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Alex. McClung, aged 53 years, 10 months, 11 days.

In Watford, on Friday, November 1st, 1918, Bert Edmund Fulcher, aged 30 11 months, 7 days.

In Sault Ste. Marie, on Thursday, Oct. 31st, 1918, Mervyn Emory Williamson, of Watford, aged 16 years, 8 months, 17 days.

In Warwick, on Friday, Nov. 1st, 1918, John McDougall, aged 90 years.

Capt. Fred Taylor Gets D. S. O.

Another Watford man has been awarded the coveted D.S.O. Capt. Fred A. Taylor, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor, of Watford, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for valor. Capt. Taylor went overseas with the 7th C. M. R., as captain, but reverted in rank in order to get to France, where he has been for almost three years.

Awarding of the D. S. O. is a very unusual and high honor for a junior officer and is the first decoration of the kind that has been given to anyone below the rank of Colonel in the regiment to which Capt. Taylor is attached.

Only two of the five men who volunteered for the particular work to be undertaken under Capt. Taylor's leadership came back. They were both decorated, having successfully accomplished the hazardous work required.

Fred's many friends here are pleased to hear of his valorous deeds and are proud to own him as a Watford boy.

A Sad Death From Influenza

A particularly sad death occurred last week, when Mervyn Emory Williamson the only son of Mrs. C. Williamson, Huron street, passed away from pneumonia following Spanish influenza, at the General Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, on Thursday, Oct. 31st. The young man was in his seventeenth year and was employed as a sailor on the Northern Navigation Company's steamship Hamonic. He was stricken with influenza on the up trip of the boat and was left at the hospital in the Soo, where he died early Thursday morning. When the boat returned to the Soo on the down trip Mervyn had passed away. The remains were brought down to Sarnia on the boat and then to his home here, the funeral taking place on Saturday afternoon at the Watford cemetery. The Rev. J. C. Forster conducted the funeral service and the bearers were six cousins. Deceased is survived by his mother and two sisters, Stella and Evelyn. A large number of relatives and friends of the family attended the funeral.

Death of Mr. Bert Fulcher

The first death in Watford due to pneumonia following influenza took place on Friday evening about 7 o'clock when Mr. Bert E. Fulcher died after a few days illness. Deceased had undergone an operation last month and has not fully recovered his strength when attacked by the dread plague. On Friday morning he became much worse and the end came that evening. He was in his 31st year. He came to Watford some years ago from Forest and conducted a barber shop here at the time of his death and was well and favorably known. He was private. The Rev. A. C. Tiffin, pastor of the Methodist church, of which deceased was a member, conducted the service. Interment in the Watford cemetery. The pallbearers were S. James, Dr. G. N. Howden, O. Jacklin, W. L. Millar, R. McIntosh and J. W. McLaren, members of Havelock Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which deceased had lately become a member.

Newell Hastings Dies of Wounds

Word was received by Mr. John R. Hastings, of Petrolia, on Wednesday that his son, Pte. Newell Hastings who was wounded on October 11th, died of wounds on October 31st. Pte. Hastings was born in Watford and was only 19 years old. Thus another name is added to those who have made the supreme sacrifice fighting civilization's foes. Pte. Hastings was a nephew of Mr. I. J. Hastings, of Watford.

Death Claims Young Girl

A bright young life passed out on Friday, October 25, with the death of Stella Margaret Alexander, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Alexander, of the 12th line, Enniskillen. Last spring the child showed symptoms of heart trouble. A physician was consulted and although she did not suffer continuously she had a bad spell every two weeks until her death. She was a bright, cheerful child and a favorite with her playmates among whom her death is deeply regretted. She is survived by her parents and her sisters Mrs. Leslie Churchill, Petrolia; Mrs. Victor Biekx, Erie, Pa., and Ilo at home. The funeral was held on Sunday, the remains being conveyed to Watford cemetery by auto for burial. The pallbearers were six of her girl chums: Martha Winder, Etta Braybook, Irene Jones, Velma Babcock, Edith Hendy and Dolly Deacon.—Petrolia Topic-Advertiser.