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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 them in Guide-Advocate Letterbox.

**Tailoring for Xmas at Swift's.** Only two weeks until Christmas. Buy your Christmas Gloves early at Swift's.

**The Moratorium Act expires on December 31st.**

In London bread is selling at eleven cents per 1 1/2 lb loaf, delivered.

**Early shopping will benefit both the shopper and the merchant.** Don't put it off.

**Stanfield's Underwear—all lines clearing at big reductions.**—A. Brown & Co.

**The Ontario Legislature will open on January 25, and a short session is expected.**

"Those dear girls" exclaims mother. "Too dear, altogether too dear!" answers father, with feeling.

**Paper is said to be the only commodity in which there is still an actual and convenient shortage.**

It is beginning to look like pre-war days to see the bargains the storekeepers are now advertising.

A piece of Aluminum Ware might be appreciated. We have the best at right prices. — N. B. Howden Est.

**Rev. E. H. Sowers preached in Trinity church last Sunday evening.**

**Holeproof Hosiery \$2.00 per pair heavy silk. One, two or three pairs in a box.**—Swift's.

All taxes must be paid before December 15th. After that date interest may be charged. Secure your receipt now.

**Do you remember the days when the sound of coal rattling into the bin used to annoy people? O, for those good old days.**

Brown's ad.—for Christmas suggestions.

One of the big departmental stores in Toronto has given its employees notice that it will go back to pre-war wages on New Year's Day.

**What about the municipal elections.** Nomination day is two weeks from Monday. Have you decided to support only men who will earnestly look after the interests of the town?

The full list of Groceries required for your Christmas Cake just in this week. Send in your order today.—P. Dodds & Son.

There seems to be no uncertainty about Edinburgh's liquor vote. The number 23 seems to be a prohibition hoodoo in that Scotch city.

Regular monthly meeting of Lambton's I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Mrs. Russell McCormick, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14th, at 3 o'clock.—Sec'y.

Special holiday values in Pipes at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$2.50. Marguerite Cigars in boxes of ten \$1.00. Bachelor \$1.00. Claymore \$1.50.—N. B. Howden Estate.

Occasionally the rural carriers make a mistake and put mail into the wrong box. Anyone opening the same or failing to forward it to the proper owner is liable to prosecution.

**Mr. H. W. Barker, one of the leading congregational laymen of Toronto, will be the special speaker in the Cong'l Church, Watford, at both services on Sunday. You are cordially invited to hear his messages.**

**Special Xmas Shirts at Swift's, Tooke and Star.**

**The Ontario Deputy Minister of Highways is contemplating planting nut-bearing trees along the provincial highways. He contemplates a good crop of nuts, for the future generations.**

Before any owner of a motor vehicle can secure a 1921 license he will be obliged to answer on an application form whether or not his vehicle is equipped with an improved non-glaring headlight device, and if so he must give the name of the device he is using.

Men's Real Irish Linen Handkerchiefs put up two and three or up to a dozen in a box.—Swift's.

There was a young lady named Jessup,  
Whose sole aim in life was to dress up—  
But her numerous beaux  
Were afraid to peep at—  
"It's the price of her beaux,"  
They confess up—  
"Tomorrow the sun may be shining,  
Altho' it is cloudy to-day,"  
Has been the thought of many for the past two weeks or so, but the sunshine to-morrow seems a long time coming. A break in the clouds, until last Wednesday, has been of short duration.

**The next regular meeting of Watford Council of Chosen Friends is to be held in their hall here next Tuesday evening, December 14th, at 8 o'clock. Election of officers and other important business. Everybody is kindly requested to be present.**

**Penmans All Wool Underwear at Swift's.**

Have you paid for the paper you are reading?  
Special cut on balance of hats to clear at Miss Minielly's.

Schools close on Dec. 22nd for the Christmas holidays, and open Monday, Jan. 3rd.

**Men's and Boys' Overcoats—**Every garment shows a big reduction in price.—A. Brown & Co.

**Have you been waiting for bargain time? It is here now in earnest.** Ample proof is contained in the advertising columns of the Guide-Advocate.

**Mrs. Smith of Petrolia, District Organizer for the W. M. S., of the Methodist church, addressed a largely attended meeting in the local church last Thursday afternoon.** The address was much appreciated. Lunch was served and a pleasant social hour spent.

We still have a few 1920 accounts not settled. If yours is in this number kindly oblige us with our special notice.—N. B. Howden Estate.

**The Watford Methodist S. S. will present the Christmas Pageant "Bethlehem" in the Lyceum on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd.** Something out of the ordinary in the way of a children's entertainment to a Watford audience. Keep the date in mind. Fuller particulars later.

**Ladies Real Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, 4 for \$1.00 in fancy boxes.**—Swift's.

**Parkhill merchants have discontinued delivering Saturday night purchases of goods in town.** This system might be adopted in other towns. The local residents have all week to make their purchases and Saturday night shoppers should carry home purchases which could be made in the day time.

**Service in the Methodist church was withdrawn last Sunday evening owing to the special services at Zion. These have discontinued owing to condition of roads and weather to open again in January consequently the pastor, Rev. Mr. Tiffin, will conduct services as usual, both morning and evening next Sunday.**

**Wet Weather Specials—Rubbers and Rubber Boots for men, women and children.** See our stock and compare prices.—P. Dodds & Son.

Added attraction at the Hockey Club Dance, Thursday evening, Dec. 16th.—Half dozen American Beauty Roses will be presented to the lady holding the lucky number. Ladies will be presented with numbering-bearing coupons at door. Drawing will take place at 11 p.m.

**Watford streets have seldom been in worse condition than they are this fall.** The copious rains of the past few weeks have made some of them a perfect slough, and those that the ditching machine has been working on for the waterworks pipe laying are in almost impassable state. It is an everyday occurrence to see an auto stuck in the mud.

**Do your Christmas buying now.** We will deliver the parcels when you are ready.—A. Brown & Co.

The regular meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. Shirley. Nine members and one visitor present. Mrs. Fitzgerald reported that the Chapter had collected and handed to the treasurer the sum of \$34.00 for the Navy League. A very pleasant social evening was spent after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

The December meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the basement of the church on Thursday, Dec. 2nd, with a good attendance. The meeting was one of special interest as Mrs. W. B. Smith of Petrolia, district organizer of the W. M. S. for the Strathroy district, was present and gave a very interesting and helpful address on the work of our society in the different fields.

**Men's Real Cashmere Sox, a treat. Heather Shadings \$1.25 and \$1.50 the pair.**—Swift's.

Due to the extra heavy pressure on our news and advertising space, interesting local news will be found on every page of this issue.

There is an abundance of matter of vital interest to all—the least important of which is the Christmas advertising. Study these merchants' messages. You will find in their ads. many instances of marked reductions. Even larger reductions than most city stores are offering. Read every page of this issue and study the ads.

The Presbyterian and Westminister has amalgamated with the Presbyterian Witness of Halifax and will constitute the new church paper with Dr. Geo. S. Carson of the Witness and Dr. Robert Haddock of the Westminister as associate editors.

**Rev. D. M. Solandt of Winnipeg is the business manager and there is every promise that the new paper will be in every respect the finest publication the Presbyterian church of Canada has ever had.**

**Buy your Xmas goods early at Swift's.**

**Fred Nelson of Sarnia got a nasty cut on the head the other day by being struck by a board. His cheek was badly lacerated.**

When the weather suits you not, Try smiling.  
When your coffee isn't hot, Try smiling.  
When your neighbors don't do right, When your relatives all fight, Sure it's hard, but then you might, Try smiling.

Doesn't change the things, of course, Just smiling.  
But it cannot make them worse— Just smiling.

And it seems to help your case, Brightens up a gloomy place, And it sort of rests your face— Just smiling.

See our splendid lines in Slippers and Shoes for Christmas gifts for all the family. Everything you desire in footwear can be found here.—P. Dodds & Son.

**"The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet" given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, in the Lyceum on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd.** The various persons in the cast of characters each performed his or her part so well that it seems hardly possible to single one out above another for excellency in personification. If one excelled more than another it was Mrs. Leigh in the part of Agatha Squalls the blusterer. There was a capacity house as the proceeds of \$175.00 would indicate. There have been many requests for a second performance by the Ladies Aid.

A real treat for New Linen Handkerchiefs, Cashmere Sox, Silk Ties, Elastic Bras, Silk Mufflers.—Swift's Christmas Store.

**The Amherstburg Echo very tersely remarks:—"The municipal elections are looming up again. Jobs will be open to self-sacrificing citizens who have the public welfare at heart. A certain class of citizens is constantly deploring a lack of civic spirit in Amherstburg. This may be so to some extent, but what are they doing to overcome it? Men may talk and write about it, but do they share in the work required to uplift and transform matters. The real hard work is left for a few to undertake. Civic service and civic self-denial in an effort to overcome lethargy and selfishness, is greatly needed in Amherstburg, as it is in many another municipality."**

Rev. S. P. Irwin is still confined to the house by illness.

**Mrs. Bert Taylor, Sarnia, spent the weekend with Watford friends.**

**Mr. W. H. Shrapnell spent the weekend with his daughter in Ingersoll.**

**Reeve Johnston attended the meeting of the County Council in Sarnia this week.**

**Mrs. (Dr.) Newell is in Detroit this week visiting her son Dr. Vern Newell and family.**

**Miss Sarah Mavity, Ypsilanti, Mich., is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Class.**

**Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Smith of Windsor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McLean on Tuesday.**

**James Dewar, of the Merchants Bank street, Ailsa Craig, has been transferred to the Watford branch.**

**Mrs. A. Allen and children, of Sarnia, are visiting her parents, Mrs. and Mr. H. Thomas of Huron street.**

**Mr. Fred Thomas is taking the last trip of the season up the lakes with his brother-in-law, Mr. A. Allen, who is 2nd officer on board S. S. Hamonic.**

**Mr. S. Stapleford attended the Ontario Poultry Show at Guelph last week and was successful in carrying off a number of prizes.**

**For the coming year he was elected President of the Black Minorca Club of Canada.**

**St. Mary's Church, Warwick, will hold their Christmas entertainment on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.**

A Christmas concert will be held at S. S. No. 16, Warwick, (Kingscourt) on Dec. 21st. Admission 25 cents. Children free.

**Reeve Parker and Deputy Reeve Adam Higgins attended the December meeting of the county council this week.**

The Zion Methodist Sunday School are having their usual Xmas tree and entertainment in the church on Thursday, Dec. 23rd.

**Mr. H. W. Barker, one of the leading congregational laymen of Toronto, will be the special speaker in Zion Congregational church, Warwick, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.**

**Jeremiah Thompson of the 4th con. returned home on Tuesday last after spending a few days with his daughters, Mrs. H. Campbell, of Fair Haven, and Miss Gertie of Port Huron, Mich.**

**Grace Church Sunday School will hold their Christmas entertainment on Thursday, Dec. 23rd.** Program consisting of drills, dialogues, readings, solos, etc. Admission 35 and 20 cents. Particulars later.

**The special evangelistic meetings being conducted in the Zion Methodist church during the last week were exceedingly helpful and well attended considering the deplorable condition of weather and roads.** Owing to this the meetings closed last Sunday to re-open about Jan. 9th, 1921, when it is hoped they will have right of way under favorable conditions.

**LANTERN LECTURE—"Heroes of the Cross"**—The thrilling story of the early Christian martyrs in Jerusalem, Rome, Ephesus, etc., coming across the centuries to the Covenanters of Scotland and the Pilgrim Fathers of New England, will be told in narrative form by Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner in Zion Congregational Church, Warwick, on Friday, December 17th, at 7:30 p.m.

The story will be illustrated by fifty lantern pictures. Admission by silver collection.

**The Women's Missionary Society of Kingscourt held a social afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hickson on Dec. 2nd.** Twenty-three ladies were present. Part of the afternoon was spent in making girl's dresses for the Zenana Mission in India after which a short program was given. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess. A bale of clothing valued at \$60.00 was packed for the mission in India. The next regular meeting of the society will be held at the home of Mrs. Richard Williamson on Thursday, Jan. 6th.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McGillicuddy are now nicely settled at their home on the main road, The Sarnia Observer reports their marriage as follows:—On Wednesday afternoon a happy event occurred at St. John's rectory when Rev. F. G. Newton, married Miss Edythe Holmes, daughter of Mr. James Holmes of Arcona, to Mr. Robt. McGillicuddy, of Warwick Township. The bride was attired in white charmeuse satin and was supported by her sister, Miss Margaret Holmes, with Nelson Smith of Arcona as groomsmen.**

After the wedding the happy couple left for a short trip to Lansing, Mich., and on their return will reside at Wisbeach on the London road in Warwick township, where they are both well known and held in high esteem."

**FAR AND NEAR**  
**What People are Doing to Make Life Interesting.**

Fifteen shirt and collar factories in the United States are about to close down indefinitely.

Final figures show U. S. army casualties 34,249 killed and 224,093 wounded in the world's war.

At a veterinary clinic in New York the other day surgeons removed half a pound of nails, three bolts and several pieces of wire from a cow's stomach. A local paper thinks "bossy" must have been reading the advertisements recommending more iron in the blood.

Who would not be a farmer, if he could? And yet some farmers are inclined to think their lot is hard. If they had the average town dweller's experience of a pint, or at most a quart, of milk a day for the whole family, and a few other examples of short commons and stale stuff, they would get new light, and be more content with a life where so much comes ready to one's hand, and there is no stint.

The principal planks in the draft platform of the United Farmers propose the adoption of the reciprocity pact of 1911; the reduction of the tariff between Canada and Great Britain by half; the admission to Canada free of duty of all food-stuffs, farm implements and machinery used in the production of the natural resources of the country, the imposition of two per cent. on incomes of \$1,000 for single men and of \$2,000 for married men, rising two per cent. with each additional \$1,000 income.

**Miner. George Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines in the Hearst Government, and sitting member of the Legislature for Grenville, was elected Conservative leader in Ontario by the Provincial Conservative Convention in Toronto last Friday.** There were two other candidates for the party leadership, Brig-Gen. A. E. Ross, M.P. for a short time prior to the defeat of the Government in 1919, and Hon. George S. Henry, minister of agriculture in the Hearst Government, and present M. P. for East York. Only one ballot was required to settle the question of leadership. Hon. Mr. Ferguson had a clear majority on the first ballot. Mr. Ferguson is a strong Parliamentarian, an excellent speaker, a good debater and possesses a likeable personality.

## TOM MARKS COMING TO WATFORD

**Tom Marks and his own dramatic and vaudeville company will appear in the Lyceum Theatre, Watford, 2 nights only, giving a complete change of program each evening.** Not a moving picture. Prices to suit everybody. Don't forget the date. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13th and 14th. Seats now on sale at Taylor's Drug Store.

**BROOKE**

Miss Gertrude Lucas, of Sarnia, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Joe McKay, second line, Warwick.

**Don't forget Sutorville Christmas concert on Friday evening, Dec. 17. Come and hear the treat of the season. Admission 35 and 25 cents.**

## CHOP STUFF

A head of oats taken from a farm at Frog Lake, Alberta, produced 310 kernels.

A continuation school has been organized in Dorchester village, near Ingersoll.

Five horses used by H. Harrison, Essex town, were destroyed by fire when the building was consumed.

Four crews have been laid off the G. T. R. in the London division and the staff of the car shops reduced 70 men.

The average yield of potatoes per acre in the Province of New Brunswick this year will be 50 barrels to the acre.

Thos. Handley had his head badly injured by being struck by a brace in the Strathroy Furniture Factory on Saturday.

Mrs. John McTaggart, a former resident of Alvinston, died at the home of her daughter in Detroit after a year's illness.

Some Alvinston citizen is accused of electric power stealing, by the local paper. Traps have been laid to catch the wire-tappers.

Ontario grown potatoes of the Dooley variety, were awarded the sweepstakes prize at the Guelph Winter Fair last week.

L. C. Rumbles butcher shop at Blenheim was burglarized the other night. The thief was not content with the \$75 in the till, but carried off the till also.

Warton council has purchased 230 cords of fire wood which will be sold to the citizens at \$3.75 a cord. A council of this kind would be welcome in some other small towns where the farmers are asking \$6 and over a cord.

Mrs. George Wyatt, of Strathroy, died very suddenly Wednesday of last week. When Mr. Wyatt, who was engaged in some work outside, returned to the house he found Mrs. Wyatt on the floor, practically dead. Her maiden name was Maggie Campbell.

Esper Marshall, an Aberdeen Angus bull, owned by Howard Fraleigh, the well-known Forest stockman, was awarded fifth prize in a class composed of nineteen of the champions of the United States and Canada at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago.

Dorothy, little daughter of John McGregor Pt. Edward, had the thumb and two fingers of her left hand shot away when a shotgun her brother, Gordon, was demonstrating to some of his boy friends accidentally exploded. The breech stuck and he tried to force it.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie, of Alvinston, will leave this week for Stratford where they will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Brown, who recently underwent an operation, and is improving nicely although in a very weakened condition.

The Theford branch of the U. F. O. held their annual meeting on Nov. 26th, when the following officers were elected: President—Fred Moloy; Vice President—J. Willis. Secretary—George Smith. Directors—W. Jamieson, D. Mackey, P. Morrison, R. Wright, Norman Stoner, A. Jamieson, Thos. Moloy, R. Teetzel, C. Kimmery, M. E. Elliott, I. Carrothers, A. S. Carmichael, Fred Sheppard, Jas. Lawrie, R. Lithgow, Auditors—G. W. Boyd, A. S. Carmichael. Delegates appointed to attend the convention to be held in Toronto, Dec. 14, 15 and 16—Geo. Smith, J. Willis, I. Carrothers, Fred Sheppard, W. O. West and Fred Moloy.

W. G. Conkey, son of Fred Conkey, of West Adelaide, and a veteran of the late war, left recently for overseas, sailing from Montreal and destined for Brussels, Belgium, where (it is whispered) he will be married on his arrival to a prominent young lady of that city. "Toots" as he is better known among his many friends, was a member of the First Canadian Contingent, which went over in the fall of 1914. It was while driving back the Boche in Belgium that this interesting romance had its beginning. Mr. Conkey expects to arrive in Adelaide with his Belgian bride about the first week in January.