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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THIS GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 11, send by mail or drop them in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

BROWN'S for millinery.
BREAD has gone up another cent.
MOST PEOPLE have taking ways—but very few have bringing back ways.

THE LOCAL TEACHERS report an instructive and enjoyable time at the convention last week.

Now the British "tank" is compared to a riverhog. Why call it names when its doing such good work?

WATSON'S underwear for ladies' and children, none better.—**SWIFT'S**

A NEW YORK MAN has had his name changed because it was German. He's a regular Kitchener, Ontario.

"SUPPOSE THE Guide-Advocate ceased publication," is the caption of an article on page three of this issue. Read it before you lay the paper down.

THERE died in Detroit on Saturday, October 7th, Robert Widdis, aged 82 years. He is a brother of Mrs. Dougherty of Erie street, Watford.

It's got so nowadays that when you hear two people using slang you don't know whether they're talking baseball, politics or Billy Sunday religion.

PEABODY LODGE, I. O. O. F., meets Monday night at 8 p.m. sharp. As there is special business to be done a full attendance of members is requested.—**SAC.** 020-4t

In the Province of Ontario, as a whole, it is estimated that the apple crop will not be more than 75 per cent. of that of last year, and it is very much poorer in quality than a year ago.

SWEATER COATS, all weights, all shades and all sizes.—**A. BROWN & CO.**

WORK has been received from Mrs. E. J. Fountain of Kent, England, that her son, C. Morton Fountain who enlisted from Watford in the 33rd Battalion, C. E. F., was killed in action on Sept. 16th.

After careful investigation Mr. H. Y. Williams, of Wisbeach, decided that the Briscoe is the best car for ordinary use and last week purchased one from Mr. F. R. Luckham, the dealer for this district.

MONDAY'S casualty list contains the name of Pte. W. E. Bourne, of Brooklee, among the wounded. Pte. Bourne is a son of Deputy-Reeve Bourne of Brooklee township and went to the front with the 70th Batt. last spring.

READ Lord Kitchener's message to our gallant Canadian lads, in **SWIFT'S** window.

THE *Thames Valley Herald* says—Rev. T. M. Meade and his son George, both of the A. M. C., received word while home over the week-end, that they had been chosen as part of a draft of 60, to go overseas at once.

THE Watford High School girls won the basketball game at the Strathroy Collegiate field day last week. The girls relay race was also won by Watford. In the individual contests Watford boys and girls won several events.

KEEP the home fires burning and the boys at the front supplied with comforts. Don't lag, keep sending, every week, every day if necessary. We cannot do too much for the boys who are risking their lives for our benefit.

YOUR OVERCOAT is ready to slip into, a 20th century at that.—**A. BROWN & CO.**

SHOES of all kinds for all kinds of people. Good, substantial working shoes that will give the best of wear, also fine walking shoes in many makes. Some of these shoes were bought at old prices.—**P. DODDS & SON.**

JAMES R. BRANDON, of London, who was supposed to have met his death by drowning in the River Thames, is alive, having with his companion faked the drowning and skipped to the United States. His wife formerly resided in this district.

THE Rev. R. J. Murphy of the Church of the Nativity, Dutton, will conduct the service in Trinity church, Watford, next Sunday evening. Mr. Murphy is a brother of a former rector of this parish. Rev. S. P. Irwin goes to Dutton to preach thanksgiving sermons.

TIGER BRAND underwear for men, it's right.—**SWIFT'S.**

THE Lambton Mutual Fire Insurance Company offers the sum of one hundred dollars, in each case, to any person who will furnish evidence that will procure the conviction of any person or persons, who may set fire, or who have set fire, to any of the buildings insured in said Company.

THE Welland Daughters of the Empire have pledged themselves. "Never willingly or knowingly to buy German or Austrian goods, and to do our utmost to prevent them being brought into the country, either now or after the war." That is a fine stand to take and it ought to be endorsed by every Canadian woman and man.

MR. I. W. GILLILAND, who lives in Duluth, sends \$2.00 for his subscription for one year from now. He says—"You are entitled to that. Don't see how you have been able to get along at the old price so long." His son Stanley has been in Texas with the U. S. troops since the 20th of June.

TAILORING in city styles at **SWIFT'S**. Mrs. Wm. Sparling, Forest, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. D. Cameron.

Mrs. A. D. Elliot and little daughter left for their home in Forget, Sask. on Saturday.

A GOOD way to raise taxes would be for every man to be the assessor of his neighbor's property.

WHENEVER you see the words "made in Germany," remember what Germany made in 1914 and buy British goods.

IRL Hicks the weather prophet is dead. No more will be predicted bad weather for the Watford fair.

MISS SKILLEN, of Watford, has accepted a position as saleslady with E. Mayhew & Co.—**Glencoe Transcript.**

THE Alvinston Free Press has been sold to Mr. J. E. V. Atkins, late of the Soc Daily Star. Mr. Atkins will take possession Nov. 1st.

NEW SILK waists opened this week, they are beauties.—**A. BROWN & CO.**

WORD has been received that Pte. Fred Harkness of Alvinston has been seriously wounded. He left for overseas with the 70th Batt.

MESDAMES NEWELL and A. G. Brown, Rev. S. P. Irwin and Col. Kenward attended the Rural Deaneys meeting and Sunday school convention at Alvinston on Tuesday.

AT the Watford fair D. Roche's beautiful young mare Golden Rose carried off the red ticket in the single roadster class in fine style, defeating a strong field. Breeding will tell.

CLAUSE 105 of the Ontario Temperance Act says—"The magistrate, justice or justices of the peace on any conviction of any person for an offence against this act, shall send forthwith to the Board, a certificate, he shall be allowed a fee of fifty cents, to be taxed as costs in the case."

THE government crop report of Oct. 17th, says that in Western Ontario apples generally are turning out poorer than expected. Many large orchards that promised well a month ago will give very good fruit. In Strathroy and Mt. Brydges district apples are turning out better than expected.

You can buy Trench wool Sox at **SWIFT'S**, 3 pr. for \$1.00 and 4 pr. for a dollar.

PETROLEA COUNCIL made a grant of \$1,000 to the British Red Cross. In Watford nothing was done. The communication from the central committee to the council seems to have gone astray as the Reeve states he has not been approached in any way, consequently Trafalgar Day passed without any collection or grant towards that worthy cause.

UNDER the old liquor license law any octogenarian could go into the bar for refreshments, but on Saturday last some of the old-timers were nonplussed on seeing a large black board sign in front of Rogers' Hotel, which stated that no person over 60 would be allowed in the bar. Pretty hard on the old codgers who wished to spend a dime.

THE Anniversary Services in connection with the Watford Methodist Church will be held on Sunday next, Oct. 22nd, when Rev. C. R. Flanders, B. A., D.D., of First Methodist Church, London, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dr. Flanders is one of the foremost preachers in Canada and for fourteen years was principal of Stanstead College, Quebec.

LADIES' SUITS made to order at **SWIFT'S**.

DURING the wind storm Monday night the centre piece of the plate glass front in Ray Morningstar's garage was broken. A gust of wind blew the west door of the garage open and the front window with it about a third of the centre section gave way and fell on the sidewalk. The loss will be about fifty or sixty dollars and is covered by insurance.

THE high school students held their field sports this week. On Monday afternoon the closed events were pulled off, and on Wednesday the open ones. In the latter the basketball game between Strathroy C. I. and Watford H. S. was won by the latter in a score of 13-9, and in the baseball the home team was also successful, score 7-6. A full list of prize winners will be published next week.

It has been decided by the finance department of the Federal government to make use of the 3,000 branch offices of the Canadian banks in the next domestic war credit. The plan is to allow an individual to open a savings account, with the understanding that when it reaches a modest amount, probably \$10, the account will be turned into a war saving certificate, paying possibly five per cent.

MR. D. A. McDERMID, Office Sec. Dom. Alliance, will occupy the pulpits of the Baptist churches on the Watford-Watford-Watford field next Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Connors, who is in attendance at the Ontario and Quebec Convention of the Baptist churches which is in session in the James St. Baptist church, Hamilton, from Oct. 18th to 23rd, inclusive.

A NUMBER of the ladies of Watford F. O. B. A. 95, met in the Orange Hall on Friday, and made some Christmas stockings for the boys at the front. They contained each—1 testament, 1 lead pencil, 1 khaki handkerchief, 1 pair khaki shoe laces, 1/2 dozen biscuits, 2 cakes maple sugar, package maple cream candy, 2 packages chewing gum, 5 kisses and 10 sheets writing paper. There were 13 stockings in all, and were sent to the Red Cross, London.

Miss Dina Dodds, Almont, Mich., spent a few days at her home here.

THE Patriotic League will meet next Wednesday to quilt in the Lyceum.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blackwell, London, spent fair day with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Willoughby.

KNAKI SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS.—Cheaper than you can buy the yarn.—**A. BROWN & CO.**

THE D. D. G. M. of the district will visit the Watford Masonic lodge next regular meeting.

Mrs. Wm. Reid and daughter Mary, London, are the guests of Mrs. Jas. Willoughby this week.

THE Wardens of Trinity church have ordered an electric motor to be used for blowing the church organ.

WE KEEP IN STOCK a full line of rubbers. Ladies', gents' and children's, all styles, high and low, heavy and light, in sizes and half sizes. These we sell at the very smallest margin of profit.—**P. DODDS & SON.**

THE KEWPIE CLUB'S monthly collection of old papers for Red Cross took place last Saturday and a large quantity of papers and magazines was gathered up.

THE Lambton batt. went into winter quarters at Queen's Park, London, this week. Major McVicar, O. C., is greatly pleased with the training and progress of the battalion and thinks it possible that they may be warned for overseas shortly.

MUNICIPAL and other public bodies throughout Ontario are making splendid donations to the British Red Cross Fund. The total for the Province may reach a million and a half dollars. Last year it was \$1,400,000.

TRENCH SUPPLIES at **SWIFT'S**. We ship all parcels, it's time you were thinking of Xmas. Goods for the boys at the front.

THE Alexandra Orchestra, of Sarnia, will hold a number of dances during the coming winter season in the following places in Lambton County: Sarnia, Petrolia, Forest, Watford, Wyoming and Courtwright. These dances will be given under Red Cross auspices, and after the mere expenses of the orchestra are deducted from the receipts the balance will be handed over to the local society of the town in which the dance is given. It is proposed to give two dances a week.

ON Sunday evening next, in the Congregational Church, Rev. R. M. Steevens will deliver the last of a series of sermons on "Dark Days and Signs of the Times." The subject will be—"Signs in Relation to World Politics. Prophecy Teaching Concerning Immediate Developments and ultimate end of Modern Democracy." Everybody welcome, and especially those who are interested in the study of the "Sure Word of Prophecy." Please bring your bibles.

SACRIFICING not only his captaincy but his large business as a retail druggist in London, Capt. Fred Taylor of the Taylor drug stores, goes overseas shortly. He will go as a lieutenant with a Mounted Rifles draft from Hamilton, becoming a junior officer to reach the firing line sooner. For five years he has been connected with the 1st Hussars. He enlisted with the Mounted Rifles at Hamilton last October as a lieutenant, and gained captaincy in December. Fred is a son of T. B. Taylor of Watford, and has a host of friends here who admire him for his activity in military matters.

A CIRCULAR issued recently by the Ontario Department of Education provides that in the year 1917 classes in physical culture in all Collegiate Institutes, High Schools and Continuation Schools must be divided according to sexes, and that the head teacher in the boys' classes and the head teacher in the girls' classes in Collegiate Institutes shall have a specialist's certificate for physical culture. Head teachers in the manual training departments will also be required to hold specialist's certificates for that branch of the work.

Population of Western Cities

Ottawa, Oct. 17—The autonomy bills which created the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta provided for a census of population in those provinces and in Manitoba every five years. Elsewhere it is done every 10 years. Under the act a census was taken in June last and the preliminary count of the population of cities, towns and villages in the three provinces in excess of 1,500 has been completed.

Winnipeg, the largest city in the Middle West, increased its population from 136,025 in 1911 to 163,005 in 1916, being a gain of 29,970, or nearly 20 per cent. in five years. For the 10 years, 1906 to 1916, Winnipeg shows an increase of 72,852, or more than 80 per cent.

In Saskatchewan, Regina leads with 26,112. Both Saskatoon and Moose Jaw show material gains since 1911.

In Alberta the city of Calgary still stands first with a population of 56,353, followed by Edmonton with 53,792. Of the population of the latter 12,420 represent that of the former city of Strathcona, now municipally part of the provincial capital. In 1911 Strathcona had a population of 5,579 and in 1906 one of 1,550.

Brandon increased in five years from 13,839 to 15,225, Moosejaw from 13,823 to 16,889 and Saskatoon from 12,004 to 21,034. Regina decreased from 30,213 to 26,105. Calgary grew by 13,000 to 56,302, while Edmonton, including Strathcona, rose from 24,900 to 53,794.

WARWICK.

Mr. Henry Vance has returned from a visit with friends in Sarnia and Detroit.

Mrs. Fred Mellor, Detroit, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Brent, jr.

Mr. E. Vance, Sarnia, was a week end visitor in this neighborhood this week.

Thrashing and silo filling have been hustling the farmers in this neighborhood lately.

Warren Bros. of Bosanquet have taken possession of the farm which they rented from Bruce Faulds.

Miss Vera Rush, Bothwell, spent last week with her friend Miss Margaret Chambers, 4th line.

Mrs. J. Brown, of Harbor Beach, has been visiting her nephew, Mr. Thos. Kerr, Warwick.

The Secretary of the Dominion Alliance will have charge of the service at Bethel church next Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Chas. Watson and son, Hazen, Bridget, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Edwards.

Mrs. C. Clarke, Wisbeach, attended the funeral of her brother, Crawford Clarke, Ypsilanti, Mich., on Friday, Oct. 8th.

Mr. Gerald Robertson and sister, Miss Muriel, spent Sunday at Alvinston, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffatt.

Mr. and Mrs. William Luckham and granddaughter, Miss Susie Jackson, Petrolia, visited relatives here last week.

George Marr and daughter Miss Isabelle, of Westminster, were the guests of George and Chas. Richardson last week.

Mrs. George Saunders, Mrs. Lily Atkinson and daughter Dorothy, London, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parker, Wisbeach.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Harrison, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Luckham and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Richardson for Thanksgiving.

NOTICE—Any person hunting, shooting or trespassing on lot 14, con. 1, N. E. R., Warwick, after this notice, will be prosecuted.—**W. BARRY.** 018-3t

Mr. James Wiley, who has been sick for the past two weeks went to Bradford on Tuesday and is now under the care of his brother, Dr. Walter Wiley.

Pte. Allen W. Edwards, London, Army Medical Corps, was home on last leave, Saturday, Oct. 7th. He left London for overseas service on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Edwards entertained a number of their friends on Saturday evening, October 7th, the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

The boys who went west from this vicinity to help with the harvest near Regina report fifteen inches of snow there, which has greatly delayed thrashing.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Vance died last Wednesday night and interment was made Friday morning at Bethel cemetery. The young couple have the sympathy of their friends.

Mrs. King, near Sarnia, is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Finley Logan who has been unable to attend to her household duties for some time because of poison ivy infection in both arms.

BROOKE.

The Rev. R. J. Murphy, B. A., of Dutton, will conduct the service in St. James' Church, Brooke, on Sunday morning next and Christ Church, Sutorville, on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Tipperary Red Cross will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Annett on Tuesday, Oct. 24th, for the work of filling Christmas stockings for the soldiers. A full attendance is requested. Everyone bring gifts for the purpose.

The Dresden Times: Mrs. Bullough has received notice that her son, Alfred Bullough, was admitted to No. 18 General Hospital, France, suffering from severe wounds in thigh, ankle and hand received in the battle of Sept. 15th. He went overseas with the 70th Batt., but was transferred to the 24th Batt., and had been in France since June 23rd.

The Red Cross Circle, 8th Line West Brooke, purpose holding their first annual meeting at the home of Mrs. James Moffatt on Wednesday next, Oct. 25th. Reports of work accomplished will be given by the Sec'y. and Treasurer and a "Review of the Year, its Call and Response," will be given by the president, Mrs. J. A. Snel. Miss Merle Holbrook will sing, in addition to other musical numbers. All ladies welcome. A liberal offering in aid of the work is asked for. The Xmas stockings for soldiers will also be given in at this meeting. A social half hour at the close to complete this delightful afternoon.

The October meeting of the North Brooke Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. W. Annett on Oct. 5th. A good number were present making it a very pleasant afternoon. The meeting opened by singing the Maple Leaf, followed by the business, during which it was decided that we leave this "Demonstration Lecture Course" till next meeting, and ask all members to find as many as possible that would like to take a course. Miss Pearl Maddock was chosen as assistant hostess for November meeting. Miss B. Hair then began the program by giving a paper on "Care of House Plants in Winter," followed by a patriotic solo, "When the Boys Come Back," by Miss Katie McLachlan. Mrs. M. Campbell gave a very interesting paper on "Autumn." Then a solo by

Romelda Clark, and Mrs. J. Steadman read a paper on value of change of air and scenery, bringing out a number of good thoughts. The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

CHOP STUFF.

Pte. C. W. McRitchie, of Petrolia, is reported wounded.

Petrolia council will engage a policeman for night duty.

Pte. J. Vansickle of Petrolia, died from wounds, is reported in Tuesday's casualty list.

It costs only ten cents a day to feed the prisoners in the Middlesex county jail, No H. C. of L. there.

Frank Corrigan, of Sarnia, 14 years old, was sent to the reformatory for shop-breaking and stealing a watch.

A memorial service for the late Lieut. Stewart Cowan was held in the Presbyterian church, Sarnia, last Sunday.

A stronger representing himself as a collector for a farm machinery company got away with \$100 at Ridgeway.

A large barn and 50 tons of hay on the premises of J. T. Whitsitt, reeve of Courtwright, was destroyed by fire on Saturday.

Pte. Arthur J. Allan of Sarnia is reported killed and Gunner H. Rigg wounded. Pte. John Mann of Petrolia is also reported wounded.

Essex merchants have petitioned the council to allow delivery boys on bicycles to use the sidewalks on the back streets in muddy weather.

Alex. Patterson, a well known resident of the 12th line Ennisville, died in Sarnia on October 3rd, after a long illness, in his 65th year.

About twenty electric motors, ranging from a quarter to seventy-five horsepower, have been installed at Strathroy since the inauguration of hydro there.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Showler of London, formerly of Strathroy, have three sons serving the Empire with the Canadian troops in England and elsewhere.

Herb Benstead, son of Thos. Benstead of Strathroy, writes from a hospital that he has a gunshot wound in the left shoulder, but expects soon to get back to the firing line. He left here with the 70th.

Eighteen cans containing a mysterious liquid found under a bridge in Harwick Township, and believed by farmers of that vicinity to be a high explosive, have been brought to the city and taken charge of by Constable Peter, who is making an investigation.

A dispatch from Petrolia says: A message to Mrs. (Major) C. O. Fairbank stated that the major had been assigned to duties in Canada. Major Fairbank, who was reeve of the town, went overseas with the 70th Battalion and has been in France for some months.

Two dogs while coon hunting in Malahide are reported to have crawled two miles through a fourteen-inch drain, but got stuck in one of twelve-inch diameter and were finally released, apparently unharmed, by a farmer who heard a noise under his feet.

With 2 of nine Chatham bakers charging 8 cents for a loaf of bread, the remaining seven charging 7 cents, and claiming that the recent advance of one cent a loaf was unwarranted, the city council has decided to ask the attorney-general's department to investigate the matter with a view to having a standard price set for Chatham.

Wearing layer upon layer of fifty rags, which included nine pairs of pants, several shirts and coats, bag containing \$1300, Amos Davis of Chatham Township appeared in the county police court charged with neglecting to clean up his premises after due notice of the medical officer of health. He was fined \$10 and costs. Dr. Charis, M. O. H., of the township, stated that he had found his premises like a hog-pen.

Death claimed another aged resident of Plympton in the person of Willard Mason on Friday morning, after a short illness. Mr. Mason had lived on the London road since early manhood, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves an aged wife and nine children, Annie of Buffalo, Hanna of Manitoba, Minnie of Wyoming, John, Eugene and James in the Canadian Northwest, Thomas of Owen Sound, William of North Dakota, and Ambrose at home.

Trouble is the most practical teacher in the school of experience.

Some women seem to be ashamed to eat real food in a public dining place.

Perhaps it's the popularity of popular songs that renders them unpopular.

If a married man doesn't grumble at home it's usually because he isn't there.

Among other things that fail to impress a man favorably are his wife's relations.

A fool and his money are soon parted but it's different with a lazy man and a shady spot.

And if a doctor ever goes to heaven it must be awfully embarrassing to him when he encounters an ex-patient.

After a bachelor passes the age of 40 it's up to him to marry a widow if he marries at all. He'll need a wife who knows how cranky men are.