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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 Letter-Box.

NEW wash skirts.—SWIFTS'.
ALL the second contingent is now safely landed in England.

SARNIA'S younger business men purpose forming a unit for active service.

THE W.C.T.U. county convention will be held in Sarnia on June 2nd and 3rd.

NEW belts, new cravats, new shirts—for the 24th.—A. BROWN & CO.

It would take a pretty big sensation to shock the world in its present state of mind.

KEEP your bicycle off the sidewalk if you wish to keep out of the clutches of the Chief.

JUST what would the United States call a really unfriendly act upon Germany's part?

MR. N. McDUGALL, P.S.I., for East Lambton, is inspecting the Watford school this week.

OUR new waterproofs are great value, ladies' mens' girls' and boys'.—SWIFTS'.

THE Farmers' Picnic at Alvinston on June 1st will be a big affair. Make arrangements to attend.

THE thirty-second session of the London Methodist Conference will meet in St. Marys on June 3rd.

OPPORTUNITY is usually a little bashful around the young man who is afraid to do more than he is paid for.

THE Warwick road scraper drawn by traction engine was used over all the streets in town Saturday with good effect.

WE have been able to secure another 10 doz. of those Big B. cottonade pants to sell at \$1.00.—A. BROWN & CO.

NEXT Sunday being Whit Sunday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in Trinity Church at 8 o'clock in the morning.

CHANGES which were expected to be made in the Grand Trunk timetable on May 16th will not now be made until May 30th, it is understood.

"REMEMBER THE MAIN" which led America into one war seems destined to be followed by "Forget the Lusitania" to keep them out of another.

HEAVY standard shirtings, 15 cents.—SWIFTS' Standard Dept.

DR. PICKERING, of Forest, the Liberal standard bearer for East Lambton, was in town last Friday and held an organization meeting in the evening.

BANKERS are urging that war stamps be placed on cheques on the printed part of the cheque, rather than where the name, date or amount is to be written.

HE who fights and runs away
May live to fight another day;
And he who is too proud to fight
May live to run, another night.

A USEFUL present for the June bride is a piece of handsome china. P. Dodds & Son have a choice lot suitable for presents, and can furnish anything from a single piece to a full dinner set.

KING hats in straw or felt. A hat for every face.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE semi-annual meeting of the County Orange Lodge of East Lambton will be held in Watford on June 1st (Tuesday) at 1.30 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.—ED. KARR, Co. Sec.

THE annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association and the M.H.O.'s for the province will be held at Peterboro, May 24, 25, 26. Every M.H.O. in the province is obliged to attend the convention.

SPECIAL sale of lace curtains, one and two pair lots, white and cream, 90c to \$1.00.—SWIFTS'.

REMEMBER the Choir Supper in the basement of the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, May 27th, from 6 to 8 o'clock. After supper a program will be given by the men of the congregation. Tickets 35 cents.

HAROLD KITCH, who has been managing and editing the Alvinston Free Press for the past year, has given up his work in Alvinston and has joined "D" Company of the 48th Highlanders for the overseas expeditionary force.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR McLEAN, of London, was here on Thursday of last week and made a thorough inspection of the books, stamps, cash and the manner of conducting the Watford postoffice. He reports everything correct and satisfactory.

OUR military department is showing some very chic styles for the 24th.—A. BROWN & CO.

THREE more Watford boys have enlisted in the third contingent. Stanley Rogers left last week for Guelph, where he will become orderly to Capt. R. D. Caldwell; Frank Yerks leaves Friday to join the cavalry at London, and Mack Hagle has gone to Guelph to join the 24th Batt.

A. W. ARCHIBALD, of Seaforth, who taught in the high school here for a short time, is going with the third contingent in a machine gun section. His fellow teachers of Dufferin school, Toronto, tendered him a luncheon in the school and presented him with a wrist-watch, and the Inspector gave him a compass.

NEXT MONDAY is Victoria Day and a public holiday.

LAWNS and gardens never looked better at this time of the year.

A CUT in teachers salaries seems to be the rule in many places since the war began.

A 20TH CENTURY-suit ready for you to put on for the 24th.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE picnic season has opened and berry pie with sand dressing will soon be in order.

MRS. WM. THOMPSON, Ontario Street, is attending the branch meeting of the W. M. S. of the Methodist church in London this week.

"KIT" the most eminent woman in the journalistic life of Canada, died at her home in Hamilton on her birthday, May 16th, at the age of 61 years.

REMNANTS of wash dress goods, 2 to 6 yards, about half price.—SWIFTS'.

JAMES TOMLIN has one of the most advanced vegetable gardens to be seen this year. He had the planting nearly all done before the warm spell three weeks ago.

MERVIN WILLIAMSON and Russel Duncan appeared before A. G. Brown, J. P., on Saturday for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk and were each fined \$1.00 and costs.

TEN DOLLARS reward will be paid to anyone giving information that will lead to the conviction of any party trespassing or in any way damaging the Agricultural Buildings in the park.

CARPET and oilcloth ends cheap.—SWIFTS'.

THE oil for the streets has arrived and the work will be commenced at once. The public can assist in making it a good job by keeping vehicles out of it as much as possible for a day or two.

DON'T forget the Patriotic Tea to be given in the Armory on Empire Day, Friday May 21st, from 3 to 6 p.m. Proceeds to be given to hospitals caring for Canadian wounded. Admission 15 cents.

ON Sunday last, at midnight, Detroit set all its clocks ahead one hour, and Eastern standard time has become the official time of the city. The Detroit city council unanimously voted for the change. This makes the time the same as in Ontario.

ROMPERS, fancy overalls, cotton jerseys, warm weather wants for the little tots.—A. BROWN & CO.

MAJOR D. B. BENTLEY, of Sarnia, has received a big promotion from the War Office. He has been detailed from France to York, England, to take full charge of a convalescent hospital there.

Mrs. Bentley and children will leave shortly for England.

THERE died at Neponsit, Long Island, N. Y., on Monday, May 10th, Rev. G. W. Wye. The funeral took place at Brantford, Ont., on the 12th at Mount Hope cemetery. The Rev. George Wm. Wye was rector of Watford in the late 80's and will be remembered by many people in this district.

THERE will be a memorial service in Trinity church on Sunday evening next at 7 p.m., in memory of Pte. I. Ward and Pte. Alf. Woodward, the two young men from Watford who died in battle in Belgium at the recent fight at Langermarck. Members of the 27th Regiment will be present in a body.

SPECIAL sale of rugs, 3x4.—SWIFTS'.

THE G.T.R. will issue excursion tickets for the Victoria Day holiday as follows:—Single fare, good going and returning Monday, May 24th, only. Fare 23rd and 24th, return limit May 25th. Tickets good between all stations in Canada. Minimum fare 25c.

THE first report of the Canadian Patriotic Fund is to hand. From it we find that the Watford branch remitted \$785.00 to the general fund on April 10th and that the total amount contributed by Lambton County to March 31st, 1915, is \$6,612.27. Also that the County Council has given \$200, voted in January, will contribute \$600 per month until the June session.

ORDER your clothing at Swifts'.

POULTRY owners will be interested to learn that Section 7, Chapter 247, of the revised statutes of Ontario reads as follows: "Or, if the owner of geese, or other poultry, refuses or neglects to prevent the same from trespassing on his neighbor's premises after a notice in writing has been served upon him of their trespass, he shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$10."

TRAINING schools and industrial farm colonies are likely to be the means by which the Ontario Government and the municipalities of the province will in the future deal with the problem of the feeble-minded in Ontario. Dr. Helen MacMurphy, in her annual report to Hon. W. J. Hanna, which will be issued this week, suggests these means of caring for the feeble-minded as the conclusion reached after a long and close study of the matter.

A QUIET but pretty wedding was celebrated in Trinity church on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, when Mr. Harry Cooper, of this village, was married to Miss Annie Maud Ormond, of London, England. Miss Julia Osborne acted very acceptably as flower girl. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. S. P. Irwin, B. A. The bride was given away by Squire Brown, and a sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of at his residence.

NEW wash dresses.—SWIFTS'.

STRAWBERRIES at Lovell's Bakery on Friday and Saturday.

LIEUT. A. L. LINDSAY, of Strathroy, is officially reported to have died of wounds.

FULCHER'S delivery horse ran away Wednesday evening, giving the wagon a good shaking up.

BOYS' khaki bloomers, sizes 22 to 35, 50c to \$1.50.—A. BROWN & CO.

ALL owners of Ford cars are invited to attend a basket picnic at Stag Island on May 24th. Owners in the Alvinston district will leave there at 9.30 a.m.

MISS WILLIAMS is opening out this Friday a special lot of ladies' dress and outing hats, children's hats and infants' hoods for midsummer wear. Also a beautiful selection of mounts and flowers.

GET fixed up for 24th at SWIFTS'.

WE have only three officers and eighty men left out of the original 1,070. The Princess Patricia's have suffered most awfully since we went to the front," writes Lieut. B. R. Snyder, of the P.P.C. L.I., to a friend in Montreal.

A MEETING of all those interested in St. James' Cemetery, Brooke, will be held at St. James' church, on Friday evening, May 21st at 7.30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways and means of giving perpetual care to the cemetery.

ALL persons are hereby warned against throwing or draining soapuds, filthy water from closets or septic tanks, or any other than proper drainage water into the large open drain in the northern part of the Village of Watford. And any person violating this regulation after June 1st, 1915, will be prosecuted. By order of the Local Board of Health.

10 YDS. gingham 75 cents.—SWIFTS'.

CHARLEY MCKAY, who was taken to Petrolia hospital on Wednesday of last week died on Saturday night and was buried in the R. C. Cemetery, Wyoming, on Tuesday. For a number of years deceased worked for farmers in this section. About a month ago he left the employ of James McManus and came into town, living with Wm. Phair. He was an Irishman by birth and had the reputation of being a good workman. He had a jovial disposition and was endowed with a keen wit. He has no relatives in this section.

THE Militia Council at Ottawa have under consideration the formation of a national military reserve for the Dominion of Canada, on the lines of the British national reserve. The only reserve militia which Canada has at present consists of those who have retired from the active militia who still within the age limits for service. The Army Reserve comprises not only those who have enlisted for short service and have discharged their active service duties, but also those who have undertaken to join the colors if desired, and men who, after completing the twelve years of their original engagement, re-engage in the reserve for another four years. The Special Reserve consists of men who have not served in the army.

LADIES, read our ad. if you want a suit or a coat.—SWIFTS'.

THE Watford Cadet Corps was inspected on Monday by Capt. Carling, of London, acting for Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon, head of the cadet corps of this division. There were 40 of the 45 cadets on parade at the park when lined up for inspection.

After a general salute the company marched to the inspecting officer and performed several manoeuvres with skill and precision. The inspecting officer complimented the corps on the progress made and also the instructor, Sergt. Davies, for having made such headway with the boys. Capt. Carling suggested that the town council should make a grant to the corps for uniforms. The boys have the rifles, caps, etc., and with the regulation white trousers and blue tunics would make a fine appearance.

THE pupils of the High School had the opportunity of listening to an address by Dr. E. E. Braithwaite, President of the Western University, London, on Wednesday. The speaker congratulated the students on their attainment and prospects and urged them to keep before them the highest ideals. Dr. Braithwaite expressed the hope that many would come from Watford to their nearest university, as it could now serve the interests of the young people of Western Ontario as never before. Another large addition is being made to the Faculty for next year and new laboratories are being installed. New scholarships are also being established and it is anticipated that men in different communities will establish scholarships for prospective Western University students who pass the best matriculation examination in their own high schools. There are indications that in a very short time there will be a large attendance of students in the Departments of Art and Medicine from all parts of Western Ontario.

THE last word in ladies' collars for the 24th at Swifts'.

Word was received by friends in Crinan of the death of Dr. Murdoch Matheson, on March 30th, at his home in Waverly, N. S. Wales, Australia. Dr. Matheson was a son of the late Christopher Matheson, and had two brothers, John and Donald, still living in Crinan district. Two sisters, Mrs. Henry Ash-ton and Mrs. K. Finlayson, both of Saskatchewan, also survive him.

Rich. Runnalls, an old resident of Caradoc, died on May 10th.



PTE. A. L. JOHNSTON
Member of Watford company who was seriously wounded in the Battle of Langermarck.

Watford Boys at the Front

Of the twenty-seven brave boys who left Watford with the first contingent last fall the majority of those who went on the firing line are wounded, have been killed in battle, or died from their wounds. The official list so far published gives the names of twelve and private advices state that others have met with casualties. The list so far embraces:

- DEAD**
Color-Sergt. Newell,
Pte. John Ward,
Pte. Alfred Woodward.
- WOUNDED**
Sergt. A. Owens,
Sergt. T. Ward,
Corp. M. Cunningham,
Corp. Sid Welsh,
Pte. Claude Newell,
Pte. Lorne Johnston,
Pte. Alex Johnston,
Pte. C. Toop,
Pte. W. G. Nichol,
Pte. C. Ward.

Pte. John Ward was killed in action. He and his brother Charles worked for John McCormick & Son at Kingscourt. Their parents reside in England. They came to this country about three years ago.

Pte. Lorne Johnston, whose cut appears above is well known to all in Watford, and is a son of Mr. J. J. Johnston.

LETTER FROM PTE. ALEX. JOHNSTON
Mr. J. J. Johnston received Monday a letter from his son Alex, dated April 30th and written at the Tipperary Hut, Soldiers' Club, France. The letter says in part:—"This is after the battle. Am in a hospital with a couple of wounds; one piece of shrapnel went through the fleshy part of my left arm and another getting along fine, the wounds healing up nicely and I hope soon to be able to join the Batt. Lorne was a little more unfortunate than I, getting a bullet in the stomach, but as far as I can learn he is getting along, although it will be a long time before he is real strong, and I think that he has seen all the war that he will see, and as for the other boys from home I really could not say but heard that Sergt. Newell was killed, and "Nick" got shot through both legs but is getting on fine."

On Tuesday Mr. Johnston received a letter from the Canadian Red Cross Society at London, England, stating that his son Lorne was wounded in right side, but the bullet had not then been extracted. He is in hospital at Cambridge and is suffering a good deal of pain but can move about a little. He will be X-rayed, but no operation has been performed as yet.

WORD FROM PTE. GLENN NICHOL
A card from Pte. W. G. Nichol says that he is in hospital in England with a couple of bullets in him, one in each leg, which he says he "received with the compliments of the Kaiser." He expects to go back to the front when better.

LETTER FROM PTE. C. WARD
A letter from Pte. Charley Ward, who writes from Northampton to Mrs. Sayers, of Kingscourt, says in part:—"I don't know whether anyone wrote and told you about Jack. He was killed in action in the Ypres battle. The Watford bunch had quite a number wounded. Alf Woodward and Gunn Newell were killed. The wounded were Glenn Nichol, Claude Newell, Tom Ward, Cyril Toop, Sergt. Owens, Hec. Johnston, Lorne Johnston, Sid Welsh, Scotty Cunningham and myself. That was up to the time I came away on April 25th. I am shot in the leg, not serious, I guess it will be better in a couple of weeks, and then we get a week's furlough. We are in Torbay hospital, Torquay, Devonshire. We had been in and out of the trenches up to April 23rd, then they told us we were going to a hot place, and it was a hot place too. When I look back I often wonder how I came out of it alive. Early Friday morning, April 23rd, about one o'clock, we were in our billets sleeping when the order came that the French had retired owing to the Germans using poisonous gases and we had to go and fill in the gap they had left. It was daybreak when we started

to advance across a mile of open ground. Anyway we got there, what there was left. I was carrying in wounded all day Friday, Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday, and I was all in by that time. Out of 16 stretcher bearers eight were wounded, and two or three killed. Our batt. hadn't any left; all either killed or wounded. The Germans lost thousands. They are a dirty lot using those gases. It was that which killed a lot of the Canadians. When I was hit we were being relieved. We were going through a deserted village about a mile and a half from the trenches when a Jack Johnston dropped right in between us. It killed quite a few and wounded a number. I don't know how I got out alive. My mate who was helping me carry a stretcher was killed. It was awful to hear the shrieks and groans of both men and horses. Tom, Fred and Cecil were alright when I left. When Jack was killed a lot of good fellows went under. Jack and another went to fetch a Canadian engineer who was wounded by shrapnel when another shell burst in the same place, killed him and wounded his mate. Where we were in the firing line the Kaiser had some of his best guns and soldiers. He is trying to break through to Calais, but will never get there, he keeps getting farther away.

LETTERS FROM SERGT.-MAJOR OWENS

A letter from Sergt.-Major Owens, written in hospital at Rouen says:—"I suppose by the time you get this you will know that I am wounded but it is not very serious—one bullet went through my upper arm and another above the collar bone but this one lodged about five inches below my shoulder blade; the doctor has since taken it out and I am feeling alright, but I will be in hospital some time yet. The charge we made was a grand one and Canadians will open their eyes when they read the list of casualties. The dead and wounded were lying about me in hundreds. It is no use mentioning who was killed and wounded from Watford because you will know before you get this letter. We saved a position but we paid dearly for it."

Sergt. Owens also writes a lengthy letter to Col. Kelly, from which we make some extracts:—"I know dozens of killed and wounded whose names have not appeared in the papers. For about a mile we were under one of the most hellish fires that has ever been known in history. I should think that every kind of weapon that could be used was brought into play upon us for a mile (all open country). It is a mystery how anybody is alive to tell the tale. I was wounded through the arm first. I advanced about another 300 yards and got a second one through the shoulder. I was bleeding so much that I had to retire to the nearest dressing station, which was just as dangerous as going forward. The groans of the wounded on the way back I shall never forget. I bandaged up several as bad as I was and left them. The stretcher-bearers could not get at these men and the consequence was they simply laid there and died. When I was in the dressing station the German commenced shelling it and finally brought it to the ground. The doctor told all who were able to walk to beat it to the next dressing station three miles away. The bullet has been extracted from my back and I am ready to go back to the firing line as soon as the doctor considers me fit. What made our casualties so heavy was that "someone blundered." Fancy advancing one mile in the open without being covered by our artillery. They only fired a few rounds. I am still feeling the effects of the Germans' rotten gases; my nearest description of the smell is like burnt rubber. It makes your eyes water and it is difficult to get your breath. Give my regards to anyone enquiring for me. In the whole of my soldiering I never saw men move with such regularity—in fact the men worked like clock-work. Canada ought to be proud of them, not only Canada but everyone."

LOCAL MILITIA ORDERS

By Lt.-Colonel R. G. C. Kelly, Esq. M. D. Commanding 27th Lambton Regiment

There will be a Memorial Service in the Anglican Church, Watford, Sunday evening next, 23rd inst., to honor the late Corporal Woodward and Private J. Ward, who were killed in action. Parade will fall in at the Armory at 6.30 p.m.

Dress, Church parade order. Officers to wear belts and swords. By Order. C. W. BROWN, Captain and Adjutant. Watford, Ont. May 18th, 1915.

THE department of education has sent out the dates for the midsummer examinations. The examinations for junior high school entrance and junior public school graduation will be held from June 10th to 23rd. The junior public school examination in manual training and household science comes on June 16th, elementary science and art on the 17th and English grammar and Canadian history on the 18th. On June 21st the entrance examinations in composition and spelling and the graduation examinations in algebra and composition will be held; next day arithmetic and literature examinations will be held for both, while on the 23rd will be held the entrance examination in English grammar, writing and geography and the public graduation examinations in book-keeping, spelling and geography.

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