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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 item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

No peace with an undetected Germany CANADA has one automobile for every 38 people.

COATS for girls 10, 12 and 14 at January Sale prices.—SWIFT'S.

STOCKTAKING is keeping many of our merchants busy these days.

The New York express (No. 2) is now timed to stop at Watford at 2.52 instead of 3.05.

The local hydro system stood the test of the big storm, there being no interruptions.

No less than 2,717 public and high school boys worked on Ontario farmers last year.

It did not take the merchants long to count the cash receipts for the day, on Saturday.

REVENUE seems to be the watchword of most of the new municipal councils sworn in on Monday.

RAW COTTON 33 cents—4 years ago 11c. Goods at present prices are money makers.—SWIFT'S.

GERMAN Socialists protest against their government's annexation plans. What new trick is this to deceive Russia?

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE has plenty of those pink receipts on hand. If you have not already done so call and get one.

How would you like the job of car 1 mail carrier during January and February? Be kind to the poor fellows, their lot is a hard one.

WHAT a lot of time we waste wondering about things that are none of our business and worrying about things that never happen.

MR. E. H. HAWN, Tessor, Sask., is visiting his brother, Mr. Nelson Hawn. It is ten years last fall since Mr. Hawn made a trip east.

12 LADIES' COATS, \$4.50. You should see them.—SWIFT'S January Sale.

WATFORD BOYS don't seem to have lost their grip on hockey judging from the score at the exhibition game at Alvinston on Monday night.

THOSE twenty-five thousand German soldiers who revolted on the Russian front may have started something that will finish the Kaiser. Let's hope so.

THOSE knitting bags are voluminous enough for the women, but one doubts whether they would comfortably hold all that the average man carries in his twelve to seventeen pockets.

GOOD stock of fine suitings and costings. Blue and grey vested suits to order from \$25.00. Best value in Ontario.—SWIFT'S Tailoring Department.

MR. W. M. DOAN received a telegram on Tuesday announcing the death of Mr. Wesley Clark, a former resident of Watford, who passed away suddenly on Monday at his home at Monroe, Wash.

ADVERTISING is a creative force and so long as there are people to experience needs, and merchants and manufacturers to cater to these needs, there is a field for the profitable work of advertising.

THERE is an old saying that a hard beginning of winter means an easy finish. If that is true then we must be in for delightful weather during the latter part of January and February.

LET every woman Do her bit To beat the Hun. Sew and knit Till the war is won.

ON account of the storm the Q. P. Club were unable to make their collection of paper last Saturday. Weather permitting, the collection will be made next Saturday, January 19th. Please have your papers ready.

Men's heavy wool shirts and drawers, Penman's and Tiger brand. Selling now at \$1.25 each. Buy for next year.—SWIFT'S.

JOHNNY—"Sis thinks a lot more of you than she did." He—"Fine! What makes you think so?" Johnny—"Well, she told Ma that with everybody that amounts to anything gone to the war she didn't see where she could do better."

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS having been sworn in the members will now proceed to talk about probable tax rates. Most people will not object to a few cents extra on their slips if some permanent improvements are commenced.

It has been officially announced that the Ontario Legislature will meet on Tuesday, February 5th. By meeting on this date the Legislature will have a session of seven weeks and three days to Easter and this, while shorter than usual, is expected to be long enough to give adequate consideration to all the business likely to come before the members.

FREE PRESS Jan. 14th, contained the following:—Pte. Verne Arnold, who went overseas with the 142nd Battalion, officially reported wounded and missing. Pte. Arnold had been in France about a week and two months and in the trenches a week. He resided at 129 Clarence street, London, previous to enlisting. Verne is an old Watford boy, being born here and spent the greater part of his boyhood days.

Rev. W. J. ASHTON's subject on Sunday evening in the Armory will be "The King's Face." Come and hear him.

PETROLEA had no mail by way of Wyoming from Friday night until Monday afternoon. It was carried by sleigh, the G. T. R. service being out of commission.

THERE will be a meeting for women in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 8.45 p.m. to be addressed by Mrs. (Rev.) E. H. Sowers. Special music will be furnished. All the women are invited.

PENMAN'S shirts and drawers for boys 8 to 16 years; fine stock. Buy now.—SWIFT'S January Sale.

THE regular of the demoralization of the mail service very little correspondence has arrived for The Guide-Advocate this week, and the limited train service now supplied will make the prompt delivery of the paper uncertain until spring.

DEB services of the Methodist Church will be held in the Armory next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock instead of in the church, Rev. W. J. Ashton, B. D. of Washington St. Methodist Church, London, will preach. The Sunday school will be held there at usual hour also.

THE regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. G. Stevenson, on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16th, president presiding. Letters of appreciation were received from the soldiers at the front who had received socks. A donation of \$10 was sent to Halifax sufferers. The afternoon was spent in quilting and other work planned for our next meeting.—SWIFT'S.

THE contest for half a dozen silver knives and forks, Rogers 1847, held by Lambert Chapter, I.O.O.F., was closed on Wednesday. The lucky ticket, No. 22 and was held by Mr. Frank Glover, of Windsor, formerly of Arkona. The amount realized from the contest was \$31.85, which will be used for Red Cross purposes. The members of the Chapter return thanks to the public for their liberal patronage.

Two lots of odd corsets 49c and 79c—January Sale prices.—SWIFT'S.

THE minutes of the Watford Council containing the names of the municipal officers for 1918 will be found on another page. Most of the old officers have been reappointed, some at the old salary while others have been given an increase.

Messrs. D. Roche and F. J. Hughes have been appointed auditors for 1918. A motion was passed requesting better post-office accommodation.

ON account of the severe storm of last Saturday and Sunday the service in the Baptist Church, Watford, was cancelled, much to the regret of those who were planning to hear the Rev. E. H. Sowers, who had kindly consented to preach. Next Sunday, Jan. 20th, Rev. A. C. Tiffin, pastor of the Methodist Church, will preach at 11 a.m. Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to these services.

WHY is it that the collections of paper have dwindled off? Is it that the people of Watford are losing interest in the movement, or is it merely thoughtlessness on their part? Papers have fallen greatly in price and so, to realize as much as we did last year, the Q. P. Club must have almost twice as many papers. Won't you help us to make at least as much, if not more, for the Red Cross as last year. Next collection on Saturday, January 19th.

A REWARD of \$10 will be paid to any civil police or peace officer for the apprehension and delivery into military custody of a deserter or absentee without leave from the C. E. F. or from the active militia of Canada on active service, or of a man who is absent without leave from the military forces of Canada, on account of his failure to comply with the terms of the Military Service Act.

DURING the seizure of Paris in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 the following were the prices of flesh foods:—Elephant, \$3 75 a lb.; mule, \$2 50 a lb.; cat, \$2 81 each; crow, \$1 12 each; rat, 43c. each; dog, 68c. lb.; goose, \$32 85 each; hens, \$13 12 each; rabbit, \$11 25 each; bear, \$2 75 lb.; and horse flesh, \$1 12 lb. Yet some people grumble about the high prices in Ontario at the present time.

A COMMUNICATION from Detroit dated Jan. 11th, says:—"While waiting for a car on Grand River Avenue an unknown man suddenly dropped dead. He was taken into a store and the police ambulance called. Chester Schlemmer, who got off a car at the same spot, identified him as his uncle's father, who had been over to see them and had just left for home. Mrs. Fred Roberts, a daughter-in-law, is a sister of Harry Schlemmer a well-known resident of Watford."

10 LADIES' COATS, \$2.50 each. The cloth is worth \$7.50.—SWIFT'S January Sale.

THE meetings in the Armory are being splendidly attended all week. Owing to the storm Rev. Mr. Ashton did not arrive on Monday evening as announced but Rev. Mr. Tiffin took his place and preached an appropriate sermon on "The kind of men God can use." Mr. Ashton arrived in good time for Tuesday's meeting and is to remain all week and all day next Sunday, Jan. 20th. Every person who has heard Mr. Ashton is much pleased and all are very expectant of very profitable meetings. The meetings start during week at 7.45 p.m. with song service. All are invited to join in these meetings, they are a real treat.

By proclamation of the British government the importation into the United Kingdom of newspapers and periodicals other than in single copies has been strictly forbidden. This means that any person mailing newspapers or periodicals to friends or soldiers in either England or France must place each copy in a separate wrapper, properly addressed.

The rate on Canadian newspapers or periodicals for Great Britain is one cent per four ounces, to France one cent per two ounces. American publications one cent for two ounces.

As a village we have much to be thankful for. Our public schools were never in better running condition—thanks to the Board of Education and to a thoroughly efficient and conscientious corps of teachers. To the membership of our churches large additions have been made, and between the ministers and members thereof these exist at this time a firmer bond of Christian brotherhood than ever before, and the union prayer services that are being held will help to cement that bond.

THE Committee in charge of the Union special services in the Armory feel that they made no mistake in securing Mr. E. A. Baskerville to take charge of the singing. He is a sweet and impressive singer of gospel songs and an expert in securing the best services possible from a large union choir already numbering between 70 and 80 voices. It is a real treat to hear this choir sing. Mr. Baskerville has in training a male quartette of some of the best talent in the town. They will give a selection to-night (Thursday) and again on Sunday. Don't fail to hear them sing. Bring someone with you.

MUCH interest is aroused among patriotic organizations in a sweeping enactment recently promulgated at Ottawa, under which it is made an offence to take up any collection anywhere in Canada for patriotic purposes without the permission of an executive which will be authorized to deal with the granting of such authority. The measure provides that no patriotic collection of any kind may be undertaken, unless it be in connection with divine service in a church without such a permit. Thus all other days and other ventures of the week will be dependent upon the issuing of such permission.

It is worthy of note that in many places union services are being held by the Protestant churches in order to conserve the fuel supply. Would it not be greatly in the interests of everyone in Watford if similar action were adopted here? The amount of coal consumed in the local churches in preparation for the Sunday services is no small item, sufficient, we venture to say, to bring relief to quite a number of homes if confronted with actual distress. The fact should be borne in mind that according to records the two coldest winter months are yet to be experienced. December was unusually severe, but the zero weather and the blizzards that must be anticipated during January and February, when transportation facilities are likely to be more crippled than in any month, should make plain the duty of every one in regard to fuel economy. This getting together for the public good indicates a spirit of union and co-operation and an earnest desire to serve the community and conserve the fuel. The heating of two buildings where one would answer the purpose is not the brand of economy required during the fuel crisis.

WARWICK

I WISH to take this opportunity to express to the electors of the Township of Warwick, my appreciation of their vote on the 7th.—M. D. CAMPBELL.

The Warwick Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Falloon on Jan. 11th. Meeting opened with singing and prayer. 12 members were present and spent a very busy afternoon in sewing and knitting soldiers' comforts. Mrs. Robinson read an interesting clipping explaining what is done with the damaged and soiled clothing at the front. Also an item from Mrs. McPhedran requesting knitters to make the legs of socks only 10 inches. Bale packed for Hyman Hall contained 16 grey flannel shirts, 4 pyjamas suits, 1 pair of socks. Also 33 pairs of socks for Toronto. Meeting was then brought to a close.

Will the people of the township, who are not collecting for other societies, kindly do their best to make this Red Cross shipment of papers from Watford a success. You may do this by saving every scrap of 1 cardboard and waste paper of every description, as well as 2 newspapers and 3 magazines, and separating them as much as possible. For some reason as many papers have not been brought in this year as last, and although the work is heavier, as prices have fallen, we will not realize a great deal unless you help us as much as possible. Mr. Swift and Mr. Johnston have kindly consented to look after your papers if left at either of their stores.—Q. P. CLUB.

A lady recently crossing the border at Port Huron and landing in Sarnia was questioned in regard to her baggage, she told the officer she had nothing but wearing apparel in it, and being searched there were several bottles of liquor in one of her trunks and when questioned as to its presence there she stated they were her husband's night caps.

BROOKE

Brooke Council minutes did not come to hand in time for this issue, although mailed by the Clerk. Slow train service is responsible.

Tipperary Red Cross Entertainment this (Friday) evening. Bethesda orchestra will furnish the music. Follow the crowd, good accommodation for horses.

Did it snow in Brooke? It did in Watford! Nevertheless the work of collecting papers for the Red Cross is still going on. Throughout this cold weather, as well as the hot, the workers have been very busy, and as prices have dropped considerably, they ask the heartiest co-operation of every citizen of Brooke in this good work.—Q. P. CLUB.

The North Brooke Branch of the Woman's Institute met last Thursday at the home of Miss P. Maddock. Owing to the severity of the weather the attendance was small. Roll-call was answered by many good resolutions for the New Year. Rev. Pollock, of Alvinston, gave an interesting and profitable address on the "Kingship of Self-Control," for which the ladies tendered him a hearty vote of thanks. Miss R. Clark rendered a very pleasing solo. The meeting then closed with the National Anthem, and the hostess served refreshments. The next meeting will be held on the 14th of Feb. at the home of Mrs. S. Hair.

Mrs. Howard Shirley and children, had a close call from serious accident and the house from destruction by fire on Sunday morning last when the hot water system in the kitchen of their home on the 12th line exploded. Mr. Shirley had gone outdoors to do the chores when the explosion occurred. The stove was completely wrecked, the window blown out and the room caught fire. A live coal landed on the clothes of the baby setting them on fire, causing a slight burn on the child's neck. Mrs. Shirley promptly attended to the child then went and called her husband and the fire was extinguished before much damage was done to the building. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by water freezing in the pipes.

WARWICK COUNCIL

Warwick, January 15th, 1918. The newly elected council met to-day and after signing their declaration of qualification and oath of office took their seats as follows: D. D. Brodie, Reeve; Wm. E. Parker, Deputy Reeve; Walter Percy, Adam Higgins and M. D. Campbell, Councillors.

Bylaw No. 1 was passed in the usual way appointing M. E. Barrett and E. O. Herbert auditors at a salary of \$10 each; Robert James assessor, at a salary of \$43; Robert McKenzie collector, at a salary of \$50, and C. E. Smith member of the Board of Health.

The following accounts were passed:—Dr. S. Siddall, examination of J. Johnston for inmate to House of Refuge.....\$ 1 00 A. Higgins, expense sending J. Johnston to Sarnia..... 2 00 Walter Annett, Brooke Telephone rates collected by Warwick.....356 45 Robert Smith, sheep and lambs killed and worried by dogs..... 50 00 N. Herbert, postage and supplies..... 29 30 Reuben Frayn, refund dog tax..... 1 00 Municipal World, supplies..... 17 95 Robt. Gault, rep. bridge 24 S.R..... 1 00 John Manders, error in assessment..... 60 C. A. Jones, attending court on Wynnie Award appeal..... 10 00 N. Herbert, services Wynne appeal..... 5 00 Wm. Warwick, ref. assess. Cook dr. 1 41 Wm. Fenner..... 6 15 C. E. Jones, postage, telephoning and supplies..... 15 95 N. Herbert, election expenses..... 70 00 Percy-Higgins, that the Reeve and Mr. Campbell be authorized to look after Mr. Blythe and daughter during their illness, with power to act.—Carried.

Bylaw No. 2, authorizing the Reeve and Treasurer to borrow money from private parties was passed in the usual way.

Bylaw No. 3 on the McManus drain was read the first and second times and provisionally adopted.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Monday, the 18th day of February, at one o'clock, p.m., as a court of revision on the McManus drain and for general business.

N. HERBERT, Clerk.

Letter From a Former Petrolea Newspaper Man

Mr. R. T. Lowery, a well known British Columbia editor and publisher, is in the south and will spend the winter between California, Arizona and Mexico. His object in visiting these places is health, pleasure and material for his newspaper work. The following is from his pen:

"Mexico is a country of surprises to the seeker after knowledge. It was civilized probably about 5,600 years ago, and may have had its pyramids before Egypt. In politeness some of the Mexicans are several laps ahead of the French. Some of them are the dirtiest and most dishonorable people on earth, while others are just the reverse. There are about 4,000,000 Indians in Mexico, speaking about 167 different dialects. None of the tribes associate with each other, and have nothing in common; hence it is difficult for any one leader to control the bunch. It is worse than Quebec. In that land of ease, sunshine,

cigarettes and red peppers, a native will work all week burning charcoal, or getting something else ready for the market. He will pack his week's product on his back to the city Saturday evening and sell it for about 75 cents in the market Sunday morning. Then he goes to church, and then to the bullfight. After the bullfight he hikes to a pulque shop (saloon) and hits the booze until he is broke. Monday morning he goes back to the country to make another 75-cent for the next Sunday's blowout. The pulque shops are generally called after some saint, and the walls are decorated with pictures of saints. There is no near beer in Mexico, and a fighting jag can be obtained for about a dime.

Death of Miss Sifton

Ida A. Sifton, returned missionary to Japan, passed away at Moosejaw, Sask., on Dec. 30th, after a lingering illness. Deceased was born in Westminster Township, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Sifton. She attended the Strathroy Collegiate Institute and took an arts course at Victoria University.

After teaching school for a few years, Miss Sifton took up missionary work and was later sent to Japan by the General Mission Board of the Methodist church. After spending seven years in that heathen land, she returned home on a year's furlough and many were the tales told of the hardships of a missionary's life, as well as blessings, as she unfolded the needs of missions. She returned to the Flowery Kingdom and spent another five years in mission work, but the strain had begun to tell upon her health and she was sent home by her doctor. Since returning to Canada seven years ago, she has made her home with her brother, J. D. Sifton, of Moosejaw, where she passed away on Dec. 30th at the age of 50 years. The remains were brought here by her brothers, Truman and Wright Sifton, and the funeral was held to Strathroy cemetery from Tanton's undertaking parlors on Thursday last. The Rev. J. C. Reid, officiated. Miss M. Fox sang an appropriate solo during the service, accompanied by Miss Walls. The pallbearers were six nephews of deceased:—Messrs. Clarence, Winston and Dalton Sifton, and Sharon, Floyd and Eber Kelly. Besides the brothers mentioned above, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Kelly, of Lambeth, and Mrs. Mary Colwell, of Toronto. The deceased had in her possession one of the greatest collections of curios from Japan, among them being many Japanese idols or gods, as well as specimens of their beautiful art work. Miss Sifton, while in Japan, had in charge two daughters of the Chief of the Head Hunters, who would often show her with considerable pride the number of scalps he had taken.—Strathroy Age.

War Notes

From January 1 to 10 the French brought down 27 German aeroplanes.

The British destroyer Ragoon was wrecked off the Irish coast and all on board were lost.

The Bavarian Legislature has ordered the closing of crematories on account of the scarcity of coal.

Britain has so far enrolled 7,500,000 fighting and labor battalion forces, of which 900,000 were raised by the Dominions.

More than 50 per cent. of the Australian soldiers at the front are said to have expressed a desire to settle on the land when the war ends.

A member of the French Parliament expresses the belief that the decisive battle of the war will be fought in the air in the coming spring. On such an issue, he says, France must stake everything.

The British Ambassador to Russia says there is no power in sight in Russia strong enough to overturn the Bolshevik Government. Its strength is, he says, based on the war weariness of the Russian people.

The British Government, on widening the age limit, and reducing the list of exemptions, in industries of special importance, propose to add half a million men to the forces in the field. Ireland is, however, still to be exempt from conscription.

When The War Will End

Absolute knowledge I have none, But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son

Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a laborer on the street That he had a letter just last week

Written in the finest Greek From a Chinese Coolie in Timbuctoo Who said the negroes in Cuba knew

Of a colored man in a Texas town, Who got it straight from a circus clown, That a man in Klondike heard the news

From a gang of South American Jews About somebody in Borneo, Who heard a man who claimed to know

Of a swell society female fake, Whose mother-in-law will undertake To prove that her seventh husband's sister's niece

Had stated in a printed piece That she has a son who has a friend Who knows when the war is going to end!

Sarnia postoffice officials have been vaccinated as a precautionary measure against small pox which is prevalent in some parts of Ontario.