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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 71, send by mail or drop item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter-Box.

Tax collector Alex Cameron is now on his rounds.

SOME men go to Europe and get shot. Others go to Pt. Huron and get half shot. EDWARD FENWICK of Wyoming was fined \$100 and costs for selling liquor in that town last May.

THE public school teachers all went to Petrolia Thursday, to take part in the annual convention.

It is said that shoes can be made of any kind of skins. Even banana skins make good "slippers."

THE SCARCITY of food is so serious in Germany now that only the gasbags are getting a good blow out.

THE new three cent stamp, brown in color, to more easily distinguish it from that of two cents, is now in use.

In one of the British Red Cross rest stations in France, 30,000 men were fed and 1,500 dressings done in a single day.

NEXT Thursday an appeal will be made for further aid to the British Red Cross Society. Be prepared to do your bit.

CANON DAVIS, of Sarnia, Rural Dean of Lambton, has called a meeting for October 17th, to be held in St. John's Church, Alvinston.

A SENSIBLE way to dispose of fallen leaves, of which there will be any quantity presently, is to dig them into your garden. The soil needs them.

It is the opening of the Dardanelles will reduce the cost of flour, they can't perform the opening, process too soon to suit the Canadian householder.

On Sunday evening next, Oct. 15, Mr. A. B. Steer, principal of the high school, will speak in the Watford Methodist church on "The Need of the Hour." All should hear this timely address.

THE entire 149th Battalion was on furlough from Thursday of last week until Tuesday. Most of the Watford boys spent the time at their homes or with friends in the district. You are always welcome, boys.

APPROXIMATELY one-half of the money raised this year by the mill on the dollar Provincial war tax will go to the support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund for the benefit of the wives and children of other dependents of soldiers.

THERE will be a close season for quail for a period of two years from the 14th day of October, 1916. This was provided by an order-in-council. Sportsmen would be well advised not to indulge in their favorite pastime until that period elapses.

AMONG the Lambton casualties reported this week are:—Lieut. S. Cowan, Sarnia, Pte. J. S. Brown, Watford and Pte. James Gillespie, killed; Corp. B. H. Westkarr, Wyoming, Lieut. Geddes and Pte. J. H. Douglass, Petrolia, missing.

WORD was received here Sunday that Lieut. Stewart Cowan, son of Mr. John Cowan, K. C. of Sarnia, had been killed in action. Lieut. Cowan was well-known in Watford. He was 24 years of age and went overseas with the 70th Batt., going to France with a draft.

THE editor's thanks are due Dr. B. Kenward of San Francisco, for copies of "The British Californian," a paper published in the interests of British-Americans. If its readers follow the precepts of its columns there will be little danger of them losing their love for the mother land.

If Watford has a regulation to prevent spitting on the sidewalks it should be enforced and if there is no such regulations, the board of health should make one. The habit is a loathsome one, not calculated to increase the health of the town and should not be tolerated. Some mornings the walks in places are in a disgracefully dirty condition.

EVERY PERSON should know that a rural mail box is as sacred as a box in a post office. We have heard of mail getting in the wrong box by mistake, and it having been kept for some time. Now, we do not blame the mail carriers as we are all liable to mistakes occasionally, but those who keep mail that does not belong to them are certainly guilty of a serious offense.

SINCE the war began four Watford boys have been killed in action. Gunn Newell, although he enlisted from Warwick, was, we understand, born when the family lived here; T. L. Swift, T. Lamb, and Sid Brown were also born here. Quite an appalling record for a village of this size. Four others who enlisted here, although not natives of the place, have also fallen on the battle field, namely, Alf. Woodward, J. Ward, F. Wakelin and T. Wakelin.

AN EXTRA of the Ontario Gazette, has been issued containing a proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario requesting the Mayor of every town and the Reeve of every municipality, to confer with the Patriotic and Red Cross organizations in his community and call a public meeting in each and every locality for the purpose of organizing a campaign for the collection of funds, on the 19th day of October, and urging all the clergymen, members of Parliament, school teachers and the public generally to assist in the movement.

THE Highland Pipers' band serenaded Miss Minnie when in town fair day.

THE flag at the Armory is at half mast this week in honor of Pte. J. Sid Brown.

REMEMBER the Kewpie collection of waste papers on Friday, Oct. 13. Please be ready.

A NUMBER of prominent Liberals from this district went to London Wednesday to hear Sir Wilfred Laurier.

ANNIVERSARY services will be held in the Watford Methodist church on Sunday, Oct. 22nd. See bills.

SOME of those fine New Brunswick white potatoes left \$1.85 per bag. Leave your order quick.—S. STAPLEFORD & SON.

A FOWL supper will be held in the West Adelaide Presbyterian church on Thursday, Oct. 19th. A first-class program will be presented.

THE County License Inspector, Mr. Geo. Lucas, of Sarnia, was here fair day.

He found nothing that required any investigation. Not a sign of any blind pigs or boot leg business in Watford.

LIEUT. ERNEST LAWRENCE writes to his mother that he is still in rest camp but his wound is slight. It was caused from shrapnel and is in the arm. He is improving fast and expects to be back with the battalion very soon.

THE current number of McLean magazine contains articles from the pens of two Watford ladies. May L. Armitage writes a Character Sketch of "Janey Canuck," and Margaret Bell Saunders an interesting article on "Amusing the Canadian Soldier in Old London."

CHILDREN'S DAY will be observed in Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon at 2.30. The special form of service will be used and the children will take part, and two short addresses will be given. The collection will be for the work of Sunday schools. All parents and friends of the school are invited to be present.

THE concert in Taylor's Lyceum on fair night attracted a big crowd and every seat was taken. The program presented was well received. The Edgar Ladies' Quartette gave some excellent popular songs and quartettes and the comedian kept the audience in roars of laughter. All the performers gained the good will and approval of their hearers.

PREMIER HEARST has cabled his endorsement of the British Red Cross appeal on Oct. 16th, as follows:—"My visit to England and France has aroused deeper appreciation than ever of the splendid work of the Red Cross. It deserves every support, and I trust the people of Ontario will respond with their usual generosity to the British Red Cross Appeal for October 19th."

THE editor had one thing specially to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day, namely that the Guide-Advocate has about three tons of paper in the cellar. Under the present condition of the paper market this is a blessing to be truly thankful for, and we shall be still more thankful when the goods are paid for. If you owe us anything now is the time to come forward.

REV. DR. S. S. BATES, Educational Secretary of McMaster University, Toronto, will occupy the pulpits of the Baptist churches in the Watford field as follows:—My visit to England and France has aroused deeper appreciation than ever of the splendid work of the Red Cross. It deserves every support, and I trust the people of Ontario will respond with their usual generosity to the British Red Cross Appeal for October 19th.

THERE IS MONEY in old paper. One lot of 6,000 pounds was knocked down to the highest bidder in New York city at \$2.60 a hundred pounds, and another lot, consisting of unsold and returned copies of a newspaper, brought \$1.65 a hundred pounds. These prices indicate that our patriotic collectors should get much more for old paper than they have been getting. The most of the money in the business goes to the middleman.

THE October meeting of the I. O. D. E. was held at the home of Mrs. C. Howland, Miss Abbott assisting. After discharging of the business part of the meeting, the following program was given. Instrumental duet by Mrs. Vail and Mrs. Crawford. Readings by Miss McCaw and Mrs. Brown. After luncheon was served the meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

THE Freemasons of Inwood came over here in force on Tuesday evening to the meeting of Havelock Lodge. The visitors put on the third degree for the home lodge and did the work in a faultless manner. Visitors from other places were also present. After close of the lodge the brethren sat down to refreshments and spent a pleasant hour around the festive board.

MR. N. W. ROWELL, K. C., Leader of the Opposition, on his return from the Front, gives the following tribute to the work of the Red Cross:—"I bring a message of cheer to those who have relatives at the Front and who fear they may be wounded. I believe everything human skill can do, that human care and sympathy can provide, is being done and provided each day and each night throughout the year by the Army Medical Corps and the Red Cross. It is a perfect marvel of efficiency."

THE regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Cook on Oct. 4th, the vice-president presiding. The Institute has donated \$2 for the Soldiers' Christmas Stocking Fund. We have also finished 11 quilts for the new Ontario fire sufferers, three more being quilted and finished at Mrs.

T. Dodds' last week. Any one having second-hand clothing to give will please leave at Mrs. J. Bambridge's not later than Friday of this week as the ladies intend packing a bale Friday afternoon.—Sec.

UNDER date of Sept. 19th, Pte. Vern Brown writes to his mother. In speaking of the engagement that he and his brother Sid were in he says: "We're going for a rest now but when we will get there is a question as to how we have been walking several days now. I'm alright mother, thanks to Our Heavenly Father's care. Sid and I went in together, but I lost track of him somewhere in the line. I think he's alright, probably got lost like some others. Anyway, mother, no one saw him get hurt, so I hope to see him turn up yet."

PERSONAL

Erigar Prentis, Sarnia, was home for Thanksgiving.

Miss Vera Swift spent the week end at her home here.

D. McTavish, Hamilton, was home for Thanksgiving.

Sergt. Owens returned from England on Thursday morning.

Burt Mitchell, Toronto, spent Thanksgiving at his home here.

Chester Schlemmer, Brantford, spent Thanksgiving in Watford.

Mrs. Alex. Andrews, Lapeer, Mich., is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Fowler.

Mrs. (Dr.) Pearson, Toronto, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Thom.

Miss Olive Stuart, Sarnia, spent the week end with Miss Jennie Moore.

Mrs. J. M. Robertson, Toronto, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. Baker.

Miss Rene Dunlop, Chatham, spent the week end with Watford friends.

Mrs. G. H. Taylor and Mrs. Smyth, Wyoming, are guests of Mrs. Jos. Keller.

Dr. V. L. Newell, Detroit, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Newell.

Mr. Fred Morris, Bracebridge, is here this week to see his mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. Jas. Hamilton and daughter Minnie, spent the holiday with friends in Belmont.

D. G. Parker, Leamington, was here for the week end to see his mother who is still very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McKenzie went to their former home in Guelph for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Laudreth, Preston, and Mrs. (Dr.) Wickert, Hamilton, are the guests of Mrs. William Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes and family of London and Mr. Wm. McCausland spent Thanksgiving at the latter's home here.

Mrs. T. N. Langan left for her home Tuesday night, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Roche.

Rev. T. B. Coupland and Mrs. Coupland, London, spent a few days this week with their daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Taylor.

Mr. W. E. Stephenson, Moose Jaw, called on Mr. John Kersey, Friday, on his way from the Labor Congress at Toronto.

Miss Alice Tanner, St. Thomas, Miss Annie Tanner, Streetsville, Dr. A. Tanner, Chatham, spent Thanksgiving at their home here.

Mr. J. F. Roche, Mr. B. Clayton, Kitchener, and Miss Estelle McIntyre, London, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. D. Roche.

Capt. R. H. Stapleford has been transferred from the 149th Batt. to the 1st Batt. with which he served in the battle of Givenchy. He left on Wednesday for England.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral of the late Miss Williams on Wednesday were: Mrs. H. E. Tremaine, Mrs. H. Cooke and Mr. John S. Williams of Toronto, and Mrs. Fred Williams of Detroit.

Lambton Farmers' Insurance Co.

There was a busy meeting of the Directors of the Lambton Fire Ins. Co., in the Roche House on Saturday. It was fortunate for the Company that its financial standing was so good, enabling it to pay at once all its losses, without recourse to an assessment or even the sale of any of its securities. The claimants with one exception were heavy losers, as their loss exceeded their insurance, which goes to prove, though the cause of losses were unknown, the claimants were innocent. No one of the many farmers placed any faith in the cause being "spontaneous combustion" all thought incendiarism the cause.

The losses paid were: Mrs. Mowbray \$825, Silas Hayes \$880, Robert Marsh \$1050, J. and G. Thompson \$1400, J. E. Lester \$1688, T. K. Thompson \$4175, Peter McLellan \$900.

Some small stock claims were also paid. The loss of P. McLellan was caused by sparks from Engine filling silo.

Lambton's I. O. D. E. Tea

The Chapter will hold a ten cent tea in the corner room of the Roger House, for patriotic purposes, on Saturday, October 14th, from 4 to 7.

Girl Guides at Thamesville are disposing of produce raised in their own gardens for Red Cross purposes.



PTE. JOHN SIDNEY BROWN

Pte. J. Sid Brown Killed in Action

Another of Watford's sons has made the supreme sacrifice and laid down his life on the battle field in Europe where he was doing his bit helping to fight our battles and defend our homes and country.

On Saturday afternoon a telegram was received from Ottawa by Mrs. Brown stating that her husband, Pte. John Sidney Brown, had been killed in action on September 15th.

Almost everyone in Watford knew Sid Brown. He was born here Dec. 6th, 1888, and lived the greater part of his life in this town. After finishing his education he learned the barbering business with his father, Jacob D. Brown, and later came into possession of the business. Some time afterwards he disposed of the business and went to Northern Ontario where he remained for several months and then went to Petrolia, where he was burned out, and immediately afterwards enlisted. He was married on May 10th, 1911, to Miss Heurietta Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, of Watford, who with two children, Bernice aged 4 and Allan aged 3 years, mourn the loss of husband and father. He also leaves father and mother, four sisters, Mrs. Geo. Edgar, Mrs. Ern Hume, Mrs. Harry Williams and Miss Elsie, and one brother Vern, who is serving the King in France.

Pte. Brown enlisted at Petrolia about the middle of April of this year and left for overseas with the 70th Batt. on Good Friday, April 21st. After training at Shorncliffe, England, the battalion was broken up into drafts and sent to France, Pte. Brown being placed with the 18th Batt.

The Late Miss S. J. Williams

Miss Sarah Jane Williams passed away rather unexpectedly at her home on Main street on Thanksgiving morning. Although she had been confined to the house for a short time she was not considered in a dangerous condition. Miss Williams was a woman who had made for herself an especial place in the hearts of her neighbors. Although in business, she lived a quiet life, doing good and being kind and considerate to all with whom she came in contact.

Miss Williams was born in Brantford, Ont., March 1838. She was the eldest child of the late John and Anne Williams, pioneer settlers of Warwick, who settled on lot 18, con. 4, Warwick, still the family homestead. She came with her parents to Warwick when four years of age, and with the family shared in the hardships and privations of pioneer life. When 16 years of age she left home to learn the trade of dressmaking with the firm of John Green & Co. of London. On completing her apprenticeship she opened a shop in Warwick Village, then a flourishing business centre, and remained in business continuously until her death. For the past 56 years she has been in business in Watford, probably a record in the district.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning to the Watford cemetery, the Rev. F. G. Robinson, pastor of the Methodist church, of which deceased was a life-long member, officiating. He paid a high tribute to the Christian character and steadfast purpose of the life of deceased. The pall-bearers were: J. H. Hume, T. B. Taylor, W. E. Fitzgerald, A. Cameron, E. D. Swift and W. Thompson.

Deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. J. Baker, and three brothers, John S. of Toronto; Joseph S. and H. P. Williams of Watford.

BROOKE

Walnut Ladies Aid meets at Mrs. Frank Kelly's on Thursday, October 19th at 2.30.

The Tipperary Red Cross Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. E. H. Lucas, Tuesday, Oct. 17th.

Captain A. C. Barclay, of London, will conduct the services at Sutorville on Sunday next, services at 3 p.m. and 7.30 in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Watcher have returned home after spending the past two weeks with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edgar.

Daniel Cameron of the 9th con., passed away on Sunday last at the age of 41 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon to the Alvinston cemetery.

Anniversary services will be conducted in the Bethesda Church on Sunday, Oct. 22nd. Rev. S. W. Hann, M. A., of Strathroy, will conduct the services. Watch for fuller announcements later.

Children's Day service will be held in St. James' Church, Brooke, on Sunday morning at 10.45, all children are especially invited to be present. The collection will be given to the work of Sunday schools.

Anniversary services will be held in the Salem Church, Brooke Circuit, next Sunday, Oct. 15th, at 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. J. Ball, of Kerwood, will be the preacher for the day. A special free-will offering is asked for at each service.

The Red Cross Workers' Union will meet at Mrs. J. W. Beattie's on Wednesday, Oct. 18. We hope for a good attendance as there are a number of grey flannel shirts on hand from the Red Cross which they would like done as soon as possible, as they are more than ever needed since the cold weather has come.

WARWICK.
Miss Violet Minnieley is spending the present week with her aunt Mrs. Jas. Price, of Enniskillen.
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Minnieley spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Arlof Harper, of Sarnia township.
A meeting of the Women's Patriotic League will be held at the home of Mrs. Oliver Tanner, on Wednesday afternoon Oct. 18th.
NOTICE—Any person hunting, shooting or trespassing on lot 14, con. 1, N. E. N., Warwick, after this notice, will be prosecuted.—W. BARTLEY. 013-31
Mr. Edward Clark, Toronto, motored up and spent the week end with his nieces, Mrs. Peter Kingston and Mrs. John Miller. Mrs. Miller and daughter Alice, returned with him as far as St. Marys.
The lecture given by Rev. R. Stevenson, in the Kingscourt school house, was much appreciated by all present. It was interesting as well as inspiring to learn of the customs of the various South Sea Islands. A collection was taken up in aid of the Red Cross fund which amounted to \$18.00.
Sunday Oct. 15 will be "Children's Day" in the Congregations of St. Ann's Church, Adelaide; St. Paul's Church, Kerwood; and Grace Church, 4th line, Warwick; while the Children are expected to take as much part as possible in the service, the parents and adults are also expected to be present.
Four young men who were born in Warwick township and are now serving King and Country are Peter and Cecil Graham, sons of Mr. Peter Graham of Revita, and Joseph and Alexander Crane, sons of Mr. Frank Crane, of Richardson, Sask. They enlisted in the West with the 196th City of Regina Battalion, and are now on their way overseas. They are grandsons of Mr. D. M. Ross of Watford.
Mrs. Donald McLeay is to be congratulated on being the hostess at the largest meeting of the Women's Patriotic League, which has yet been held. A pleasant and profitable time was spent. A letter of thanks for goods sent was read from the Secretary at London. The work begun at the meeting was finished next day and a nice parcel was sent to Hyman Hall, containing 3 grey flannel shirts, 12 helpless shirts, 1 pyjamas, 8 pillow slips and 12 trench towels. Collection \$12.50.
On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 4th, the Wisbeach Patriotic League assembled at the home of Mrs. Carl Smith chiefly for the purpose of making and filling Christmas stockings for the soldiers. Twenty-five stockings were made and finished with fancy stitching in red. The articles sent in there were—Tastants, handkerchiefs, shoelaces, gum, stationery, lead pencils and various kinds of candy, with maple leaves and Christmas cards for greetings. Twenty-one hospital towels were made as well, and along with them were sent to Hyman Hall, one sheet and a pair of socks. The collection for the day amounted to \$9.04. The League has decided to make Miss Seymour, the President, a voting member at the general meetings.
The death took place in Warwick on Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 1916, of Wm. Beacom, aged 73 years. Deceased was a native of Ireland, coming from the County of Fermanagh, to Goderich in 1870. Three years later he moved to Warwick where he has since resided. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Phoebe Shaw who survives him. He was a member of the Methodist Church, where he always has taken an active part in all religious affairs. The funeral took place on Friday, Oct. 6th, from his late residence, lot 6, con. 2, S. E. R. at 2 p. m., for Warwick. The service which was held in the church was conducted by Rev. Burton. The bearers were Wm. McRorie, Robt. Smith, Wm. Laws, Peter Ferguson, Charles Mansfield and Peter Anderson. Besides the widow, there are left to mourn, two daughters and one son, namely, Harry and Alice at home, and Mrs. Herman O'Neil, Warwick.
Miss Kathleen McIntyre, daughter of J. R. MacIntyre of the Dundalk Herald, is the winner of a \$300 scholarship offered by McMaster University at the recent junior matriculation examinations.