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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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JANUARY bargains in furs at SWIFT'S. How are the good resolutions holding out?

THE Ontario Legislature will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

WILLIAM CULBERT, of Wyoming, has been appointed license inspector of East Lambton.

The Chambers Estate announces the Farm Buildings Plan Service in this issue. Read the ad.

W. E. FITZGERALD thanks the electors of Watford who, by their generous support, elected him Reeve.

THE total coal production of Canada in 1916 was 14,500,000 tons, while the imports were 17,500,000 tons.

THE government has cut off the whiskey and beer, but the dope known as patent medicine still flourishes.

CARD OF THANKS—I wish to thank the electors for their hearty support given me on Monday last.—E. D. SWIFT.

A MOST desirable lot of cows, yearlings and ewes will be sold by auction at the Roche House on Saturday next at 2 o'clock.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE—All ladies interested in Patriotic work, kindly come to the Library basement every Wednesday afternoon.

THE members of the Utopia Bible Class are requested to hand in any socks they have finished as we wish to send a shipment away.

ON account of present train service Watford Photograph Studio open from ten till two thirty only, each Wednesday.—E. E. BOULTON.

See the Overcoat Bargains at SWIFT'S JANUARY Sale. Now we will have a rest from elections for a few months. The provincial contest will likely be the next to occupy the attention of the public.

MISS WILLIAMS' millinery store will be closed until March. All fall accounts must be paid by Jan. 31st. Same may be paid at Lovell's Bakery.

LAST word from Mr. Mead says he has been back at the horse lines resting for a month. Looking after a bunch of sick boys, George is still at the front.

THE first meeting of the Council will be held on Monday next at 11 a.m. when the members will take the oath of office and probably adjourn until evening.

YOUR account is ready at the Guide-Advocate. If we owe you anything let us know and we will endeavor to pay it. Everyone should get these things straightened out at New Years.

SPECIAL SALE of men's wool trousers.—SWIFT'S.

CARD OF THANKS—I wish to express my sincere thanks to the electors of Watford, especially the ladies, for the handsome support given me at the polls on Monday last.—H. HOLLINGSWORTH.

THE centre part of 13, Main street, Watford, on which is a brick store, has been purchased by Mr. Sterling Saunders from Mr. W. C. Browne, of Parkhill. Consideration \$1700.

FORTY-FIVE million whitefish eggs are now being hatched at Point Edward. They will be dumped into Lake Huron in April. Canada will not go hungry as long as the great lakes keep going dry.

THE Dominion fuel controller suggests that all urban municipalities appoint an official to look after those in need of fuel and see that shipments are not hogged. This should be one of the first acts of the new council.

THE annual meeting of the Watford Fruit Growers' Association will be held in the Fire Hall, Watford, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 2.30 p.m. General business and election of officers.—L. McLEAN, President.

We have a good stock of wool sweater coats.—SWIFT'S January Sale.

THE annual meeting of the East Lambton Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber, Watford, on Monday, Jan. 21st, at 1 o'clock p.m. to receive the annual reports and for the election of officers for 1918.

THE German press charges the German foreign minister with having betrayed the German army in the peace terms arranged between Russia and Germany. What a lot of fun they're having in the effort to throw dust into the Entente's eyes.

TOM MARKS' dramatic and vaudeville company played to a full house here on Tuesday evening. "Bringing Up Father" is a laughable comedy and was put on the boards in good shape. Tom makes a splendid "Giggs" and Gracie Marks is equally good as "Maggie." The vaudeville acts were also first-class.

A **LADIES'** tailoring suit made in SWIFT'S style will please you.

THE national anthem is sung every Sunday in many churches throughout the land, either during the regular service or immediately following it. In one church in London, England, it is sung quietly and devotionally as a prayer, all kneeling. There may be a suggestion in this for some Canadian pastors and congregations.

PAY your bills for 1917. We need the cash to pay our bills.—SWIFT, SON'S & Co.

THE money spent for candy in the United States and Canada in the past year is double the amount of money needed to keep Belgium supplied with food for a year.

THAMSFORD HERALD—The management of our Hydro plant is a big job and while fully cognizant of the care that the council has given the matter, The Herald still believes a commission could better attend to this important matter and relieve the council of a lot of responsibility.

ON account of the united meetings which are now in progress in our village, the services in the Baptist church next Sunday, Jan. 13th, will change as follows:—Sunday School at 2 p. m. and preaching at 3 p. m. instead of at 7 p. m. as formerly. Rev. E. H. Sawyers will conduct the service and the public is cordially invited.

THE Ontario Department of Agriculture in its weekly report states that the heavy snowfalls of the past few weeks have given good protection to the clover fields and to the newly sown wheat and rye. The sleighing, the report reads, is of mid-winter quality, and is facilitating marketing, logging and other winter work.

In compliance with the proclamation issued by His Majesty King George, special prayers were used in the local churches last Sunday. The attendance in the different places of worship was large and the solemnity of the services indicated that all were alive to the fact that earnest prayer and repentance is needed to bring the war to a successful end.

10 PIECES red cross flannel, 34 to 36 inches wide.—SWIFT'S.

THE series of special services conducted by the co-operating churches in the army will commence next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock with song service. Every person is invited and will be made welcome. The week night services will commence at 7.45 p. m. with song service led by Mr. E. A. Baskerville. Rev. W. J. Ashton B. D., of London, is the preacher for the first week. Come and hear him.

THE Toronto "Saturday Night" of December 22nd contains a photo of Mrs. William Williamson, of Medicine Hat, Alberta, who is running for Councillor for 1918. Mrs. Williamson was the first woman school trustee in that city and has been President of the Local Council of Women Mrs. Williamson, who was formerly Miss Jean Anderson, was a member of the teaching staff of the Watford Public School some years ago.

THIS year more war work must be done than ever before. You can help to do your bit by saving paper for the Red Cross. If during 1917 you lost interest in the movement, start the new year right by saving every magazine, every newspaper, every pasteboard box and every scrap of wrapping paper. The members of the Q. P. club will make another collection next Saturday, Jan. 12th. Please have your papers ready.

THE first duty of the new county council will be to elect a Warden. For his office there is no more suitable person than the present Reeve of Brooke, Mr. Wm. Annett, and the council will make no mistake in electing him to that important office. Mr. Annett takes a deep interest in the municipal affairs of the county, is far seeing and conscientious in business matters and in every way well qualified to fill the office.

THE patriotic night at Fowler's rink on Monday, Dec. 31, 1917, under the auspices of the Q. P. club, was a great success. The Petrolia Band furnished excellent music which everyone enjoyed. The sum taken in at the door amounted to \$36.75, and after the expenses were paid a nice sum was realized for patriotic purposes. The girls are very grateful to Mr. George Harper for so generously giving up his evening to take in the receipts.

THE Canadian Railway War Board calculates that in the measure it is taking for the elimination of passenger trains it will be able to save 100,000 tons of coal. Without incommencing the public there will be elimination wherever possible. The Railway War Board has gone carefully into the matter of passenger service, with the thought of conservation of fuel and of man power. The crews liberated from passenger trains that are cut off may be used on freight trains.

NOT for many years has so much interest been taken in a municipal election in Watford as this year. No less than ten candidates aspired to the office of councillor and the contest for the reeve-ship was exceedingly close. Mr. Fitzgerald's majority over his opponent, Mr. R. Johnston, being only two. G. L. Harper headed the poll for councillor with W. Doan a close second, the other members being Frank T. Taylor and H. Hollingsworth. Mr. Doan is the only member of the 1917 council re-elected. Mr. Swift headed the poll for Board of Education.

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICERS started the New Year with a new passport which may prove more troublesome than the old forms to Canadians who wish to make a hasty exit from the country and leave no traces behind. The new form has a serial number that gives officials a record of every paper issued. The destination of the holder must be given and the date of passport must be made clear. An additional war

time precaution has been made by the authorities in a space for specific statements of the signer's dependents. Application must state whether he is single, married, or widower.

THE funeral of the late William Wellington Brison who died suddenly on Wednesday of last week, was held from Friday afternoon last to the Watford cemetery, service being held at the house, conducted by the Rev. A. C. Tiffin, pastor of the Methodist Church. Deceased was 35 years of age and was born in Watford. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, namely David of Calgary, Stanley of Coronation, Miss Mattie, nurse, Port Huron, and Miss Vena at home. The pall bearers were P. J. Dodds, M. Thompson, C. Buttler, S. James, W. Brison and A. Brison.

THE mass meeting held in the army last Sunday evening, for prayer in harmony with the King's proclamation, was well attended notwithstanding the storm, and the meeting was most impressive. A beautiful spirit of unanimity and worship prevailed. The services in the various churches in connection with the week of prayer are being well attended. On Monday evening Rev. A. C. Tiffin preached on "Repentance" in Trinity church; Tuesday evening Rev. W. G. Conners' subject was "Prayer," in the same edifice; Wednesday evening Rev. S. P. Irwin preached on "Consecration" in the Baptist church. (Thursday) evening the service will be held in the Methodist church, and the Rev. J. C. Foster will speak on "Service" and on Friday evening the Rev. J. R. Hall will preach at the service in the Presbyterian church. His subject will be "Triumph."

Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E.

There were 20 members present at the January meeting of Tecumseh Chapter I. O. D. E. held at the home of Mrs. Prentiss on Tuesday last.

A letter was read stating that the \$25 donated by the Chapter to Halifax relief had gone to help the "Home for Unclaimed Children" established by the I. O. D. E. at Halifax. \$5 of this sum was donated by a friend who has for the second time shown his sympathy with the work of the chapter.

THE sum of \$65 was handed to the Treasurer at this meeting in response to the Xmas appeal to members with quite a number to bear from. Thirteen dollars of this was given by outside friends. Many letters were read from soldiers. Following are some extracts from them.

"Received parcel o. k., sox were fine, thank the ladies for me."—"Tiny" Rogers.

"Leaving for France to-night, expect to land in the morning early. Thank the ladies for their kindness."—Pte. Walter Pearce.

"I happened to be the fortunate soldier to receive Mrs. Howden's 37th pair of sox. They certainly were a pleasant surprise."—Pte. W. R. Stapleford.

"No matter where we may be I firmly believe we will be 'ambon's Own' at heart to the last."—Bandsman Ivor Small.

"I fell heir to the sox sent to Capt. Ernest Lawrence who is wounded and in 'Blighly.' They have good long legs for which I have a weakness."—Lieut. Eric Botterill.

"If I had hung up the fine sox, Santa Claus couldn't have put in tobacco more to my taste."—Lieut. R. D. Swift.

"It cheers us boys in France and England to know someone in Canada thinks of us."—Pte. F. Thomas.

"We are each to have a treat of half a pound of Xmas pudding, three cheers and a tiger."—Pte. Geo. Young.

"We have not done much in the 'Big Game' yet but of course we don't know when we may get orders to move to the front. It is very generous of you to remember us."—L. H. Aylesworth.

"The sight of the parcel was welcome I did not know my friends in Canada had such long memories."—Capt. David Hay, Cameron Highlanders.

"I should like very much to get the dear old Watford Guide. It would pass many a dull hour away here."—H. Thomas.

"Glad to think we are not forgotten."—Pte. Alfred Manning.

"We miss our folks. I have quite made up my mind I want to go to any more wars unless they have them someplace where I can get home in the evening."—Capt. W. A. Wykesmith.

"Parcel received o. k., thanks for it."—S. L. Howden.

These extracts show how the boys appreciate parcels from Watford. A letter was also read from a friend outside the society urging the chapter to take steps to have war bread used more freely in Watford. A most pleasant meeting was brought to a close in the usual manner.

Wartime Scones

Into a bowl sift two cupfuls of flour, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of baking soda and two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar; add two cupfuls of Graham flour, and cut and rub in four tablespoonfuls of butter substitute. Make the dry ingredients into a soft dough with a cupful of water or milk, or half water and half milk. Divide into four pieces, make thick piece into a smooth round, roll out half an inch thick, divide each round into four scones and bake on a hot griddle or in the oven.

THE VOTE IN WATFORD

	FOR REEVE		Total
	Div. No. 1	Div. No. 2	
W. E. Fitzgerald.....	76	74	150
R. Johnston.....	85	63	148
Majority for Fitzgerald.....			2

FOR COUNCILLORS			
Wm. Doan.....	81	51	132
W. H. Harper.....	99	82	181
N. Hawn.....	40	35	75
H. Hollingsworth.....	70	52	122
S. W. Louke.....	19	23	42
R. C. McLeay.....	44	32	76
F. W. Rogers.....	58	44	102
J. Saunders.....	26	32	58
R. H. Stapleford.....	53	47	100
F. T. Taylor.....	61	53	114

Harper, Doan, Hollingsworth and Taylor elected.

BOARD OF EDUCATION			
Maxwell.....	63	54	117
McLaren.....	109	85	194
Swift.....	117	92	209
Vail.....	107	100	207

Swift, Vail and McLaren elected.

Oddfellows Instal Officers

Peabody Lodge, I.O.O.F., met for the first time in their new lodge room on Monday night, when the newly elected officers for the current year were installed by D.D.G.M. McNeil and staff, of Strathroy. After the close of the lodge supper was served and a pleasant hour spent in speech, song and story. The officers installed are:—

J.P.N.G.—C. H. Butler.
N.G.—Alex. Elliot.
V.G.—Manfred Thompson.
Sec.—Reg. McIntosh.
F. S.—J. Kersey.
Treas.—C. A. Class.
Chaplain—T. A. Adams.
R. S. N. G.—P. J. Dodds.
L. S. N. G.—T. D. Hamilton.
R. S. V. G.—Warren Jones.
L. S. V. G.—Jack Kelly.
Warden—Alex. Zimmermann.
Conductor—Bert Cook.
Guard—Albert Zimmermann.

C. O. C. F.

At the last regular meeting of Watford Council No. 265, Canadian Order of Crosses Friends the following officers were elected for the year 1918, viz:—

P. C. C.—William Westgate
C. C.—Mrs. Robert McNaughton
V. C.—Thomas Kerr
Recorder and Treas.—W. E. Fitzgerald
Prelate—Rev. S. P. Irwin, B.A.
Marshal—Cecil McNaughton
Warden—Mrs. Fred Westgate
Guard—Fred Westgate
Sentry—Edward J. McNeil
Trustees—Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald, E. D. Swift and Dr. George Hicks.
Auditors—Thomas A. Gault and Dr. George Hicks.
Physician—Dr. C. W. Sawers
These officers are to be installed on the evening of February 12th, 1918, when a Grand Council Officer is expected to be present and refreshments served and a social time spent.

PERSONAL

Dr. Brandon, Alvinston, was a Watford visitor Monday.

Mrs. Joe Haves, Wyoming, spent a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. W. H. Harper returned from Windsor on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Verna Smith, of Sarnia, visited her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Potter last week.

Miss Alma Barnes returned from her visit to Toronto on Monday morning.

Mrs. M. Thompson and son, Foster, are spending a few days in Glencoe vicinity this week.

Miss Gretta Tiffin is spending a fortnight visiting at the home of her grandfather in Goderich.

Mr. W. J. Foster, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., spent a few days with his mother and sister, Mrs. W. A. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thom and family, who have been spending several months in Watford, returned to their home in Regina on Tuesday.

Mr. Beverly Tiffin, a son of the Methodist minister here, has volunteered, enlisting last week as a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps. He has been for sometime in the employ of R. C. Struthers & Co., wholesale dry goods house in London and on leaving he was given a royal send-off and presented on behalf of the employees with a splendid wrist watch, suitably engraved. Beverly has always taken much interest in sports and is quite an athlete, being 4th vice president in the Methodist local union of London and manager of the Inter-church Methodist Hockey Association, so it is not to be wondered that the Royal Flying Corps should appeal to him.

BROOKE

Miss Gertrude Kelly and Miss Stella Higgins are spending this week with relatives and friends in Mt. Brydges and London.

The annual meeting of the Brooke Municipal Telephone System will be held at Alvinston on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 2 o'clock, for the election of officers and other business. All subscribers are invited to attend.

The annual entertainment under the

auspices of Sutorville Red Cross Society will be held at Sutorville school house, on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 1918. Speeches, songs, recitations and short play entitled "Snooks vs. Fozzie," (a matrimonial court scene). Free will offering in aid of Red Cross work.

Don't fail to see the "Match Box" presented by the Tipperary Red Cross in S. S. No. 5, Brooke, on Friday evening, Jan. 18th. A choice program, consisting of readings, solos, Scotch dancing, drills and music, will also be presented. Admission 25c, and children 2 for 25c. John Farrell, chairman. See bills.

WARWICK

Miss Emma Blain, Wyoming, spent her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Blain.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cates and four children, Provost, Alberta, are visiting at Mr. E. Robertson's, second line.

Miss Sarah Coughlin, R. N., Mt. Clemens, Mich., is spending her holidays at her home on the second line.

Miss Lela McNally, Inwood, spent her Christmas vacation with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Blain.

Miss Amy Prince, of the sixth of Enniskillen, spent the holidays at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John S. Minkley.

Mr. John S. Minkley of Warwick, and Mr. Jas. Prince of Enniskillen, visited their brother-in-law, Mr. Arlo Harper, Sarnia township last week.

Miss Lillian Blain, nurse-in-training at Detroit hospital, has returned after spending two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Blain.

The money collected by the Wisbeach Patriotic League for the month of December amounted to \$25.50. Sent to Hyman Hall 8 pillows and 21 pairs fingerless mittens.

Mr. Hector R. McKenzie, of Edmonton, Alberta, and Mrs. T. C. McLeod and little son, Murray, of Exeter, spent a few days with their sister, Mrs. W. J. Wiley.

On Sunday evening next at 7.30 p.m. divine service will be held in the Zion Congregational Church. Rev. R. M. Stevenson, F.R.G.S., will preach on the subject, "The Fall of Jerusalem." A hearty invitation extended to all.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARWICK.—I wish to thank the electors for the support given me on Monday last, thus electing me Reeve of the township for 1918. It will be my aim to conduct the affairs of the township in a creditable manner.—D. D. BRODIE.

CARD OF THANKS—I wish to express my gratefulness to the ratepayers for their very generous support accorded me in electing me to represent them for a second term as Councillor of Warwick, and will endeavor to serve them to the best of my ability.—W. PRACY.

The contest for the reeve-ship of Warwick was close this year, Mr. Brodie polling 294 votes and Mr. Dann 274. M. D. Campbell, Adam Higgins and Walter Percy were the successful candidates for Councillors and Mr. W. E. Parker was elected Deputy-Reeve by acclamation. The first meeting of the new council will be held on Monday next.

The bale packed last week by the Women's Patriotic League contained the following articles:—10 shirts, 9 pyjama suits, 18 pillow slips and 8 towels—valued at \$41.85. Collection \$23.35, also 32 pairs socks sent to Toronto. A fresh supply of yarn is on hand and Mrs. McCleod requests that the legs of the socks be knitted no longer than 10 inches to conserve the yarn.

On Jan. 4th at London Mr. W. J. Smith suddenly departed this life, death being caused from a hemorrhage of the nose. Mr. Smith was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, Birnam, and was in his 60th year. The remains were brought to the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Dennis, Arkona, and from there to the Bethel cemetery on Monday, Jan. 7th, where they were laid at rest beside those of his wife who predeceased him four years ago. He leaves behind to mourn his loss one son, Isaac, on the homestead, 18 sideroad, Birnam, and two daughters in Arkona, Mrs. A. Patterson and Mrs. M. A. Dennis.

The seventh annual meeting of the Maple Grove Beef Association was held in the cheese factory on Thursday, Jan. 3rd, and a very large attendance of members and friends were present. Very interesting discussions took place over the reports of the secretary concerning the transaction of the business and the financing of the Association during the past season. These showed the amount of meat handled in the season to be 16,781 1/4 lbs.—an average of 430 11-39 lbs; the receipts to be \$102.78 and disbursements \$101.15. The officers elected for the season of 1918 are as follows:—President, David Auld; Vice-President, Henry Curtis; Sec.-Treas., M. D. Campbell; Managing Committee, J. Cates, E. White and J. Kernohan. Time of commencement—about the middle of March. An indication of the popularity of the Association might be taken from the fact that the secretary had received eight applications for membership for this season and two for 1919.

The total identified dead at Halifax now number 354 and the unidentified bodies recovered 304. The total number of killed is estimated at 1,500, the seriously injured at 4,000, and the property loss at \$40,000,000.