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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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1918.

TIME TO RENEW.

SPECIAL January Bargains at SWIFT'S.
THE street address of C. O. Maddock, Toronto, is wanted at this office.

OTTAWA reports a further increase in the cost of living. As if we didn't know it.

It costs one pound sterling to insert a wedding announcement in an English paper at present.

An emergency meeting of Havelock Lodge A.F. & A.M., has been called for Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th.

REV. AUSTIN E. DUPLAN, ordained last week, has been appointed rector of St. John's church, Alvinston.

TALORING at SWIFT'S. It's wise to buy now.

PEOPLE are asked to eliminate luxuries. We'll do almost anything if we are assured a good supply of coal.

KAISER BILL seems to be the original "win-dy war" party if one may judge from his bombastic speeches.

OPT in the chilly night, When bedclothes seem so scanty, Fond Memory brings the light Of days when coal we had plenty.

THE regular meeting of Lambtons 149, I. O. D. E. will be held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 8th, at the home of the regent, Mrs. Kelly.

MRS. R. MOODY and family have returned to town from Kitchener, and are now domiciled in Mrs. Annett's house on St. Clair street.

THE three year term of Mr. W. L. Miller, county council appointee on the Board of Education has expired. He is eligible for re-appointment.

SGAR has dropped 30 cents per hundred, and it is predicted that the spring situation will be normal, with very slight chance of any scarcity.

FINE stock of men's and young men's combinations for \$1.25 up.—**SWIFT'S.**

SEVENTY-THREE deaths from pneumonia in New York in one day last week. Shortage of coal was given as the reason by the Board of Health.

THE young lady across the way says it isn't much of a hardship to economize on sugar if you see to it that things are sweetened enough in the kitchen.

THE ILDERTON BANNER after a little over three years of existence has been absorbed by the Atlas-Craig Banner. High cost of production is the cause of the change.

SATURDAY night was the coldest of the season so far, the mercury dropping many degrees below zero, some say 10 degrees. London report gave 8 and Toronto 11.

THE highest and lowest temperatures for the month of December were as follows: Highest 41, on the 24th; lowest, 11 below zero, on the 30th. Snowfall 25 1/2 inches.

WM. DORMER renews for 1918 and says: "Could not very well get along without the weekly letter from home. We are having severe winter weather here for the past four weeks."

HEAVY warm coats for big school girls, \$2.50 and \$3.50.—**SWIFT'S.**

MR. W. W. BRISON, son of the late Wm. Brison, died on Wednesday. The funeral will be held from the family residence, Erie St., on Friday at 2.30 o'clock to the Watford cemetery.

THE Dominion Government bill to prohibit the interprovincial sale of alcoholic liquors comes into force on April 1st. It may prove an April Fool to some of those who forget the date.

WE have received a copy of "The Veteran", which made its initial appearance to the public this month. It is the official organ of The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, and is issued at Ottawa.

DON'T forget to go to your bank before Jan. 11th and arrange for the payment of the 2nd instalment of your Victory Bond. Remember you will forfeit what you have paid if you do not look after your other payments.

A DECISION handed down by the Railway Board provides for a fifteen per cent. increase in passenger rates in all parts of Canada, except British Columbia, where the maximum rate is now three cents per mile.

DON'T let your counter checks run too low. We are the agents for the Appleford Counter Cheque Book Co. of Hamilton, the largest concern of this kind in Canada. You can buy as cheap from us as you can from the firm.

LET every person bear in mind the special services which are to be held in the Armory commencing on Jan. 13th at 7 p.m. All who can sing are requested to join the union choir under the leadership of Mr. E. A. Baskerville. It is expected that he will be present at the Thursday and Friday meetings next week and that some organization and practice will be undertaken so as to be ready for the meeting the following week. Will those who can sing please attend and get familiar with the music. A supply of books, "Songs for Service," will be on hand.

VOTE FOR E. D. SWIFT for the Board of Education Monday.

SWEET potatoes are going up in price in sympathy with their Irish relatives.

It is a pretty mess man that will steal coal from a widow, but someone relieved one of her scant supply last week.

THE regular meeting of Tecumseh Chapter, I. O. D. E. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Prentiss on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, at the usual hour. Quotations on "New Years" or suggestions for work for 1918.

THE German peace dove made another scream last week but the Allies seemed to think its song was started in the wrong key so paid no attention to it. No, gentle peace dove, you will have to learn a new tune.

AMONG the names of Canadians who have won the Military Cross, published in Tuesday's paper, appeared that of Capt. Ernest Lawrence of Watford. The Watford boys are certainly giving a good account of themselves.

ON NEW YEARS DAY a very pleasant time was spent when seven children, twenty-eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a number of friends, making in all about fifty, gathered at the home of Mrs. Frank Doan.

A TEACHER in a nearby school in dismissing the pupils for the Christmas holidays, said, "Now, pupils, I hope you will all have a very nice holiday and come back to work with a double supply of brains." One of the pupils at once replied, "The same to you, miss!"

THE neighborhood prayer meetings being held this week are well attended. This augurs well for the success of the services during the week of prayer in the various churches. The opening meeting will be held in the Armory on Sunday next at 8 p.m., after the regular services in all the churches. Rev. Mr. Sawers will have charge.

RETURNING OFFICER FITZGERALD made his official declaration of the vote in East Lambton on Saturday last, giving Mr. Armstrong's majority as 577. In the statement given out last week there was a mistake in polling sub-division No. 6 Bosanquet, the figures reading 20 for Armstrong and 25 for McDougall should have read 20 for Armstrong and 45 for McDougall.

LARGE quantities of oleomargarine are being shipped into the city. One well-known firm shipped in a ton yesterday. Owing to the high cost of butter, "oleo" is being generally used by our citizens. Users of the butter substitute are surprised and it is impossible to detect it from the best grades of butter.—**Sarnia Canadian Observer.**

THERE will be morning and evening service in Trinity Church on Sunday. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at the morning service. The services will be in keeping with King George's message to his people, in which he asks us to observe Sunday as a special day of prayer for victory, and a lasting peace. The prayers sanctioned by the King will be used.

THE patriotic "jintney" dance given in the Armory New Years night under the auspices of Lambtons 149 I. O. D. E., was a pronounced success. The Strathroy orchestra furnished the music. The chapter's sincere thanks are due Harper Bros. for the loan of a piano and Misses V. Craig and J. Cameron for the rendering of excellent piano accompaniments. Proceeds \$58.

AT the earnest request of a goodly number of the citizens of Watford, the Rev. R. M. Stevenson, F.R.G.S., will preach for the second time the sermon entitled: "The Fall of Jerusalem: the most significant event since the outbreak of the war." The service will be held in the Congregational Church on Sunday evening next at 7 p.m. A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested in the fulfilment of the prophetic scriptures.

SARNIA customs officers are right on the job regarding the new law prohibiting liquor from entering Canada. In almost every boatload of people coming across the river from Port Huron are found one or more persons who have a bottle of liquor in their possession. As a rule this is confiscated by the officers and destroyed. Up to date no arrests have been made, the persons having the liquor being given a chance to take it back across the line.

"BRINGING UP FATHER" coming here. Tom Marks, Canada's Own Comedian, with his clever Dramatic and Vaudeville Company and Highland Band will appear in the Lyceum Theatre Watford, one night only, Tuesday Jan. 8th. Presenting the great comedy "Bringing up Father" with 8 vaudeville acts and Scottish airs by the band, Tom Marks making a clever "jigger" while Gracie Marks excels in the role of "Maggie." Prices, 35 and 50cts. Seats on sale at Taylor's Drug Store.

FOR the convenience of subscribers to the Victory Loan, and of the banks handling the huge transaction, the Finance Department announces that payments due on January 2nd may be made at any time up to and including January 11th. The extension of time is given in order that subscribers may not be unduly detained waiting their turn in making their payments. It is particularly requested that subscribers will not wait until Jan. 11th, or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided.

The King's Proclamation

King George's proclamation setting apart the first Sunday in January as a day of national prayer throughout the Empire is as follows: "The world-wide struggle for the triumph of right and liberty is entering upon its last and most difficult phase. The enemy is striving by desperate assault and subtle intrigue to perpetuate the wrongs already committed and stem the tide of free civilization. We have yet to complete the great task to which, more than three years ago, we dedicated ourselves. At such a time I would call upon you to devote a special day to prayer that we may have the clear-sightedness and strength necessary to the victory of our cause. The victory will be gained only if we steadfastly remember the responsibility which rests upon us, and in a spirit of reverent obedience ask the blessing of Almighty God upon our endeavors. With hearts grateful for the Divine guidance which has led us so far towards our goal, let us seek to be enlightened in our understanding and fortified in our facing the sacrifices we may yet have to make before our work is done. I therefore hereby appoint January 6, the first Sunday of the year, to be set aside as a special day of prayer and thanksgiving in all the churches throughout my Dominions, and require that this proclamation be read at the services held on that day."

PERSONAL

Robert Tiffin spent his holidays in London and Lambeth.

Mr. John Pierrie of San Francisco, is a guest at Mr. T. Dodds'.

Mrs. W. H. Harper has gone to visit in Windsor for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Buchner, Lovarna, Sask., are visiting in this vicinity.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. F. James, Sarnia, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. Brown.

Miss Alice Teeple, Melbourne, was a guest at Mr. W. H. Shrapnell's last week.

Miss Laura Doan, St. Thomas, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Butler and son spent New Years with relatives in Simcoe.

Mr. Valore Dodds, Hensall Sterling Bank staff, spent New Year's at his home here.

Beverly Tiffin of London spent both Christmas and New Years Day at his home here.

Miss Alma Barnes is spending the holidays in Toronto visiting with her brother.

Miss L. Kelly and Mr. Fred Kelly, Imperial, are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Capt. Shaw, Calgary, who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity, returned to Calgary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, Gravenhurst, spent Christmas with Mrs. Kennedy's father, Mr. W. H. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edgar, and son Frank, Preston, were the guests of W. J. Thompson during the holidays.

Mr. John Roche has resumed his duties at St. Jerome College after spending the holidays at his home here.

Manager MacLean of the Merchants Bank was called to Windsor last week on account of the illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Spence and two children of Brantford spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott.

Mrs. W. J. Johnston and little daughter Bethea, of Port Huron, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. H. Durston, John St.

Mr. W. H. Harper, Revs. J. C. Fortner and A. C. Tiffin attended the funeral of the late Rev. J. H. Armstrong in Strathroy last Friday afternoon.

John and Frank Restorick, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Restorick, Toronto, spent Sunday in Watford with their grandfather, Mr. Frank Restorick.

Mrs. Wykesmith and Miss Bernice Dodds who have been on an extended visit to San Francisco, returned to Watford on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Albert Clark of Allen, Sask., and two daughters, Lela and Fannie, are spending the winter with Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Frank Doan, John St.

Sergt. E. J. Rogers has returned to the Hospital in Toronto after spending Christmas and New Years with his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Collins.

The familiar form and face of Mr. J. H. Hume is missed from our midst as he is away visiting his sister Mrs. Hastings and other relatives in Regina, Sask. We wish him a most enjoyable time and safe return.

Mrs. Andrew McDonnell and daughter Kate left last Thursday for London where they will make their home in future. Mrs. McDonnell is one of the oldest residents of Watford and her departure is much regretted, but family arrangements make it pleasanter for her to reside in London where Miss Kate has been appointed to an important position in connection with St. Joseph's Hospital.

FRANK T. TAYLOR FOR COUNCILLOR

Born and raised in Watford, I naturally have the best interests of the town at heart. Should you consider me worthy of your confidence I can assure you that strict economy and business methods will be my policy during 1918.

As it is our patriotic duty to cut down our personal expenses during the war, the same policy should apply to municipal affairs.

One hundred cents value for every dollar expended is my policy.

It will be impossible for me to make a personal canvass, but if you consider me qualified for the position, I will greatly appreciate your vote and influence on Jan. 7th.

F. T. TAYLOR.

Program for the Week of Prayer

JANUARY 6TH TO 11TH, 1918

In the Armory Sunday—Mass meeting—Rev. E. H. Sawers.

In the Anglican Church Monday—"Repentance"—Rev. A. C. Tiffin

Tuesday—"Prayer"—Rev. G. W. Connors

In the Baptist Church Wednesday—"Consecration"—Rev. Irwin

In the Methodist Church Thursday—"Service"—Rev. J. C. Forster

In the Presbyterian Church Friday—"Triumph"—Rev. J. R. Hall, M.A.

Collection taken at each service to defray expenses.

All services commence at 8 p.m.

In The Field

FOR REEVE
William Edward Fitzgerald..... Barrister
Robert E. Johnston..... Agent

FOR COUNCILLORS
William Doan..... Butcher
Nelson Hawn..... Butcher
George Loyd Harper..... Merchant
Harry Hollingsworth..... Drayman
Samuel W. Louks..... Mail man
R. Campbell McLeay..... Lumber Merchant
Fred W. Rogers..... Merchant
Joshua Saunders..... Blacksmith
Richard H. Stapleford..... Produce Merchant
Frank T. Taylor..... Druggist

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
David Maxwell..... Blacksmith
J. W. McLaren..... Druggist
Edward D. Swift..... Merchant
Charles W. Vail..... Station Agent

Township of Brooke
REEVE
Wm. Annett, by acclamation.

FOR DEPUTY REEVE
W. Johnston and H. Kennedy.

FOR COUNCILLORS
Albert Sutton, J. Gilliland, L. Oakes, D. Campbell and C. Atkins.

Township of Warwick
FOR REEVE
B. B. Dann, D. D. Erodie.

DEPUTY REEVE
W. E. Parker, by acclamation.

FOR COUNCILLORS
R. James, M. D. Campbell, Walter Percy, Adam Higgins, H. Morningstar.

WARWICK

Vote for Higgins for Councillor.

Mr. Ben Parker, Edmonton, is visiting relatives in Warwick and vicinity.

Walter Cook, London, spent the holiday with his uncle, Fred Cook, Main Road.

Mr. T. Kingston was over from Michigan to spend New Years with his brothers on the 4th line.

Miss Sara Vance returned to Toronto after spending the Christmas holidays here at her old home on the 4th line.

Hon. and Mrs. G. D. Robertson and daughters, Mabel and Alma, of Welland, are visiting Mr. Andrew Hay and Plympton friends over New Years.

Mr. Richard McCormick returned home from St. Joseph's Hospital about two weeks ago, where he underwent an operation. He is very much improved in health.

Many of the 2nd line people are planning to attend the services in Watford during the week of prayer and the special services in the armory which are to follow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Grant Small, Wheatley; J. Scott Luckham, of Walkerville, and Gunner C. F. Luckham, Central Military Convalescent Home, London, holidayed at their home here.

The Methodist people of the Zion Church, 2nd line, drove into Watford last Friday en masse and spent the evening with their pastor Rev. A. C. Tiffin and family. They report a most delightful time. They were surely a jolly crowd.

The Fergus News-Record of December 27th has the following reference to a former pastor of Watford and Zion

Congregational Church:—Sideside Congregational church presented their pastor, Rev. M. Kelly, with a Christmas present of one hundred dollars.

The 4th line east, Willing Workers wish to thank Mr. Rusk, teacher in No. 6 schoolhouse, and his assistants, for the gift of \$12.50, which was half proceeds of school entertainments. Also the Warwick Council, for their grant of \$15.00, which will be used for Red Cross work.

The death occurred at the home of Mr. Peter Anderson, Strathroy, last Wednesday morning of his son-in-law, Rev. H. Armstrong, after a few days' illness. Interment took place at Strathroy on Friday. Rev. Armstrong was married to Miss Ethel Anderson a few years ago. Many friends will regret to hear of Mr. Armstrong's sudden taking away.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Richardson, Warwick, was the scene of an ideal Christmas gathering. Plates were laid for 21 guests, ranging in ages from 2 months to 83 years. Mrs. B. Bwing and daughter, Blanche, Mrs. Chas. W. Chapman, and daughter, Alma, of Detroit, Mich., arrived Christmas Eve. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ladell, and the Misses Hattie and Cathleen and Grandma Ladell, of Forest; Mr. Walter Cook, of London; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ticknor and little son and daughter, Ralph and Beulah, of Theford; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and Lloyd and Lee Cook, of Warwick; Mr. and Mrs. John I. Dupee, of Uttoxeter and Mr. Chas. W. Chapman, of Detroit, arrived in time to feast on a table groaning under the conventional Christmas menu. A spicy program of songs, solos, readings, classic dancing and speeches, crowned with the National Anthem, was the order of the afternoon. Later a buffet luncheon was served and after expressing their pleasure for all the good things partaken of—both mental and physical—and wishing the young host and hostess a bright and happy New Year the guests departed at the wee sma' hours of the morning.

BROOKE

Mr. Wm. Chalk who has been ill, was pleased to report is improving.

Miss Lella Burgess, of Sarnia, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hawes recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Dunnville, spent the holidays with relatives in Sutorville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Coristine and two children are here from Elstow, Sask., visiting relatives for the winter.

James E. Wallace, a former Brooke boy, has been killed in action. He enlisted at Lethbridge with the 118th.

The Tipperary Red Cross are holding their annual entertainment on Jan. 18th, a first class programme is being prepared including the play entitled "The Match Box."

Mr. J. R. Mossip and son Cameron, returned to Dunnville on Saturday, after spending the holidays at the home of the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Coristine.

Divine service will be held in St. James' church, Brooke, on Sunday afternoon at 2.45. King George has issued a message to all his faithful people to observe Sunday next as a Day of Prayer for victory and a lasting peace. The prayers used at this service will be the ones authorized by the Archbishop of Canterbury and sanctioned by the King. The congregations of St. James' and Christ church, Sutorville, will worship together. All most welcome.

I. O. F.

At the last regular meeting of Court Watford, I.O.F., held on Wednesday evening of last week the following officers were elected for the year 1918:—

Court Deputy—S. W. Louks.
P. C. R.—George Pike.
C. R.—E. A. Edwards.

V. C. R.—C. H. Hollingsworth.
R. S.—W. E. Fitzgerald.
F. S.—D. A. Maxwell.

Treas.—W. J. Trenouth.
Orator—Manfred Thompson.
Organist—Orlo H. Jacklin.
S. W.—Roy Hollingsworth.
T. W.—Charles W. Vail.
S. B.—Wm. McKercher.

J. B.—Frank Taylor.
Trustees—E. D. Swift and Robert Fleming and also ex-officio the C. R., V. C. R. and R. S.

Auditors—W. E. Fitzgerald and S. W. Louks.
Court Physician—James Newell, Ph. B. M. D.

DIED

In Forest, on Thursday, Dec. 20th, 1917, Mr. Rapson Daniels, in his 81st year.

In Watford, on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, 1918, Wm. Well, Brison, aged 35 years.

In Hamilton, on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, 1917, Mr. Percy E. Ramsay, son of Mrs. Ramsay of Wanstead, aged 27 years.

In St. Marys, on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, 1917, Mr. Richard Shepherd, formerly of Plympton, aged 70 years.

At Military Hospital, London, on December 27, 1917, Gunner Fred G. de Gex, dearly beloved and only son of Edward and Edith de Gex, Wood, Ont., aged 22 years.