THE ASTONISHER

(Official paper of the Pupils of Flesherton High School)

EMMA MEADS, Editor

GRADE IX

Principal — Why not use commas without a reason.

Bob Turney — Because it takes too much time.

Even though Blaine Pickles misses half the History class, she makes us sit up and look with the brilliant answers she gives.

Jack Milne insists on playing hockey even though he gets a black eye—or is it playing hocking that gives it to him?

Since the last paper we have taken up a collection to get Turney an all-day sucker. Pencils are expensive.

We think it must be the weather, we did so poorly in our History exam. Miss Beatty solved the problem by having us write it again.

We thought Marguerite Stafford would have to get glasses to look at Harvey Atkinson, but it seems the other way around. But then maybe he will look in the opposite direction.

GRADE X

There certainly is a manpower shortage for Marion and Evelyn but they aren't doing too bad at all with Public School.

Watch out there David and save your pennies for war stamps instead of letters.

Poor Keith actually shatters our nerves much to his disappointment.

Blanche, Emma and Betty keep up the morale of our form, and how.

Our form unanimously votes Douglas for our he-man (man oh man) while Jim and Ted stand helplessly by.

I wonder what the recent attraction in Markdale is for a certain two girls in 2nd form. Sorry Barbara, I mean Berkley.

"What's Bing Crosby got that Laurie McKechnie hasn't, asks 2nd form.

GRADE XI

We enjoyed the Valentine Party on Wednesda , sponsored by 2nd Form.

Betty Tucker better stop sticking out her tongue or she will get into difficulties.

Our red head seems to find a great deal of attraction in Markdale, excuse me Priceville.

Joyce Genoe has found her glasses so tell the wolves to give up the chase.

If Ted Banks doesn't top wandering between 3rd and 4th Forms he'll get lost.

GRADE XII

We are quite the form so we are.

We come from all over the country, Eugenia, Power House, Ceylon, Maxwell, Feversham, and even half way to Markdale. We agree and beleive in the same things, even to lending homework and helping each other with our algebra questions.

McTavish our most brilliant student who always heads our report colum is not only interested in her school work but music. She took off a couple of days last week for the sole reason of pounding on the piano at home.

Burt Russell (the boy that is always late) has a queer habit of doing the wrong homework in French. For some reason or other he never quite understands what his homework is.

Hazel F. got the nicest, mushiest valentine. Who from, did you say?

Doug. F. is something like Burt only he forgets his French books. Not a bad idea I'd say Doug. It works anyway.

Our Margaret S. is really clever. Does she ever know how to work things. I don't know how she seems to miss Friday mornings, our worst morning. She comes in the afternoon when we only have Algebra and P.T.

LOST — All knowledge ever known in Latin and French Intensive Reading. Finder please return to Dorothy Plester and Jean McMullen (We really do not know where on earth we could have lost it, but we did according to our exams.)

I thinks maybe Janette H. has a rival. Jean Cox sits across from Ted. I'd watch her Janette.

GRADE XIII

Fifth Form has been very busy doing homework this week, so there is a deplorable lack of news. However what there is is as follows:

Margaret too the afternon off on Thursday to get a coke in Markdale.

Thanks to Second Form we had a very enjoyable Valentine Party on Wednesday.

Everybody is suddenly very interested in Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales", Wonder why?

Genevieve has been ill (?) all week, but she tottered back on Monday afternoon.

FERTILIZER

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DANCE

Town Hall, DURHAM

Monday, Feb. 26

Rubin Kirk Orchestra

TO COMMENCE AT 9:45 p.m. ADMISSION: 50c

Legislature Opened

Ontario's Legislature opened on Thursday with the usual war-time simplicity. The Lieutenant-Governer was escorted by a guard of honor, clad in battle dress, consisting entirely of men who have returned from active service overseas.

There were only a few vacant seats when the House assembled. Two members are overseas, Rev. A. W. Downer (P.C., Dufferin-Simcoe) who is serving as chaplain with the troops and Flt.-Lt. L. E. Wismer (CCF., Toronto-Riverdale) a navigator on active service with the RCAF in Britain. Premier Drew and Opposition Leader Jolliffe expressed the hope that arrangements could be made for both these members to return on furlough before the end of the session. Another absent member was C. H. Millard (CCF, West York) who is attending the World Labor Conference in London, Eng.

Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, was unable to be present, as he is still in hospital. It is hoped that he will be well enough to return later in the session.

The opening session was brief, as usual. The Lieutenant-Governor read a 45-minute Speech from the Throne, rather longer than usually accustomed to.

One of the most important pieces of legislation which will be dealt with was given first reading, a Bill to abolish the present "proxy vote" system for the armed forces and provide for direct voting. The Bill is similar to the provisions for soldier voting in federal elections adopted last year by Parliament at Ottawa. Since it was thoroughly discussed by a select committee, representing all parties, which has met several times since the last session, it is not expected that the Bill will meet with much delay in passing. Other matters considered by the select committee, dealing with civilian voting, may have a stormier passage.

The Speech from the Throne indicated that the board set up under the Muncipal Health Services Act, which was passed last year, has not yet succeeded in establishing health services in any area, and reported only that "the board is attempting to establish municipal services in a few representative communities." This is likely to provoke vigorous debate, as the Opposition severely criticized the Act last year as being unworkable.

Legislation promised for this session included broadening of the Workmen's Compensation Act to include more classes of workers, an increase in minimum wages for women, provision for replacement of out-of-date county and city jails, a new Securities Act, and a Bill to give municipalities the green light on town planning.

PORTLAW

Pte. R. D. Meldrum of Camp Borden was a visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Meldrum, on Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Turvell of Toronto and Mrs. A. Slater and Wayne of Dundalk spent a couple of weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyce, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Londry and daughters were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fisher on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Chard are opening their home Friday night for a euchre and Lost Heir party, the proceeds to go to the Fourth Line Red Cross unit. Plans for lunch will be made on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wilbert Fisher.

Our sympathy goes to the Betts family in their recent bereavement.

Miss Mabel Chard spent the week end with her friend, Miss Jean Smith.

Mrs. Katz—"I want to know how much money my husband has drawn out this month."

SEMI-FINAL

HOCKEY

Markdale Arena

Shelburne vs Markdale

Game called at 8:30 p.m.

WED., FEBRUARY 28

Markdale must win this game to remain in competition.

Admission: 25c and 15c

Local and Personal

Miss Jean Proctor spent the week end in Owen Sound.

Flt. Sergt. Walter McBride of Calgary was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Wes Armstrong and son, Jim, spent the week end with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Alex. McKechnie of Lorne Park was a visitor in town this Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Hawken attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Davey at Owen Sound Thursday last.

Miss Kathleen McDonald of Toronto spen the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald.

Mrs. Lorne Fawcett of Aldershot is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P dlar.

Miss Jean McCracken has returned to Toronto after a three weeks' holiday at her parental home.

Mr. John Pattison spentt a few days in Toronto with his daughter, Eileen, also his sister, Mrs. W. Johnson.

LAC Mack Duncan of Deseronto Mrs. Duncan and Miss Jean Duncan of Toronto spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McTavish and Miss Jean McTavish of Toronto visited over the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. McTavish.

Messrs. L. McCracken, Alex. Aberdein, H. Richardson and Norman Scarrow attended the Maple Leaf-Canadien hockey game in Toronto on Saturday night.

A successful euchre was held at the home of Geo. Johnson in aid of Springhill Red Cross, when 10 tables were in play. The winners were Normon Scarrow and Bobbie Teeter. Eleven dollars were realized.

Dr. Donald Milne, who gave up his medical practice in Cargill to serve in the Royal Canadian Air Force, is returning to that village to resume the practise of his profession Dr. Milne is a brother of Dr. J. E. Milne of Flesherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Down of Chatsworth, formerly of Flesherton, have purchased from Orville Sainsbury of Owen Sound the seven-room solid brick house, with hardwood floors throughout and stoker, at 714 4th avenue east. The new owners get possession March 1, subject to the present tenancy.

What It Means To Towns

(Chesley Enterprise)

In connection with rural depopulation, it is of interest to speculate on what this means to a town. The Arthur Enterprise-News points out that in the last four years there has been a decline of over one thousand people in the population of the townships around that village. Added to its own loss of population, this means that merchants and business men in Arthur have possibly 1,200 fewer people to serve than they had four years ago.

That is quite a lot of people. It is more than some villages and towns ever possessed, and it may be that many towns and villages have lost as much as 20 per cent of the people whom they once served. The loss may not be felt so much at the moment, because people have more money to spend, and it is generally true that merchants are doing more business than ever. Many town stores almost had to hide their merchandise during the summer months, or they would have been bought out in some lines by city vistors and tourists.

Chesley's experience may not be much different from that of Arthur. We know that 300 to 400 people have left town since the war started. Possibly 150 of them are in uniform. The others are away working at war jobs. The same thing has happened in the surrounding townships. It might be fairly accurate to say that town merchants have 500 people less to serve than they had when the war started, though we doubt if it would reach the figure of 1,000 here which it seems to have reached in the Arthur district.

It will thus be seen that every town has a direct interest in seeing that the farming community is prosperous, and that conditions are such that it is possible to have more people living on the farms of the district, rather than fewer. If we wonder why more towns do not go ahead, we need only consider such figures as we quoted above. If we apply them to our own community, we would possibly find that it is a story applicable to almost every town and village. While cities are growing larger and larger, the farm population is getting smaller, and the towns and villages which depend on this trade, to a large extent, also feel the results.

VANDELEUR

"Should Producers Control Marketing?" was the subject for discussion at the weekly meeting of the Farm Forum, which was held at the home of Howard Graham on Monday evening, Feb. 19th, with Misses Maxine Connell and Dorothy Johnston in charge. Two groups were formed with Mrs. Geo. Shaw and Elmer Cargoe as secretaries.

The members had no experience with any of the ten schemes now operating under the Ontario Marketing Legislation of 1937, but felt that such schemes as the Co-operative Wool Growers and the Barrie Pork Packers, etc., were of real value to producers and that all farm commodities should be marketed through co-operative marketing associations. That such associations would be of greatest advantage to farmers in the long run, and would be the best means of feeding the hungry people of the world in the post-war period. Two articles on reforestation were read by Dora Boland and the Secretary. A good contest was conducted with Billie Johnston and Mrs. Cargoe the winners. Checkers and other games were followed by community singing. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. Lorne Ormsby, with Mrs. Geo. Shaw and Mrs. Jim Cargoe in charge.

The February program of moving pictures will be given in the Community Hall on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 22nd, roads and weather permitting.

Mrs. Lorne Ormsby spent a few days with friends in Meaford.

PRESENTATION MADE TO CPL. BEN LEAVELL

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of D. W. Adams on Friday evening of last week in honor of Cpl. Ben Leavell. Euchre was played followed by a few words from F. J. Thurston and Mrs. Wallace Hamilton presented Ben with a sum of money and some cigarettes, as a small token of esteem. Ben thanked the people for their kindness and for the gifts. Mr. Frank Teeter and Mrs. John Kennedy were he prize winners.

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—JAS. T. McKENZIE,
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Feversham, Ont.

Small Ads.

FOR SALE — Young white-faced male calf. — Russell Park, phone 56J Flesherton. 37p1

FOR SALE — Holstein cow, 7 years old, due Feb. 22. — Wm. Gibson, Ceylon. 36c1

FOR SALE — Mow of mixed timothy and clover hay, about 31 tons.—J. J. Meads, phone 21r4 Flesherton.

WANTED — Animals suitable for mink and fox feed.—Bert McIntosh Eugenia, phone Feversham 5r25

FOR SALE — 5 Breeding ewes, 3-year-old mare; registered Durham bull,, 3 years old.—Chas. Newell, phone 75r11 Flesherton. 37p2

FOR SALE — 5 good young ewes. —Mrs. Sandy Morrison, R. R. 1, Singhampton, phone Feversham 1 r 15. 36p1

FOR SALE — 2 Collie pups, also cow due in March.—Jas. Morrison, R.R. 5, Markdale (F. Mathewson farm). 37p2

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