NEWS FROM SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS

BY STAFF REPORTERS

TRAVERSTON

(Special to The Standard.)

The last few days have been like the closing week in March.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook and Master Clifford spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFadden in Egremont.

T. Cook cut between 60 and 70 cords of poplar for J. H. Robson on Friday last from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fellow who threw back the blocks didn't wish to repeat the performance next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Timmins enjoyed the first of the week with kindred at Vandeleur.

Mumps are going the round of the neighborhood, but so far are of a mild type. Some of the older chaps are getting a dose.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blair and Master Wesley spent a day or two lately in Markdale.

Assessor McDonald is making his annual call these days. He is one of the oldest officials in the township.

Grandma McClocklin is suffering from very sore eyes at present.

After but a few days illness, Mrs. William Williamson, of the 12th con., passed quietly away on Wednesday of last week. She was one of the pioneer mothers, being born in Scotland eighty-five years ago and in 1870 came out to Canada, shortly afterwards settling on lot 10, con. 12. Many a time in the early days, she walked to Durham, a distance of 13 miles, carrying the pail of butter or the basket of eggs, and trudged home the same day carrying the groceries purchased therewith. Her husband died 17 years ago this spring. To them was born one son, William, with whom she has lived since. She was a woman of big heart, strong in physical and mental powers and her faith never wavered. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon to Zion cemetery, where the remains were interred beside that of her husband. Rev. R. M. Phalen, of Markdale, conducted a comforting service in the home and at the graveside.

A pioneer mother laid away one day, a sweet, winsome baby girl of six months the next, brings to all the uncertainty of this life. On Thursday afternoon, Mary E., only child in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jack, was taken away from them after an illness of a couple of weeks, and this despite the most assiduous care, nursing and medical advice. Only two years ago, their first-born, a bright little boy, was taken, now the sorrow doubles. As we looked at the little rosebud in its beautiful white coffin before the lid was replaced, we could not help but recall the Master's words, "She is not dead but sleepeth," and the sleep is a most happy one. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon and was very largely attended as the sympathy of the whole neighborhood goes out to the grief-stricken young couple. Service was held in Zion by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Prudham, after which the little sleeper was laid away in the white-draped grave.

A very happy union took place at the manse, Markdale, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, when Rev. R. M. Phalen wedded Miss Vina Anderson, daughter of Mr. Jas. Anderson, to Mr. Albert W. T. Kleist, of Markdale. After the ceremony the young couple drove to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Watson, with whom she has resided for years, where a rich dinner awaited them and a goodly number of friends were present to shower them with good wishes. The young bride looked most winsome in her bridal dress of navy blue silk with white lace trimmings. The bridesmaid, Miss May McKechnie, looked very sweet in a gown of pale blue silk. The happy groom was supported ably by Mr. Harold Watson, uncle of the fair bride. After the sumptuous meal was over and the big three-storied wedding cake was divided, the younger folk from far and near gathered and made the old home resound with music, song and the patter of fancy feet. The bride was the recipient of a magnificent display of presents, among which were some weighty cheques. Guests were present from Walkerton, Irish Lake, Markdale and vicinity. Mr. Henry Watson, of Fort William, was also down for the happy occasion. The young couple have the best wishes of the whole community.

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ROCKLYN

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Mrs. McKay, of Goring, spent the past week the guest of Mrs. Walter McCullough.

Miss Hilda Kelly is spending a couple of months with friends at Cape Riche.

Miss Bena Taylor is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Walters, at Walters Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCullough attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawcox at Woodford on Monday.

We are sorry to report Mrs. H. Thompson on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClean, of Bognor, spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Will Clugston.

Miss May Love, of Massie, is spending a month with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Taylor.

A large crowd attended the presentation party at Mr. Robert Varey's on Wednesday evening last. Band at rink Saturday night.

Miss Lottie Greenaway, of Minnie Hill, spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Hopkins.

BEAVERDALE

(Special to The Standard.)

Springlike weather; the crows are getting quite numerous around here.

Mr. John Miller had a fine day for his sale last Thursday, which was quite a success.

Miss Norma Brett returned home on Sunday, after spending a fortnight with friends in Meaford. She was accompanied by Miss Kate Miller and Mr. W. Tremly. The latter returned home that night, leaving Miss Miller to stay for a few days.

Miss Joy Allison and Miss E. Brett are spending a few days at Clarksburg.

Mr. Robert Johnston, of Clarksburg, visited with his son, Hugh, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller intend starting for their home at Manitoulin Island next week.

Mrs. Abe Knott, of Epping, accompanied by her nephew, Mrs. Will Knott of the West, visited friends here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hall and family visited at Mr. R. Miller's recently.

Miss Maggie Moore, of Temple Hill, spent the weekend at her home here.

A few young fellows from here attended the dance at Mr. T. Knott's, Epping, on Friday night.

We are pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering, who were visiting this neighborhood last week.

Mr. Herb Johnston and his mother visited at Mr. R. Miller's recently.

Miss Jennet Lepard is visiting friends at Proton before going West.

WODEHOUSE

(Special to The Standard.)

All the ladies in the district surrounding Wodehouse and New England church are requested to show their loyalty and patriotism by coming along with a good supply of pies, cake and sandwich and homemade candy for the Patriotic Concert to be held in New England church on Thursday evening, March 4th, 1915, candy to be sent in by March 2nd. Those not wishing to make candy can send a dish of sugar to the President, Mrs. A. A. Thompson, or any member of the refreshment committee, as follows: Mrs. R. H. Wiley, Mrs. E. Donnelly, Mrs. Wm. Wiley, jr., or Miss Birch. Every person in this vicinity are invited to lend a helping hand in making a success of this concert and to swell the receipts, which will help to relieve the sufferings of those who are in sore need and distress. The program committee is working hard to make the program one of the best given here.

Mrs. John Wiley, of Maxwell, is visiting her son, Samuel, and other relatives and friends in this vicinity at present.

Mr. Joseph Lanktree spent a couple of days last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley, of Maxwell.

A jolly bunch of young people of this neighborhood had a fine evening's sport on Friday last skating on the ice on the farm of Mr. Wm. Wiley, jr. A stretch of ice covering about two acres gave them lots of room to enjoy themselves.

EUGENIA

(Special to The Standard.)

The weather is very much like spring, snow going away rapidly and raining.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of Markdale, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Large recently.

The Women's Institute are having a Patriotic Box Social in the Orange Hall, Eugenia, on Thursday evening, Feb. 25th.

A merry load of young folks drove over to Mr. Henry Williams' one evening last week and took them by surprise with their music, games, etc.

The regular monthly meeting of the Eugenia Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, March 3rd, at the home of Mrs. Henry Williams. All members are requested to be present.

Miss Barbara Armstrong and Marjorie Park spent the weekend with friends at Port Law.

Mrs. Merridith and grand daughter, Florence Bourne, of Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. A. D. Watts.

A couple of our Eugenia ladies undertook to drive a young man to the station one day recently. He drove the horse out for them, and they got there safely. They started for home, but the horse got away, and upset the ladies out. When the horse was brought to, they were busy hunting up the luggage. No damage was done.

Miss Edna Williams has gone to the city on a visit.

Miss Winter, of Maxwell, was the guest of Miss Lizzie Williams recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell, from the West are spending a few months with friends here and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Linton at present.

Carmen Williams held her birth day anniversary on Wednesday last and entertained a number of her friends.

LIME OAK

(Last week's items.)

Miss Zella Dobson has returned home, after spending a week with friends at Williamsford.

Mr. Edward Blair has returned to his home in Georgetown, after spending a couple of weeks with his uncles, Messrs. J. and T. Dobson and other friends.

(This week's items.)

Mr. and Mrs. Dennison visited with friends at Markdale recently.

Miss Ella [illegible] is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Murray, of Blantyre.

Mr. Robert [illegible] accompanied by his sister and friend, Miss Johnston, spent a week with friends at Cargill and Dorcas. We are sorry to report that Mr. A. Steer has the misfortune to fall and sprain his wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Clarke celebrated with an [illegible] day on Wednesday, the 15th February.

Mrs. Johnson of Toronto, returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. Clarke.

Mr. Melvin [illegible], accompanied by his lady friend, visited with his sister, Mrs. S. [illegible], Blantyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Kinnear have returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] man.

Mr. Richard [illegible] and his sister, Miss [illegible], visited at Mr. J. Dennison's recently.

GENEIG CENTRE

Messrs. John and Jos. Magee visited friends in Proton on Saturday last.

A number of the young people here took in the dance at Proton on Friday evening last.

Mr. R. [illegible] is under the doctor's care at present.

Miss Jessie Dunbar and Flora [illegible] of Proton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. W. H. Wilson.

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