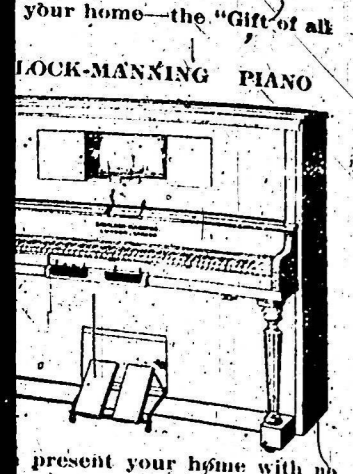


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being made a change in... for accommodation in the... church shed for the year... from \$1 to \$2, payable in ad-

will not have a deputy... in 1918, owing to lack of suf-... votes, and there are other... which should cut out the... expense.

Rocklyn Women's Institute... a Neekle Social in Rocklyn... Year's night. Ladies bring... Admission, gentlemen 50c.,... under twelve, free.

send comforts to the soldiers... will be a play given in the Ar-... on New Year's night by local... the proceeds of which will be... to buy yarn, etc. See page 4.

able Treasurer's Statement... printed in pamphlet form... Gillikin will be glad to... any ratepayer who... apply at his office, Merchants'

Women's Institute will hold a... on December 28, in Glen-... Township Hall, Admission 25c... Ladies bringing boxes free... in aid of Red Cross. Come... for mitts for the boys.

newspaper calls attention to a... bottle advertisement which... reads thus: "When the baby is... drinking it was not unadvised... a cool place under a tap... babe does get, thrive on fresh... it should be boiled." Poor... babe.

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PERSONAL

Mr. C. R. King was home for Xmas. Mr. Fred Mercer was home from Stratford for Xmas.

Miss Emma Varty is visiting at her home in the suburbs.

D. J. Murdoch is home from Toronto, until after New Years.

Mr. George Mathews, of Kingston, was home for Xmas holidays.

Mr. Earl Coleman, of the H.E.P.Co. Smiths Falls, is home for Xmas.

Mr. Charlie Bridge, of Owen Sound was a caller in town last week.

Mr. Wes. Foster, of Owen Sound, visited with friends hereabout for Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. D. Irwin are spending the holiday season with friends at Cedarville.

Mr. Lloyd Burnside of Owen Sound, spent Xmas at his parental home here, also Fred Stoddart.

Miss Mazinke, of the High School staff, left last week to spend her Xmas vacation at Arnprior.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook arrived from Milestone, Sask., and will remain for a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Hern, of Toronto, are the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sullivan.

Mr. Bert Welsh, of Toronto, spent Xmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Welsh, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Evariste Hill, of Brampton, were guests at their parental homes here over the holiday season.

Mrs. P. V. Thibaudeau and two daughters, Mable and Edna, spent Christmas holidays with friends at Mono Road.

Miss Clara English, who is teaching near Mono Road, is home for the holidays. Also, Misses Lillian and May Howard.

Miss Blanche Hamilton arrived home from the West on Saturday, after spending ten months with her friends at Strongfield and Weyburn, Sask.

Among those home for Christmas: Goldwin Henry, from North Bay; Ernest and Cecil Henry, from Toronto; Harry Irwin, from Toronto, and W. A. Irwin, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sarjeant and children, and Miss Reta Sarjeant, of Chatham, also Ruby Sarjeant, of Toronto, are spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sarjeant, and other friends.

Mr. E. H. Wilson lost his driver last week. One evening recently it got loose in the stable, and received a kick from one of the other horses. Blood poisoning resulted and became so serious that the animal lost its life.

Heavy Scotch knit underwear, \$1. at P. J. Thompson's.

A very nice line of black bordered paper, envelopes and calling cards just to hand at The Standard Office.

At the municipal nominations on Monday next, it is to be hoped that there will be many acclamations. Why not?

The C.O.F. of Vandeleur will hold meeting on Thursday evening, the 27th December, to wind up the business of the year. All members are urged to be present. A big time is expected.

An appropriate memorial service was held last Sunday morning, in Christ Church by Rev. Mr. Richardson, thus paying a suitable tribute of respect to the young hero, the late Pte. Taylor Martin.

Boy's school suits in good strong tweeds, for \$3.85 and \$5.00 at P. J. Thompson's.

DIED OF WOUNDS.



Signaller R. A. Dennison

We regret to learn another well-known local boy, Signaller Russell Dennison, has died of wounds.

Born at Chatsworth, Ontario, in April, 1891, he went out West nine years ago and during most of this time he worked in the Sunny Slope district.

He enlisted on July 16th, 1915, in 68th Battalion, but was transferred to the 195th Battalion.

After reaching England, in order to move across to France sooner, he again transferred to the 19th Battery C. F. A.

It was in the recent heavy push on November 5th, that he was wounded and eight days later he died in an Australian Hospital, somewhere in France.

His many friends regret this sad loss, and their whole-hearted sympathy goes to the family in their trouble.

SOUTH-EAST GREY

The vote in S.-E. Grey at the recent election as near as we have learned, totals thus:

Table with election results for Ball Maj. and Wright Maj.

TOTAL 1519 TOTAL 850 Maj. for Ball 669

ADVICE TO BURN.

The farmer gets more good advice than any man beneath the sun; the magazines would treat him nice, so tell him once and tell him twice, how all his duties should be done. And lecturers with bulging brows in country schools lay down the law; they tell him how to groom his cows, and how to raise blue ribbon sows by feeding artichokes and straw. The editors of weekly sheets, who never pushed a span of mules, sit in their chairs and leather seats, and tell him how to raise his bees, and for his guidance lay down the rules. The men pursuing other trades, we all assume, know what to do; no man the merchant prince upbraid, or chides the lawyer till he fades, or to the plumber hands a fave. The sexton, he can die a grave, we do not stop to tell him how, or show the barber how to shave, or tell the tightwad how to save; the dairyman can milk his cow. But every man in town believes no husbandman knows how to farm; and so we criticize his sheaves and tell him how to shear his beeves, and treat the old mare for the heaves, and bore him till he has the peeves, and to his shoulders rolls his sleeves and tries to do us daddy harm.—Walt Mason.

Boy's worsted-jerseys, \$1.25, at P. J. Thompson's.

KEEP IT MOVING.

If you have a dollar about you that some one else should have, get busy and make the transfer! It's not money in the pocket that makes business brisk, but rather the passing of it around. One dollar will pay many little debts in a day. If kept going, while \$50 can be made to discharge thousands of dollars of indebtedness in twenty-four hours. Just now at the turn-over of the year, is a favourable time to get square, and the busy dollar will make many a heart glad if kept moving briskly.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The closing of Markdale Public School for the Christmas holidays was marked as usual by a Christmas Entertainment for the scholars.

Miss Chisholm's room amalgamated with the Principal's room, which presented a very beautiful and Christmas-like appearance. The drawings on the blackboard were very much appreciated by the parents and friends of the children. The program was long, varied and entertaining, which consisted of choruses, songs, recitations, dialogues, and a homestead band. A phonograph supplied songs, etc., from first class artists of the day. The concert was well worthy of the Principal, Miss Chisholm, and their scholars.

Miss Mann's room presented a charming appearance. The little children and a few of the parents, together with the teacher, were most entertaining, and the Christmas mirth and cheer was at its height throughout the whole concert. The chief feature of Miss Mann's room, was, perhaps, the opening of the Christmas box, which contained two dollars, to be sent as a Xmas gift from the little ones to the Sick Children's Hospital. Surely this is the true spirit of Christmas, and children taught in such tender years this spirit of generosity will make a profound impression, when they come to take their place in the affairs of life. Miss Mann is justly proud of her scholars.

Mrs. Hare's room has been under the charge of Mrs. Ritchie during the teacher's rather serious illness, and the hearty welcome that we received, together with the friends, from the teacher and scholars to this room's concert was not one whit behind the others. Some splendid drawings were in evidence all over the room, the most prominent of all being the old-time Xmas, pudding. It made one wish it had been real. Jack Irving occupied the chair, and did it well. The entertainment, which consisted of Xmas choruses, songs, dialogues, recitations, etc., was of the first order, and received a very hearty round of applause. Mrs. Hare was present, and received a hearty cheer of welcome. Santa Claus appeared at the close of the concert with a well-filled basket. We never saw such a small Santa Claus in all our lives. Mrs. Ritchie is to be congratulated on her splendid success, as well as upon the smart appearance of her scholars. The Standard joins in wishing the teachers and friends a happy and Prosperous New Year.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

Dear Friend,—A few lines, hoping they will find Markdaleites in the best of health. Pleased to say that this leaves the Boys who are Somewhere in France, all O. K. I believe most of the boys are now on French soil, and the big majority of them are with the Fighting Fourth.

We had a long march yesterday with full pack, and have joined our Battalion. Have not been up the line as yet. It would do you good to hear the conversation when the boys get into groups after supper. Sometimes they crack a joke on Fritz, and other times it is about the good old times on the Farm. And the Town boys speak of the times they had in Sam Halbert's shop in "Dun-nie's" but all are in cheerful mood, and determined to play Fritz at his own game; and are winning every time, even that he did have a good lead.

My address, 1066248, Pte. Harry

TO THE PUBLIC.

Hanover, Ont., Dec. 21st, 1917. To the Electors of the House of Commons, South-East Grey.

As I am unable to see you all personally, through the press I beg to extend to all supporters of Union Government in South-East Grey, my most hearty thanks for their loyalty, their influence and their votes for Union Government and myself. The most vital issues that have ever presented themselves to the people of Canada, have just been decided by you.

Canada's continuance in the war, as a part of the British Empire, the sending of help to the men at the front, her trade and other relations to the Allies, have all been settled by this election. The people of Canada have spoken and their approval of the Policy of Sir Robert Borden is unmistakable. Personally, I thank you one and all, ladies and gentlemen, for your most hearty support. I shall endeavour to do my duty by the nation and by the people.

Your most sincerely, R. J. Ball.

ADVICE FOR 1918.

[By Rev. J. Thurlburn, Conn.] Go, and the Lord go with thee. Play the man in the world's mad strife.

To thyself be true. With life that is pure and bright. Discount the wrong. However strong. Let right be the might of thy day. Thy soul keep pure, to the end endure;

It will undoubtedly pay. Be kind, be gentle, yet be loving too. 'Twill be balm to thy brother man. Surt this the way To brighten the day. Be clothed with cuff and scorn. Lend—thy hand in the darkness. Help poor man to the light. Bear with his folly. His thoughtless quest. Show him the way to be right. He has groped as groping in darkness Of error, temptation and doubt. Driven like a rudderless vessel. Seeking to find his way out.

Then work—the night is approaching. Seek the lost—help the weak on the way. There are loads to lift, poor lives to bless. On the trail of life's highway.

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

Many happy family gatherings and reunions took place on Christmas Day, notwithstanding the universal anxiety which exists and numerous vacant chairs all over the land. People are growing braver and more generous, and even politics is forced to take a second place in many instances. Why not drop it altogether and unite universally for the good of all mankind and the glory of our Heavenly Father.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

This is the last copy of The Standard for 1917. We heartily thank all who have renewed for the coming year. Quite a list of new names have been added for 1918. We are not in the habit of dropping any from our list without specific instructions, so to do, and yet have no desire to send any paper where it is not wanted. Wishing one and all a happy and prosperous New Year, and especially our staff of loyal correspondents, whose services are much appreciated.—Editor.

FLESHERTON.

(Special to The Standard) Mr. Charlie McTavish, Regina, Sask. his parents a short visit last week.

The Methodist Sunday School have purchased a new piano for use in the school.

Dr. and Mrs. Little spent Christmas with the former's parents at Owen Sound.

Miss Laura Henry, milliner, has returned home from Kemptville for her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H.S. White are spending the Christmas holidays at Blewheim and Port Hope.

Mr. Herb. Sullivan and mother are visiting the former's sisters at Montreal over the holidays.

Mrs. Jas. Paton and mother have gone to spend part of the winter with the former's sister in Egremont.

Pte. Fred Stewart, who was wounded in France, and invalided home, is with his wife visiting relatives here.

Miss Hulse and Miss Holmes, of the High School staff, are holidaying at their homes at Orangeville and Winchester.

Sergt. Bert Jamieson, who is employed at Kingston instructing in turned soldiers in telegraphy, was at Mr. J. Henderson and children, Toronto, home over Christmas.

Mrs. W. Wilcox had a successful sale of farm stock and implements last week and has moved to her residence in the Village. Mr. Archibald, the purchaser of the farm, has moved to it from Allan Park.

The Women's Institute, by kind invitation of Vandeleur, a fraternal visit on Thursday afternoon last. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. McLoughry. The visitors, who supplied the programme, were royally entertained by the sister Institute and had an enjoyable outing.

The oil drillers met with a mishap some days ago by the cable breaking leaving the drill about 1500 feet down in the ground. An expert has been here to advise, and it is expected the drill will be recovered and work again resumed soon after Christmas. The cost of the accident will perhaps be \$150.

The services in the churches on Sunday partook of the Christmas spirit. At the Presbyterian church, it was Sunday School Anniversary day and the music was appropriate to the occasion. At the evening service in the Methodist church, Dr. Henderson, of Toronto, assisted the choir and also favoured the congregation with a solo, "Nazareth," which was rendered with good effect.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Trimble were at Owen Sound over Sunday, attending the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. J. C. Crane, who passed away on Friday last. The deceased, who was the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trimble, was born at Flesherton 61 years ago, and was married here to her now sorrowing husband. She was a very popular young lady, possessing a cheerful and happy dis-

position, which made her beloved by all. Besides her husband, one son in France, and two daughters in Owen Sound, survive her.

Ramona died for some time that E. G. Karstedt had been acting pro-German and using scurrilous language were sifted by a Government detective last week, who after close investigation found nothing improper in his conduct or language. A large meeting of prominent citizens and a number of leading men in the township, questioned by Detective Miller, none could say they had ever heard the accused using language such as attributed to him and rumored abroad. On the other hand evidence was given of his helpful contributions to patriotic funds and his support, as well as that his family of Red Cross work. At Detective's inquiry investigation took place concerning his sons, but with the same result.

Among the Christmas visitors here, are: Miss Lily Mitchell, home from her school at Goderich; and her sister, Miss Alecia, from Whitby Ladies' college; Misses Leta and Pearl Blake, home from Toronto; Miss Lily Thibault, home from Toronto; Mr. Don. McVicar, home from North Bay Normal School; Mrs. Stanley Thurlston and babe, Toronto, and Mrs. W. H. Durigan and babe, Mitchell, at Mr. W. H. Thurlston's; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fairbrother, Toronto, at Mr. John Chard's; Dr. and Mrs. H. Henderson and children, Toronto, at Mr. J. Henderson's; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Blackburne; Mr. and Mrs. H. Thibault, Toronto, at the former's home; Mr. Gordon McKinnon, home from Port Credit; Mr. and Mrs. Leader, London at Mr. J. Fisher's; Mr. C. Gilmore, Toronto, at Mr. W. H. Armstrong's; Miss Elsie Wright, attending Toronto University, is visiting her grandmother and other relatives, Miss Maud McLeod, home from Toronto; Mr. Harry Wainman and Miss Watson, of Vaughan, visited the Thompson family and other relatives; Mr. Benrose, of Toronto, is visiting her brother, Mr. Geo. Mitchell; Mrs. A. Brooks, Hamilton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Quinn; Miss A. Williams, Toronto, visited for some time, Mr. Tavish, and other relatives; Mr. Herb Smith, Owen Sound, spent the holiday with relatives; Miss Hattie Cole, Toronto, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, Toronto, visited the former's mother, Mrs. W. J. White.

There will be a big time in the Armouries New Year party, see adv. on page 4.

Announcements of Deaths.—DIED McCAY, A. Campbell, on Friday, December 14th 1917, Hamilton, B. McCay, aged 78 years. Interment took place at Union Cemetery, Thornbury, from the residence of his son-in-law, J. A. Nicholson on Friday, the 15th.

FREEMAN, In Hamilton, on December 14th, 1917. Hugh Freeman, aged 55 years. The remains were conveyed to his former home at Markdale and interred in Markdale Cemetery on Thursday the 13th. Rev. Mr. Stanley officiating.

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