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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Clara English is home from her school near Shelburne.

Mr. J. H. Matson was home from Brampton over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. King of Ottawa, are holiday visitors with relatives here.

The Presbyterian S. S. Xmas Tree has been postponed, January 10th is the date.

On January 2nd, our new Optical rooms will be open.—J. Lucas, Optometric Optician.

A good Christmas turkey costs about the same as a ton of coal, but the latter lasts longer.

R. W. E. McFadden, M. A., Science Master in Brantford Collegiate Institute, spent the holiday at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McAllister and daughter, Mabel, of Owen Sound, spent Christmas with Mr. McAllister's sister, Mrs. J. E. Matson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Cross and Clifford, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cross and Mr. J. R. McKeynolds, Owen Sound, spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sims.

The advance in International Stock Food has come at last, 20 to 40%.

The Standard mailing list was corrected on December 27th. If you paid on or before December 26th, and your label has not been changed, please notify us at once of our error.

The average citizen acts as indifferent about keeping the sidewalk in front of his place clear of snow, especially on holidays and Sunday, as some little boy in regard to doing chores for his mother.

There is no guess work in our methods of testing your eyes. We have the most modern instruments procurable and the knowledge necessary for their intelligent use.—J. Lucas, Optometric Optician.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Markdale Agricultural Society will be held in the Department of Agriculture on the afternoon of Friday, January 17th, 1919. All are urgently requested to be present. S. J. Halbert, Pres.; J. S. Shepherd, Sec'y.

The Brantford Courier, after fifty-seven years existence, has ceased publication. Truly these strenuous times bear down heavily on the newspapers, and yet, there are those who would put others out of business by expecting us to furnish the paper at the former price.

Miss Clara Rowe, of Toronto, spent Xmas at her home here.

Miss Annice Hamilton is home from her school at Strathavon for the holidays.

Miss Wilma Jackson, of Toronto Conservatory of Music, is holidaying in town.

Mr. Elwood Stewart, of Owen Sound, was down attending the funeral of the late Will Ritchie, of Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennett, of the suburbs, are spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. E. Theford, of Acton.

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The Anglican Christmas Tree and entertainment will be held in the Orange Hall, Berkeley, on New Year's eve, Tuesday, December 31st, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Admission 15 cents.

Misses Allie and Alice McMillan, Ruby Sarjeant, Islay and Lillian Howard, Ethel and Muriel Armstrong and Lillie Matson, and Messrs. D. Murdoch, Charlie and Mike Kelly, Goldwin Henry and Cecil Henry, are among those home over the holidays.

A cable was received by Mr. A. Beattie, Toronto, from his son, Sig. P. A. Beattie, stating that he was being given eighteen days leave to go to London for Xmas. Sig. Beattie was in Mons, where the British and Germans met, the day the armistice was signed, and has come through almost two year's fighting without a scratch.

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THE LATE WILLIAM C. RITCHIE

The startling and distressing intelligence of the death of William Cunningham Ritchie, which took place at Hospital Hotel Dieu, Windsor, Ont., on Saturday, December 21st, came as a shock not only to his parents but to the whole town, where he was born and raised.

Between his home and Windsor he had contracted Spanish influenza on his return to Windsor, and in spite of the best attendance and medical skill that could be furnished, he succumbed to bronchial pneumonia at nine o'clock in the morning on the above date.

The late Will Ritchie, who was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ritchie, entered the Merchants Bank here on January 1st 1916, as a Junior. He soon showed evidence of the qualities required by those who seek their life's work in the financial world of Canada, and had been spared would have ranked, no doubt, with any of the staff of which he was a member. Having given evidence of the requisites required, he was transferred to Windsor in June last, where he showed, amidst his new surroundings, the sterling worth of which he was possessed.

The statement by The Great Example and Teacher of humanity, that "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," may be paraphrased into the general truth of common life, that the rare gifts as well as the splendid dispositions of our young and old, are not, at least, commended until their usefulness is cut short by death or disablement. This ought not so to be. The testimonies of the genuine, faithful character of Will in his new surroundings reached Markdale shortly after his demise. We quote the following from a letter from Rev. H. M. Paulin, of Windsor, to Rev. J. Thurburn-Conn: "I knew the boy, I think fairly well. I do my business at the Merchants Bank and I saw him very frequently. He had agreed to come and act as one of the helpers in the Sunday School Secretary's office, and I was hoping we might have enjoyed him there. I count him a very fine young fellow. I wish you would say to his parents that he had absolutely no fear of death. He wanted to live, of course, and expressed the desire that he might be able to spend Xmas as home. He was passionately fond of his home and had a great love for his mother. He had made warm friends here and his death, is keenly felt by many young people. One can only wish that there were more boys as likeable and as genuine as Will Ritchie."

The above is only one of the splendid tributes to our late young townsman. There are many like him. Let it be our business to honor and help them to express the fine ingredients of character that only require a little assistance into the light and activities of our town and community. Will was only eighteen years and seven months old, beloved by his companions and a member of Cook's Presbyterian Church, Markdale.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 24th, from his parental home, to Markdale Public Cemetery. It was largely attended, especially by the young people of the town. The service was conducted by Rev. J. Thurburn-Conn and was of an impressive character, the sympathy of the community being distinctly felt by all present.

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The Standard joins in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

"IN MEMORIAM"  
WILLIAM HOHNZOLLERN, late King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany, head push and guiding star of all the scamps of Europe, died politically and socially November, 1918, after being stripped of all his functions except his fasces. It is bated by millions, lamented by none.

Retrain from judging Kaiser, William For God permitted all his crimes. His early gains had made him silly. And now they have him analyzed. His misty brain, his snow-white liver, His craven heart, his closing gall, His fetid breath smells up to Heaven. His eyes reflect the flames of Hell. His restless spirit much confused. Claiming mandates from on high; His sudden fall with such delusions, Would test the nerves of sounder minds.

To wash his hands from innocent blood. Needs all the water of the Rhine. And take the whole of Noah's flood. To wash him clean from other crimes. The days and nights will pass as ever. And stars will twinkle as before. The sun will show its brilliant light. But Billy's star will shine no more. Refrain from judging Crazy Willie. I mentioned this to you before. A judge that never errs in judging, Will meet him at the other shore. Priceville, 1918. —J. S. BLACK

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## "NEW YEAR" ACROSTIC TO MARK

My all our readers have a happy  
And all be happy and blessed.  
Receiving the gifts of life who  
Knowing which one suits us best.  
Best thou ever consider what  
All along the pathway of life?  
Love cherished, unmeasured, of  
Encircled by Love without strife.

Stand fast in the faith. God give  
To-morrow may come all too late.  
Avoid the temptation that may  
No turn from the road that's  
Do your best; God will reward  
And bounties we all may receive.  
Remember, his storehouse is open.  
Don't hesitate. "Come, trust and

## MRS. WM. MATTHEWS.

Mrs. William Matthews, of the suburbs, departed this life on Thursday, December 26th, after a brief illness, in her 51st year. She had been in failing health for some time and it was thought after the operation she underwent at Owen Sound last August she might have better health, but it was evident on her return home that the disease was too deep-rooted and she succumbed on the above date. She is survived by her husband and son, step-son and step-daughter.

The funeral took place on Saturday the 28th from her late home, Glenelg township, to Markdale Public Cemetery, conducted by Rev. J. Thurburn-Conn. The highest esteem in which deceased was held was shown by the large attendance of neighbors and friends. Her brothers, William Myers of Rochester, N. Y.; Norman, of Corbetton, were present.

Much sympathy is expressed for the friends of the deceased.

## DEATH OF MR. NEELY.

Mr. Thomas McLean Neely, father of Mr. Wm. A. Neely, of this place, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. Hunter, Yorkton, Sask., on the 21st December, in his 74th year. The remains were brought to his old home, Shellburne, for interment. He leaves a family of five: Wm. A. Neely of Markdale; Thos. A. of Panghorn, Sask.; Robert M., and Wilbert G. of Winnipeg, and Mrs. A. Hunter, Yorkton, Sask., also a brother and a sister, Parry Sound. Deceased spent two years recently with his son in Markdale, and made warm friends by his social nature and genial disposition.

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