

The Markdale Standard.

MARKDALE, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, APR. 9, 1919.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Several boxes of clothing delivered to the Markdale branch of the W.C.T.U. on Tuesday afternoon. The clothing consists of a variety of articles, including coats, dresses, and hats. The clothing was donated by the W.C.T.U. of Toronto and is being distributed to the needy in Markdale.

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Housecleaning now. Clean up the backyard. There's not a vacant shop in Markdale. The generous use of paint is true economy. An overcoat, found, was left at the Standard office last week. Mr. Robert Winlaw, of Winkaw, B. C., visited Markdale last week. Mr. Hugh McKinney, of Toronto, was a visitor at Mrs. Hollingshead's last week. A number of small-sized modern built houses in town would find ready purchasers. Women have been obtaining more freedom for their tongue and hobbling their feet. Don't forget the Bake Sale in Mrs. Leslie's Ice Cream Parlor Saturday. Refreshments served. A number of small-sized modern built houses in town would find ready purchasers. Women have been obtaining more freedom for their tongue and hobbling their feet. Don't forget the Bake Sale in Mrs. Leslie's Ice Cream Parlor Saturday. Refreshments served.

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The late Spr. Robt. Bruce Walker.

The late Sapper Robert Bruce Walker was born on the 9th Line in the Township of Euphrasia, on April 15th, 1879, being the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker, who are still residents of the 9th Line. He spent his life in the said township until about fifteen years ago when he sought employment in Toronto and later in the West where he was connected with the Provincial Police and also engaged in railroading. He extended his travels to California and after some sojourn there returned to Euphrasia in 1912 becoming associated with the construction and maintenance of the Telephone System of that Township. He was thus engaged when he heard his country's call and enlisted with the 147th at Owen Sound, January 15th, 1916. He underwent training at Owen Sound, Camp Borden and Niagara. On August 15th, 1916, at Owen Sound, he was happily wedded to Miss Florence Brackenbury, daughter of Mr. Wm. Brackenbury, of Faversham, Ont. He left for overseas on October 5th, 1916, and saw further training at Shorncliffe, and special training at Purfleet in bridge building and rail-road construction for which he was specially fitted. In February, 1917, he was called over-channel, and saw service in Belgium and France. During the dark days of the spring of 1918 during the retreat he saw the need of men and volunteered for combatant service, but was not permitted to do so by his Colonel. But nevertheless he was brave and sacrificing in his service, as an extract from a comrade's letter will reveal,—"Bruce was one of those men who volunteered as a stretcher-bearer at the battle of Arras. He worked all night under intense shell fire carrying in wounded Highlanders from the battlefield and in many other ways did he prove he was a real man."

In September last he volunteered for service in Palestine with the 1st Canadian Bridging Co., where he saw some months of active service. He had visited the regions of Galilee, saw the places associated with our Saviour's ministry while on earth. He had planned to visit Jerusalem when overtaken by fatal illness. He was taken care of at Hospital 69, Belah, Palestine. Nurse, Matron, Chaplain and Comrades write of the patient and uncomplaining spirit with which he bore his sickness but he finally succumbed to its ravages on Saturday, January 11th, 1919, at 6.45 p.m. On the following Monday, January 13th, he was laid away gently and reverently by his comrades in the Military Cemetery of Belah, about 5 miles south of the ancient settlement of Gaza. Full military honors were given the dead. The Chaplain, Rev. T. Thomas, read the service, the bugler sounded the Last Post, and the burial party sorrowfully left their and our brave dead.

There are left to mourn the loss of their soldier dead, besides his widow and his aged parents, three sisters, Mrs. George Walker, Bethel, Conn.; Miss Isabella and Miss Emily at the homestead; and one brother, William of the 9th Line, Euphrasia.

On Sunday a memorial service was held in Ebenezer Church, townline, which was largely attended. The pulpit and altar rail of the church were draped in black and beautiful flowers were placed on the communion table. Rev. A. P. Stanley conducted the service and Mr. J. H. Dundas, of Markdale, assisted with the music singing, "No Burdens Yonder." Much sympathy was expressed for the sorrowing friends, especially for the young widow and aged parents.

FAREWELL GATHERINGS.

One evening recently the Temple Hill Women's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Prolemy and presented Mrs. Peter Smith and Miss Jennie Smith with a Life Certificate and Bible, respectively. In appreciation of their devotion to the Auxiliary. An appropriate address was read and a most enjoyable evening spent.

NURSING SISTER HOME.

Nursing Sister Miss Mae Devitt arrived home on Saturday last. She was tendered a hearty welcome at the station by her relatives, friends and the public generally. Rev. Boyd led a hearty three cheers for the brave sister and in a few well chosen words she expressed high appreciation of her patriotic services, a sincere and hearty welcome home and after another vigorous three cheers announced that Miss Devitt was "now in the hands of the ladies." The following address from the W.C.T.U. was read by Mrs. Ritchie:

Dear Miss Devitt—It is with feelings of mingled joy and sorrow that we have gathered here to-night, the 40th Anniversary of your wedding, to extend to you our best wishes before you leave our community. We deeply regret to lose you from our neighborhood, but we can understand how natural it is for you to desire to be with your own family. We would not like to let you go, however, without expressing our appreciation of your presence in our midst during these past years.

We are grateful to you, Mr. Smith, for the many favors you have done for us as neighbors. For the past thirty-two years you have been the faithful secretary-treasurer of our school and we know that your services have always been rendered freely and gladly, and Mrs. Smith and Miss Jennie, we shall be sorry to miss your cheerful faces which have always brightened the gatherings at which you have been present.

To you all we say that we feel we are sustaining a very real loss by your leaving us; and we congratulate the community to which you are going.

But we would not be content in merely expressing in words our appreciation of you and so we ask you to accept these purses of money as a tangible token of our esteem. We hope these may often remind you of the many friends in Markdale after you have reached your new home and also that happiness as boundless as the prairie may be yours.

Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbors: D. Torrie, M. Paton.

The evening was a very sociable one and music added to the pleasant hours. Refreshments were served and the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye" brought to a close a very sociable farewell gathering.

It was the event of the 40th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's wedding and the gathering was a great surprise for the recipients.

Mr. Smith expects to leave for the West next week. Mrs. Smith and daughter to remain in Toronto a few months.

BLANTYRE

It is with feelings of regret that we record the death of another resident of this place in the person of Miss Maggie Ann Clark in her fifty-fourth year. Miss Clark has been keeping house for her brother, John, who resides on the old homestead. Retiring is usual on Saturday evening, March 29th, and on Sunday morning her brother in the fire and did some chores, returned to the house and found his sister had not yet risen, and going to her room to awake her he was shocked to find life extinct. Dr. McCullough, of Waters Falls, was called and upon examination found death was due to heart failure. Miss Clark was loved and respected by all who knew her and lived a life of quiet care and devotion to her home. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday afternoon at St. James cemetery, 4th line, was largely attended, service being conducted by her pastor Rev. Mr. Young. She is survived by two sisters and three brothers, namely, Mrs. M. Davis, of this place and Mrs. D. Parker, of Toronto; John, of this place, Robert, of Collingwood township, Andrew of Temple Hill, all of whom have the sympathy of friends and neighbors in their bereavement.

CLERK OF OSPREY DEAD.

The Flesherton Advance says:—Mr. Thos. Scott, clerk of the Township of Osprey for 31 years, died on Tuesday morning of this week from heart failure. The news came as a great shock to his many friends throughout the township and county, as deceased gentleman was widely and favorably known by a large circle of friends. On several occasions Mr. Scott has acted as Returning Officer in elections and in this way formed a very large acquaintance. He was twice married and leaves two sons, two daughters and a widow. One of his sons had recently returned from the war zone. The death was very sudden and unexpected.

BORN

RICKETTS—In Toronto, April 3rd, 1919; to Mr. and Mrs. L. Henry Ricketts a son, great-grandson of Mrs. C. Ricketts, Markdale.

MARRIED

McEACHNE-BRETT—In Toronto, on Thursday, April 3, 1919, Mr. H. Fred McEachne, of Markdale, to Miss Esther Brett, of Beverdale.

DIED

FOY—In Holland on April 6th, 1919, Mrs. Hugh Foy, aged 53 years. The funeral took place Tuesday a.m. to St. Stanislaus' cemetery, Chatsworth.

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