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REGEN THEATRE

PHOTO-PLAYS

TO-NIGHT, MAY 24TH

MATINEE THIS AFTERNOON; ALSO HERE THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

A "GASNIER" PRODUCTION

"Rich Men's Wives"

Are they to be pitied, scorned or envied?

MERMAID-EDUCATIONAL COMEDY

"SPOOKS"

If You Can't Laugh, Don't Come

Show starts at 8:00 on Friday nights; 7:30 on Saturday nights. Comedy twice on Saturday nights
Admission 15 and 30 cents, including Amusement Tax

C. E. WALDEN - - - MANAGER

Anglican Church Notes

The Rural Deanery of Grey will meet at Chatsworth on Wednesday, June 20th. The Programme promises to be one of the best in years. The speakers will include the following: The Rev. Dr. Taylor of Wycliffe College, Toronto; The Rev. Dr. Gould; Mr. H. Mowat, General Secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; The Ven. Archdeacon Doherty, of London; Judge Sutherland and Mr. W. H. Smith, of Owen Sound. The Rev. Dr. Taylor has been associated with Missionary Work in China and will bring first-hand information of that country. The Rev. Dr. Gould is the General Secretary of the M.S.C.C. He has just returned from an extensive tour of the Mission Field of India and Palestine, having travelled 35,000 miles in his tour during the last year. Mr. H. Mowat has made a name for himself in Canada. None of our people should miss this opportunity of listening to one of our Dominion's outstanding men.

The Bishop of the Diocese has notified the Rev. A. Richardson, Rural Dean, that he has made the following appointments in Grey Deanery: The Rev. E. L. Vivian to the Parish of Walters Falls to take charge the 1st Sunday in June; The Rev. Geo. H. Vroman to the Parish of Heathcote, Feversham and Duncan.

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Services as usual.

When you feel uneasy in your spectacles don't hesitate to call and see us. Examination free.—J. Lucas

Cooke's Church Notes

Sunday, May 27: Services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday School in Berkeley at 2:00 o'clock. Public Worship at 3:00 o'clock.

Choir practice in Cooke's Church, Markdale, every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

Methodist Church Notes

The final debate in the Owen Sound District Young People's Series will be held in Markdale Methodist Church on Friday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The subject is "Resolved that films of American origin are more degrading than uplifting to the patrons of the Canadian moving picture theatres." Tuistioge and Owen Sound, North, are the contenders. The winners will hold the shield for the next year. Everybody welcome.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Thos. Cook on Tuesday evening, May 29th, at 8:00 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as this is the first meeting since the election of officers.

Be present next Sunday at Sabbath School to discuss the question of changing the hour of meeting to 11 a.m. for the summer months. A Superintendent of the Missionary Department will be appointed. Mr. J. A. Clarke is taking charge of the singing in the Sunday School.

Concert To-Night

in the Armouries

MAY the 24th

The Vandeleur Dramatic Club

will present the play

"HIS UNCLE JOHN"

This play has been successfully given on two former occasions by this talent. Come out and enjoy the program which will include several numbers by other good talent.

Admission; Adults 25 cents; Children 15 cents

(The whole day's proceedings are under the auspices of L. O. L. No. 1945, Markdale.)

Thirty-three Head Pure Bred Shorthorn Cattle for Sale

The 2nd Annual Grey County Shorthorn Breeders' Association Sale will be held at the Fair Grounds,

Markdale, Friday, June 1st, at 1 p.m.

All are from fashionably bred Scotch families. Every animal inspected by officials of the Live Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Nine (9) months credit given on approved joint notes or six (6) per cent. (6%) per annum off for cash. Positively no reserve. Every animal will be sold regardless of price. Write for Catalogue.

T. STEWART COOPER, Secretary.

Some Pioneer Notes

(Ex-editor of The Standard)

It is seventy odd years since this Markdale district was first settled, and the senior pioneers are becoming very scarce. It has been urged, and wisely so, that those who remain, or their children, place on record something of the early experiences, and thus, in a way, link up the past with the present. The only really first settler in this vicinity who still survives, as far as we know, is Mr. John Stedwill, who is now 103 years old.

The writer's parents, with nine of a family, left Leeds County in November, 1850, 72 years ago last November, for this part, then called Artemesia, or nicknamed "the heart of misery." The journey was made from Brockville to Toronto by boat, thence by oxen and sled. Some three hundred acres had been "taken up" by father and the sons who were old enough to "draw land." The writer was the youngest of the family, so he got no ranch. There were a few settlers in one year before our family came, but the County, for many Townships around, was an almost unbroken forest. The district was, however, rapidly settled with a vigorous, industrious, frugal class of people, English, Irish and Scotch, and all decidedly neighborly.

Our post office was Mono Mills, 50 miles distant, and any neighbor for miles around who happened to come this direction from Toronto, then called Muddy York, carried what mail matter might be at Mono Mills for settlers of the district. Postage on a letter then was ninepence. Owen Sound was the nearest point to a grist mill, and it was no uncommon occurence for a farmer to carry his grist to mill on his back, and his flour home with him by the same conveyance.

In 1852 a weekly mail was established between Shelburne and Johnstown, now Chatsworth, 44 miles, and the late James Brown, of Melancthon, conveyed this on horseback for many years. There was by this time a "tavern" about every two-and-a-half miles along this Toronto Line; also fully seven miles of corduroy road in Melancthon swamps, so that mail carrying was a slow process.

What live stock settlers had were wintered largely on browse, being the finer portion of the tree tops. This fodder was plentiful, as the chief work during winter months was felling the trees so as to be ready to clear up a few more acres the following summer.

Houses, as well as barns, were built of round logs, and men who were handy with the axe were in demand when a building was being erected to "take up" a corner. A fireplace was almost indispensable in every shack, and they were, as a rule, crudely built, but spacious enough to take in a good-sized log. Stoves were then rare and fuel plentiful, when the stove agent came along in later years, one of his strong points in favor of introducing the stove was that it would save half the fuel. One pioneer met this argument with the jocular remark that he would take two and thus save all the wood.

The farmer's outfit, in the shape of implements, was homespun and inexpensive. For instance, an ox yoke, logging chain, a drag and woodbeam plow, a home-made sleigh, called a jumper, besides a chopping axe and handspikes. Then a sickle or grain cradle and home-made wood rake. Oh yes; and a flail for threshing the grain.

Following is a list of the names of first settlers, beginning, say at 130 sideroad, Toronto Line, going north:

Alex. Brownlee;
Francis Heattie;
James Campbell;
John Hazard;
Samuel Raney;
James, John and Sam. Graham;
Richard Whittaker;
Joseph Wright;
Mr. Forbes;
Wm. Dixon;
Wm. Cherry;
James Beaty;
Joseph McLeod;
John Cunningham;
Wm. Cunningham;
Dr. Mahaffey;
Wm. McFanan;
Joseph Gilbraith;
Geo. Murdie;
Chas. Peck;
John Stedwill;
John Gilpin;
John Galbraith;
John McKay;
Norman McKay;
Alex. Irvin;
Wm. Lockyer;
John Hunter;
John Noble;
John Mays;
Edward Miller;
Cole Miller;
David Cram;
Adam Gaylight;
Chas. Draper;
Robert Caswell;
John Smith;
Jo. Price;
George Walker;
Mark Armstrong;
Robert Atkinson;
Samuel Coleman;
Thos. Campbell;
Andrew McEwen;
Mr. Miller;
Geo. Drew;
Robert McFadden.

The parents of Sir William Hearst were residents at that time near the foot of Allen's Hill, north of Markdale.

Then West Backline:

Daniel, James, John and Robert McNichol;
Wm. Blair;
John McKay;
Wm. Love;
Henry Meldrum
James Campbell
John Bullivant;
Henry Wilson;
Sandy Irvin;
Sandy Rutledge
Edward Rutledge;
Wm. Rutledge;
Wm. Smith;
Pat. Lowe;
John Hamilton;
James Caswell;
Wm. Armstrong
Matthew Irving;
Bob McBride;
Joshua Dodds;
Samuel Ireton;
Robert Terry;
John Bowers;

Then East Backline from 20 sideroad west:

O'Brien Family;
Archie Foster;
Andrew Whitton
Wm. Carter;
Alex. Madill;
Mr. Taylor;
Mr. Jamieson;
Wm. Miller;
Wilson Benson;
Thos. Irwin;
William Bowler;
Robert Smith;
Robert Lee;
Richard Watson
Thos. Elliott;
James Walker.

Some notes from my diary:

In the fall of 1872 W. J. McFarland opened a general store in Cornabuss.

In 1864 Thos. Mathews bought a half-acre lot in Cornabuss and opened business harness making the following year.

On the 19th of December, 1866, while threshing for Shepherd Boyce, John Madill happened with a painful accident by getting wound up on the tumbling shaft.

September 9 and 10th, first election after Confederation.

October 23th, 1867, W. J. White and family arrived from Leeds Co.

Jan. 20th, 1868, Sandy Rutledge opened a hotel in Cornabuss.

Dec. 12th, 1869, Meaford Road Church dedicated.

December 16th, Clark Reynolds opened a hotel in Cornabuss.

January 6th, 1870, First Methodist Church in Cornabuss opened.

January, 1870, the name Cornabuss changed to Markdale.

June 23, 1870, Methodist Church destroyed by fire.

September 23, 1870, S. L. M. Luke became almost choked to death with raw beef.

May 14th, 1871, Railway surveyed to Markdale.

January 7th, 1872, Second Methodist Church opened.

October 28, 1872, Mr. and Mrs. D. McNichol moved to Maryland.

December 31, 1872 Railway rails laid to Markdale.

June 12th, 1873, First railway excursion to Toronto.

August 9th, 1873, trains began to run on schedule time.

June 6, 1874, the writer sold his farm of 50 acres to his brother Edward, and bought the William Miller farm of 100 acres.

March 22, 1875, snow blockade on railway of five weeks' duration lifted.

October 29, 1875, First issue of the Markdale Expositor.

Court of Revision

TOWNSHIP OF GLENELG

The first sitting of the Court of Revision for the Township of Glenelg will be held at the Township Hall in said Township on Saturday June 2nd at the hour of 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing and determining appeals against Assessment Roll for 1923.

All parties having business at the Court will appear at the said time and place.

Dated at Glenelg this 15th day of May, 1923.

HECTOR H. McDONALD,
Township Clerk

WANTED

Horse about 1100 lbs. Must be sound and in good condition.

J. FOLK - - - MARKDALE

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J. S. SHEPHERDSON, Auctioneer, Markdale

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