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- A. F. & A. M.—Hiram Lodge No. 1124, G. L. C. C., Markdale.** Meets in the Hiram Lodge, Markdale, on the 1st of each month. Visiting brethren always cordially welcomed. H. E. Parker, W. P. W. P. Gregory, Registrar, R. R. Markdale.
- U. O. L.—Markdale D.O.L. No. 1045** meets in Haskett's Hall on Thursday evening on or before the full moon in each month. Visiting brethren made welcome. J. W. Suddert, W.M.; Herb. O'Hanlon, Rec. Sec.

SPECIALS

Matches, 3 boxes for 25c.
 Coffee, per pound 70c.
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 Also Lettuce, Celery, Bananas, Fresh, Salted and Smoked Fish.

H. G. NESBITT
 Markdale

The Brighter Day

When the moon comes up tonight
 And the stars are shining bright,
 And the best-like diamonds glisten
 In the snow.

And we're out to gladly sing,
 While the sleigh-bells merrily ring,
 As the sleigh glides swiftly o'er
 The snow.

As we slide o'er hill and dell,
 Then these we know so well,
 That heads us where the shadows
 Come and go.

Beneath the pine and oak,
 Where we fain would make a
 joke,
 And say you might be mine some
 rare day.

Then along the path of life,
 We will go as man and wife,
 And be happy as the party in the
 sleigh.

Mrs. Benjamin Cutting

The sympathy of the community goes out to members of the Cutting family in the death of their mother, on Monday, February 13th, 1928, following so closely on that of their father, Mr. Benjamin T. Cutting, who passed away on January 15th, less than a month ago. The fact that the oldest son, Fred, whose case is inoperable, lies at the point of death in the Toronto General Hospital, adds further sorrow to the hearts of the bereaved.

Mrs. Cutting, who was sixty-seven years of age, had for the past eleven years, rather poor health, her death being due to a paralytic stroke which occurred early Saturday morning. Since last Autumn, when she suffered the second stroke, she had been somewhat paralysed, but yet able to be about her home.

The deceased, who was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bowles of Euphrasia, was born at Georgetown and came to Euphrasia about forty-three years ago. At the age of twenty-five she married Mr. Cutting, settling on a farm. Four children were born to them, all of whom survive: Fred of Markdale; Mrs. George Wylliv of Euphrasia; Mrs. John Acheson of Holland; and Robert at home.

The late Mrs. Cutting was a member of the former Methodist church, joining at Algonquin many years ago, and was always anxious to help with the church work in whatever way she could. She was a loving mother and a kind neighbor.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Markdale public cemetery with Rev. A. N. St. John in charge. The pallbearers were the same as those who carried Mr. Cutting to his last resting place, namely: Messrs. Alex. Acheson, Jas. Rodman, John Pehleton, Lefi Burnett, Wm. Irwin and Harry Erskine.

A. Y. P. A.

The A.Y.P.A. of Christ Church held their regular meeting on Monday in the large reception rooms at the Rectory. The educational group were in charge and were very fortunate in having Miss J. McDowell, of the local High School, to deliver her lecture, "From St. John to Algonquin." The intimate knowledge of her subject and the ability of the speaker, with the various scenes illustrated by very fine slides, made the evening a real delight. A vote of thanks moved by J. Hill and J. Matthews was heartily accorded. It was decided to hold a boggan and hot-sleigh party on Tuesday evening of next week, February 21st. The next regular meeting will be held on February 27th, when Mr. Arthur Clements, Organist of St. George's Church, Owen Sound, will give a Pi and Talk entitled "The Language of the Hymn Tune."

Berkeley United Church

Sunday, February 19th
 Service at 7 p.m. by the Rev. F. L. Brown, B.A., of Toronto, Missionary Superintendent. A good congregation is asked for at this service.

On Monday evening, February 20, Mr. McCarten will give a talk and show lantern slides on the work among the Indians in the Northern Manitoba; in the church at 8 p.m.

On Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Ramsome. Meeting opened by singing Hymn 268. Mrs. McCarten read the Scripture Lesson from the 7th chapter of St. Mark, 1 to 20 verses. Mr. McCarten then led in prayer. The election of officers took place as follows:

Pres., Mrs. Nelson Kirk;
 Vice-Pres., Mrs. Norman Haldenby;
 Sec., Miss Mary Ritchie;
 Asst. Sec., Miss Isabelle Rowe;
 Treas., Mrs. George Caswell;
 Organist, Miss Mary Rowe.

Meeting closed with Hymn 377 and benediction by Mr. McCarten. The hostess served lunch, assisted by Misses Mary and Isabelle Rowe.

Don't forget the play "Wanted: A Wife", to be given in the church on March 2nd.

Courier Attacked

A court case which has created considerable interest in this district is being tried to-day at Orangeville.

Erwin Merkley, of Corbetton, is the mail courier on Route No. 3, Corbetton. After the big storm last week he is said to have called up parties on his route stating that he would be unable to go around his route if the road was not broken.

Harvey Trudgen proceeded to break the road and Merkley was having considerable difficulty getting along the road when he saw Trudgen. Some remarks were exchanged and it is alleged that Trudgen struck Merkley and in the scarp Merkley's thumb was severely chewed. At any rate the Crown has taken hold this Wednesday at Orangeville. Dr. Carter, of this place, who dressed the injured thumb, is a witness. The outcome of interfering with one of His Majesty's servants while on duty is being eagerly awaited. —Dundalk Herald.

For Fire, Accident, Automobile Plate Glass and other Insurances; Guaranty Bonds, etc., apply to Lucas & Henry, Markdale, Ont.

Walters Falls Agricultural Society

The Annual Meeting of the Walters Falls Agricultural Society was held recently at which the following officers were elected:

President, R. A. Hanna.
 1st Vice-Pres., John Murray.
 2nd Vice-Pres., D. Patterson.
 Sec.-Treas., H. V. Wales.
 Directors, E. Ptolemy, G. Seabrook, E. Walters, M. A. Cook, J. McDonald, W. Morrison, C. Rennie, J. Long, S. Marshall.

Lady Directors, Mrs. E. Ptolemy, Mrs. D. Patterson, Mrs. W. L. Seabrook, Miss H. Hanna, Mrs. E. Walters.

Auditors, Jas. Free, S. Saunders.

It was decided to enter the Field Crop Competition in Fall Wheat and Oats and entries should be made early, not later than May 15th.

On February 10th a Box Social and Dance was held in the Community Hall under the auspices of the Society at which there was a first class attendance. Another big dance is planned for Friday, February 24th. Particulars will be announced later.

West Grey County Orange Lodge

The annual meeting of the West Grey County Orange Lodge, which was held in Owen Sound last week, brought together a large number of the leading members of the Orange order and sessions were held in the morning and afternoon. In the absence of the County Master, Mr. T. W. Thomson, who was out of the city, the meeting was presided over by Mr. Alex. Stewart, of Holland Centre, Deputy County Master.

The reports presented during the session were of a most encouraging character and showed the order in this district to be in a flourishing and prosperous condition. There was some discussion with regard to the much talked of Clause 17, and regarding which various opinions have been expressed, but the lodge did not go on record with regard to the matter.

Mr. Alex. Stewart, of Holland Centre, was elected County Master for the coming year, with Mr. Elmer Wright, of Owen Sound, being chosen as Deputy County Master. Mr. James Jackson, Owen Sound, 1st County Master, presided during the election of the officers, the others elected being as follows:—Rec. Sec., Johnston Little, Owen Sound; Fin. Sec., Melville McGee, Desboro; Treasurer, Wm. Hampton, Holland Centre; Chaplain, Chris Bleich, Owen Sound; Marshal, Thos. Brooks, Owen Sound; Lecturer, Chas. Crane, Chatsworth; 1st Deputy Lecturer, Wm. McMillen, Holland Centre; 2nd Deputy Lecturer, Wm. Walker, Berkeley.

Following the election of officers they were installed by Past County Master Alfred Quirk, and it was decided to hold the semi-annual meeting at Chatsworth in June.

North Grey County Orange Lodge

The annual meeting of North Grey County Loyal Orange Lodge was held on Tuesday of last week in the Orange Hall at Thornbury when about 50 attended. Rev. Edward Baker of Meaford, retiring County Master, presided and gave a stirring address. The election of officers resulted as follows:

W.M., Rht. Bell, Heathcote.
 D.M., H. E. Parker, Osgood.
 Chaplain, Rev. R. E. Norton, Thornbury.
 Rec. Sec., Wm. Lang, Meaford.
 Fin. Sec., W. Howgill, Collingwood.
 Treas., Wm. Cook, Meaford.
 Marshall, J. Lowe, Thornbury.
 Lecturer, J. Haines, Griersville.
 Deputy Lecturers, Jos. Patton, Rocklyn and E. Hutchinson, Heathcote.

It is likely that the 12th of July will be celebrated in Owen Sound and the semi-annual meeting will be held at Griersville in June.

Springtime

Already there are many signs of approaching spring, although officially it is not due to arrive until March 21st.

Spring is the season of reincarnation, rejuvenation and radiant life. It is only to man that January 1st represents the birth of a new year and the calendar year is an artificial structure with plant life and that of the lower animals the coming of spring is at once the birth of a new year and life.

Humanity recognizes and speaks of a new year as from January 1st, but nevertheless observes it from the first breath of spring. After the departure of the drear and stifling winter and the coming of refreshing and magnetic spring there is new life and new hope created in the breasts of men and women. Spring brings great plans and high resolves which only winter can demolish or deter.

It is not sufficient to say that the homing instinct is convenient in the spring. It is natural and not to be gainsaid by man or beast. Spring urges the bird to build its nest, the animal to burrow into its mother earth and man to plan his home, but neither bird, beast nor man knows nor asks why. Spring is the one and only irresistible force.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Markdale High School

Form I—Composition—Jan. 27
 M. Matthews 72, M. Lyons 70, M. Lee 68, C. Elliot 68, D. Perry 68, E. Murray 65, Jack Bradley 60, L. Merrifield 58, W. Harvey 53, F. Armstrong 52, T. Norris 50, D. J. Torrie 45, M. Walker 40.

Form I—Literature—Jan. 30
 R. Armstrong 90, R. Wylliv 88, J. St. John 83, I. Parker 80, W. Bradey 80, P. Binn 74, J. Carrethers 70, J. Noble 69, B. Dundas 68, S. Thibaudou 67, M. Butler 69, G. Walters 62, I. Hoping 60, H. Parker 58, J. Harvey 56, R. Douglas 54, G. Graham 52, E. Hill 52, W. Boales 49, R. McFadden 47, P. Wright 46, L. Burns 44, G. Noble 44, L. Noble 43, N. Hill 36, M. Dickie, 19.

Report of S.S. No. 17, Euphrasia (Rosendale), for January.
 Sr. IV—Eugene Thompson.
 Jr. IV—Bill Fitzsimmons, Kenneth Henning, Dorcy Thompson.
 Sr. III—Marice Henning, Annie Fitzsimmons, Jean Kirkpatrick and Dennis Wylliv equal, Olive Miller.
 Sr. II—Velma Wells, Wilda Fitzsimmons, Jean Lawson and Viola Murray equal, Billie Caswell, Lawrence Thompson, Billie Henning, Lloyd Breadner, Irene Breadner.
 Jr. I—Elton Murray, Wallace Wells, Elsie McInnis, Mervin Thompson.
 Primer—Herbert Thompson, Bob Fitzsimmons, Emily Pilkey.
 Enrolled 25. Average attendance 20.48.
 F. I. Oldfield, Teacher.

Report of Cherry Grove School for the month of January.
 Sr. IV—Jean Abercrombie (h), Merton Penelton.
 Jr. IV—Viola Wylliv, Harry Hill.
 Sr. III—Elna Smart, Wilma Dickie and Odessa Barnett.
 Jr. III—Muriel Harvey, Lloyd Harvey, Mandy Barnett and Herb. Hill.
 Sr. II—Jane Dickie, Wilbert Wylliv and Roy Wylliv.
 Jr. II—Mabel Wylliv, Edwin Abercrombie, Arlie Mills, Jimmie Nesbitt and Otto Mills.
 Sr. I—Sadie Harvey.
 No. on the roll 20. Average attendance 18.
 Gladys E. Miller, Teacher.

25 YEARS AGO.

February 12th, 1903

Mr. J. G. Ferris, of Beaverdale, has purchased Mr. W. T. Kells house on Toronto street. Mr. Kells goes to the West shortly.

After 23 years in charge of the dry business, Mr. W. H. King disposes of it to T. H. Wilson. Mr. King and family are going to the West.

The officers of East Grey County Orange Lodge were: W.M., W. H. Guy, Maxwell; D.M., Wm. Roncy, Kingscote; Chaplain, Thos. Wylliv, Proton Station; Rec. Sec., J. H. Corbett, Dundalk; Fin. Sec., Wm. Gray, Melancthon; Treas., W. A. Goodfellow, Dundalk; D. of C., J. W. Morrow, Dundalk and H. D. McLoughry, Markdale; Lecturers: W. W. Collingburn, Melancthon, and Robt. Kinnear, Maxwell.

Mr. Edward Drinkwater, a highly respected resident of Berkeley, passed away suddenly from heart trouble on Feb. 6th, 1903, aged 67 years. His was the first grave in the new cemetery at Berkeley.

Daniel Blaney, aged 90 years, died in Markdale on Feb. 11th, 1903.

Married—At Harkaway on Wednesday, February 11th, 1903, Lizzie, daughter of Mrs. Jane Murdoch, to Mr. R. G. Noble of Markdale.

The Franking Privilege

What is the origin of franking? The mails were originally the King's business. Presently private persons were allowed to use them for a fee. Still they are the "Royal Mail", with G.R. blazoned on every mail cart, however humble and dingy. Still everything "On His Majesty's Service" goes free by them as a matter of course. The result makes the post office department bear, on its books, a large amount of actual out-of-pocket cost that should be borne by the departments using it. Hence the departments are to be asked to pay their postage bills; parliament is to vote less money for the theoretical Post Office deficit; and more for the upkeep of the departments concerned. Strangely enough the Government has not yet consented to abolish the franking privilege for members. Yet it is the glaring abuse of that privilege that recently brought up the whole "franking" question. One prominent politician franked his party literature all over the country at the nation's expense. In England no member is allowed to frank mail. The members get a yearly postage allowance. The post office is conducted as much as possible as it would if privately owned. It is a healthy example to follow. To simplify any problem is to help solve it. The more that government services can be disentangled so that the taxpayers may see just where their money goes, the better for the nation.

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(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. Richard Fawcett spent a few days last week at the home of his brother-in-law Mr. Chapple near Meaford.

Miss Leila Sewall of the Townline and E. visited over the week-end with her friend Vera Fawcett and is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Roy Kirkpatrick.

The weather at present is of the best and roads good and most everyone is wishing for it to continue through February.

The many friends here of the Cutting family were shocked this Monday morning when word came over the phone that Mrs. Cutting had passed away and much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leila Fawcett and son visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fawcett of the Kimberley Valley on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Fawcett spent Sunday at the latter's home here.

(Intended for last week.)

T. I. and Mrs. Fawcett drove to Heathcote last Saturday and visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fawcett and son, Vernon, and Mrs. Vera Fawcett visited with Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cornfield on Saturday last.

Mr. Wesley Lyons of Markdale was in our burg one day last week.

Several of our citizens attended Mr. Jas. Ward's sale last Friday and report the sale quite successful.

Get Copy in Early

While this paper is dated Thursday it is printed Wednesday evening of each week, which necessitates everything being ready Wednesday at noon. Of necessity quite a portion of the matter for the paper must be in our hands by the end of the week or by Monday noon in order that we may have any chance to handle it in regular hours. Display advertising should never be later than noon on Monday. The public having fallen more and more in the habit of holding off matter until Tuesday, we must request a change. If you have matter for publication in future, kindly do your share to help by getting it to us as early as possible. We aim to please, but all the work of preparing this paper, for publication each week can not be done in one day.

O Wonderful Horse!

"O horse, you are a wonderful thing; no buttons to push, no horn to honk; you start yourself, no clutch to slip; no spark to miss, no gears to strip; no license buying every year; with plates to screw on front and rear; no gas bills climbing up each day, stealing the joy of life away; no speed cops chugging in your rear, yelling summons in your ear. Your inner tubes are all O.K., and thank the Lord they stay that way. Your spark plugs never miss and your motor never makes us fuss. Your frame is good for many a mile; your body never changes shape. Your wants are few and easy met; you've something on the auto set."—By Ranger H. R. Elliott in American Forestry.

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