

MARKDALE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. J. A. Crowston visited with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Robt. Down of Tara was a visitor in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mercer spent Sunday with friends at Beaton.

Miss Grace Miller is home from Queen's University, Kingston, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mercer and sons visited with friends at Richmond Hill on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burnside of Goderich spent a couple of days in town the first of the week.

The Canadian Legion dance held on Friday evening was well attended and was quite successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley York and son and Miss V. Varty of Toronto visited on Sunday with friends here.

Grey County Mothers' Allowances Board met in Flesherton on Friday evening last when two applications were considered.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Darraugh of Orangeville spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrard Henry.

Mrs. P. Williams of Toronto is visiting with her father, Mr. Jas. Whiteoak. Mr. Williams was in town over the week-end.

Rev. H. S. Warren, Messrs. W. L. Young and F. J. Ritchie attended a meeting of the United Church Presbytery in Owen Sound on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Berry and Miss Dorothy Berry left on Tuesday on a motor trip to the southern states. They expect to be gone about two months.

Mrs. W. S. Chalmers of Owen Sound, formerly of this place, is in Kingston this week attending the graduation of her son and daughter at Queen's University.

Mr. J. Ceasar of Bognor had his neck badly injured when he was thrown from a wagon in which he was riding. He is in the Owen Sound hospital in a serious condition.

The C.P.R. is running an old fashioned excursion to Toronto on Saturday, May 14th. The special train leaves Markdale at 8.51 a.m. and special train leaves Toronto on the return trip at 7.10 Sunday evening, May 15th. The return fare is only \$2.00.

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Mrs. F. A. York is visiting with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Ed. Matson was home from Owen Sound over the week-end.

Mr. Geo. Kidd is spending a few days fishing near Algonquin Park.

Miss Helen Alton is spending a few days with her brother in Hanover.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gilbert and sons of Stayner were in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McEwen and son Jack visited in Hamilton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Richardson of Toronto visited with relatives here and at Dundalk.

Mrs. Geo. Hopkins and son Orville of Durham were visitors on Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Lyons.

Mr. Jos. McKittrick of Shelburne visited with his daughter, Mrs. T. H. Reburn for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Martin and family of Swinton Park spent Sunday with Mrs. Edith Hutchinson and Nina.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hamilton of Sarala spent a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cargoe.

Visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Perkins were Messrs. Harold and Lorne Perkins, Jimmie Ivill and Tom Macadam.

Mr. Clifford Erskine, who is one of the directors of the new canning factory at Meaford, left to take a position in the factory on Monday.

Mr. Philip Ciglen of Meaford, who disappeared from Parry Sound nearly a month ago, has not yet been found and it is now feared that he has met with foul play.

Rev. T. O. and Mrs. Miller are in Toronto this week where the former is attending a session of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston being held in Cooke's Church there.

Don't forget the Easter Story Cantata given by Victoria Choir in New England Church on Sunday, May 8th, Mothers' Day at 7.30 p.m. A collection will be taken.

Mr. Alex. Sims, Holstein, member of Boys' Parliament for South Grey will give an address to the young men of Markdale in Annesley School room at 2.30 p.m., Sunday, May 15th.

A splendid play "Eyes of Love," will be presented under the auspices of Zion Young People's League and L.O.L. No. 509 in the Orange Valley hall on Friday evening, May 6th. Admission 25 and 10 cents.

The opening of the trout fishing season on May 1st attracted a great many city residents to this locality but we have heard of no record catches. The weather has been too cold for fishing with comfort.

Messrs. A. E. Hunt, W. S. Perkins, J. R. Dillon, A. Acheon, W. J. Howard, H. M. Irwin, W. V. Graham, G. H. B. Walker and A. E. Colgan attended service in the United Church at Dundalk with the Odd Fellows lodge on Sunday evening.

Mr. J. H. Hartman will be the speaker at a supper to be given the laymen of Christ Church, Markdale, and St. Matthias, Church, Berkeley at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th, in the basement of Christ Church. All laymen of the two congregations both young and old are urged to attend.

The local fire brigade was called out Sunday evening when some kindling, placed in the oven of the kitchen stove at the home of Mrs. Clara Wiley, took fire and filled the house with smoke. The blaze was confined to the oven and no damage resulted except that caused by the smoke.

The Cemetery Board met at the cemetery on Tuesday evening and decided on some further improvements. The circular drive will be graded and gravelled; a low place in the west corner will be filled; the tool house will be repaired and painted; several trees will be planted, and toilets will be erected.

Mr. W. J. McQuire has dealt his chopping mill and residence here for a Guelph property. Mr. Metcalfe will be the new mill proprietor and it is expected that he will move here this week with his family. On Tuesday evening the members of the Presbyterian Church congregation met at the home of Mrs. Messenger and made a presentation to Mrs. McQuire, who has been one of their active workers. For the present Mr. and Mrs. McQuire will take up residence on con. 2, Holland.

The Grey County Roads Committee last week made an inspection of the roads in the county and decided on the work to be performed during the coming summer. Maintenance will be the big item. The committee consists of Messrs. H. H. Thompson, Reeve of Euphrasia; Herb. Corbett, ex-Reeve of Artemesia; W. H. Hunter, Reeve of Egremont; and Warden Allan Bell, Reeve of Durham. They were accompanied by Mr. R. C. McKnight, County Engineer and Mr. John Johnston, Road Superintendent.



Mrs. H. D. Irwin Was Pioneer of Markdale

One more of the now rapidly failing contacts with the early days of Grey County was sundered when the death occurred on Wednesday morning, Jan. 13, of Mrs. H. D. Irwin, for many years a resident of Markdale and vicinity. She had removed in 1923 to Winnipeg to make her home with two of her daughters. Her health had continued good until but a short time before her death. She carried her years with unusual vigor; and the end when it came, was swift and peaceful.

It is almost sixty-one years since she came as a bride to the half-cleared farm near Markdale which was destined to be through a long lifetime the home of herself and her husband, the birthplace of her children, the scene of the mingled joys and sorrows, losses and activities which make up the texture of life's story.

A daughter of Michael Switzer Cummingsham, now many years deceased, of Mount Albert, Ont., she was living with her parents, when the young Henry D. Irwin met her. There they plighted their troth, and thither in February, 1871, he drove in a home-made "catter" from the half-wilderness of Artemesia, to claim his bride. The "break-up" came early that spring; they narrowly escaped the floundering travel coincident with the softening of the winter roads. But after some days they came safely to the little log house, fringed about at no great distance by the primeval woods. There the home-sick girl, separated by a hundred miles of primitive roads, from all that she had known and loved, set herself bravely to the task of homemaking.

And as the loneliness passed she discovered compensations for the loss of her girlhood world. There were neighbor families thrown more closely together by the simplicity and isolation of their lives; among them she found congenial companionship which ripened into friendships to be cherished throughout all the long years that lay before her. There were relatives too; for she discovered that her husband was of a large "connection", and she had become aunt to young men and women of about her own age. But supremely, there was her home, with its growing bonds of affection; in the love of her husband, and in their big comradeship of a courageous struggle with a pioneer environment, she found her destined place and her eager zest of life. And as years passed there came into the log house the prattle of little children. The developing bodies and minds of boys and girls, adding alike to their joys and their cares.

The work of the farm was heavy, both indoor and out. It was the time of the tallow candle and the open fireplace. Water was carried, in winter and summer alike, from the stone-lined well; or when this failed, from the creek a half-mile away. Houses in those days were mere boxes, devoid of the conveniences and comforts of modern homes; their major function was to shelter from the weather, a duty which they fulfilled none too consistently.

On the farm, oxen were still used, though gradually giving place to horses. The laborious toil of haying and harvest was all performed by hand; the scythe and the "cradle" and the flail for the threshing, were then modern equipment. But Mrs. Irwin and her husband were to witness, and themselves share in the introduction of the mower and reaper and later that seeming marvel of ingenuity, the so-called "self-binder". The flail was superseded by that unspeakable man-trap, the horse-power threshing, and this in turn by "portable" and "traction" steam outfits.

Little by little the farm responded to their toil. The line of the forest was pushed back, stumps and stones were cleared out, fences were removed and rebuilt; and presently out of the rough bush clearing there evolved an orderly farm with broad and regular fields of careful tillage and fertile yield; with capacious buildings and modern implements. But in all this achievement the Irwins were but participants in a great activity which in the course of a generation transformed the wilderness of this north country into a fair and fertile land.

They saw the growing prosperity of the region signaled and rewarded in the advent of the rail-

way at first the "narrow gauge" line of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, then later the antecedent of the present road. They watched the remote, and at times disorderly backwoods hamlet of Cornabus, grow into the busy market-village of Markdale, sending out its sons and daughters to positions of responsibility scattered far across the continent. While they labored, the primitive building of the early days gradually gave place to commodious brick houses, and adequate farm buildings. Presently a telegraph line came past their door, another link and speedy communication with the wider world. Later the telephone followed the same route, providing at first service in the villages alone, but after some years even farm houses were equipped; in those days linked together on a single line that created as many "listening-posts" as stations for communication. More recently there came rural mail delivery; and the motor car, destined for good or ill to work a revolution in country life.

Mrs. Irwin and her husband had from the first found comradeship, and strength and understanding in the associations and the services of worship, of the little Wesleyan Methodist Church. Those were the days of the camp-meeting, when in a clearing lighted by blazing fires, a succession of preachers, night after night reared with the assembled folk of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come. A favorite camp-ground was in the forest not far to the south of the present railway station; and from this spot the settlers for a couple of miles around, sitting on their own doorstep could follow the words of a favorite preacher, his voice reverberating through the evening stillness of the woods. Those were the days, too of the Methodist Class-meeting, in which the leader heard from each in turn of his spiritual troubles and temptations, and offered salutary advice or warning; of the love-feast, also, the devout partook together of bread and water to symbolize their union in Christ; and of the "quarterly-meeting" in all its old-time solemnity and sincerity, where the members related to one another what great things the Word had done for them, and then participated in type, in the body and blood of Christ.

The Irwins shared devoutly in all the activities of their church; and they came soon to bear a helpful part in its work. Having children of their own, they were necessarily interested and involved in the Sunday School. Mr. Irwin was superintendent in those early days; and his wife for years taught a class. In after years her broad interest in the work of the church led her into the Women's Missionary Society, first as member, but for many years as president of the Markdale Auxiliary. Her loyalty to the cause of moral advance entailed her likewise in membership of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The changes of the years saw the little "rough-cast church in the old Methodist 'burying-ground'" give place to three successive structures on the site of the present Annesley Church in Markdale. The advanced sense of the utility of Christian division brought about the merging of the Wesleyan congregation in the larger Methodist church, and forty years later the participating of this, in turn, in the greater union of the United Church of Canada. Mrs. Irwin continued throughout a devout participant in the enlarging life of her church, supremely interested in the advance of the Kingdom which it served. At the time of her death she was a devoted member of Fort Rouge United Church at Winnipeg.

But the passing of the years brought changes in her home, and in herself and her husband, no less than in their environment. Their children grew to maturity and one after another went out from the farm home to find their place of destined service to their day and generation; some like their parents, chose country life, some became teachers or preachers, one entered business. Their failing strength unequal to its toll, the sold the farm rich as it was in a lifetime associations and eleven years ago retired to a house in Markdale. There, there was given to them, three years of quiet companionship, an Indian summer of their lives, before the final illness and passing of her husband, in November, 1923. Then Mrs. Irwin removed to Winnipeg and made her home with her daughters there; but each summer until this last, when her advanced age rendered the journey precarious she was in the habit of revisiting her scattered family in Ontario and spending a few months in the house in Markdale. And so it was that a few weeks since, far from the scenes of her girlhood and the active endeavor of her years of achievement, but among friends, new yet already cherished; and in an environment which in a few short years had become richly a home, she lay back quietly and was gone—to the reunion, to the richer aspirations, to the higher accomplishment with which the larger life beckons all those who seek sincerity and truth.—Contributed by her son.

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MRS. THOMAS S. WRIGHT whose death in Winnipeg recently was reported in last week's issue of The Standard

Anglican Church Notes

Rev. C. C. Pherrill, B.A., B.D., Rector

Sunday, May 8th, 1932
11 a.m.—Morning service.
2.30—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evening service.

Mr. J. H. Hartman will be the speaker at a supper to be given the laymen of Christ Church, Markdale and St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley, on Thursday evening, May 5th, at 6.30 o'clock. All laymen welcome.

St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley Service at 3 p.m.

Cooke's Presbyterian Church

Rev. T. O. Miller, B.A., Minister

Sunday, May 8th, 1932
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning service with the Sunday School scholars in attendance. The Mothers' Day program will be followed and the sacrament of baptism administered.
7 p.m.—Evening service.
Kindly note the change in the Sunday School hour to the morning. As Sunday is Go-To-Sunday-School-Day and Mothers' Day let us all give our mothers the honour due them and be present at these services.

United Church of Canada

Rev. H. S. Warren, B.A.

Sunday, May 8th, 1932
10 a.m.—Sunday school service.
11 a.m.—Mother's Day service. School and congregation worship together.
2.30—Vandeleur service.
7 p.m.—"Hereditry as a factor in Character Building."

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Lv. Hanover 8.18 a.m.	Ar. Dundalk 10.02 p.m.
Lv. Durham 8.36 a.m.	Ar. Durham 10.46 p.m.
Lv. Dundalk 9.22 a.m.	Ar. Hanover 11.06 p.m.
Lv. Shelburne 9.43 a.m.	Ar. Walkerton 11.25 p.m.
Lv. Orangeville 10.15 a.m.	Ar. MARKDALE 10.33 p.m.
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