

Markdale Fair Called Off on Friday

The most unfavorable weather experienced in the history of the Markdale Agricultural Society's fairs, was that of Thursday and Friday of last week, the two days of the fair. Seldom has early October given such an exhibition of her varied moods as was packed into these two days of wind, snow and rain and with fleeting sunshine. The grounds became so slushy that finally it was decided to call off the outside show definitely for this year. A few animals were brought in before word of the cancellation of that part of the exhibition could be sent abroad. The directors deeply regretted the necessity of doing so, but there seemed no other alternative. Everything considered there was a good crowd present.

Within the hall there was a fine display. Owing to weather conditions some lines were not quite so full as in former years. This was especially noticeable in the flowers and fruits, the early frosts having cut off many choice varieties of flowers. There were, however, two very fine collections of cut flowers. McLoughry Bros. winning first prize and Mrs. H. A. McCauley of Flesherton second.

The exhibit of home baking was extensive and very attractive. Among the prize winners were: White bread and buns, Mrs. D. Foster; biscuits, Mrs. Gordon Hill; muffins, Mrs. Ed. Davis; light layer cake, Mrs. W. R. Clark, Durham; apple pie, Mrs. Chas. Wright, Walters Falls; pumpkin pie, Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, Durham; salad, Mrs. W. McLoughry. Miss Nettie Johnston's pound prints and Mrs. J. T. Abercrombie's large roll of butter each won red tickets in competition with many others.

The display of women's work quite equalled that of other years, and the many beautiful articles were tastefully arranged. Many first prizes along different lines of work were won by Mrs. H. C. Miller of Meaford; cross stitch embroidery, Mrs. L. C. Champ, Dundalk; smock, Mrs. E. A. Ruttle, Dundalk; knit sweater, Miss Nettie Johnston; afghan, Mrs. H. C. Miller, Meaford; rug, Mrs. Chas. Wright, Walters Falls. The array of quilts of various kinds was beyond description. The "rising sun", a most beautiful patch work quilt, entered by Mrs. J. H. Gardner of Rocklyn, attracted great attention and won first prize. Mrs. H. C. Miller's applique quilt, "The Wedding Ring," also beautiful, won first in its class.

Roots and vegetables were of the best quality and formed quite an extensive exhibit. The grain exhibit unfortunately was small. The apple exhibit, though less in quantity was par excellence in quality. Many prizes were carried off by Mr. Reg Loughheed of Clarksburg. Mr. J. I. Graham of Vandeleur also stood well up.

The chief interest of the afternoon centred around the rural school fair, which, as usual, was held in conjunction with the agricultural fair. This year there was no parade, and the public speaking, singing and spelling match were held in the hall. Two tables the length of the hall were not sufficient to accommodate the entries. In domestic science there was a splendid exhibit of what the girls can produce in the way of baking, their tarts and biscuits rivalling in appearance that of the ladies. The collections of mounted maple leaves in autumn coloring were very attractive. Allen Border winning first prize. A few of the other winners were: For potatoes, Grant and Alexandria Turner; carrots, Elizabeth Stewart; corn, Helen Knight; beets, Bruce Graham; apples, Nettie Stewart; mangels, Bob Hutchinson, wheat, Clifford Armstrong; gladioli, Keith Gemmel; asters, Phyllis Bowler; white eggs, Rossie Stewart; brown eggs, Bruce Graham.

There were some excellent examples of sewing, Vivian Cooper winning 1st for an apron and Bernice Powley first for initialed pillow cover. In the colored maps of Gray the hand carved teapot stands were rather unique and displayed considerable talent. In this Harold George won first prize, and for cutlery box, Clifford Armstrong first.

The display of art attracted much attention and spoke well for the

future of some of the entrants. In "A white tent pitched by a grassy lake, under a shady tree," Jack McArthur's interpretation won first place, with Bruce Graham a close second. Mary Carefoot stood first and Eileen Kinney second in depicting their conception of "Above the pines the moon was slowly drifting, the river sang below". The books of mounted weeds were, many of them, very neatly done. Ross Willey's collection taking highest standing.

The standing given in public speaking is as follows: Boys—Bill Arrowsmith, Ronald Metcalf, Grant Turner, Harold George, Clarence McCullough; Girls—Dorothy Boyd, Eleanor Fleming, Vivian Cooper, Maizie George; Impromptu speaking: Boys—Bruce Armstrong, Pat Thompson; Girls—Eleanor Fleming, Maizie Bussey, Dorothy Boyd, Vivian Cooper. Spelling match winners—Irene Gemmel, Mary Tolton, Fred Scott, Jack McGee, Shirley Rapp, Clarence McCullough; Girls' solo, title, "The Coral Insect,"—Nettie Stewart, Gladys Cutting, Vivian Cooper, Maizie George; Boys' solo, "The Moonlight Sail"—Carl Teeter, Jack McGee, Herbert Metcalf, Jack Kinney, Pat Thompson, Harold Whitney.

Chorus of seven voices, seven choruses, all drawn from the Markdale school competed. Title of song was "The Leaflet". The winning

chorus was composed of the following pupils: Bill Perkins, Pat Thompson, Jack Kinney, Bill March, Jack McGee, Herbert Metcalf, Bill Arrowsmith.

Inspector G. Pentland of Hanover was judge of the public speaking and conducted the spelling match. Mrs. F. D. Sawyer of Markdale judged the singing. The children provided a very pleasant afternoon's entertainment.

An entertainment put on by Owen Sound talent was given in the evening and was well patronized. A dance followed.

STRATHAVON

Mr. and Mrs. Butler left on Friday for Hamilton, where Mr. Butler will resume his studies at McMaster University.

Mr. Russell Stephens and daughter, Miss Viola, of Halls Lake, Haliburton, spent a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. J. Nigh.

Mrs. Ian Torrie and children spent a week with relatives in Owen Sound.

Messrs. French Ramage and John Torrie were on a business trip to Hamilton on Monday.

Misses Islay Morgan and Eva McClean attended the Teachers' convention in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgan took in the School Fair at Annan on Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Ramage returned home

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on Saturday from the Owen Sound hospital where she underwent an operation three weeks ago. We hope she may soon be fully recovered. Mr. and Mrs. John Torrie and family spent a day with friends at Desboro.

Gospel Workers' Church

Rev. A. Mills, Minister

Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

Preaching Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

The Sunday evening service will be conducted by the young people. Prayer meeting in the church each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Cottage prayer meeting each Friday evening.

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