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Interesting Address on Missions in Africa

Rev. A. W. Banfield of Toronto, representative of the Upper Canada Bible Society, visited the local branch over the week-end. He preached in Cooke's Presbyterian Church in the morning, at Vandeleur in the afternoon and addressed a mass meeting in Annesley United Church here in the evening, following the regular service in the various churches. The thrilling story of his life and work for 30 years among the native tribes of Central Africa was freely illustrated by colored slides made from photographs taken by himself. Mr. W. J. Messenger, president of the local branch, presided at the mass meeting. Rev. T. O. Miller offered the opening prayer and Rev. C. O. Pherrill spoke at the close in appreciation of the address.

Rev. Mr. Banfield, fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, England, is a minister of the United Church of Canada. In 1901 he went out to Nigeria, West Africa, with the pioneer party of the Soudan Interior Mission. For 15 years he labored among the Nupe tribe of the Interior. During these years he built five mission stations, learned the native language, reduced it to writing, prepared school books, a hymn book, two books of Bible stories, compiled a dictionary of the Nupe language containing 10,000 words and published in two volumes, wrote a grammar of the language and numerous other books. His chief accomplishment, however, has been a translation of the entire Bible into Nupe, which he completed in 1929, and sent to London, England, to be printed by the Bible Society.

In 1916 Mr. Banfield was appointed general secretary for West Africa for the British and Foreign Bible Society of London, England, which position he filled for fifteen years. During that period he travelled 200,000 miles in West and Central Africa. During 1928 he crossed the continent twice by different routes, travelling 11,500 miles in seven and one-half months. He has taken more than 4,000 photographs in Africa. The other two men, a doctor and a helper, who accompanied him from Canada, had succumbed to the trying climate within eighteen months, which is about the limit of time people can live there. Mr. Banfield, however, proved to be the exception to the rule and his work was mightily blessed of God.

In Africa during recent years there have been greater changes and advancement, he said, than in any other country in the world. There are now three motor roads right across the continent, and there is also a regular air service. The natives where Christianity has not as yet been established are savages who worship various gods and are very superstitious. The changed faces of Christian natives was plainly discernible in the slides. Some native church leaders who were born in slavery are now graduates of Cambridge University, England, proving that the African is capable of rising to high standards of education. They are responsible and exemplary in their conduct.

The theme of the evening sermon by Rev. H. S. Warren was in keeping with the after-meeting. The theme, "Making the Bible My Own," was drawn from the text, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." Illustrated missionary hymns were thrown on the screen.

CARD OF THANKS

I appreciate all the kind acts of encouragement and expressions of good-will extended to me during my recent illness. The people were so good and kind to me that I hardly know how to express my thanks other than to say that I will try to be worthy of your good wishes.

Betty Scott.

High School Field Day in Markdale September 23rd.

Amateurs Gave Pleasing Radio Programme

Radio reception was not perfect to hear the Markdale Amateurs but even so the program was a real success. Under the direction of Mr. F. D. Sawyer and Mr. G. A. Beaton the group of musicians journeyed to OFRB on Friday last for an audition before broadcasting at 7.30 the same evening from the Crystal Studio at the Exhibition grounds. Mr. Locksley, who is supervisor of amateur programs, was quite pleased with the artists and had but slight criticism to make.

The program as announced by Mr. Boddington was as follows: Verdun Kidd, solo; Mrs. T. S. Cooper, solo; Miss Evelyn Perkins, tap dance, accompanied by Gordon Aitcheson; Stewart Buschlen, solo; Mrs. W. E. Harris, piano solo; Mr. F. D. Sawyer, a note on Markdale; Ivan Perkins, euphonium solo; Mrs. J. H. Perkins, solo; Jack Perkins, cornet solo; Alice Cutting, solo; G. A. Beaton, solo.

The numbers were quite well rendered and all those attending are to be congratulated upon the manner and spirit in which they took part. Only one number in the original program had to be changed through the inability of the artists to get to Toronto; this was the Hartley duet of string music. Mr. Ivan Perkins, who had come down to C.F.R.B. studio to listen was persuaded to play a solo on the euphonium in the place of the gap in the program.

The note on Markdale as given by Mr. F. D. Sawyer, about half way through the program, is as follows: You are listening, ladies and gentlemen, to some of the amateur talent of Markdale, Ontario. Markdale is the hub of Grey County on the number 10 highway, about 100 miles north of Toronto. If you are contemplating a fishing or hunting trip we invite you to visit us; our streams are well stocked and game is fairly plentiful.

Markdale, though not large, can boast of her paved streets, water system, Carnegie library and hospital; it is the centre of the Ontario Department of Agriculture for Grey County and has a High School equipped to teach both matriculation and commercial work. A weekly paper, The Standard, supplies the people with the news of the district. Our municipal affairs are handled quite efficiently by a council of five, headed this year by the Reeve, Mr. Albert Rusk.

Markdale has contributed her share of talent to Ontario and the Dominion in the form of the late Hon. Sir. William Hurst, one time Premier of Ontario; the late Senator T. S. Sproule, one time Speaker of the House of Commons; Hon. I. B. Lucas, ex-Attorney General for Ontario, and Mr. Justice McFarland, of the Supreme Court; the last two are now residents of Toronto.

Markdale assures you of a hearty welcome either as a visitor or resident at any time. Thank you everybody.

BERKELEY

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirk and son returned to their home in Noranda after spending their vacation with the former's parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker of Sullivan visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillespie on Monday.

Miss Bertha Menares left on Monday morning for Montreal, where she will sail on the Duchess of York for India.

Mr. Howard David attended the C.N.E. in Toronto last week.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. John Steer and family in the death of Mr. Steer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews and daughters of Dundalk visited on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Matthews' father, Mr. Thos. Rowe.

Miss Margaret Black of Toronto is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Fitzsimmons.

Come to Markdale Oct. 2nd.

Boxing Bouts Attract Large Crowd

There was a big crowd in attendance at the local arena on Monday evening to witness the boxing bouts staged by local artists. In the first bout Jack McGee got the decision over Allan Hunt. Bill Merriam won from Bill Burrell. Ken White lost to Howard Winterburn, and Hugo Fitzpatrick was given the decision in his go with L. Thompson. Charlie Gilehrst and Ed. Border put up an interesting scrap which was called a draw. Ronald Metcalf won with Wilmot Brown as his opponent. Ross Atkinson and Art Wickson tried conclusions blind folded and the referee decided it was a draw. Henry Carvill was given the decision over Frank Ball, and Geo. and John Atkins of Durham ended the sport in a draw.

Markdale is Becoming Beautiful Village

While in conversation with Mr. John Ceasar, who was a visitor in town the first of the week, he remarked that in his travels from coast to coast he had not visited another place where such advancement had been made in beautifying by the planting of flowers and shrubs. When such a statement comes from a person so well qualified to express an opinion as Mr. Ceasar, Markdale people have reason to be proud of their efforts along this line. To the members of the local Horticultural Society must be given the greatest amount of credit as they have been leaders in the movement. Local residents do not fully appreciate the great improvement during the past few years as it has come gradually and therefore does not impress them in the same way as it does the occasional visitor. Markdale does strike the visitor as being a neat and well-kept village and those responsible should be given due credit.

Three Owen Sound Men Charged With Robbery

Three Owen Sound men, Charles Holmes, Clarence Hooley and Harry Hiltz, are in Walkerton jail charged with robbing Mr. George Henry of Allenford and Mr. John McLeod of Wiarton.

It is alleged that Holmes and Hiltz met Henry, who is a cattle buyer, in a Wiarton beverage room on Saturday afternoon. They told him that they had cattle in the fair grounds for sale and all three went there when Henry was slugged and robbed of a substantial sum of money. Later McLeod was found at the rear of the hotel in a dazed condition and he too had lost his wad. Ruxton's garage and the creamery at Port Elgin were broken into at an early hour on Sunday morning and Hiltz was arrested there.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hawken, Harkaway, Ontario, announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Mabel M. Wise, to Loren L. Douglas, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Douglas, Markdale, Ontario. The marriage will take place the latter part of September.

MARRIED

BAKER - LEE—On September 16th, 1936, at the home of Rev. Ewing Reid, 314 Indian Road, Toronto, Mildred Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lee, Markdale, and Thomas Alexander Baker of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, Markdale.

Send The Standard to the members of your family who are away from home. They'll enjoy it.

John Steer of Holland Died in Toronto

Mr. John Steer of Holland township passed away in the Western Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, September 11th, following a brief illness. With Mrs. Steer he was attending the exhibition and, taking suddenly ill, he was rushed to the hospital where he passed away the following day.

The remains were conveyed to his late home near Harkaway and the funeral was held on Monday. Following a short service at the house Rev. C. C. Wellerman and Rev. W. G. Wakefield conducted service in Harkaway church. Reference was made to his long connection with the church, he having been a member for over 50 years. The pallbearers were his two sons, Gordon and Manley Steer; sons-in-law, Howard and Sandy Murray, and grandsons, Bert and Iverson Murray.

The floral tributes included a pillow from Mrs. Steer and daughters; a pillow from the Sons; and W. M. S., the Boucher family of Brampton, Mrs. C. H. Cross and Gladys of Oakville, Mrs. James Oliver of Meaford; basket from Mr. and Mrs. E. Long of Oakville; spray from Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jordan of Brampton; wreath from Mr. Steer of Port Hope; spray from Mr. and Mrs. R. Hutson of Holland Centre.

Among those from a distance at the funeral were Mrs. Ward of Port Hope; Mr. and Mrs. Murray and family of Meaford; Mr. and Mrs. Connell and family of Holland Centre; Mrs. H. Draper of Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. MacAteer of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Oliver of Meaford; Mrs. C. H. Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Evans Long of Oakville; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boucher and son of Brampton; Everett George and Millie Steer of Kemble; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Riverview; Mrs. Ralph Foster and Raymond Reid of Shelburne.

The late John Steer was a son of the late George and Hannah Steer and was born in Albion township, Peel County, nearly 76 years ago. In 1882 he married Emma C. Jordan of Tullamore and they came to Euphrasia to reside, and later moved to Holland.

Besides his widow he is survived by three sons and six daughters, namely: Melvin at Chip Lake, Alberta; Gordon on the homestead; Manley in Markdale; Mrs. McLaughlin in Hamilton; Mrs. Sandy Murray at Meaford; Mrs. Howard Connell in Holland; Mrs. Ward at Port Hope; Mrs. Theo Radtke at Longview, Washington, and Mrs. H. Draper at Windsor. Gladstone died in infancy; Geo. H. passed away last February, and Mrs. E. Johnston of Berkeley, Sask., about 15 years ago.

To the sorrowing wife and family The Standard extends sincere sympathy.

Creemore Tailor Pleads Guilty to Arson Charge

Ernest H. Nichol, merchant tailor of Creemore, appeared before Magistrate Jeffs at Collingwood on Monday on a charge of arson. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence on September 23rd.

Inspector Harding, of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Department, who investigated, submitted a statement in which Nichol admitted that he set fire to the Morrow block in Creemore. He occupied a portion of the building and was in financial difficulties. He arranged a device with an alarm clock as the main feature. One end of an electric cord ran from charged electric wires connected the clock to a box of matches. The outfit worked and early on the morning of Labor Day Creemore had a costly fire. Nichol has been a resident of Creemore for about forty years and was held in high esteem. As a young man he learned the tailoring trade in Dundalk.

Grey County Calf Club Wins at Toronto Ex.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9th, four boys, members of the Beaver Valley Calf Club, Maurice Dawn of Heathcote, Elroy Boyle of Kimberley, Harold Atkins of Heathcote and Wm. Hewgill of Heathcote, met boys from Halton, South Simcoe and Dufferin Calf Clubs at the C.N.E. in Toronto.

The Beaver Valley boys walked off with the honours in the class in which all three calves were shown.

The individual calves resulted in claiming 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th, a most creditable showing. In the Championship Showmanship Class Maurice Dawn won over all other boys in the beef classes. It was a wonderfully successful day for Grey County Boys' Clubs.

In the individual judging, Grey's only competitor, Edgar Ash of Sullivan township, won 7th in sheep.

At the Girls' competition, the Grey county team of three girls, Misses Edna Long, Isobel Shields and Ada Miller, stood 9th. Miss Mary Martin of Walters Falls, in the open competition, won \$5.00, taking 4th place in "Being Well Dressed and Well Groomed". Lyla Gillies of Bognot stood 7th in this same competition.

Grey county young people did well. They deserve all the honours won. The one regret is that more did not avail themselves of the opportunity to bring honour to our county.

The Churches

Anglican Church Notes

Rev. C. O. Pherrill, B.A., B.D.
Christ Church, Markdale
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Service.
7 p.m.—Evening Service.
Rev. M. H. Elston of Dundalk will officiate.

St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley
2.15 p.m.—Sunday School.
3 p.m.—Evening Service.
Rev. M. H. Elston of Dundalk will officiate.

Cooke's Presbyterian Church

Rev. T. O. Miller, B.A., Minister
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Service. Address by Rev. A. W. Banfield of Toronto.
7 p.m.—Evening Service.
8 p.m.—Illustrated talk on Missionary work in West Africa by Rev. A. W. Banfield in Annesley Church.

United Church of Canada

Rev. H. S. Warren, B.A.
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—A Union Service - Sunday School and Church.
2.30 p.m.—Vandeleur - Rally Service.
7 p.m.—Rev. Geo. Bury of Walters Falls.

United Church of Canada Holland Centre Circuit

Rev. C. C. Wellerman, Pastor
10.30 a.m.—Holland Centre.
2.45 p.m.—Harkaway.
7.30 p.m.—Berkeley.

CARD OF THANKS

For your patronage and all expressions of good will during my residence in Markdale I desire to express my thanks. The good people in this community will remain fresh in my mind when I am far away from you. Thank you.

Geo. Hopkins.

Tom Hamilton and his company of entertainers will provide the program for the fall fair concert in the Armouries on the evening of Friday, October 2nd.