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51.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

LOCAL NEWS

Miss D. Boardman is visiting with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beaton spent a few days in Toronto.

Mr. Jack Down was home from Toronto for the week-end.

Mr. Lloyd Armstrong of Malton was a visitor in town on Friday.

Joe Guichard of Shelburne has purchased the Henderson Hotel in Alliston.

Mr. Norman A. Douglas of Weston spent the week-end at his parental home.

Because of the storm on Monday the schools in the village were closed for the day.

Aircraftman Howard York of Manning Pool, Toronto spent the week-end in town.

Mrs. Robt. Down was among those who took in the skating carnival in Toronto last week.

Mrs. Fred Sparks of Hamilton was a week-end visitor with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Colgan, and family.

Miss Donna Wyrill of Vandeleur spent a few days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Stella Wyrill, in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews and daughters and Mr. Clifford Baldwin of Dundalk were visitors in town on Sunday.

Aircraftman Harold McNelis, Mrs. McNelis and daughters of Hanover spent the week-end with friends in the village.

Mrs. A. Hyslop and Mrs. W. Hyslop spent the week-end with the former's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rice at Massie.

Sgt. Jas. Irving of Camp Borden, Mrs. Irving and children and Miss Ruby White of Alliston were visitors in town on Sunday.

The C.N.R. will abandon twenty-three miles of line between Clinton and Wingham. This will create considerable inconvenience.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ritchie and children of Oshawa were week-end visitors with the former's mother and other friends in town.

Markdale needs a hotel and we believe a man could make some money by operating a comfortable and accommodating public house.

Night Constable Johnston has been doing his parading on snow shoes during the last few nights. They're the real thing when the snow is deep.

Mr. Preston York of York Bros., local Ford dealers, is attending a mechanics' training school in Toronto sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. of Canada.

Markdale's drive for the sale of War Savings Certificates has been completed with a total of about 120 pledges. The boys of the High School were active in the canvass.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goy of Toronto were visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Alcox. Mrs. Eva Foster, who visited in Toronto returned to her home here with them.

Mr. Laverne Piper is in Montreal this week, having delivered a new car for Markdale Garage Co., to a customer in the Quebec city. Mrs. Piper and babe are visiting with friends at Ceylon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White and Mr. Irwin Curry were visitors in Toronto on Sunday. Like several others they were compelled to leave their car in Orangeville and make the balance of the trip home by train.

Sunday, March 23rd has been designated as a day of prayer in all churches of the Dominion, intercessions to be offered for those offering their lives for their country and for a speedy peace consistent with the achievement of the sides for which the allies are fighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wright of Glenelg came close to losing their home by fire one day last week. Sparks from a chimney had ignited some clothing in an upstairs room and when discovered the blaze had gained considerable headway. With the aid of neighbours the fire was soon under control and the damage is not extensive.

About twenty-five of their closest neighbours gathered at the home of Mrs. Cecil Alton on Saturday evening, March 15th, and presented Mr. and Mrs. John Hannah with a lovely boudoir lamp, Chesterfield cushion and a vase of roses. Mr. Hannah fittingly replied, Mr. and Mrs. Hannah are leaving this week to live in Holland Centre where we hope they will make as many friends as they are leaving in Markdale.

Mr. Albert Wells of this place left on Friday for Manning Pool, Toronto, where he enters the Canadian Air Force as a mechanic. Ab. has served faithfully and well the patrons on mail Route No. 3 and he will be missed in the village. Mrs. Wells went to Toronto with him and will remain there for some time. Wm. Summers Jr., will look after the mail during the absence of Mr. Wells.

Recalls Old Days Spent In Dundalk

Mr. Robert M. Neely, a former resident of Markdale and a native of Dufferin County, sent to the Dundalk Herald a notice of a Dufferin Old Boys' Association social evening on March 21st in Winnipeg, where he has resided for many years. Along with his notice he writes "It is about 40 years since I worked in Richardson's store in Dundalk. Ed. Colgan, Bill Mann, along with a few others and myself made up a football team. Where are all these boys now?"

Bill Mann and Ed. Colgan are doing business side by side in Markdale and both are still able to kick but not the football. We remember the football team but cannot recall many of those playing. It was after our lacrosse team had been eliminated from the league by better teams that we organized for football. The first game we played was against the Macville aggregation who had defeated every team they had met during the season. They came to Dundalk to demonstrate how football should be played and when the game ended the score stood Macville 0, Dundalk 4. Bob Neely was one of the best of our players and Bill Mann could kick some too. The return game was played on the Macville grounds, near Melancthon Station, and the score this time was 4-0 in favour of Macville. The play-off never came to a head although we travelled to Corbetton to meet our opponents who failed to appear.

Bob Neely and Bill Mann were absent when we took the 4-0 trimming in Melancthon.

The High School Has Two Instructive Speakers Friday

On Friday afternoon of last week the students of Markdale High School and the senior forms of the Public School were given a first-hand account of China and Tibet by Mr. T. E. Plewman, F.R.G.S. Mr. Plewman, a publisher lately returned from Chengtu, West China, has travelled extensively in many countries of the world especially in the remotest parts of Tibet. He has visited so many different countries that he was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and therefore entitled to use the initials F.R.G.S. after his name.

When Mr. Plewman went out to China 23 years ago it took him three months, whereas he easily came home in three weeks. A part of each year was set aside by Mr. Plewman to explore the regions of Tibet. To do this he would visit for some time with a local chieftain, then persuade his host to have him escorted a little further into the interior; then repeat this action. By this method he had the opportunity of entering territory that was forbidden to many other explorers. He even was offered the chance of becoming a blood-brother of the leader of one of the bandit bands, which infested Tibet, but he graciously declined for personal reasons. Some hardships that he endured were described to the students, such as trying to boil eggs at a high altitude where the boiling point was lower than the congealing point, etc.

Mr. Sawyer thanked the speaker for his interesting and instructive address on behalf of the school.

Also on Friday afternoon the students of the High School were very fortunate in securing as guest speaker for the regular Literary Society, Mr. J. Arkle Dunlop. Mr. Dunlop, a new-comer to this district, described in his interesting style, what he underwent while studying in Law College to the students. His address was well liked by the scholars and was deeply appreciated by all. In closing he put forth the idea that the High School should put on a mock trial sometime in the future.

Mr. Sanders thanked him on behalf of the school.

Mr. Ed. Corbett of Dundalk returned to his home on Wednesday after having undergone an operation and spending a couple of weeks in the local hospital.

Mrs. Russell McNutt of Saltcoats, Sask., is visiting with her brother, Reeve Albert Rusk, and Mrs. Rusk. Her husband, Major McNutt, has been stationed in Nova Scotia for several months as an instructor. He is now taking a special course before going overseas.

On Wednesday evening of next week Messrs. Joe Primeau and Red Horner, former professional hockey players, will attend the weekly meeting of Markdale Rotary Club and will officially present the medals to the boys and girls who two years ago were members of the midget hockey teams, winners of Provincial awards.

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Annesley Church W. A. Held Entertainment

Under the auspices of the United Church Women's Association a very successful supper and entertainment was held on Friday night in the church schoolrooms. The supper was heartily enjoyed by the large crowd present.

The program with Mrs. T. S. Cooper, as convener, opened with the National Anthem, followed by an instrumental solo by Gwendolyn Burnside. A vocal solo was given by Miss LaDelle Harrison; a trio by Miss Parkinson, Mrs. Bert Armstrong and Miss Betty Down, with Mrs. W. E. Harris as accompanist, and a piano duet by the latter and Miss Parkinson. A number of special interest was a musical presentation of "Standing Stages in a Girl's Life". The performers came on the platform in turn and remained throughout the number. Marion Beaton, depicting childhood, sang a playtime song; Betty Down, carrying her books, sang "School Days"; Miss Ruth Alton sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"; bespoke the young lady in love; "O Promise Me" was sung by Mrs. Bert Armstrong; motherhood was depicted by Mrs. Jack Perkins as she sang a lullaby, "Mother"; Mrs. Cooper as grandmother, sitting in her cap and shawl, with Marion Beaton at her side, sang "Long, Long Ago". All numbers on the program were well presented and well received.

T. Edgar Plewman, a returned missionary from West China, after 32 years service in charge of the printing of Christian and other literature, who was visiting at the parsonage, gave a very interesting address and showed lantern slides on Tibet, which he visited and explored on several occasions, and sometimes at the risk of his life. For this he was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Hon. Farquhar Oliver Makes First Speech As Minister

Warm praise for Hon. Farquhar Oliver, M.P.P. for South Grey, and newly appointed Minister of Public Works for the Province, is expressed in the Windsor Star of last Friday. J. J. Dingman, the Star's representative in the Legislature, in his regular department "Legislative Lobby Chat", makes special reference to Mr. Oliver's speech last Thursday, as follows:

Hon. Farquhar Oliver is known to be one of the best speakers in the Legislature, and his maiden effort as minister of public works Thursday afternoon was in his usual clear and apparently effortless style. He is no spall-binder, but his voice carries well, his enunciation is distinct, his ideas are logically presented, and he gives the impression that he knows what he is talking about. Compared with some of his colleagues, he is a Demosthenes, and the three public school classes in the galleries may have received an unduly favorable impression of Queen's Park oratory.

In appearance Mr. Oliver is thick-set and burly, but it surprises most people to learn that he weighs over 300 pounds, with a height of about five feet seven. By actual measurement, his wrists are as big as the angles of some six-footers, but his hands are not unduly large. He holds himself erect, and has no mannerisms when speaking—due in part to the coaching of his political mentor, Miss Agnes Macphail. He has occasional gleams of humor, but on the whole is on the earnest side.

There was little chance to be funny, however, in a speech about the woes of agriculture. Mr. Oliver emphasized the loyalty of Canadian farmers and their eagerness to aid the war effort in every possible way, but pointed out that whereas labor and industry were operating on a cost plus basis, farmers were being asked to produce foodstuffs at less than cost. A strong farmers' organization was needed to correct injustices, he said, and suggested the different treatment given labor and industry was due to the power of organization.

Mr. Oliver has no sympathy with proposals to cut down production of foodstuffs in Canada. He pointed out the imminent possibility of Japan entering the war against us, which would prevent or limit the flow of foodstuffs from New Zealand and Australia to Great Britain, and make Canada a more vital part of the war machinery than she is now. Obviously, farmers could not be asked to keep on producing food at a loss, but he thought it should be made possible for them to secure a fair return, and ensure a surplus for time of need. He would much rather face a crisis with a full larder than one sparsely stocked.

Markdale Juveniles play in Dundalk on Friday night in the first game of the C. O. H. L. Finals.

School Pupils To Assist In Farm Work

About sixty per cent. of the pupil population of the local high school have signed the registration forms issued by the Department of Education under their Dominion-Provincial Youth Training plan. Under this scheme the children are enrolled to work eight weeks on a farm or in production work during the coming summer. Any student over twelve years of age in the high schools of Ontario having over fifty per cent in their subjects after the Easter holidays may be excused from the school provided he or she secures employment of a productive nature.

The idea is to provide a supply of labour for the farmer during the periods most needed, especially as the number of men available for farm work has been cut by the increasing demand made by the armed forces and munition factories. Scholars will be granted standing upon such subjects as they are proficient in if they undertake this work and it is expected that a good number will do so. Scholars who are below the line in one or two subjects will also be able to take advantage of this plan providing they do extra-mural work on these while working and are able to pass tests that are set by the school at a later date or by the department in the latter part of June.

Students may leave the school for a time when most needed and later return to take up their studies during the period between Easter and June. In cases where students are needed for the seeding operations it is expected that they will work during this period and then return to school until again needed.

This being a farming community it is thought that all those coming from farm homes will avail themselves of the opportunity of helping at home if needed, while students from the village will be at liberty to find jobs with farmers or in other productive pursuits for the season. All employers of students have to supply the school with a statement of the time the boy or girl was working before the pupil will be granted standing. The student may work for a period of time on one farm and then transfer to another if it is necessary, as long as eight weeks of work is done.

Girls who are recruited for this work will receive the same consideration as the boys where they show that they are releasing someone for other work. Girls may receive credit for doing such work as: milking, hoeing, harvesting, haying, berry picking, fruit picking, care of poultry, care of live stock, care of milking and separator utensils, house keeping, care of children, laundry work, etc.; in fact any of the chores which will keep them employed in a useful way about the farm. They may also be employed in other capacities providing they can be considered as doing work that will help production.

For any further particulars regarding this scheme information can be secured from the Principal, F. D. Sawyer. Farmers who require help may be assisted in finding such if it is available, as there will be some students who have farming experience and who may not be needed at home. All assistance possible will be given to the farmers of the district as far as the school is able.

March Winds Did Blow and We Had Snow

Commencing Saturday evening and continuing with more or less severity the March winds did blow throughout Ontario and demonstrated that the automobile is not a dependable vehicle of transportation when real winter weather prevails. One of the big road plows spent a greater part of Monday making the run from Markdale to Flesherton and of course there were no motor vehicles travelling on No. 10 highway. The same story is true from all parts of the province. When winter comes as it did in the good old days wheels are not of much use for transportation unless they are the wheels of the railway locomotive. The railways were able to maintain schedules fairly well but of course had to make use of snow plows.

The storm is now pretty well over and in a couple of weeks spring weather will prevail and we'll have forgotten the big blow of March 1941.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank all the good neighbours who helped to save our farm home from destruction by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wright. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wright.

Canadian Red Cross News Service

The supply of cigarettes which the Canadian Red Cross Society distributes overseas has been increased from 50,000 to 75,000 a week, or more than 300,000 a month. They are given out to Canadian soldiers who are patients in either Canadian or British hospitals and also to any patient in Canadian Hospitals overseas. Dr. Fred W. Routley, national commissioner, pointed out in making the announcement.

The cigarettes come as a welcome note from home to sick Canadian soldiers. One package of 25 is given out weekly by Canadian Red Cross Hospital visitors who call on all Canadian soldiers in hospitals and fulfil the role of a family friend or relative. At first 100,000 cigarettes a month was adequate for the number of Canadian patients in Britain. This figure was jumped to 200,000 and finally to 300,000. The increase is due partly to the larger number of patients and also to the fact there are now more Canadian hospitals in England. These include the Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Taplow, No. 15 Canadian General Hospital, Montreal Unit No. 1, the Neurological Unit, casualty clearing stations and also Red Cross ambulances which are active in emergency work.

In addition to cigarettes, Red Cross hospital visitors distribute 150 pounds a week of maple candy to wounded men and bombed civilians in Canadian Hospitals.

Stoker Fred Scott Writes From British Columbia

Fred Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott of this place, who left a few weeks ago to join the Canadian Navy in British Columbia, writes The Standard under date of March 8th. His letter follows:

Dear Mr. Editor,—Just a few lines to express my thanks for your paper which I receive every week without a miss. It is sure a pleasure to get it. A person does not realize what a local paper means to him until he gets so far away. It seems to bring you right back home again. I always look forward to it coming to see what the happenings are at home and believe it or not, every paper which I receive from you, I tie them up and stow them away, then every now and again I get them out and read them over again. So you see you do not know how much I appreciate The Standard.

Now to tell you a few lines about the weather and the place I am at. The weather down here is fine, just like summer. Everybody's lawn you look at, you see holly bushes growing and it sure looks pretty with the red berries against the green leaves. I believe I am going to like it here better than at Esquimaut, as Comox is a summer resort and is pretty near all sand. Comox is only a small place, so when I want to go to a show I have to walk four miles to Courtenay.

I believe that is all I can tell you as I cannot think of anything else now. I will close, thanking you a-

What Everybody Knows

Some people are very disturbing characters. For years and years you believe something or other is axiomatic—one of those things that "everybody knows"—and then one of these disturbers comes along and upsets the thinking habits of a lifetime.

Only the other day we were discussing this and that with one of these gentry, when the subject of currency inflation came up. After a little preliminary sparring, this character stopped us to ask, "What is a Canadian dollar?" That seemed silly because even stupid kids know what dollars are. But this character insisted on an answer.

Being such an easy one, we did not hesitate—at first. Boldly we announced that a dollar is a piece of paper which is legal tender in this country and used as a medium of exchange. That disposed of that—we thought. Not so. This character demanded that we read what is printed on what we thought was a Canadian dollar. This is what we read, "BANK OF CANADA WILL PAY TO THE BEARER ON DEMAND ONE DOLLAR." As the character pointed out, that piece of paper obviously wasn't a dollar, but a bearer security—a mere promise to pay a dollar.

Now we are wondering what the governor and deputy governor of the Bank of Canada (whose signatures appear on these pieces of paper) would give us if we took them at their word and presented one of these promissory notes to them for redemption.

The disturbing character says they would probably give us the gate.—Fort Erie Times-Review.

Mrs. Everett Walker

Word has been received here of the death on Tuesday at Simcoe, Ont., of Mrs. Everett Walker, a former resident of Euphrasia. The family left this locality about 15 years ago and for the past six years they have resided at Simcoe. She deceased was the daughter of Mr. A. C. McDonnell of Dundalk. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fred Peacock and Miss Vera Walker, both in Simcoe. She deceased had been 91 for about two years.

Mrs. Robert Hardie

Mrs. Robert Hardie, daughter of the late George Leitch and Mrs. Leitch of Glenelg, passed away at her home in Owen Sound following an illness of several months. She was born in Glenelg township on September 9th, 1896.

At Winnipeg on Nov. 6th, 1917, she was united in marriage to Robert Hardie and they resided at Cere, Alberta, until 1926 when they moved to Derby township. For the past six years they had lived in Owen Sound. She is survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter, all at home. Her mother, Mrs. Leitch, now residing in Owen Sound survives along with two sisters, Mrs. Irene Chard in Toronto and Mrs. Isabel Shears in Owen Sound, and one brother, James Leitch, in Glenelg.

The funeral took place in Owen Sound Monday afternoon.

William J. Shepherdson

Death came Monday afternoon to one of the district's best known and most highly esteemed residents, William J. Shepherdson of Walters Falls, who passed away in Meaford Hospital in his 89th year. A week ago Mr. Shepherdson had broken a hip in a fall in his home and he failed to rally from this injury. Members of the family were unable to be at his bedside during his last hours. Monday's severe storm making travel from Walters Falls to Meaford impossible.

The late Mr. Shepherdson was born at Thornhill, Ont., and when he was 12 years of age his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Shepherdson, moved to Euphrasia township. On July 23, 1878, he was united in marriage at Walters Falls to Essie King, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King. For nine years they resided on the 11th line of Euphrasia township. For their past 51 years they had made their home in the village of Walters Falls and were very well known throughout the district. The late Mr. Shepherdson leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Deceased was noted as a breeder of purebred cattle and as a lover of livestock. Only twice in the existence of the Canadian National Exhibition did he miss attending that show. A life-long supporter and exhibitor at the Walters Falls annual fair, he also frequently showed at other district fairs and three years in succession won the gold medal for horses at the Meaford fair. He was also noted as an auctioneer for 45 years and had served half a century as county constable.

The late Mr. Shepherdson was a loyal member of the Orange Order and in religion was a member of the United Church.

Deceased was the last surviving member of a family of seven. Left to mourn his loss are his sorrowing wife, five sons, George of Hawarden, Sask., Robert J. of Moose Jaw, Sask., W. Roy of Expanse, Sask., Dr. J. S. Shepherdson of Kingston, Ont., and Orville K. Shepherdson of Perdue, Sask., and three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Dixon of Walters Falls, Mrs. Frank Reid of Perdue, Sask., and Mrs. Erling Marshall of Walters Falls.

Flesherton Man Has Neck Broken In Accident

James Harrison of Flesherton is a patient in Owen Sound hospital as the result of an accident which occurred on Highway No. 10, south of Chatsworth, on Saturday night. He is suffering from a broken neck, but is expected to make a complete recovery.

He was a passenger in a car driven by Pte. David Graham and the accident occurred when the car was driven into a snow bank in an effort to avoid a collision with a truck. This truck, owned by Northern Transport of Owen Sound, had got into difficulties and had stopped on the highway.

gain for your paper and hoping this letter finds you all well, as I am myself.

I remain, Fred Scott.

Anglican Church Notes

Rev. O. O. Pherrill, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m.—Sunday School.

11 a.m.—Morning service. "Timely Lenten Topic 4".

7 p.m.—Evening service. "Job's Perplexity 4".

Tuesday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m., Lenten and War-Time prayer service. Character Studies 4".

St. Matthias' Church Berkeley 3 p.m.—Church Service. "Timely Lenten Topics 4".

Gospel Workers' Church

REV. W. F. DEAN, Pastor

2 p.m.—Sunday School.

3 p.m.—Church Service.

10.30 a.m.—Williamsford service. Tuesday evening—Prayer meeting at parsonage.

Thursday evening—Cottage prayer meeting.

Kindly note change in time of services.

Pentecostal Assembly

Sunday: 2.30 p.m., Sunday School.

8 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

Tuesday: 8 p.m., Bible study.

Thursday: 8 p.m., Evangelistic Service.

Friday: Cottage prayer meeting. "A warm welcome awaits you—Come".

Worker in charge: Mrs. Fred Taylor.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Rev. H. R. Campbell, Ph.D., Minister.

3 p.m.—Swinton Park.

11 a.m.—Priceville.

7.30 p.m.—Markdale.

2 p.m.—Sunday School.

United Church of Canada

Rev. S. E. Annis, M.A., B.D., Pastor

11 a.m.—Morning service.

12.15 p.m.—Sunday School.

2.30 p.m.—Vandeleur.

7 p.m.—Evening service.

United Church of Canada

Holland Centre Circuit

Rev. R. K. Burnside, LL.B., Pastor

11 a.m.—Berkeley.

2.45 p.m.—Harkaway.

7.30 p.m.—Holland Centre.

Kimberley United Church

W. R. BUCHANAN, Pastor

11 a.m.—Epping.

2.30 p.m.—New England.

7.30 p.m.—Kimberley.

Kimberley Baptist Church

Rev. E. H. Young, B. Th., Minister

3 p.m.—Church Service.

Coming Events

Notices under this heading are inserted at five cents per line for each insertion with a minimum charge of 25 cents.

The Monster Dance of the year is to be held in Berkeley Orange Hall on Friday, March 21st, under the auspices of L.O.L. No. 176. Round and square dancing to good orchestra. Gents 25 cents. Ladies with lunch free.

Perkins' Dress Shoppe presents Spring Fashion Review and Tea, Friday, March 28th, 3 and 8 p.m., Town Hall, Dundalk. Admission 25c. Proceeds donated to war work. Hair Styling of Models by courtesy of Nethercut's Beauty Parlour, Dundalk.

IN MEMORIAM

SCOTT—In loving memory of Rachel Catherine Crocker, beloved wife of Albert E. Scott who passed away March 19th, 1940.

If all the world were mine to give I'd give it, yea and more, To see her loving face again, And greet her at the door. How oft there come before me Her dear face kind and true, For death can never take away The memories left by you. Ever remembered by husband, son and daughters.

CO-OPERATE WITH BRITAIN; TO DOWN NAZISM BUY YOUR WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES NOW!