Lauriston School Concert

The teacher and pupils of S.S. No 6, Glenelg, held their Christmas concert on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18th in the schoolroom. A good percentage of the residents of the treat in acting and song. Mr. Har- the past couple of weeks. old Wilson acted as chairman, in a

ery efficient and capable manner. Christmas Day with the Sweeney,
The first number on the program Hughes and Sullivan families. very efficient and capable manner. was a chorus by the eight pupils of our school, entitled, "A Cradle Sunday with the former's sister, Hymn". Next came a recitation by Mrs. E. Henry of Holstein. Bert Osborne, "Bringing in the Tree". Bert gave us the impression that a home would be a poo place without a boy to bring in the Centre is holidaying with the Suilivan family. tree. Catharine Tebbutt, our excellent reciter, delighted the audience with "Santa Claus in Holland." Our two lady (violinists, namely, Mrs. John Torrie and Mrs. Willard Wilson, accompanied on the guitar by Mr. Wilson, provided us with excellent music fitting to the Christ-

A mirth-provoking dialogue, "Ad vice to the Lovelorn", was next por trayed. On the failure of Dorothy Dix to appear in the office of a certain newspaper, the editor disguise himself as the said Dorothy Dix and the counsel that he gives to his many callers for advice on matters pertaining to the heart was very a-musing indeed. A chorus, "Up on the Housetop", was sweetly rendered by the pupils. Oscar Brown, a promising young elocutionist, recited. "How we tried to trick the Teacher". More music was again a pleasing feature by the same musiclans as mentioned above. Little Miss Betty Shaw asserted that the good Canadian stocking is still the best for us all in her reciting of, "Good Enough." One of the highlights of the entertainment was a duet by Charlie Fitch, dressed as a pretty young maiden and Oscar Brown, in swallow-tail coat and plug hat, which caused much merriment by their clever acting and singing of "A Paper of Pins".

The program once more was enlivened by the playing of Christmas Carols, such as "Silent Night", by our trie of faithful musicians.

Did you know that Lauriston residents have installed a rural telephone? Well, there was a telephone at the school on Thursday afternoon. And just like all party lines, the listeners didn't always hear the best about themselves. The actors were, Charlie Fitch as Dad, Irene Osborne as Mother and Reta Tebbutt, Betty Shaw, Bert Osborne and Oscar Brown as their children. Dressed as a Christmas dolly, who had seen better days, Catharine Tebbutt again brought her talent for reciting to the fore in repeating "The Crippled Doll."

The age old story of the birth of Jesus and "The First Noel" was brought to us in song by the scholars. This made us compare mentally at least, the world at that time in the rule of the cruel Herod and our present war-torn one.

A patriotic recitation, entitled, "Mother is doing her bit," was wellspoken by Charlie Fitch. Following this another patriotic sketch brought us back in memory to the dates and time, wherein each province of Canada, in turn entered confederation. The pupils saluted the flag and sang, "O Canada".

Finally came the draw for the ette blankets and a lace dresser lucky tickets on the pair of flannelscarf. Miss Muriel Aitkens, a charming wee lass of pre-school age, drew the first prize ticket in favour of Mrs. Gemmel of Markdale. Master Keith Wilson, a cute little lad, also of pre-school age, drew the second prize ticket in favour of Mr. B. Mc-Arthur of Owen Sound. Twenty dollars was realized from the sale of these tickets, ten of which has already been handed into the Queen's Fund, Owen Sound. The remainder will be devoted shortly to other worthy Red Cross work. Donald Tebbutt, not to be outdone by his younger sister, gave us, in his best platform manner, the recita tion, "So Was I". We were again favoured with a selection of music A dialogue, "Reading the Mark-dale Standard", where many local hits were included, provided many a laugh. Those who took part were Irene Osborne, Reta Tebbuft and Charlie Fitch. A Christmas song, praising the merits of Santa Claus, brought this very enjoyable entertainment to a close. Jolly old Santa arrived shortly and distributed the gifts from a well-laden and prettily decorated tree. Candy was passed to the crowd.

We wish to congratulate our highly esteemed teacher, Mrs. Grace Shaw and her pupils on their fine performance in this splendid pro-

God save the King ended an en joyable afternoon.

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AND AMERICA IN WAR

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of Fergus spent Christmas at their parental home here.

Mr. Francis Hughes | has been section were present to enjoy a real helping Mr. Willard McWhinney for Mr. Ray MacDonald visited or

> Mrs. T. Hughes and son spe Mr. Wilmer Eagles spent Christ-

nas at his home here. Master Cecil Moore of Holland

Mrs. Earl Maycock and two children, Wayne and Marion of Varney are spending the week with friends on this line.

A very successful Christmas entertainment was held at the school on the afternoon of Jan. 19th.

Whinney and family of Markdale. Mrs. J. Leitch is spending some ime with the Leitch family.

EAST BERKELEY

A Happy New Year to the Editor and staff

We had a green Christmas but have had the snow since. Mr. C. McCauley and family spent

Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

for the holidays. Kenneth Steer of London, training at Queen's Park, spent Christ-Ralph, is at Debert , Nova Scotia, and his father is in the Air Force at

Calgary, Alta. A Happy New Year to all readers of The Standard

Mr. Willard McWhinney visited Bill Sullivan and scn, Pat, spent an t Christmas with Mrs. Clayton Mc- evening recently with the Fawcett family of the 4th concession. Members of the community unite in extending season's greetings to the Mrs. P. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Editor and staff of The Standard.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of JOHN RYAN, retired farmer, late of the Village of Marked, who died on or about the 7th birthday at the home of her daughday of November, 1941, are hereby ter, Mrs. Geo. Cairns and Mr. Cairns notified to send in to W. E. Harris, Solicitor for the Executor of the estate of the said deceased, on or be-Miss Hutchinson, our school tea-fore the 5th day of January, 1942, ther, is at her home at Kimberley full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the said date the Miss Swanton and the pupils of Executor of this estate will distri- Ceylon School held their Christmas bute the assets of the said deceased closing exercises Thursday evening mas holidays with Mrs. John Steer, and having regard only to the claims when a full house appreciated the daughter, Mrs. Victor Hall in Sud-Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Steer and of which he shall then have notice, program of choruses, recitations and bury. family and other relatives. Kenneth to the exclusion of all others, and dialogues. A play, entitled, "Other Mis

> ed or any part thereof. of December, 1941. W. E. HARRIS, Markdale, Sol- to over \$22.00.

icitor for the Executor. Grey County Home Services

Jan 2-Rev. C. O. Pherriti. Jan. 16-Rev. W. F. Dean. Jan. 30 -Rev. S. E. Annis.

CEYLON

Mrs. Catharine Wilcock celebrated the 86th anniversary of her

is the second son of Melvin Steer, he will not be liable to any person People's Husbands" was given by ing at her home at Cheeseville. late of Harkaway. His brother, whose claim he shall not then have some of the young people. At the whose claim he shall not then have some of the young people. At the notice of for the assets so distribut- close of the program Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts from Dated at Markdale this 10th day a beautifully decorated tree. The proceeds of the evening amounted

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair of Dundalk visited Thursday with Ma and Mrs. Jas. Sinclair.

Miss Mary McDonald is spending the Christmas and New Year recess at her home near Aurora.

Mrs. George Fisher is visiting her

MARKDALE Farmers' Co-Operative PHONE 44

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Miss Minnie Swanton is holiday-Mrs. W. Carnahan of Toronto risited Saturday with Mrs. Anna

Miss Marion Muir of Warkworth is spending the Christmas and New Year recess at the home of her par ents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Muir.

McMillan.

Kimberley Baptist Church Rev. E. H. Young, B. Th., Minister

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Markdale Needs Hotel Accommodation

We had not originally intended to enter into any public discussion

on the matter to be voted upon on Monday, January 5th, 1942. We considered that the average person was well acquainted with the factors in the situation and could very well make up his or her mind for themselves and as the result of their own independent observation and thought on the subject.

The organization opposed to us have, however, issued advertisements giving their observations on the subject. Many of our adherents have informed us that they wish we would place before the public, in return, the circumstances and considerations that have impelled them to urge that Markdale return to Government Control.

Some of those who urged that this vote be taken have written and signed letters which they were willing to publish in this paper or permit us to make whatever use we saw fit. Others offered to do

so in the event we considered it necessary or desirable. It seemed best, however, instead of publishing one or all of these when they were offered, to see what thoughts expressed in them were common to all of them and if the same thoughts seemed to be present in the minds of others who have indicated their desire to return to Government Control.

To the best of our ability we will attempt to interpret the thoughts which seem to be common to most of these letters and to be the impelling motives of the others who have expressed themselves in

In so far as we are concerned, any discussion on the subject will be conducted so that we all remain good friends and neighbors whatever conclusion is reached by the electors on the subject matter of the vote.

THE ISSUE

There seems to be complete agreement that the only issue before the electors is, tersely and simply, if they want a hotel in operation in the Village.

There is now no hotel.

An hotel is just like any other business. It cannot be operated without a profit. And it is not possible to operate a hotel profitably and, therefore, successfully, on the room and meal business that a hotel can do in a local option place.

An hotel gets practically no room business from local residents. They have their own homes for themselves and their visitors. Rooms are rented to travellers and transients. These do not now stop here.

They want a comfortable room, well equipped room with the chance of a refreshing sleep. That means good and clean mattresses and springs-good and clean bed linen, running water in the rooms, adequate toilet facilities, etc. These cost money to buy and keep up. ... Competent and well paid help is essential to keep them up to standard.

They want a decent, well cooked, well served meal, available for them at reasonable meal hours. They know they cannot get that in hotels in places that are under local option. Almost any housewife can put a good meal on the table if they know how many are to be present and make the necessary preparations in advance. The same housewife would throw down the tools and walk out if she consistently wasted-food and time preparing for people who did not arrive. Or, she would use a can opener for any who did come.

People who travel know the problem that besets hotels in local option places. They know the results.

Local people know the circumstances. For their away-fromhome meals they go to the local restaurant.

One of two things happens to that hotel. Either the key is turned in the lock or it becomes a blind pig and the proprietor, who is loaded up with an hotel from which he cannot get from under, may, in some desperation, choose the alternative of turning the place into a blind pig and becoming one of the local bootleggers.

But exactly no decent person will contemplate, with his eyes wide open, walking into such a situation, by purchasing and edequately equipping a property to be used as a hotel in a place that is under

Certainly-in our own instance, no one will purchase and equip a suitable property under such circumstances.

Mr. Hamilton has indicated his intention to complete the purchase of the Sproule residence and adequately remodel and equip it as an hotel if this by-law passes-not otherwise. We believe he has the capacity and integrity to operate an hotel

the way a hotel in this community should be operated. He is local to this community and knows what its people want and what they do not want. What they want is an hotel supplying the whole FOUR functions

of a properly operated hotel - namely: rooms, meals, beverages and a meeting spot for the citizens of this community and those of the surrounding territory. They want the dog to wag the tail. What they do not want is for the tail to wag the dog. They do

not want an hotel operated with a sole eye to the sale of beer.

Mr. Hamilton has stated and permits us to repeat his attitude on If he felt it were possible to operate a hotel successfully so as to carry on the functions expected of it, without the profit from the sale of beer he would operate it in that manner. He knows and we know and you know, definitely, however, that it is not possible to do so in the face of the competition provided from the places where local option is not in effect. And because they, also, know it in these other places, local option is not in effect in these other

As a speckled trout centre there is no town in this Province to compare with Markdale. Unfortunately the financial benefit to the town is negligible since, in the absence of hotel accommodation, the fishermen return to their homes the same day or go to the nearest hotel. Mr. Hamilton has secured options on three miles of the best fishing in this district and he is convinced that, if given the opportunity, he can transform the fine old Sproule property into the sort of premises which would attract a desirable type of sportsman and the American tourist.

NOT IN ISSUE

Some attempt has been made to confuse our minds-to make it appear that a vote in favor of a properly operated hotel is an endorsement of the use of liquor.

It is nothing of the sort.

It simply indicates that you are in favor of an hotel being operated in this municipality in the only way which it can be operatedunder Government Control.

Under Government Control the sale of beer is permitted.

But no one who uses the facilities of the hotel is forced to use the beverage facilities. They exist for those who, in their own good judgment, choose to use them.

THE BALLOT

This is the ballot that will be presented to you.

"Are you in favor of the sale of beer and wine under the provisions of the Liquor Control NO

We urge that it be marked as above.

It means that, if a hotel cannot be adequately operated except under Government Control conditions, that you are in favor of Government Control rather than local Prohibition.

A vote "Yes"-as above suggested-does not indicate, therefore, that you are not a Temperance person.

It does not indicate that you ever have used beer or any other

alcoholic beverage. It does not indicate that you ever intend to.

It does not extend any invitation to others to do so.

Markdale was under the system of Government Control from the time the Control Act was passed, in 1927, until September 1935, when it adopted local option.

Under Government Control one hotel was in operation.

We feel that, in 1935, the electors did not give a clear cut decision that they preferred local Prohibition to Government Control. There may be those who may still have some mental reservations as to the effect of their vote for the establishment of a hotel oper-

ated under Government Control. These will ask themselves if the discontinuance of the hotel has really prevented anyone who wished to do so obtaining and consuming any and all alcoholic beverages they wished to buy or had

the money to buy. If that was the purpose of going into local option it has failed of

LET US FRANKLY FACE THE FACTS

The by-law prohibiting sale in this municipality does not make any person any more temperate than they desire to be-of their

own free will. The world is on wheels

We have no opportunity to force our local Prohibition condition either on our own residents or those of the surrounding country.

They can order for home consumption and obtain all they can pay for.

They are free to go - and do go - elsewhere.

There is always the bootleg trade.

The local Prohibition (local option law) was designed for the days when communities could isolate themselves by reason of the difficulty of travel-when a trip of 25 miles was a major event.

It is now commonnlace

Miles are only minutes. Sale of beer - under Government Control - is only a few min-

utes away - now that we are on wheels. In order to hold even a fair share of business in these circumstances, the local merchant perhaps extends credit beyond safe limits. He gets the bad debts while the merchants in the other places get the cash.

We suggest to you that many people from the surrounding country who are close enough to us to come here also go to these other places and make business contacts and purchases there.

It would be a mistake to think that all-or even the majority of these people—pass us up because they cannot get a beer beverage

Those who do desire a beer beverage prefer to go where it can be legally obtained.

The majority of those who are careless whether they can obtain a beer beverage, or do not want it at all, have sized up the situation in a local option town to be that the merchants are losing a considerable part of the purchasing power to the citizens of the Town itself and conclude that means, at best, a stalemate in the matter of progress in that Town and that it is more advisable to make their business and banking contacts elsewhere.

Let us consider the alternative that is given to people to drink in

At the present time a person who wishes to do this and do it legally has to go or send to some other place. If the vote carries that person would not be required to go or send out of town,

In no event, however, does this cover the situation of the man who prefers to invest ten cents in a glass of beer rather than \$3.00 in a case of it. Perhaps he cannot reasonably afford the \$3.00. And he is told, and rightly so, to conserve his expenditures to the minimum at the present time.

It may be suggested that this ability to go or send elsewhere for a quantity purchase and bring the purchase within the home and consume it there is a reasonable facility for the person who desires a beer beverage.

Apart from the greater expenditure involved you will do well to consider that this same person constantly hears it said that hotel sale constitutes some temptation to young people.

Of course, this is never so if home training has been adequate. And no person under 21 years of age can legally be served in a But would you think that a child who had seen his parents consume in their own homes, perhaps without any unfortunate results the child could see and had become as familiar with beer labels as with automobile name plates would at a later age, and when he or she had become 21, seriously stop to consider whether he or she should not drink. Would they not be more inclined to take it for granted that their parents' judgment was good enough for them. And the more they respected their parents the more firm would be their conviction.

No matter what the wisdom of the suggestion that home drinking provides a reasonable alternative, we suggest that under its most favorable circumstances it does not.

And there is to consider-not only the excess expenditure required. But that what happens is that when a person goes or sends away for an alcoholic beverage for use in the home, it is more likely to be spirits than the less dangerous beer that is purchased.

Spirits are less bulky. It is easier to bring a "crock" into the house against observant neighbors than it is to bring in a carton of beer-and one empty bottle is easier to dispose of than 24.

The bottle of-spirits gives a greater "kick"—if that is what is wanted-than does a beer beverage. And costs no more-sometimes less-than the carton of beer.

The most dangerous feature of home drinking is the fact that it is unobserved drinking and may become uncontrolled drinking. You will consider whether it is not a fact that, in the average case, when a carton of beer is brought into the home if it is not for a "party" and, in your own observation, will consider if the tendency is not to finish it off on the one occasion.

On the contrary, hotel sale is observed and controlled drinking-

under penalties to both the consumer and the proprietor." If the present disadvantage in a business and economic sense which the local option condition imposes upon us gave us better moral and social conditions we would not suggest to you that we should change. We believe that the present plan imposes upon us business disadvantages without compensating advantages socially and morally. On the contrary, we believe that the present plan allows for worse moral and social conditions.

HOTEL STANDARDS

If the vote carries the Liquor Control Board could authorize hotel sale of beer in a standard hotel.

No authority would be given a hotel to sell beer until the Liquor Control Board had satisfied themselves of the desirabilty of the owner of the hotel and, therefore, that it would be adequately managed. For this purpose the recommendation of the police and a municipal official is necessary and the operator must be a British subject. Only a standard hotel would be authorized.

The 'standards' required go not only to the management but to the adequacy of the building and the equipment thereof, particularly as to safety appliances and exits, in case of fire. A minimum of six bedrooms is required and an adequate dining

The equipment in kitchens and bedrooms is specified—even to the amount and character of bed linen, towels, etc.

Toilet and washroom standards are also set. Only when all of these are adequately provided for is an author-The authority expires automatically each year and need not be

renewed unless the Board is still satisfied with the standard of the hetel or its management and conduct. An authority can be suspended or cancelled during the course of the year and no reason need be given and no notice. The decision

The hours of sale are set by the Board from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. on all days except Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and election days, on all of which days no sale of beer is permitted.

of the Board is final and not subject to appeal.

No person under 21 years of age is permitted to buy or consume beer on the premises. If the proprietor serves any one under 21 years of age he is liable to loss of license.

Proprietor cannot permit: "Any gambling, drunkenness or any riotous, quarrelsome, violent or disorderly conduct to take place"; "any person of notoriously bad character to remain"; any slot machine or gambling device to be placed, kept or maintained." The hotel pays the Government a license fee on the basis of a flat

Of this the municipality gets 20 per cent.

POLLING DAY The vote takes place Monday, January 5th, 1942. Polls open 8 a.m. Standard Time.

rate per gallon of beer purchased.

Polls close 7 p.m. Standard Time. We suggest you mark your ballot with cross as indicated below. Do not write anything else on ballot. We ask your co-operation by voting as early as possible.

Any assistance you are able to give us will be appreciated.

"Are you in favor of the sale of beer and wine under the pro-

Act?"

visions of the Liquor Control

YES NO

Committee for Markdale's Advancement.