

Lauriston School Concert

The teacher and pupils of S.S. No. 6, Glenora, held their Christmas concert on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18th, in the schoolroom. A good percentage of the residents of the section were present to enjoy a real treat in acting and song.

The first number on the program was a chorus by the eight pupils of our school, entitled, "A Cradle Hymn". Next came a recitation by Bert Osborne, "Bringing in the Tree". Bert gave us the impression that a home would be a poor place without a boy to bring in the tree.

A mirth-provoking dialogue, "Advice to the Lovelorn", was next portrayed. On the failure of Dorothy Dix to appear in the office of a certain newspaper, the editor disguises 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 amusing indeed.

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

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 well-spoken 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 flannel-scarf. Miss Muriel Aitkens, a charming wee lass of pre-school age, drew the first prize ticket in favour of Mrs. Gemmel of Markdale.

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.

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 this subject.

God save the King ended an enjoyable afternoon.

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IRISH LAKE

Misses Agnes and Blanche of Fergus spent Christmas at their parental home here.

Mr. Francis Hughes has been helping Mr. Willard McWhinney for the past couple of weeks.

Mr. Ray MacDonald visited on Christmas Day with the Sweeney, Hughes and Sullivan families.

Mrs. T. Hughes and son spent Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. E. Henry of Holstein.

Mr. Wilmer Eagles spent Christmas at his home here.

Master Cecil Moore of Holland Centre is holidaying with the Sullivan family.

Mrs. Earl Maycock and two children, Wayne and Marlon 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.

Mr. Willard McWhinney visited at Christmas with Mrs. Clayton McWhinney and family of Markdale.

Mrs. J. Leitch is spending some time with the Leitch family.

Mrs. P. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs.

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. Wilmer Clark.

Miss Hutchinson, our school teacher, is at her home at Kimberley for the holidays.

Kenneth Steer of London, training at Queen's Park, spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. John Steer, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Steer and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Steer and family and other relatives, Kenneth Steer, late of Harkaway. His brother, 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

Bill Sullivan and son, Pat, spent an evening recently with the Fawcett family of the 4th concession.

Members of the community unite in extending season's greetings to the 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 Markdale, in the County of Grey, deceased, who died on or about the 7th day of November, 1941, are hereby notified to send in to W. E. Harris, Solicitor for the Executor of the estate of the said deceased, on or before the 5th day of January, 1942, full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the said date the Executor of this estate will distribute the assets of the said deceased and having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, to the exclusion of all others, and he will not be liable to any person whose claim he shall not then have notice of for the assets so distributed or any part thereof.

Dated at Markdale this 10th day of December, 1941.

W. E. HARRIS, Markdale, Solicitor for the Executor.

Grey County Home Services

Jan. 2—Rev. C. O. Pherrill. Jan. 16—Rev. W. F. Dean. Jan. 30—Rev. S. E. Annis.

CEYLON

Mrs. Catharine Wilcock celebrated the 86th anniversary of her birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Cairns and Mr. Cairns on Saturday. Mrs. Thos. Wilcock of Regina, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Griffin, Misses Mable Parlow and Catharine Cairns of Toronto spent the day with her.

Miss Swanton and the pupils of Ceylon School held their Christmas closing exercises Thursday evening when a full house appreciated the program of choruses, recitations and dialogues. A play, entitled, "Other People's Husbands" was given by some of the young people. At the close of the program Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. The proceeds of the evening amounted to over \$22.00.

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

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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 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.

THE ISSUE

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.

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.

HOTEL STANDARDS

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

POLLING DAY

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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.

THE BALLOT

This is the ballot that will be presented to you.

Ballot form: "Are you in favor of the sale of beer and wine under the provisions of the Liquor Control Act?" YES X 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.

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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.

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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 hotel.

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 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.

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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 desirability of the owner of the hotel and, therefore, that it would be adequately managed.

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 room.

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 authority issued.

The authority expires automatically each year and need not be renewed unless the Board is still satisfied with the standard of the hotel 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 of the Board is final and not subject to appeal.

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.

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 rate per gallon of beer purchased.

Of this the municipality gets 20 per cent.

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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.

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Committee for Markdale's Advancement.