

Card of Thanks

To all those who called to see me and to those who brought treats I desire to say sincerely, "Thank you." I also desire to express my appreciation for the splendid care and attention provided by Dr. Carefoot and his staff.
Mrs. Jos. Blackburn

Engagement

Major and Mrs. W. H. French of Owen Sound announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Marion Ruth to Stoker Robert George White, R.C.N.R., formerly of Owen Sound and vicinity. The marriage will take place early in January.

CANADA'S ICE MURDER SOLVED BUT STILL A MYSTERY

White man's justice amazes Eskimos, especially legal procedure when a family affair like murder is committed. Which is why the frozen body of a murdered Eskimo remains embalmed in ice waiting for next summer when thawed out justice may take its course but probably won't. Read the details in The American weekly with this Sunday's (Dec. 26) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.

The Allied Air Force anything but kind to Adolph Hitler. He speaks best from a beer hall—and pretty soon they will not leave him any beer halls to speak from.

Season's Greetings

We take the opportunity once again presented by this season to greet you, and to extend our thanks for your valued patronage during the year now closing.

A. E. Scott
The Blacksmith

W.N. Burnside

Markdale
has the following articles for sale at reasonable prices:
New Findlay "Condor" Range
New Findlay "Oval" Range
2 Cheap Ranges with good ovens
Range in first class condition
Gurney Coal or Wood Range
Used Sink, 16"x24"
Used Sink, 18"x30"
Iron Bed in good condition
Coil Springs
2 Wooden Beds, cheap
Sliding Couch
Force Pump
Well Pump, complete with 15 feet of pipe and cylinder
Radio with 1000-hour battery
Also 2 Jersey Cows

Merry Christmas

May this Christmas be brimful of gladness and joy for you and yours, and the New Year the beginning of better days than you have ever known.

John Bowles
The Trucker

In the Spirit of Christmas

There's more than enough Christmas joy to go around . . . so we're dividing our share into generous portions and sending you a good measure in the sincere wish—
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The White Swan Bakery
Stan. Kidd

Merry Christmas

With the snows and crisp December days come our greetings of the season. To you—all of you—we wish the Merriest Christmas ever. Health, happiness and success in full measure—and may all your hopes come true.

The Mann Hardware
Markdale, Ontario

HARKAWAY

Merry Christmas to all our readers. The annual Harkaway Christmas concert was held in the church on December 17th with a rather meagre attendance, owing to the unfavourable weather. A splendid program, composed of recitations, songs, dialogues and a drill was presented. Several good items had to be omitted because the participants failed to arrive on schedule, having been delayed by the roads. Following the program Santa Claus appeared and distributed the many gifts which adorned the tree. The trip home was the highlight of the evening as about 2½ hours were spent in travelling two miles. Our sincere appreciation is tendered to Fred Halbert and Chas. Thompson, who, with their teams, worked unceasingly in the storm to rescue the helpless cars, seven in all. Thus December 17 will be a memorable one for the citizens of Harkaway community.

The December meeting of Harkaway W.M.S. was held on Wednesday, December 8th, in the church basement with Mrs. Barry as leader. After the opening part of the meeting the Candle-Lighting ceremony as planned for the Christmas meeting was followed throughout. The Scripture reading was read from the 23rd Psalm. Roll call was answered by six members. The president then took the opportunity of thanking all co-workers of the past year for their assistance and support. This being the annual meeting, Mrs. Binns presided as chairman when the following officers were elected for 1944: Hon. President, Mrs. L. Lyons; President, Mrs. Goudy; 1st vice, Mrs. N. Lawson; 2nd vice, Mrs. W. Halbert; Recording-Secretary, Mrs. Barry; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Lyons; Press sec., Mrs. Barry; Supply Sec., Mrs. A. A. Lyons; Assistant, Mrs. Halbert; Baby Band Sec., Mrs. W. J. Lyons; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. L. Lyons; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Roy Lyons, Mrs. C. Rodman, Mrs. C. Thompson; Auditors, Mrs. A. A. Lyons, Mrs. W. Halbert; Organist, Mrs. N. Lawson, Mrs. Goudy. Collection 35 cents.

The sympathy of this community goes out to those bereaved by the passing of Mr. John Murdoch at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carson McKessock on December 7th. Mr. Murdoch was a most highly respected citizen of Harkaway district for nearly sixty years, moving to Windsor about fourteen years ago. Surviving him are four daughters, (Jean) Mrs. Carson McKessock of Strathavon; (Muriel) Mrs. Geo. James of Toronto; Ruby in Washington, D.C.; Marjory of Creemore, and two sons Robert in Toronto and Arthur, R.C.O.C., Barriefield Camp, Kingston. Mrs. Murdoch predeceased him about two years after moving to Windsor.

On Saturday, Dec. 18th Mr. Ab. Barry received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Chris. Barry of Meaford. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. A. Barry.

Merry Christmas

In the spirit of joy that the Christmas anniversary means, we wish you good health and happiness.

W. W. Alcox
The Barber

VANDELEUR

Merry Christmas to the editor and Standard readers.

Vandeleur school held their annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 21st. The school was nicely decorated and a well-laden Christmas tree filled the corner of interest. Mr. Charles Boland ably filled the chairman's seat and a well-prepared program of dialogues, drills, choruses, recitations, solos and duets was put on by the pupils and their teacher, Miss M. Dawn. Mrs. Geo. Buchanan was pianist. Others assisting were Misses Marie and Dorothy Johnston who sang a duet; Melville Buchanan a solo, and Melville conducted the community sing song of carols. Pre-school pupils to give recitations were Donna Wryill, Ruth Graham and Jimmie Shaw. To complete the evening Santa Claus arrived in his usual jovial spirits and distributed the gifts. Pte. H. Fitzsimmons and Vern Fawcett were his assistants. The appreciation of all present goes to our teacher, Miss Dawn, who capably prepared this junior and young set of scholars to give such a good program.

On Monday evening the Farm Forum met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Hutchinson. Due to the storm the attendance was small. The next meeting is community night and will be held at Howard Graham's. We expect Mr. T. S. Cooper will be with us as guest speaker.

Pte. H. Fitzsimmons is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Fitzsimmons.

Are you looking for Santa Claus. He is due to arrive on Friday evening of this week, so hang up the stockings.

BERKELEY

Mrs. H. Jenner and daughters of Toronto arrived on Tuesday to spend the Yuletide season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Walters.

A number of friends and relatives paid their last respects to a grand old lady in the person of Mrs. Wm. Walker. Had she lived until Christmas day she would have been 96 years old. The funeral service was held in the United Church with interment in the family plot.

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cameron on Thursday morning when they lost everything except what they had on. There was a small amount of insurance carried. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron are moving into the house across the road, owned by Nelson Kirk. The fire started from the stove pipes.

Pte. Stringer spent the week-end at the Mitchell home.

Messrs. Fred Flynn, George and Bill Ransome returned home on Monday after spending several months working up north for the Hydro.

Pte. Ken. Fitzsimmons of Camp Borden is home for the holiday season. Robt. Gilpin of Toronto University is spending the holiday season at his home.

Mrs. A. Baillie returned home from a week's visit in Toronto.

The United Church Sunday School held their entertainment on Tuesday evening in the basement of the church. A good supper, program and slides were enjoyed.

Mrs. Nuberry and babe of Kitchener are visiting with Mrs. Nuberry's aunt, Mrs. Thos. Flynn and family.

We wish the editor and many readers a Merry Christmas.

Markdale Dairy will deliver milk only 6 days a week during the winter.

Coming Events

DANCES—Fraternal Hall, Fiesher-ton, Monday, December 27th, and Friday, December 31st. Murray Simmons' Orchestra. Admission 50 cents. 17c

Dundalk's third Annual CHRISTMAS DANCE will be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th. Dancing at 8:30 to the music of Alvin Dermott and his orchestra. Admission 50 cents. 17c

Of interest to farmers: E. S. Archibald, director of the Experimental Farm Service, says that producers of Canada's foodstuffs are paying income taxes in small numbers, not of their own choice but for the simple reason that the earning power in labour income on the average farm, even with the free labour of wife and children thrown in, is little more than that which industry and Governments pay to a Grade 1 stenographer. . . . During the fiscal year 1942-43, there were 1,197 cheese factories in Canada which received a premium on account of having manufactured cheese scoring 93 points or higher. . . . Grasses and legumes are relatively high in protein and low in sugar, a factor which adds to the difficulties of making them into good silage. The supply of potash available for fertilizer purposes in 1944 will not exceed 35,000 tons, which is about 80% of that used in 1943, and demand will be up; so rationing is in effect so that more farmers will get their fair share; this will not affect the total tonnage of fertilizers available. . . . Wholesale prices for Canadian farm products moved up gradually in November to reach a peak level (index) of 104.5, compared with 103.8 a month earlier.

Carload of COKE Expected

Herb. Walker
Phone 170, Markdale

RED CROSS
Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of Markdale branch of the Red Cross Society will be held in the office of the Department of Agriculture at 8.00 o'clock on the evening of TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1944

Small Ads.

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FOR SALE—Set of sleighs with wood rack. Wm. G. Love, Markdale. p

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, 9 years old, due to freshen about June 1st; milking at present. Apply 32 r 3, Berkeley. 17c

LOST—Between Mark Street, Markdale, and Barrhead, painter's canvas about 14 feet square. Please notify The Standard office, Markdale. 17c

FOR SALE—Girls' 3-piece outfit blue, size 4; two coats, size 8, brown and navy; two pairs child's skates, size 12. The Standard office, Markdale. 17c

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Many Thanks For Your Patronage Through 1943!

We wish you and yours, at home and abroad, the age-old, yet ever new: "Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year"

Markdale Dairy
Roland Irwin

NO SUNDAY Milk Delivery

Commencing this Sunday, December 26th, there will be no Sunday delivery of milk in Markdale. Customers are asked to procure enough milk on Saturday afternoon to do until the Monday delivery. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

MARKDALE DAIRY

'The Friendly Store'

F. T. HILL & COMPANY, Limited

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

THIS is our fifth Christmas at war. As in the past years, there will be many anxious hearts and, for most of us, the merriment attendant on the day will be restrained. But it is our wish that the beloved Christmas customs and Christmas Carols, with their message of hope and faith, will bring comfort to a troubled world, and that in 1944 the promise of Peace on Earth will be fulfilled in the Victory of right.

Again our sincere thanks to our many friends and customers for their kind understanding, co-operation and patronage. To our employees, a full measure of appreciation for their sincere, loyal support.

F. T. HILL

F. T. HILL & COMPANY, Limited, MARKDALE

CANADIAN PACIFIC
CHANGES IN TRAIN SCHEDULES

MARKDALE — TORONTO

On SUNDAYS, DEC. 26 and JAN. 2, coach train will leave Markdale at 5.50 p.m. for Toronto, making all intermediate stops to Streetsville.

TORONTO — WINNIPEG

On THURSDAY, DEC. 23, coach train will leave Toronto Union at 6.00 p.m. for WINNIPEG, stopping at Parkdale and West Toronto, and at important intermediate points.

TORONTO — HAMILTON

On DECEMBER 23, 24, 26, 28, JANUARY 2, 3, 4, regular train due to leave Toronto Union at 9.55 p.m. will be delayed, and will leave at 11.30 p.m., Sunnyside 11.38 p.m. for HAMILTON.

NOTE:—On DEC. 23 this train will operate through to DUNNVILLE.

Consult Agents for further information

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