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## What Does Your Label Say?

WE HAVE GIVEN FAIR WARNING and while the response to our call for renewals has been more than good, others have paid little or no attention. We can't fight the government. To refuse to obey their regulation to cut off all subscribers more than three months in arrears would mean a heavy fine—and we can't afford it. So once again, we ask those in arrears: "Renew your subscriptions at once, that you may not miss a copy of The Standard."

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## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Mervin Walker of Toronto spent the week-end in town.

Mr. Hillis Burnside was a visitor in Toronto at the week-end.

Special Constable David Hunt was home from Niagara for the week-end.

Mr. E. I. McLoughry of Galt was a recent visitor with his mother, Mrs. Wm. McLoughry.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Colgar of Toronto spent the week-end with the Colgan and Burnside families.

Miss Minnie Swanton of Toronto was a week-end visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Swanton.

Mr. John Callery of Meaford visited during the week with Mr. and Mrs. L. Adams and other Markdale friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ingles and babe of Owen Sound spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and family.

Miss Edith Tuck and Gwenth Dent of Toronto University were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Tuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Shires of Brampton were visitors with the former's uncle, Mr. John Shires, and Mrs. Shires at Vandeleur.

Mrs. Wm. Prust and Miss M. Neely are representing Markdale Horticulture Society at the annual Ontario convention in Toronto.

Misses Nina Hutchinson and Eunice Colgan spent a few days in Toronto and attended the opening of the Ontario Legislature on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris of Owen Sound and Mr. Robt. Watt of Holland Centre visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bradley of Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bumstead and family of Owen Sound visited on Sunday with Mrs. Naomi Matthews and other friends. Mrs. Bumstead remained for a longer visit.

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be observed in Markdale by a Prayer Service in Christ Church at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 25th. All denominations are asked to participate in the service.

In the local arena on Friday evening last Meaford juniors won from Markdale youngsters by a score of 9 to 4 in a hockey game and on Monday evening the Meaford and Thornbury juniors defeated a Markdale-Flesherton team by 9 to 2.

James Cubitt of Markdale, formerly of St. Vincent Tank Range, has purchased the East Half of Lot 7, Concession 8, Township of Euphrasia, from Carman W. Boyle. This was formerly the Russell Lawson farm. The sale was for cash and possession is to be given to the purchaser not later than March 21st next.

## United Church of Canada Holland Centre Circuit Robert Watt, Pastor

**BERKELEY—**  
11 a.m.—Morning Worship  
Thurs., 8 p.m.—Y.P.S. All young people invited.

**HARKAWAY—**  
2:45 p.m.—Worship Service.

**HOLLAND CENTRE—**  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Friday, 8 p.m.—Y.P.S.

NOTE: Sunday Feb. 26, all congregations will be addressed by Mr. Sam Clarke, missionary elect of the Sudan United Mission. Don't fail to hear Mr. Clarke's message.

## Married In South Africa



### Nursing Sister Mary Mercer

#### Robertson - Mercer

The marriage of Nursing Sister Mary Jane Mercer to Mr. Thomas Chalmers Robertson took place quietly in Middleburg, Eastern Transvaal, South Africa on Wednesday, February 2nd, 1944.

Nursing Sister Mercer is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mercer of Markdale and Mr. Robertson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Robertson of Middleburg, Eastern Transvaal, South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson will live in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Nursing Sister Mercer went to South Africa in April 1942 in charge of a party of 121 nurses. She was stationed at Baragwanath Military Hospital, near Johannesburg until July of last year when she was sent in charge of a military hospital at Palmietkuil, forty miles from Johannesburg.

Mr. Robertson is Political Editor of the "Rand Daily Mail" and "Sunday Times", also editor of "Libertas", a pictorial magazine. At the outbreak of the present war he was called on by General Smuts to take charge of the Anti-Nazi propaganda campaign in South Africa.

## Rev. J. R. Bythell Told of Missionary Work

On Monday afternoon, February 14, the pupils of Markdale Public School assembled in the first room to hear a very interesting talk by Rev. J. R. Bythell about his work in Northern Alaska as a missionary among the Eskimos and Indians. He had been made a chief of the Klinket tribe of Indians and wore a chief's costume. This costume was made out of the skins of moose and caribou and was decorated with coloured beads. These skins had been chewed by the women of the tribe as it was their only means of tanning. He showed a drum which was used in calling the people together, and a spoon which was fashioned from a mountain goat's horn. This spoon was about twelve inches long and the bowl of it was about three by five inches.

He was among the Indians and Eskimos for four years. During this time the nearest white man to him was 468 miles. It took two years for mail to reach him. The only means of transportation was by means of a dog team and sleigh. The chief food of these people was seal and whale meat, dried salmon and a garlic onion which grew along the shores. This onion prevented scurvy. These people are not very healthy.

Their winter homes are made of ice and are heated by whale oil lamps. In the summer their homes are tents made from the skins of wild animals.

These people have no idea of time so they go by moons instead. They eat when they are hungry, sleep when they are sleepy and drink when they are thirsty. This fact made it very difficult for Mr. Bythell as he taught school and held church services. Besides being a missionary he was teacher, doctor, lawyer, surgeon and judge. His scholars were people from four months old to one hundred and four years old.

The summers are very short, being only from two to three months in length. The winters were very cold and severe, the temperature often being from seventy to eighty-five degrees below zero.

Donald Kidd thanked Mr. Bythell in an appropriate manner for his very interesting and educational talk. The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The above article was written by Miss Marjorie Bumstead of Form IV of the Markdale Public School.

## Record Crowd Attends Local Carnival

One of the most successful carnivals ever held here took place last Thursday evening when a crowd estimated at over 700 taxed the local arena to capacity. Among the numerous skaters in costume were some clever and original ideas making keen competition for the prizes. Especially in the Nursery Rhyme entry there were many quaint costumes well deserving of merit.

The main attraction of the evening was the fancy skating exhibition by members of the Georgian Figure Skating Club of Owen Sound and their lengthy program of varied numbers was heartily enjoyed by the crowd. At the conclusion of the program several request numbers were repeated. These included numbers by the youngest pair of performers, Patsy Shears and Carol Hipwell and by two popular artists, Gwen, Gardhouse and Jean Shears. A comedy number by Lawrence Phillips to "Oh You Beautiful Doll" and encore created much amusement.

For the judging which followed two lady members of the party with Peter Cutler of Dundalk, a former member of the club, kindly acted as judges. Master of ceremonies was Gordon Beaton who conducted the judging in fine manner.

Prizes for the various costumes were awarded as follows:

Original—Alexandria Turner as Father Time, Geraldine Hanna, Queen of Hearts.

National—Ruth Alton, a Dutch windmill; Fred Alton, Indian in a canoe.

Comic—George Armstrong of Flesherton; Eleanor Gibson, fat lady.

Best Animal Performance—Allan Lovering and Hillis Burnside as Ferdinand the bull, led by "Buster" Langman; Jack Colgan and Arthur Gillespie, Holstein cow, led by Eunice Colgan.

Largest Family in Costume—Milton Henry, (3).

Nursery Rhyme, under 12—Wayne Kidd, Pied Piper; Dorothy Jane Keenan.

Gay Nineties—Mrs. Frank Summers, Mrs. Les. Metcalfe.

Absent Minded Professor—Eleanor Henry.

Best Skating Couple—Mrs. Ella Hyslop and Mrs. Bev. Johnston (dressed as bride and groom).

Load Coming Longest Distance—From Flesherton.

Special Prize, "For the War Effort"—Jack Bannon, Russell Phillips of Flesherton with a sleigh of dolls, "Vitamin E will do this for you"; Florence Alton, "Milk for Britain."

Following the skating a dance was held with Hartley's orchestra supplying the music.

## RATION NEWS

Due to the large crop of blueberries last season, a temporary suspension of the rationing of canned blueberries has been announced. Until further notice, canned blueberries may be purchased without the surrender of D Coupons.

Coupons now due are: Sugar, 14 to 26; Preserves, D1 to D13; Butter, 46 to 51; Meat, 35 to 40; Tea and Coffee, 14 to 29 and E1 and E2.

Butter Coupons 46 to 49 and Meat Coupons 35 to 38 will expire on Feb. 29th. E Coupons, which are now used for Tea and Coffee, must not be removed from the ration books of children under 12 years of age. Children's books must contain all the E Coupons when application is made for Ration Book 4.

Farmers are urged to place their orders for fertilizer not later than March 15th, if they wish to obtain their usual amount. All retail fertilizer distributors are required to fill the orders of their regular customers before accepting any orders from new customers. Distributors are not allowed to supply their customers with fertilizer containing potash in a quantity exceeding 73% of the potash supplied in 1943. A farmer distributor must not retain for his own use any more than 73% of the potash he used in 1943.

## Engagement

The engagement is announced of Miss Marian Boland, daughter of Mr. C. B. Boland and the late Mrs. Boland of Artemesia, to Mr. Cecil Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smart of Euphrasia, the marriage to take place early in March.

## Winner of D. F. C.



### E. L. Llewelyn Rowe

P.O. E. L. Llewelyn Rowe of the R.C.A.F. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rowe of Owen Sound, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for anti-shipping sorties.

In February, 1943, he was navigator in an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy convoy in the English Channel. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire a successful attack was completed but his plane was badly damaged. They were forced to land in the sea where they spent forty-three hours in an open rubber dinghy, but were finally rescued by a British flying boat just a short time before a German E boat appeared on the scene. In April of the same year he again gave great assistance to his squadron commander in a daylight attack on a blockade runner in the Bay of Biscay.

P.O. Rowe arrived back in Canada on December 1st of last year after spending over a year and a half overseas. He is at present in Canada and at Debert, N.S. He was born in Berkeley and is a grandson of Mr. Thos. is on the R.C.A.F. instructional staff Rowe. His younger brother, Sgt. Kenneth Rowe, is with the R.C.A.F. at Valleyfield, Quebec.

Their mother is a cousin of Miss Ethel Arley of this place.

## Markdale Curlers Were Best In Bonspiel; Rocklyn Second

Fourteen rinks took part in a bonspiel in Markdale on Monday when the skating rink was used as well as the curling rink. The affair was run on the plus and minus system and worked well as all players were in the games to the end. In the first draw the results were as follows:

A. E. Hunt won from Telford of Orangeville by 12 to 4.

Geo. McTavish of Flesherton won from W. J. Plewes by 11 to 9.

Jas. Dargavel of Flesherton won from L. Tipling of Shelburne 17 to 6.

Munroe of Hanover won from Smith of Rocklyn by 11 to 10.

G. A. Beaton defeated Roy Piper of Flesherton by 10 to 8.

Walker of Chatsworth won from Art Norris by 15 to 2.

In the second draw the results were as follows:

Hunt 10; McTavish 7.

Thibaudeau 14; Dargavel 4.

Munroe 7; Beaton 6.

Smith 10; Walker 4.

Plewes 8; Telford 7.

Tipling 15; McArthur 5.

Norris 16; Piper 5.

Third draw results were:

Thibaudeau 12; Hunt 10.

Smith 10; Munroe 4.

Plewes 9; Tipling 8.

Norris won from Dargavel by default.

Beaton 12; McTavish 3.

Piper 9; Walker 7.

With a plus of 18 the Thibaudeau rink composed of L. D. Merriam, T. H. Reburn and Norman Fitzsimmons, won the White Rose Gasoline Trophy and first prize, an end table each.

Smith of Rocklyn was second with a plus of 12 and won the Chevrolet Trophy. His men were C. Cook, A. McGirr and E. Gardner.

G. A. Beaton was third with a plus of 9. His players were E. Bradley, R. Irwin and O. Lepard.

A. E. Hunt was fourth. He had as assistants J. R. Dillon, Father Nolan and M. A. Henry.

## Card of Thanks

For all the acts of kindness and helpful sympathy extended in the death of the late Mrs. Jacob Holley we return sincere thanks. We have appreciated all this kindness.

Mrs. Harold Lever

## NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM

Mrs. Russell Thorburn has received word from her husband, Pte. Thorburn, that he has arrived in England where a second operation will be performed to correct injuries received when wounded while serving in Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitney have received word that their son, O.S. Harold Whitney, has been transferred to Kingston, Jamaica, where he will be on duty in the Canadian Navy.

Tpr. Clifford Hartley of Camp Borden spent the week-end with his wife and daughter, Marguerite and while home attended the carnival at the arena Thursday night.

Mrs. R. W. Wilson has received a letter from her son, Tpr. Nelson Wilson, written in Italy where he is now serving, in which he has the following to say: "It is quite cool here at nights with frost. There is snow on the mountain peaks but none on the level. It gets warm during the day. We arrived here a few days ago and I have been getting around a bit. Bill Welton of Flesherton is not far from here but I haven't seen him yet. I have no letter from Lloyd as yet. Had a letter from Clarence Macaulay. I have been to a couple of good shows, one a stage show and the other pictures. Hope to get some mail soon.

The following is taken from a letter from K. A. Hills, formerly of Tara:

I spent this leave down at Forquay and most of the time I was walking around. I saw through caves called Kents Cavern. They are full of stalactites and stalagmites, all rosy color, due to iron in the soil. There was one stalagmite forty-six inches tall which grows at the rate of half an inch every thousand years. Its age is 96,000 years. That was because there was a drop fell on it every eight hours. I saw the fossilised remains of a sabre tooth tiger and the head of a bear in the same state. Both were perfectly harmless. The caves were really beautiful. I walked about a mile, winding around. I also saw an old blacksmith's shop built in 1170. The blacksmith spends his time in making small horseshoes which he sells for six pence each. The forge still works.

The following was taken from a letter from Pte. Milton Burnside received by his parents a few days ago:

"Received two air mail letters this morning, one written Jan. 23 and the other Jan. 30. I can keep pretty well up on the news from home when they come so regular and so fast.

I haven't seen Stan. King or Jack Down, but I wrote Stan and haven't had a reply yet. Had a letter from Jack. He was in London on Saturday but did not come to see us as he thought we had moved. When he got home my letter was there and he was put out because he had not called. We had invited him to spend Sunday with us.

We continue to enjoy life even the raids do come rather regularly. I had a nice box from grandmother and Aunt Elva. I am in the office looking after transports. Ruby is fine and was sure tickled over all her Christmas presents. Love to all.

The following letter was received this week from Orville McNally, a former Markdale boy, now serving overseas:

Dear Sir:

I have received two copies of The Markdale Standard and boy, does it cheer a fellow up over here. I went to school in Markdale so there are a lot of names that I know. Most of the boys in the army were still going to school when I left there. I have not met any of the boys from Markdale yet, but in your paper I can get the addresses of some of the boys. It takes the good old Markdale Standard to let us know where the other lads are.

I am a Provost over here. I like the job, but a fellow gets the blues. You have a free country back in good old Canada. If it were not for the people of Canada it would not be so good for us over here.

I will close now, hoping to see you all soon.

"It would be a great calamity" to discontinue fall fairs, said Dr. G. I. Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, speaking to the Annual Convention of Class B Fairs at Toronto recently.

## Mrs. George Kinney

Markdale citizens were shocked on Wednesday, February 16th, when the news spread that Mrs. George Kinney had passed away that day in the hospital at New Toronto. The family had gone to Mimico to reside but after only a few days Mrs. Kinney took ill and gradually sank until the end came.

Before her marriage in 1913 the deceased was Margaret Ethel Heighes, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Heighes. She was born at Barrhead and grew to womanhood in the community. Surviving are four daughters and one son, namely: Eida, Eileen, Jean, Mary and Jack, who are now in Toronto. All were present at the funeral service. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Dan. Murdoch of Markdale and Mrs. Chas. Roberts of Owen Sound.

The deceased was a member of Cooke's Presbyterian Church and for many years had been very active in Sunday School and church work. She will be greatly missed in the work of the church as well as in her home.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon with service in Oliver's Funeral Home. Mr. Paul Rumball, pastor of Cooke's Church, was in charge of the service and preached a very comforting sermon. The hymns used were favourites of the deceased. The pallbearers were Messrs. Chester Rodman, W. J. Plewes, Ross Alcox, John Teeter, Wm. Kinney and A. S. Buschlen. The remains were placed in the Mortuary Chapel for burial here in the spring.

Among the many floral offerings were tributes from the family and church organizations.

Among those here for the funeral were Mrs. Alvin Noble of Toronto; Dan Murdoch of Markton; Mrs. C. Roberts of Owen Sound; Mr. Wm. Wiggins of Balacava.

## Mrs. Jacob Holley

Mrs. Jane Holley, widow of the Jacob Holley of Vandeleur, passed away at her home in Markdale on Friday, February 20th. She had been failing health for some time and been confined to her bed for a three months, the end coming peacefully at 8 o'clock in the evening. She was in her 76th year.

The late Mrs. Holley was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Speer of Artemesia, where she was born and grew to womanhood. June 12th, 1865, she married Mr. Jacob Holley and they settled on a farm at Vandeleur, where they resided. Mrs. Holley passed away nine years ago and a year later Mrs. Holley moved into Markdale.

The deceased was ever gentle and kind and of a retiring disposition. When a young girl she became a member of the Presbyterian Church and was held in high esteem by many friends.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Harold Lever of Markdale and three sisters, Mrs. Samuel McDevitt of Schomberg; Mrs. Ben. White of Markdale, and Mrs. Geo. Black of Marengo, Sask. Also one brother, Samuel Speer of Alberta, who came to see Mrs. Holley in December.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon to Markdale cemetery. Rev. N. E. Caswell conducted service in the Oliver Funeral Chapel. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. W. Alcox, Wm. Ratcliffe, Gordon Wyvill, Stanley York, Bert Carter and Glen McGee. The beautiful floral tributes were carried by friends and neighbors.

## John A. Marshall

John A. Marshall died at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 19th 1944. The deceased was the beloved husband of Melissa Orchard and dear father of Elmo of Saskatoon; Orchard, H.E.P.C. employee at Markdale; Kenneth of Toronto; Murray with Canadian Army Overseas; Archie of Kingston. He was 71 years of age.

The funeral took place from his late residence at Washago on Tuesday, February 22nd, with service in the United Church at 1:30 p.m. Interment was made in Minissing Cemetery.

## Anglican Church Notes

Rev. J. R. Bythell, I. C. M., Rector

Christ Church, Markdale  
10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Church Service.

St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley  
2:15 p.m.—Sunday School  
3:00 p.m.—Church Service.