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A Merry Christmas To One and All

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Bussey visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mills in Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snell are spending the winter months in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis at 107 Melrose Ave.

For the Festive Season use a good coffee. Get the genuine Rideau Hall at England's.

Mrs. Walter Broster of Orangeville is a visitor with her nieces, Mrs. A. O. Gillespie and Mrs. Russell McCann.

Miss Jean Kinney of Toronto was a week-end visitor in town.

Mrs. Martha Grant attended the funeral of her cousin, William Burnett of Ceylon this week.

Mrs. Alex. Finley and Mrs. James Thorburn of Toronto spent Thursday with their father, Mr. Richard English.

Messrs. Bill Perkins and Arthur Gillespie of Toronto University are spending the Christmas vacation at their respective homes here.

Miss Nancy McKillop of St. Thomas has been engaged to teach English and History in the local High School, the subjects taught by Miss Coutts who resigned some weeks ago owing to ill health.

Miss Mary E. Young of Markdale spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. H. Johnston of Lily Oak and also visited her brothers who were home on leave from Niagara.

Mrs. A. Young and son, L.|Cpl. Austin Young spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Young of Varney.

The local skating rink was opened for the first time this season on Tuesday evening.

The draw on the box of groceries raffled by the Ladies' Auxiliary was held Friday night, Dec. 8th, and the winner was Mrs. Edgar House.

Mrs. A. Brown entertained the members of the Anglican Church Guild on Friday evening when officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. Wm. Mann; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. O. Gillespie; 2nd Vice, Mrs. G. S. Dundas; Treasurer, Mrs. T. Tuck; Secretary, Mrs. F. D. Sawyer.

The Standard extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Arthur Wright of Seaforth, a former resident of Markdale, who lost his mother by death at Kincardine on December 10th. She was 73 years old.

Mrs. Allen Brewster was pleasantly surprised this week when she received a parcel from her husband, Tpr. Brewster, with the Canadian Army in Holland. The gift contained a German wrist watch and fountain pen, a bracelet and brooch made of Holland coins and several souvenir handkerchiefs from Belgium.

W. B. PHILLIPS, R.O., Eyesight Specialist, will be at The Murray Drug Store the second Tuesday p.m. each month. Make appointment at the Drug Store.

OPTICAL—Can duplicate any broken lens no matter where you bought them.—For prompt service leave them at Marshall's Drug Store. D. Campbell, Optometrist.

Born

BENNETT—In St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, on Friday, December 15, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bennett (nee Clare McCarthy) of Hamilton, a son.—Thomas Joseph.

MATTHEWS—In Orangeville Hospital, on Saturday, December 16th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Matthews, a daughter.

Card of Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to the W. C. T. U. and others who helped with the Annual Christmas Treat for the Old Folk at the County Home.

The Staff and Board of Management.
M. J. Gould, Manager.

Card of Thanks

For the many acts of helpfulness and kindness in our recent sad bereavement we desire to express sincere thanks. We would particularly like to mention the consideration of the patrons of R. R. No. 6.

Wm. Littlejohns and Mrs. Walker

In Memoriam

STEER—In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. John Steer, who passed away two years ago, December 18th.

Her smiling way and pleasant face
Are a pleasure to recall.
She had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.
Some day I hope to meet her,
Some day, I know not when,
To clasp her hand in the better land
Never to part again.

Always remembered by Effie and Family.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Because of the shortage of help and considerable job work that must be finished before the end of the year, the publishers have decided not to print an issue of The Standard the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Markdale Council Receives Arrears of Taxes

The December meeting of the Village Council was held on Friday evening with Reeve A. Rusk and all members of the Council present.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the November meeting, certain arrears of taxes were received and the clerk was ordered to notify the County Treasurer to erase the same from the roll.

Accounts were received and passed as follows: Waterworks accounts of $122.91; Hydro accounts of $1,146.35, and the general accounts of $1696.10.

A by-law to provide for the licensing and regulation of public halls was introduced and read three times and finally passed.

Carol Service Enjoyed

The Christmas story in word and song was beautifully illustrated at a Candlelight Carol Service in Christ Church last Sunday evening. The chancel of the church, decorated with candles on the altar, two lighted Christmas trees, the Star of the East, and coloured lighting made an appropriate setting for the service.

Members of the Sunday School, who occupied the front seats, took turns coming forward and reading parts of the story. Each part was followed in turn by the singing of Christmas hymns by the choir. "Away in a Manger" and "Carol Sweetly Carol" were sung by the children. Mrs. F. D. Sawyer was organist. Other members of the choir were: Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. T. Tuck, Mrs. Earl Hannah, Mrs. J. Colgan, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dennison, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Buschlen, Mr. T. H. Reburn and Mr. F. D. Sawyer. Sunday School pupils who took turns reading the Christmas story were: Donnie Mercer, Mary Gillespie, Jacquelyn McDonald, Joan Buschlen, Lynn Sawyer, Isabel Gould, Glen Hannah, Judith Sawyer and Ronald McCutcheon.

Mr. F. D. Sawyer welcomed the congregation on behalf of the choir and Sunday School. The collection, taken by two senior boys, will be used for buying choir music.

It is hoped that, weather permitting, on Christmas Eve which comes on Sunday this year, a group of carollers may go round the town as in days of old, and sing Christmas carols to shut-ins and the sick.

Mrs. John Camp

Mrs. John Camp, a life-long resident of Glenelg Township, passed away on Thursday evening at the home of her niece, Mrs. Nelson Schaefer, in Glenelg Township. Deceased, who was in her 74th year, had been in poor health for some time past. She contracted pleurisy and on Dec. 11 was moved from her home near Barrhead to the home of her niece.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Mary Torry, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torry and was born near Barrhead. Forty-three years ago she was united in marriage to John Camp, who survives to mourn her loss. Three brothers, George, Robert and Luther, and one sister, Mrs. James Ellison, all of Glenelg, are left to mourn her passing. Another sister predeceased her a number of years ago.

The late Mrs. Camp was of a retiring disposition, but during her lifelong residence in this district had made many friends who will mourn her passing. She attended Cooke's Presbyterian Church here while her health permitted.

The funeral service was held on Monday with service at her late residence when a large crowd of sorrowing friends and neighbours were in attendance. Mr. Paul Rumball, minister of Cooke's Church, conducted the service. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. J. Ellison, R. J. Torry (jr), W. G. Torry, Jack Torry, Nelson Schaefer and Hector Boyce. The many floral tributes were carried by Messrs. Alvin Foster, Wes. Aitken, Stephen Dennett, John Wilson, Harold Thibaudeau and Waudby Baker. Interment was made in Markdale Cemetery.

I.O.O.F. Cigarette Fund

Recent donations to the Odd Fellows' overseas cigarette fund include the following:

Operators Bell Telephone Co., Office, Markdale $2.50

C.G.I.T. Candle-Lighting Service Held

The annual vesper service of the C.G.I.T. was held at Annesley United Church on Sunday evening when fourteen members of the organization took part.

The service of readings, carols and candle-lighting ceremony, was led by Eleanor Henry. The Scripture story of Christ's birth was read by Dorcen Alcox, who led also in the responsive reading about the coming of the wise men. "Infant Holy" was sung by Marian Beaton. The girls joined in repeating the C.G.I.T. purpose.

The church lights being dimmed, Mrs. N. E. Caswell, leader of the group, conducted the candle-lighting ceremony and lighted the tall central candle, illustrative of Christ, the Light of the World, from which the light was given to others who in turn passed it on until all candles were lighted. Rev. N. E. Caswell spoke of the Star which led the wise men to Christ. The loose collection was given to the group, in support of the movement and to provide leadership.

Music Features Gospel Workers' Entertainment

A pleasing program was presented at the Gospel Workers' Sunday School entertainment on Thursday evening of last week. The superintendent, Mr. E. Beirnes, presided. Following the opening hymn and the Christmas story from Luke's gospel, there was music with Miss Mabel Betts at the piano, Mrs. Willard Wilson on the violin and Mr. Wilson on the mouth organ. Misses Mabel and Edith Betts rendered a duet, with harp accompaniment by the former; solos by Ivan Beirnes and Leo Adams; duet by Jimmie Summers and Keith Wilson; recitation by Catherine Tebbutt; music by Miss M. Betts and Willard Wilson, and a reading by Rev. C. J. McNichol. Colored lantern slides of beautiful scenes throughout Canada and others depicting the life of Christ were shown, with Mr. T. S. Cooper operating the lantern.

At the close gifts and bags of candy were distributed to the children.

Earlier in the evening Mr. Beirnes and Mr. Cooper showed the slides to the inmates of the Grey County Home.

Mrs. George Pedlar

The death of Mary, beloved wife of George Pedlar, occurred at her home in Durham on Monday, December 4th, 1944, in her 75th year. She was born in Holland Township, the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Bell Smart and was married at Eugenia to George Pedlar. They lived for a number of years in Markdale and for the past twenty-five years had resided in Durham.

Mrs. Pedlar leaves to mourn her passing her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Leila Giles of Durham and Mrs. Thomas Goodchild of Niagara Falls. There are also six grandchildren, two brothers, William of Markdale and Samuel of Duncan. Two other brothers, Thomas and John of Duncan and two sisters, Mrs. McClung of Heathcote and Mrs. Ferguson of Markdale, predeceased her some years ago.

The funeral took place from her late home on Wednesday afternoon. The house was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. H. W. March was in charge of the service, assisted by a nephew of the deceased, Rev. Percy Ferguson of Wiarton. The pallbearers were Messrs. James Saunders, Clarence Hutchinson, Norman Dean, William Falkingham, Charles Graham, Orville Saunders. The lovely floral tributes were carried by Roy Patton, John Ferguson, Earl Smart, Lewis Pedlar, James Pedlar, Ernest Smart, Nelson Hill.

Among those attending from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smart, Mrs. Russell Hill, Nelson Hill, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hutchinson, Mrs. S. H. Wright, Hugh Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smart, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Torry, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smart and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boyes, all of Markdale; Mr. S. H. Smart and Reginald Smart of Duncan; Mrs. T. Ferguson and Fred Ellis of Kimberley; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Meldrum, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pedlar, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pedlar, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Pedlar, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chard, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sparks, Donald Meldrum and Mr. and Mrs. James Pedlar, all of Flesherton; Mrs. Douglas Reid of Ceylon; Mr. and Mrs. John McKee of Maxwell; Mrs. S. Scilley of Dundalk; Mr. and Mrs. John Wickens and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gibson of Kimberley; Mrs. George Phillips of Port Dover; Rev. Percy Ferguson of Wiarton; Mrs. W. E. Boddy of Owen Sound; Mrs. William Corrance, John Ferguson, Mrs. James Matheson of Hamilton. Interment was made in Durham Cemetery.

Married

BURNSIDE - McGEE—By Rev. N. E. Caswell at the home of the bride's parents in Artemesia on Tuesday, December 19th, 1944, Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dane McGee, and Pte. Harry Burnside, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Burnside of Markdale.

W.C.T.U. Members Visit Grey County Home

On Tuesday afternoon the inmates of the Grey County Home received the annual Christmas treat, sponsored by the local W.C.T.U., a treat and program to which they look forward for weeks. Quite a number of visitors were in attendance and much of the program was provided by children from Miss M. McLoughry's room of the Public School, whose various numbers were very pleasing and a delight to the old people who have few opportunities of enjoying children.

Opening with "Joy to the World" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", Rev. J. C. McNichol offered prayer. The Christmas story, taken from Luke 2 and Matthew 2, was read by Mrs. S. Hare. Ivan Beirnes sang, "The First Nowell" very sweetly, followed by Mr. McNichol who spoke on God as a great specialist in all His works. A chorus, "Silent Night", by the children was much appreciated, as was all their numbers. Isabel Gould and Fern Harris each gave an interesting reading and there were solos by Judith Sawyer and Fern Harris in costume. Donald Henry sang and Lynn Sawyer gave a musical number. The children presented a little play. Other hymns and carols were sung, with Mrs. A. M. Brown as pianst.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by one of the Inmates to the W.C.T.U. and to all who had assisted in the program and providing the treat. The manager, on behalf of Mrs. Gould, himself and the County Home Committee, also expressed sincere appreciation.

The W.C.T.U. acknowledges with sincere thanks the hearty and generous support given them in this matter by the grocers and other citizens of the village.

Cooke's Church Christmas Concert Well Attended

The annual Christmas Tree and entertainment of Cooke's Presbyterian Church Sunday School was held on Friday evening, December 15th. The superintendent, Mr. Ross Alcox, was chairman for the evening. Recitations were given by Raymond Irwin, Sandra Robertson, John McCann, Garry Irwin, Margaret Cherry, Jeanete Irwin, Ronald Cherry, Leslie Alcox, Dorothy Kingston, Bert Osborne and Alex. Trafford. Duets were given by Sandra Robertson and Jeanette Irwin, Garry Irwin and Ronald Cherry. Two short plays, "Mr. Earth" and "The Season of Love", were presented by the Y.P.S., the latter consisting of a number of carols.

At the close Santa Claus arrived and distributed the gifts and bags of candy and fruit to the children.

Mrs. Robert Milburn

(Durham Chronicle)

Mrs. Robert Milburn, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Durham, passed away in the Red Cross Memorial Hospital on Saturday morning. She had been a patient there for the past two weeks.

The late Mrs. Milburn was in her seventy-eighth year. Her maiden name was Esther Peart and she was a daughter of the late Emerson and Mary Robison Peart. She was born on the 8th concession of Glenelg Township at Traverston. Fifty-five years ago she was married to Robert Milburn of Brantford. They resided at Brantford for a few years and forty-five years ago moved to a farm on Highway No. 6, at Rocky Saugeen. Twenty-six years ago they moved to Durham.

The late Mrs. Milburn was predeceased by her husband twenty-four years ago. There were no children but Mrs. Milburn was devoted to her nephews and nieces, who will deeply mourn her passing. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Hudson of Hanover, and one brother, John Peart of Traverston. Another sister, Mrs. Geo. Furneaux of Durham, and a brother, George E. Peart, predeceased her and another brother and sister died in infancy.

In religion deceased was a Methodist prior to Union and in recent years was a member of Knox United Church here.

The funeral was held on Monday with a short service at her late residence followed by a public service at Zion United Church. Rev. A. W. March was in charge of the service and interment was in Zion Cemetery.

The pallbearers were six nephews, Emerson, Robert, James and Oren Peart, James Hudson and Emerson Hudson.

The floral tributes were from the nephews and nieces of the Peart family; nephews and nieces of John Peart family; Mrs. Hudson and family and Ruby Knisely. These were carried by Gordon Beaton, James Hudson and Will Peart.

Friends from a distance who attended the funeral were Mrs. Leslie Jones and daughter, Roberta of Toronto; Mrs. George Henderson of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thorn of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ashley of Wroxeter.

BOXING DAY
Tuesday, December 26th

In response to a request from the businessmen of Markdale, I hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 26, as a Public Holiday in the Village of Markdale and call upon all interested parties to govern themselves accordingly.

Albert Rusk, Reeve

NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM

The Standard editor acknowledges with thanks the many cards and notes from the boys overseas bearing the season's greetings.

A.B. Harold Whitney, R.C.N.V.R., is home on a month's leave.

Pte. A. G. Fothergill of Camp Borden spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Violet Fothergill.

Flt.|Lt. George Dundas of Chatham, N.B., is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Dundas, and other friends.

Pte. Gilpin Wells of Niagara Camp spent a week with friends here.

Pte. Howard Wilson of Niagara was a visitor with his wife and son and also other friends in town for a week.

L.|Cpl. D. A. Young of Newfoundland spen the past three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Young of Berkeley and also other friends.

Ptes. John S. Young and Alvin F. Young of Niagara are spending a seven-day leave with relatives and friends of Lily Oak and Walters Falls.

Tpr. Clifford Hartley of the A.F.V. Range, Meaford, spent Sunday with his wife and daughter, Marguerite.

The following is a letter, dated Dec. 6th, 1944, from Major R. B. Murray, Somewhere in Holland:

Dear Mr. Colgan,

I have been meaning to write you for some time, but I fear that the war has done little to improve me as a correspondent. That, my natural laziness and the fact that there is little to talk about must be my excuses, but you may be sure that I haven't forgotten Markdale and my friends. The Standard reaches me with regularity. I was extremely sorry to read in the last issue I received, of the presumed death of Jackson Stewart. I didn't see him at all over here.

We have just finished helping the villagers to celebrate Christmas; the 6th of December is their "Santa Claus" day, and the 25th is reserved for more or less religious observance. We managed to have a party for about 150 local children, and if appetites are any indication of enjoyment, they had a very good time. We weren't able to do quite as well for them as we used to be in England, but there were movies, lots of food and candy, and a present for each youngster. They seemed to enjoy the affair almost as much as we did in putting it on for them. Our Christmas promises to be a quiet one; we are in a quiet sector and are hoping that Jerry won't do anything foolish until we have gotten away with the turkey and pudding that have been promised us. We have been doing extremely well in the matter of food all through the campaign, and although everyone exercises the soldiers prerogative of grousing, I am quite sure that no one is suffering at all. Monotony is the only thing that has to be overcome, but we are fortunate in having a cook with a certain amount of imagination, indeed a rare type. Some time ago, when we were near Antwerp, we were fortunate in getting hold of a large Hun food dump and lived quite royally for a while.

This part of the country is pretty desolate, especially after France and Belgium. Naturally low-lying and flat, miles of it have been turned into lakes by flooding due to bursting of the dykes and polders and destruction of the power plants that run the pumping stations. The roads in Holland were never built for a mechanized army, and the cobblestones soon give up to the tanks. However, I am quite sure that the Hun likes it no more than we do, if as much.

From our viewpoint, things have been very quiet, except for the usual amount of sickness. We have been extremely fortunate in our surgery in this theatre; it is being brought well forward into the lines, almost, and I would say that the average wounded man gets attention as soon as the average accident case on the highways in Canada. Some time ago, when we were at Caen. I had a man on my table in the dressing station who had been hit half an hour before. He got a transfusion, had his emergency operation, and was in a hospital within two hours. Less than 48 hours after he had been hit, he was in hospital in England. I am quite sure that the donors at your local Clinic, about which I read in The Standard, would be more than repaid for their time and trouble if they could only see the difference that the pint of blood or plasma makes in some of these lads.

I must close. Forgive my not writing sooner, I assure you that I haven't forgotten you. With best personal regards, believe me,

Sincerely,
R. B. Murray

Pte. Milt. Burnside writes:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Colgan,

Just a line to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Am receiving The Standard regularly and it helps me keep in touch with the news from around home.

Everything is going fine with me and sure hope this finds you both in the best of health.

Tpr. Lloyd Wilson writes from Somewhere in Holland:

Dear Mr. Colgan and Staff,

I wish to thank you all for the papers which have been sent to me since leaving Canada. I have just received the October 5th and 12th issue. Even if the papers are old the most of the news is new to us over here in Holland.

I have only been away from Canada about two years and that is long enough for me. They can stop this show any time and let us go back to our homes as far as I'm concerned. I would much sooner listen to the noise around home than over here.

When we landed in France the people did not seem very friendly at first but as we fought farther inland they realized that they were free and most places the people couldn't do enough for us. France as a whole is not a very clean country. When we reached Belgium the people were very friendly and are quite clean. As we convoyed through many towns and villages the people would be out washing off the sidewalk on their hands and knees. Many of the boys have been invited in for meals. If we stopped in a town coffee, made out of wheat, would be served to us. It makes a very nice drink. In Holland the people are much the same as in Belgium. Wooden shoes are a common thing to see. We still have to find out what the German civilians are like. I know enough about their soldiers now.

Thanks once again for the many papers sent to me. Will close now, wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

The Presbyterian Church In Canada

Mr. Paul Rumball, Minister

2 p.m.—Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.—Christmas Service. "The Advent".

Church books will close December 31st for both current and mission accounts. Kindly have all contributions for 1944 in by that date.

United Church of Canada
Markdale

Rev. Norman Caswell, B.A., Minister

10.30 a.m.—Sunday School meets.
11 a.m.—Christmas Service, with White Gifts, Carols and Gospel Message
3 p.m.—Ebenezer Service
7.30 p.m.—Evening Worship, with Carol singing.

WELCOME!

Christmas Good News: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ The Lord." "He that believeth on The Son hath everlasting Life." (Luke 2, John 3: 36)

United Church of Canada
Holland Centre Circuit

Rev. D. J. Harris, Pastor

HOLLAND CENTRE—
Worship Service—10.30 a.m.
Sunday School—11.30 a.m.
HARKAWAY—
Sunday School—1.45 p.m.
Worship Service—2.45 p.m.
BERKELEY—
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Worship Service—7.30 p.m.

"The greatest blunder of the world today is not that Christ has been shut out altogether, but that He has been given the second place". Luke 2: 7.

SUNDAY—December 31st, 1944

BERKELEY—
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Worship Service—11 a.m.
HARKAWAY—
Sunday School—1.30 p.m.
Worship Service—2.45 p.m.
HOLLAND CENTRE—
Sunday School—10.30 a.m.
Worship Service—7.30 p.m.