

# THE MARKDALE STANDARD

"DEVOTED TO PROMOTING THE BEST INTERESTS OF MARKDALE AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY"

Volume 65; Number 26.

MARKDALE, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 1st, 1945

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Alex. Cherry of Toronto spent the week-end with relatives in town.

Mrs. G. A. Beaton is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Wright in Toronto.

Mr. Arthur Gillespie of Toronto was a week-end visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Gillespie.

Mr. Harold Hanna of Holland Centre was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hannah.

Cpl. Norman Stoddart of Camp Borden spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stoddart.

Mrs. Harold Anderson and son, John of Brantford spent a day this week with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hamilton.

Mr. Jack McArthur and friend of Owen Sound spent Sunday at the home of Dr. J. A. and Mrs. McArthur.

We regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. J. J. Richardson, who seemed to have recovered from a recent sickness.

Mr. Dan Macaulay was in Owen Sound on Saturday last attending the funeral of his brother, Mr. Norman Macaulay.

Mrs. Len. Strange and daughter, Doris, of Hamilton are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan. Macaulay.

A gift of two lovely pictures was presented recently to Mrs. Bert McLoughry on behalf of members of Christ Church A.Y.P.A.

Mrs. Alice Bristow of Arthur is spending some time at the home of her grandson, and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Buschlen.

Sunday was a perfect day in this part of the world, Monday it rained, Tuesday it stormed, Wednesday it thawed a little. "Fickle is March!"

Mr. Wm. Lyons of Harkaway purchased Mrs. Clara Wiley's house on Toronto Street north, at present occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McTaggart.

Mrs. Norman Welsh of Owen Sound spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Walden. Mrs. Walden is quite ill at the present time.

Mrs. John Bussey visited in Owen Sound on Thursday last week with Mrs. Robt. Seaman of Tugaska, Sask. Mrs. Seaman left on Saturday for her home.

Miss Helen Carefoot and Mr. Leonard Carefoot of Toronto and Miss Mary Carefoot of Collingwood were week-end visitors at their parental home here.

Donations of clothing for Russian Relief have been packed and are awaiting shipment. Those in charge of this work are grateful to all who answered the call.

**Hill - Hill**

A quiet wedding took place at the manse of First United Church, Owen Sound, on Wednesday, February 21st, at two o'clock, when Verna Jane Hill, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill of Markdale, became the bride of Gerald Bernard Hill of Markdale. Rev. S. E. Annis performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a two-piece dress of powder blue crepe with bracelet length sleeves and bridal wreath in her hair. She wore a shoulder cascade of Happy Day roses, maiden hair fern and buddleia tied with a white taffeta bow. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Laurie Sewell of Feversham, who wore brown crepe dress with shoulder cascade of Talkman and Souvenir roses tied with gold taffeta bow. Mr. Fred Halbert of Markdale, cousin of the groom, was best man.

The groom's gift to the bride was a compact and to the best man a billfold.

The young couple will reside near Markdale.

## Coming Events

The Anglican Church are planning to hold a bake sale, tea, and bazaar on the 17th of March. Keep this date open.

**SKATING AND DANCE**—Skating on Saturday 7.30 to 9.30. Dance following skating. Robin Kirk's orchestra. Admission to dance 35 cents.

The Women's Association of Annesley United Church are holding a Tea, Bake Sale and Bazaar at the home of Mrs. M. Richards on Saturday afternoon, March 3rd, from 2 to 6 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

## Burglars Enter Gillespie's Garage; Hills' Warehouse

For the second time in a week, thieves have been at work in this district, and during the early hours of Sunday morning entered "Doc" Gillespie's garage and from there made their way to Hill's warehouse in the same building. The break-in was first discovered Sunday morning when Arthur Gillespie entered the garage. Provincial Constable Black of Flesherton was immediately called and is conducting the investigation but so far there is no trace of the robbers.

The thieves apparently entered the garage through a window on the south side next T. H. Reburn's house. From here they had access to the warehouse leased by F. T. Hill & Co., and also, the Masonic hall on the second floor. To get from the garage to the Hill warehouse it was necessary to rip a sheet of gyproc off a window which had been boarded up and climb down the shelves to the floor. Tracks showed that they left the building by the front door of the lodge rooms which leads to the garage.

It is thought they made their entry to the building about 2.00 o'clock Sunday morning when the night watchman was making his rounds which includes regular visits to the creamery at the other end of the village. It is apparent that they spent some time in the building for their loot included a shotgun, rifle, axe, large hammer, crow bar, about six large chisels as well as a number of used gasoline coupons from the garage. These last are of no value since they were stamped with the garage number. They also took a gasoline ration book from the glove compartment of a car stored in the garage for the winter. The fact that the ignitions were turned on in two cars in the garage and two small chisels were left in one was evidence that they may have planned to make their get-away in either of them. The loss sustained by Hill's store has not yet been ascertained.

Evidence left behind indicates that at least two were implicated in the crime. It is believed that they may have been scared out before they completed their haul, since they could have heard others in the adjoining building at the time, and tires and other such articles within their reach were left untouched.

**Local Red Cross Receives Letter Of Thanks**

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, has been received by the Markdale Red Cross quilters this week.

28 Vernon Ave,  
Raynes Pk.  
S. W. 20.  
February 5th, 1945

Red Cross Quilters,  
Dear Friends,

Having received the bed cover with your name on it, sent by the Canadian Red Cross for the bombed people of Britain we would like to thank you very much for your kindness. It must have taken a long time to make it and it is so very pretty and warm.

We are going to use it for father (he is 74 years old).

All the gifts that your Red Cross have sent are greatly appreciated by us all over here and perhaps you would thank all concerned for their kindness and generosity. Our best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully,  
Edith Carter (Miss)

**Holland Centre W. A.**

The W.A. of Holland Centre United Church met at the parsonage for their February meeting. Eleven members answered the roll call with a verse of Scripture containing the word "heart". Hymn, "Whiter than Snow" was sung followed by prayer. Mrs. E. Craven read the Scripture from Acts 3: 1-10. Miss Ruby Freeborn gave a reading, entitled, "God Guides Everywhere". Mrs. O. Calahan gave a reading entitled, "Home".

The secretary read letters received from our boys overseas, thanking the W.A. for boxes received. Arrangements were made to have the parsonage redecorated in the spring. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Jackson.

The meeting closed by singing a hymn and repeating the Mizpah benediction. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. O. Calahan and Miss Ruby Freeborn.

**Ration News**

Coupons now valid are Butter 90 to 97, Sugar 46 to 53, Preserves 33 to 40. Butter coupon 88 becomes valid Mar. 8.

## Ladies' Night, Anniversary Celebrated At Rotary

The Markdale Rotary Club celebrated the fortieth anniversary of Rotary International at its meeting here on Tuesday evening. This happy occasion was also the annual Ladies' Night when guests and members numbered nearly fifty. Guests of honour were Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Owen Sound, both of whom contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

The tables were very attractive in the Rotary colours, decorated with spring flowers, candles and flags. Adorning the head table was the birthday cake bedecked with forty candles, and which, incidentally, was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beaton, Gordon being nominee for District Governor this year. At each place was a unique souvenir containing the name of a country where Rotary holds sway. During the evening the names of these different countries were read out with the year Rotary was introduced there and each candle was lit in response. Presiding at the head table was President Albert Hunt.

The fowl dinner got under way with a rousing sing-song which characterizes Markdale Rotary meets. Besides the toast to the King and to the Army, Navy and Airforce, Art Norris proposed the toast to the ladies and Mrs. M. C. Richards responded. In keeping with the anniversary, Mr. Will Messenger read of how Rotary was founded, being organized by Mr. Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905, as well as several messages of congratulations and good wishes. Mrs. W. E. Harris rendered two pleasing piano solos.

Following the dinner, Mrs. John Thompson delighted the guests when she showed a number of her paintings. The scenes shown depicted scenery of all types and seasons around Owen Sound and district, some of which were easily recognized. Mrs. Thompson told of starting to sketch in 1935, which she does merely as a hobby, and the colouring and depth achieved showed her to be an artist of high order. Included in the collection were four sketches done in Cuba.

In the address of the evening, Mr. John Thompson reviewed his trip to Havana, Cuba, taken with his wife when he was district governor, to the International Rotary Convention to that city in 1939. The review of his personal experiences, sights and the southern way of life vividly described as he saw them were of great interest. He told of the wide streets, fine trees and white colonial houses seen in Atlanta, Georgia. As they passed over a bridge farther on a sign read, "You are now 'Way down upon the Swannee River'." On through fields of cotton pickers they saw what is believed to have been Uncle Tom's cabin. The mountains of West-Virginia, toll bridges, the moss on the trees, and beautiful mocking birds were typical of this country. In Florida they sat on the green benches of St. Petersburg, then passed through the Lower Everglades of Miami where they took the boat to Havana.

The most impressive thing on approaching the town was Morro Castle built by the Spaniards and from which the flag of the in-coming boat was always flying. He drew a word picture of the famous Malecon drive along the Gulf of Mexico where could be seen old buildings with fine carvings done by the Spaniards. The Prado, a famous stone walk where the tree-tops met overhead, he said, was frequented by many beggars who were professionals at their trade.

The main building in Havana is The Capitol of huge proportions and fabulously decorated and furnished, the dome of which is the third largest in the world. This contained the Statue of the Republic in front of which is the Diamond, "the Mileage Stone of Cuba" from which every distance is measured. He told of seeing the elaborate clubs and of attending the Seaside Resorts where there were one thousand entertainers. The picture there of tropical trees lit up by coloured lights was a wonderful sight.

Products of this tropical isle included such products as sugar, tobacco, citrus fruits, coffee and coconuts. Of the food available that which "touched the spot" with the speaker were coconut ice cream, in which the milk is used, and pineapple. Peculiarly enough the stores, though modern, included no dress shops but yardage shops were numerous. The long dresses carried gracefully by the women were of large pattern and brightly coloured so that they made a pretty picture.

By attending church on Sunday, two in the city being English speaking, he was convinced that Canada is fabled

## Youth Service Of Worship In Cooke's Church

As a special feature of the World Day of Prayer, held on the first Friday in Lent, a Service of Worship for Youth was conducted by four leaders of the various Young People's Societies following the evening service in Cooke's Church last Sunday.

The order of service was followed and was responsive throughout. Those leading were in turn, Mrs. Earl Hannah from Christ Church A.Y.P.A.; Hillis Burnside representing Annesley Young People; Mr. Alex. Trafford of the Gospel Workers' Church and Miss Inez Nickels from Cooke's Presbyterian Church.

The origin of the World Day of Prayer and how it has grown to be world wide in its scope were read by Mr. W. J. Messenger. Mrs. W. W. Alcox was organist. Collection was dedicated by Rev. N. E. Caswell and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Paul Rumball.

## Cooke's Church Ladies' Aid Crokinole Party

Members of the Ladies' Aid of Cooke's Church enjoyed a crokinole party at the home of Mrs. Robt. Powley on Thursday evening last to augment the funds of the Society. A pleasant two hours was spent in play, prizes being won by Miss Mildred Cullis, Mr. Ross Alcox, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kingston. Refreshments were served at the close.

## Freedom Chapter O. E. S. Bridge and Euchre

Members of Freedom Chapter O.E.S. held their first Bridge and Euchre in the chapter rooms on Thursday evening last with nineteen tables in play. With Mrs. W. E. Harris as convener, the Ways and Means committee sponsored the event. Guests were invited, with each member being responsible for one table. The prizes, which were donated by Mrs. F. D. Sawyer, Worthy Matron, were won by Mrs. M. A. Henry and Mr. R. H. McLoughry for bridge and Miss Bessie Stewart and Mr. Wallace Wilson for euchre. A dainty lunch was served by the ladies of the Chapter.

## With The Curlers

An enjoyable party, arranged by the February Entertainment Committee, followed the final game in the Mixed Bospiel on Friday evening of last week. The winners at the two events were presented with prizes and after lunch the members present enjoyed a dance in the Arena Hall.

The last games to decide the winner of the second event were the semi-final in which Kidd's rink defeated one skipped by Wally Graham, and the final between McArthur and Kidd which was won by the latter. Members of the winning rink in the Second Event were: Nina Hutchinson, lead; Mrs. Harris, second; Wallace Wilson, vice skip, and Stan. Kidd, skip.

The prizes were chickens for Sam Arrowsmith's winning rink in the first event, and stockings for the ladies and suspenders for men who won the second event. An Entertainment Committee for March was appointed, and if the weather continues favourable members are looking forward to more pleasant evenings before the season is over.

The weatherman was responsible for the cancelling of the Annual Bospiel on Monday. The mild weather made it impossible to prepare the ice in the skating rink for curling, and early Monday morning out-of-town curlers, who had sent in their entry were notified that the event was called off. With March weather so uncertain it is not known just what future arrangements will be made.

to be in the far frozen north according to the beliefs of many in Cuba. Havana, with a population of 75,000, has no less than 7500 policemen so that you got away with nothing. On his return trip he told of the luxurious cabins available to tourists. The talk throughout was enjoyed and Mr. Thompson left behind a very favourable impression of such a holiday.

Introduced by Frank Sawyer, the speaker was thanked by Harold Borinsky. The thanks of the Club was also tendered Mrs. Sproule, who had catered in her usual fine style. With the singing of And Lang Syne, the celebration of Ladies' Night passed into history.

Canned rhubarb and canned crab-apples sweetened or unsweetened have been removed from the rationed list.

## Hockey News

Markdale Leads Shelburne by 3 Goals

Markdale will carry a 3-goal lead into the second game of the goals-to-count series against Shelburne in the semi-finals of the Central Ontario Hockey League. Shelburne's home game, which was played in Dundalk Arena on Monday, Feb. 26th, resulted in a 6-3 win for the Markdale team. The game was conspicuous for its close checking and individual puck-carrying, but was not lacking in excitement, particularly in a sizzling-hot first period.

Angus Fitzsimmons, who is poison around the opponents' net, was responsible for four of the Markdale goals, all of which were well earned. Wiley and Leonard Fitzsimmons each scored one, boosting Markdale's total count to six. Stoddart, who has been a potent scorer all season, tallied two for Shelburne and McKelvin added the other marker. Eric Brooks on the Shelburne defense, while not scoring any goals, was Shelburne's most effective man. Ferris celebrated his return to the Markdale nets after a four-year lay-off with a fine display of goal tending. Markdale opened the scoring and maintained their lead all through the piece, the score by periods being 2-1, 5-3 and 6-3.

George Boyd of Flesherton was referee. The line-ups were:

Shelburne: Goal, Reaburn; defense, Firth, E. Brooks; centre, Rolston; Mrs. McKelvie, Stoddart; alternates, Johnston, Laybourne, Watson, McConnell.

Markdale: Goal, Ferris; defense, Mercer, "Tiny" Brooks; centre, Hartley; wings, A. Fitzsimmons, McTaggart; alternates, Wiley, Falls, L. Fitzsimmons and Piper.

.....

**Wednesday Night's Game**

By holding Shelburne to a 4-4 score in the game here Wednesday night, Markdale team retains their 3-goal lead gained on Monday and will now enter the finals with Dundalk for the League championship.

The game played here on Wednesday night was close throughout and not once did either team get more than a single goal in the lead. The stars for the home team were Norman Hartley, who makes up in speed what he lacks in size, and Mark Madden. Angus Fitzsimmons was still stiff from a fall in Monday night's game and did not trouble the Shelburne goalie as much as usual.

Norman Hartley opened the scoring in the first period when he shot from inside the blue line, only to have Shelburne even it up and the first period ended with the score 1-1.

Rolston was given a penalty in the first period for being too rough, and from then on the locals did not spare him, and he hit the ice several times before the game ended.

The game was a hot race throughout the second period with checking fairly rugged. While Firth of Shelburne scored on a pass from Angus Fitzsimmons and again Shelburne tied it up. There was real fury in some of the shots on both sides and net minders did well to stop them. The race to break the tie kept the crowd in cheers and the score remained 2-2 till Madden made a slip and put one into his own net to count for Shelburne. The sensational play of the game was when Hartley, with less than a minute to go, took the puck from behind his own net and made a lone rush the full length of the ice to tie the score 3-3.

Angus Fitzsimmons scored early in the third and again it was evened up by the visitors when Rolston shot one that counted. Firth was penalized for roughing and Hartley took two trips to the cooler in the third, the second one giving Rolston a penalty shot which was a good catch for Ferris. In a desperate effort to break the tie Reaburn was called upon to stop some sure-looking goals but the gong sounded and the scoreboard still read 4-4.

The line-ups were much the same as in Monday's game, with Madden taking Mercer's place on Markdale defense. George Boyd of Flesherton was referee.

.....

**Markdale meets Dundalk in Finals**

By eliminating Shelburne in the semi-finals, Markdale will now meet Dundalk in a best-of-three series for the Callaghan Trophy, emblematic of the championship of the C.O.H.L. The first game will be played in Markdale on Monday, March 5th, with the second at Dundalk on Wednesday, March 7th. These may be the last games of the league season, so don't miss them!

## NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM

Sgt. J. E. B. Armstrong, R.C.A.F., of Mountain View is spending a short leave with his brothers, Bert and Nelson and their families.

Mrs. Gordon Bennett has received word that her son, Pte. Howard Bennett was wounded on February 19th, while serving with the Canadian Army in Holland. Howard was previously wounded last September. According to the word this week the wounds are not of a serious nature.

In a telegram from her brothers, Ptes. John S. Young and Alvin P. Young, Mrs. Harry Johnson of Berkeley learned of their arrival in England.

L.A.C. Lloyd Armstrong, with the R.C.A.F. in England, in an interesting letter to his brother, Bert, here, tells of seeing snow drifts six feet high in England this winter. The thermometer registered as low as 2 degrees below zero and records show that it was the coldest winter in 50 years. He also enclosed a picture from the London Daily Mail showing a winter street scene with pedestrians treading in snow above their knees. Wouldn't the Canadian boys feel at home while it lasted?

Mrs. Ewart Langman must feel repaid for the time spent in knitting for the Red Cross when she recently received the following letter:

Dear Mrs. Langman:

The other day I received a pair of blue woollen gloves from the Canadian War Services Association. Your address was inside. Thinking that you would like to know that your time has not been wasted let me thank you now for your kindness. Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Garf. Reid, Sgt. Pilot,  
R.C.A.F. Overseas  
and Kingston, Ontario.

.....

In an interesting letter home from Stan. King, he tells of being on "opps" now and says the sooner one gets cracking, the sooner one gets home. He writes "Have been in Belgium, and now here I am in France. Belgium is a much cleaner looking countryside and the roads good. France sure lives up to its mud. The towns and cities are not as badly battered as I expected to see, some have really taken a beating. All along the road-sides there are still remnants of tanks, guns, etc., where the war has passed by. Here I am back in battle dress, roll neck sweaters plus gum-boots. We are very comfortable here, living in a big modern chateau and believe it or not with central heating. I'll bet you couldn't guess what we had for dinner last night—venison. There is a bush nearby where we hunt so the menu varies from venison, wild boar to partridge. Not bad, eh? We are away from everything so have to make our own fun. We live well away from the field so travel back and forth by truck. Am having fun trying to polish up my 'parlez-vous', one needs it when visiting any town. By the way, parcels are welcome again, they weren't needed before, coffee and milk are definitely top items".

P.S. "Jan McTavish is my flight commander".

Writing under the date of Feb. 11, an air mail from Stan.—That he is enjoying his army life in Belgium is evident from his letter which follows in part: "The Canucks have started the long awaited offensive so it may be the beginning of the end—those who saw the fireworks start said it was quite a display. I get plenty of sleep as I don't have to do anything till early afternoon, generally sleep till 11. If we can't sleep Ted and I generally go for a walk in the a.m. or cut wood for the fire-place, we all take turns. Yesterday we went for a walk and eventually passed a farm house so decided to try and buy some eggs. You can imagine the conversation that followed. The whole family were in on it trying to understand "les Canadiens". Anyhow, by various hand wavings and what little vocabulary we know we finally got across what we wanted and got six eggs. The people were nice and friendly. They invited us to visit them some evening and learn some French which we are certainly going to do. Great experiences one has when travelling, eh? Last night some of us visited an officer's club near here. The evening out was enjoyed. It is o.k. to see a skirt and have a dance for a change once in a while. I think I'll visit Brussels on my first 'break'. Hear it's a good place to visit, more service clubs than Paris, which I hear is more or less strictly American".