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## LOCAL NEWS

Markdale hockey team will play their first game of the schedule next Wednesday in Grand Valley.

George J. McFadden, who resides on Highway No. 10, north of town, is poorly as a result of a heart seizure last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cramp arrived in town on Monday afternoon, the former to assume his new duties as bank manager here. Mr. and Mrs. Cramp are staying at Hamilton's for the present.

For that last minute gift—may we suggest The Standard for that friend or member of your family away from home. Nothing can quite take its place. A card will be mailed from this office announcing your thoughtful gift.

The senior pupils of the local public school, classes of Miss McLoughry and Mr. Messenger, were carollers this Wednesday afternoon when they visited Grey County Home, and sang favourite Christmas carols. Miss Fern Harris of Grade 6 accompanied at the piano.

School children will enjoy a fairly long vacation for the Christmas season. Schools will close on Friday afternoon and remain closed till Thursday morning, January 3rd. In most of the district schools interesting programs in keeping with the Christmas season are being presented during this week.

Mrs. S. Brodie, Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. O. A. Abelson, Rivers Inlet, B.C., were joint hostesses when they entertained at the home of the former in honour of Miss Dell Brodie on the evening of November 27, when sixteen ladies spent an enjoyable evening together.

Let us remind you of the Christmas dance this Friday night in the Armouries sponsored by the local legion. The newly initiated veterans in charge of arrangements are anxious that it will be a success. Come out and lend your support and enjoy yourself to the music of Ruben Kirk's orchestra.

Lloyd and Clifford Armstrong were greeted by friends this week who were happy to see Lloyd able to be walking out again, having been a patient in Christie street hospital for some time. Cliff has just recently returned from the west coast where he was stationed previous to receiving his discharge.

Christmas this year will be brighter for the residents of Grey County Home in Markdale, through the extra comforts from the Sun Times and C.F.O.S. Christmas Fund. On Wednesday evening at the Owen Sound City Hall, C.F.O.S. presented its sixth annual broadcast in aid of this joint fund.

Of all the year's holidays, Christmas is, no doubt, the most anticipated of the holiday times of the year, and at many Markdale homes during the Christmas season will be friends home for the celebrations. Let us have the names of your visitors during the coming festive season.

Pte. John Hutchinson eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hutchinson of Riverdale district is home from overseas having returned on the Monarch of Bermuda. John went overseas with the Lorne Scots last January and has seen service on the continent. By V.E. day they were in Holland, although he never got into Germany.

For the benefit of our friends in the southland, it is indeed a white Christmas in Markdale, and to make sure it stays white, the weather became quite stormy on Saturday and snow continued to fall till Monday when there was close to a foot on the level.

The weather has been cold but the roads are good, and nature is at its best for this time of year.

Mrs. Bruce Mitchell of the Berkeley district has a pullet that is doing things in a big way for one so inexperienced. This six month old bird laid an egg measuring 8 1/2 inches around lengthwise, and 1 1/4 inches around the middle, which speaks well for her care and feeding. No danger of this spring chicken losing its head for a Christmas dinner. Not this year anyway.

Santa Claus dropped in for his annual holiday visit with the youngsters last Saturday. A free picture show sponsored by the local board of trade was presented at three o'clock in the Armouries, and a crowd of children were on hand to greet Santa and to get their bag of candies at the close.

Despite a rather blustery day, the day was a busy one for local businessmen and records show a good day's business in spite of the weather.

## Born

THORBURN—In Markdale Hospital, on Wednesday, December 19, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thorburn (nee Helen Alton), a daughter.

## Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for cards and treats sent to me during my stay in the hospital, also I thank Dr. Carefoot and staff for their kindness to me.

Mrs. D. Sewell.

## BERKELEY

Quite a few from here attended the Christmas Tree at Sowerby's school Tuesday evening.

A Merry Christmas to the editor and staff.

Bruce Mitchell returned on Monday from spending a few weeks at Haliburton.

Mrs. A. Baile returned from Toronto last week.

Mr. C. Allen made a business trip to Toronto last week.

## Sunday School Christmas Entertainments

The Christmas entertainment on Friday night by members of Cooke's congregation was enjoyed by a large audience. The variety program was introduced by junior members with several recitations and songs. "Away in a Manger" was sung by John McCann, and Sandra Robertson, Jeannette Irwin, Raymond Irwin, Gerald Bartley, and Betty Shaw took parts in duets. Leslie Alcox played a piano solo, and instrumental music was supplied by Melville Wilson and Willard Wilson.

"The Bugginsville Uplift Society" by a number of the ladies, created much laughter and was heartily enjoyed. The parts were very well taken by a cast comprising Mrs. W. J. Messenger as president, Mrs. Earl Brown, Mrs. Ross Alcox, Mrs. W. W. Alcox, Mrs. Jas. Semle, Mrs. Emerson McCullough and Miss Bessie Stewart.

The tableaux, "The Babe of Bethlehem" was an exceptionally fine portrayal of the Christmas story. Story parts were read by Miss Inez Nickel, and Christmas carols were sung off-stage. The costumes and lighting from coloured slides were very effective. By request this number will be presented at the close of the service next Sunday evening.

A very generous Santa Claus arrived at the close to distribute gifts from a prettily decorated Christmas tree. Mr. Wm. D. Halliwell was chairman for the evening.

The Gospel Workers' Church was gay with a brightly trimmed tree for the Christmas entertainment last Thursday. After the singing of some well-known carols, slides were shown by Mr. Ashton, assistant representative of the Dept. of Agriculture.

The program included music by Willard Wilson with guitar and mouth organ, accompanied at the piano by Miss Mabel Betts, a duet by Misses Edith and Mabel Betts; solos by Ivan Beirnes and Leo Adams; recitations by Mrs. Adams and Mrs. E. Beirnes, and readings by Rev. C. J. McNichol and Mrs. McNichol. Christmas carols were sung, and the children received a welcomed treat.

Christ Church Christmas entertainment was held this Wednesday evening, when an enjoyable program was presented by the children. Numbers included a pantomime, "One Holy Night," by a group of juniors; duet by Joan Buschlen and Jacqueline McDonald and by Eunice Colgan and Janet Cargill; a trio reciting "Christmas Bells" recitations by Joan Hill and Ronald McCutcheon, and a play entitled "A String of Christmas Candles" by Judith Sawyer, Jacqueline McDonald, Joan Buschlen, Donald Mercer, and Glen Hannah. After Santa paid a welcome visit lunch was served. Rev. W. G. Bugler was chairman, and Mrs. Bugler was accompanist for the evening.

The program presented by Annesley Sunday School this Thursday evening was a splendid entertainment, and reflected much credit on the many children taking part as well as their teachers. The opening greetings were extended by little Isabel Bowles, who was brought on a stretcher to enjoy the program. The minstrel show by Mrs. Thompson's and Hillis Burnside's classes was the most popular number, and the Ten o'Clock Special by the same group was very much enjoyed as was every other number on the program. Rev. W. M. Lee was chairman and Mr. Gordon Beaton was accompanist for the vocal numbers.

## Rotary News

The Rotary Club was entertained on Monday last by the pupils of Rooms 3 and 4 of Markdale Public School who sang a number of Christmas Carols to the great delight of the Rotarians. Rotary is, of course, a service club devoted to the welfare of children and it seemed a fitting tribute that the club should have a visit from some of those for whom they work. Mrs. MacMicking the musical director of the school conducted the singing and on a few occasions invited the Rotarians to add their harmonies to that of the children. Some of the carols were sung by the children in harmony. To Mrs. MacMicking goes the credit for a very splendid entertainment.

At this meeting the Rotarians exchanged Christmas gifts with some self-composed verses, displaying some extraordinary literary compositions.

The Rotary Club will meet on Christmas Eve which is their regular day, Monday, but members will be allowed to return to their business tasks after dinner. The programme will be omitted on this occasion.

## NO PAPER Next Week

There will be no Standard published next week. In order to get caught up with some municipal printing and to be able to pause long enough to enjoy the holiday season, we have decided to take a week's holiday.

Correspondents will do us a favour by holding their copy to include the news of an extra week. The next issue will be the first in the new year — January 2, 1946.

## "Peace on Earth"

Christmas, 1945... of all Christmases looms as the most soul stirring, the most meditative in seven years. May it be a friendly day in which to dream as well as make merry... a day when "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" will assume a greater meaning.

May God bless everyone this Christmastide. May He bring courage to the faint-hearted and help to the helpless. May He bless us and lead us in the way to create a world of peace out of a world of hellish strife. He sent His Son to show us how it can be done. Let us thank God and follow the example and teaching of the Prince of Peace.

To All Standard Readers and Friends  
An Old Tyme Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy and Prosperous New Year

## Candle Lighting Service

The C.G.I.T. candle lighting service was held in Annesley United Church on Sunday evening under the direction of Mrs. (Rev.) W. M. Lee. Singing, "The First Nowell", the girls entered by both doors of the church and proceeded up the aisles to their places in the front centre pews. The leaders, Eileen Summers, Marion Beaton and Eleanor Henry, had charge of the service. The Scripture lesson was read by Marie Sparling and a legend, The Black Madonna, was told by Doreen Alcox. Juvenile parts were read by Miss Inez Nickel, and Christmas carols were sung off-stage. The costumes and lighting from coloured slides were very effective. By request this number will be presented at the close of the service next Sunday evening.

A large number attended the funeral on Saturday afternoon, December 15th, of Miss Florence Davis, who passed away, as the result of a heart attack, on the morning of December 12th, at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cochrane of Colbourne. The remains were brought on Friday to the home of her sister Mrs. Geo. Buchanan where a short service was held on Saturday afternoon followed by the public service in Oliver's Funeral Chapel, Markdale. The local pastor, Rev. W. M. Lee, preached a very comforting sermon, and the many beautiful flowers paid silent tribute to the worth of the departed. The pallbearers were: F. R. Boland, W. Ratcliffe, H. McGee, Louis Teeter, Sam Fitzsimmons and Victor Brodie.

## VANDELEUR

The deceased was the eldest of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis and was born and lived nearly all her life in this community. About a year ago she went to live with her sister, Mrs. Cochrane, who just recently underwent a very critical operation in Belleville hospital and is still unaware of her sister's death.

The relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of friends, in their bereavement and anxiety.

Mrs. H. F. Ready of St. Marys spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchanan and attended the funeral of her sister on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Frank Davis, Mrs. Kathleen Davison, Mrs. Lundy Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchanan went to Colbourne last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cochrane, due to the serious condition of their sister, Rena (Mrs. Cochrane) and unexpected death of their sister, Florence. They returned with the remains on Friday.

Mr. Ed. Lang, field man for the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, put on a good showing of moving pictures in the Community Hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 14th. Showing was under the auspices of the W.I. in the afternoon and in the evening, the Farm Forum.

Vandeleur Farm Forum was represented at the joint meeting of the Forums of Artemesia Township which was held in the High School in Fiesherston on Monday evening, December 17th. Rev. F. B. Keyes gave an interesting address and a good discussion took place on the work of the National Film Board. Two resolutions were passed, one favouring the setting up of a National Health Insurance Plan; and the other urging that Dental Clinics be started in the schools of the township as soon as possible. Howard Graham presided, and Geo. Littlejohns and Harry Akins, secretaries of Orange Valley and Springhill Forums read the correspondence and led in the discussion. Joan Akins gave two piano numbers and recitations were given by Mrs. G. Hutchinson and Howard Graham.

## Card of Thanks

I desire to return thanks to all those who sent me cards and treats and those who called or made enquiries during my stay in the Markdale Hospital. I also wish to thank Dr. Carefoot and the nurses.

Mrs. Russell Rae.

## Municipal Nomination On December 31st

The time of Markdale Nomination Day is approaching. In view of the very important task of handling the affairs of our village, ratepayers should exhibit greater interest in municipal affairs. Citizens are apt to forget it is in their hands to select the men they want to look after the town's welfare, and there is just one way to do this. See to it that the right people are nominated, following this up by urging them to qualify and then get out and make sure of their election. Too often we do nothing about it, and then find fault afterwards with the way things are run. No matter what your pleasure is, it is best that it be decided by a good representation than only a few.

At the nomination meeting next Monday night will be heard the reports of the chairmen of the several departments, and all those interested in the way the business of the town is being looked after are urged to be present to hear their reports. It is your privilege and your duty.

Now that ways of peace-time will be re-instated there may be many opportunities for Markdale to develop. Contributing to the growth of small towns are men with a strong community spirit, an aggressive Board of Trade and some outstanding personalities with a pride in their community and a vision for the future.

Attend your nomination meeting.

## Presentation to Banker

At the regular meeting of the Legion for Dec. Mr. A. G. Robertson was presented with a pen and pencil set on behalf of his fellow veterans. During his term as bank manager here, Mr. Robertson has been treasurer of the local legion branch, as well as pension officer, and while his leaving is regretted generally, legion members wished him every success in his new appointment.

On Friday afternoon of last week Mr. Robertson was remembered by his staff who presented him with a pair of candle sticks and a vase as a token of their respect and esteem.

Mr. Robertson will leave on Monday to take up his new duties in London after Christmas, and will be joined by his wife and family in January.

## Presentation

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McArthur, who are leaving Markdale were entertained by about thirty of their friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brunton on Saturday evening, when they were presented with a purse of moneys. Mrs. D. Munro, on behalf of these present, spoke of their regret that this popular couple were leaving the village and wished them every success in their new home. Mrs. Brunton presented the gift, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

## Captures Chicken Hawk

Bob Davis, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Davis of the east backline captured a chicken hawk alive last week. While at the home of a neighbour, Mrs. Herb Irwin, they heard a racket upstairs and on investigating the cause they discovered a chicken hawk had crashed through an upstairs window. While somewhat bewildered at its new surroundings, Bob grabbed a blanket and covered it, and soon had it cooped up in a wooden box. It is believed he may have been frequenting a big pine tree in the Irwin driveway and may have seen his reflection in the glass. At any rate he should feel quite at home in his new surroundings for no doubt Mr. Hawk has been around coops before, but never on the inside looking out. The hawk had a probable wingspread of 3 feet, and will be mounted by a taxidermist.

## Died

HARGRAVE—In Artemesia Township, on Wednesday, December 19, 1945, Susan Thompson, beloved wife of the late Benjamin Hargrave and mother of George F. Hargrave. Resting at the home of her son, George F. Hargrave, Highway No. 10, south of Markdale, for service on Friday, December 21, at 2:00 o'clock. Interment in Union Cemetery, Maxwell, Ont.

## In Memoriam

STEER—In loving memory of a dear mother, Mrs. John Steer, who passed away December 18, 1942.

Dear mother, you are not forgotten, Though on earth you are no more; Still in memory you are with us, As you always were before. Lovingly remembered by Gordon and family.

## BOXING DAY Wed., Dec. 26

In response to a request from the businessmen of Markdale, I hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 26th, 1945, as a Public Holiday in the Village of Markdale and call upon all interested parties to govern themselves accordingly.

Milson A. Henry, Reeve  
(Markdale stores will also take the half holiday on Thursday.)

## The Hospital Deserves Your Support

At this season of the year it is fitting to think of the sick and shut-ins. Such thoughts immediately suggest questions about their care. We have in Markdale a private hospital sponsored by one man, Dr. R. L. Carefoot. What a boon Dr. Carefoot's hospital has been to Markdale may not be fully appreciated by many folk. We wonder if Markdale people realize what it would cost them to operate a like institution. Let no one be foolish enough to believe that any hospital, private or public, can operate unless someone is continually adding to its income. Dr. Carefoot adds to the maintenance of the hospital from his own personal income. Public hospitals are on the tax-rate in addition to room fees. Something has to take the place of public funds for a private hospital. In this case Dr. Carefoot is doing what the public should be doing and we are sure that if the public knew all the facts they would be glad to help.

We interviewed the doctor and he does not like to be in the position of asking for things. We give him credit for this ideal but we feel the time has come for others to help him in his great task for humanity. In anticipation of ever increasing needs, a new wing has been added and the people have had no worry as to how it got there or who pays for it. We don't get realize how lucky we are and what a debt we owe to Dr. Carefoot. By the doctor's reluctance to seek aid, he has, unintentionally, given the impression that he would not welcome aid.

Such is not the case. This community, if it has any gratitude for the services of a self-sacrificing doctor, should get behind a whole-hearted effort to support the hospital to the limit. We wonder if people realize that the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto and the Toronto General Hospital are both PRIVATE Hospitals. They receive most generous support from public funds and from service clubs. Why can't we stand behind Markdale Hospital the way people do these above mentioned institutions?

We wish also to correct a false impression with respect to the use of the hospital. In our interview with the doctor we were informed that any medical man is allowed to send his patients to Markdale Hospital and to care for them himself. There are no strings tied to admission to the hospital and patients and their own family doctors have the facilities of Dr. Carefoot's hospital at their disposal. We don't know of any parallel elsewhere of this situation here in Markdale. It is time our community realized what great things have been done for them already and start to take some share of the responsibility for providing these great benefits.

Some local clubs have helped and are still helping, but it is felt that there is still a great lot not being done that the public would gladly support if they knew the facts.

## Anglican Church Notes

Rev. W. G. Bugler, B.A., L.Th.

Sunday, December 24th—

11:00 a.m.—Christ Church, Markdale. Children's Christmas Service. No session of Sunday School; instead the pupils will attend church.

3:00 p.m.—St. Matthias' Church at Berkeley. Christmas Holy Communion. No session of the Sunday School; instead the pupils attend church.

7:00 p.m.—Christ Church, Markdale. Carol Service.

Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)—  
11:30 p.m.—Midnight, Christmas Holy Communion (with full choir in attendance).

Christmas Day, Dec. 25—  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
10:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

## Cooke's Presbyterian Church

Wm. D. Halliwell, Minister

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23—  
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
7:30 p.m.—Christmas Carol Service and Sermon.

8:30 p.m.—The Christmas Tableaux given by the Young People on Friday, December 14, will be repeated.

O' Come Let Us Worship. All Welcome.

## United Church of Canada Markdale Pastoral Charge

Rev. W. M. Lee, M.A., Minister

Annesley Church  
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Service.  
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School.  
7:30 p.m.—Choral Service.  
Ebenezer Church  
2:30 p.m.—Christmas Service.

## United Church of Canada Holland Centre Circuit

Rev. D. J. Harris, Pastor

Holland Centre  
10:30 a.m.—Service.  
11:30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
8:00 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting.  
8:30 p.m. Friday—Y. P. S.  
Harkaway  
2:00 p.m.—Sunday School.  
2:00 p.m.—Service.  
Berkeley  
7:30 p.m.—Service.  
"Glorious to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men."