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## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Eva M. Henry of Toronto was a week-end guest with Mrs. M. Oliver. Miss Mimmie Dundas is visiting this week at the home of her sister in London.

Mrs. T. H. Wilson has been visiting friends in Toronto during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowler and Mrs. Wm. Dundas visited with friends at Hamilton during the week-end.

Miss Velma Wiley of Toronto is home for a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. W. T. Wiley, and sister, Miss Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Loucks and sons of Chatsworth were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Stella Wyll and Hazel.

Mr. Aaron Thompson of Wodehouse district has sold his farm in Euphrasia to Robert Brown who is now in possession.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Russ. Sparling and daughter, Marie, were Mr. and Mrs. C. Erskine and Dorothy of Temple Hill.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. A. McArthur returned on Saturday after visiting for a week at the home of her brother, Mr. Stanley Holcomb, of Oshawa.

Mr. A. A. Thompson, accompanied by his grandson, Douglas Clark, of Hamilton is visiting at the homes of his sons, Trevor and Stewart, and with Mrs. Sam Wiley, Jr., at Wodehouse and other friends in the district.

The ever popular Fish Derby for Grey and Bruce Counties is announced for April 19 to April 22. This is the 15th annual speckled trout fishing contest put on by Frank Slater, and the prizes offered are bound to attract fishermen from far and near to try their luck.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Gemmel have returned to town where Mr. Gemmel has resumed his duties as asst. superintendent with the Hydro. The Gemmels, who lived here prior to the war, are welcomed back. They are at present occupying part of Mrs. C. W. Rutledge's residence on Main street, east.

Mr. F. D. Sawyer addressed the Y. P. Fireside Service on Sunday evening in Annesley United Church, speaking briefly about religions and the different philosophies that confront us. Miss Lois Acheson sang "Whispering Hope," accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Harris who also contributed a piano solo.

Mrs. Garnet Thompson and two children of England are leaving this Wednesday for Canada, according to a cable received by her husband who has been home since June of last year. Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Thompson were married three years ago this April in England, and since arriving home, Garnet has been living in Hamilton where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Thompson, reside.

W. B. PHILLIPS, R. O., Eyesight Specialist, will be at the Murray Drug Store next Tuesday, April 9. Make appointment at the Drug Store.

## Presentations for the Thos. Woods Family

A farewell gathering was held in the Arena Hall at Markdale on Monday evening, April 1st, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Woods and family who moved the first of this week to the Elwood Stevens farm, about 2 1/2 miles below Flesheron. During the evening, Elmer Quigley and Russell Hill made the presentation of a lamp table and large mirror, on behalf of their neighbours and many friends in the Cherry Grove community.

The address, read by Miss Helen Boyce, included the following verse:

Make new friends as you journey,  
But don't forget the old;  
One may be the choicest of silver,  
The other the purest of gold;  
In our little world 'till miss you,  
But trust you will ever remain;  
In the many long years of the future,  
A link in memory's gold chain.

A social evening was spent dancing.

On Wednesday afternoon last, Miss Mabel Woods, a first form pupil of the Markdale High School, was presented with a leather bill fold by her form teacher, Miss Nickels. The address was signed by all her classmates, and in it they hoped it would recall all the pleasant days spent at M.H.S.

The pupils of Cherry Grove School said good-bye to five of their schoolmates, Iona, Eunice, Jimmie, Leslie and Harold Woods, last Wednesday. The girls received a pretty picture, and the boys were each given a tie and comb. The gifts were presented on behalf of the pupils and teacher, Miss Elliott, by Leona Trafford and Jean Boyce.

As a token of good wishes, the Woods family received the gift of a silver bread plate from a neighbour, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods and family are deeply appreciative of the kind gestures of friends and neighbours and also the school children, and to one and all return their grateful thanks.

## Walters Falls Man Flies To England

Frank S. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saunders, Walters Falls, who returned to Canada last Christmas, was recalled to England by the serious condition of his wife's health, and flew back to England on March 22.

## In Our Mail Box

TO THE EDITOR:

The Progressive Way  
First may I congratulate The Standard for its effort to stir up enthusiasm for a better Markdale. Such a worthy undertaking deserves all loyal citizens' support.

We have in Markdale the fundamentals and geographical essentials to make a much better place than we have. Water power, Hydro, a good healthy locality, scenic beauty, prosperous citizens and an unlimited number of other advantages. But do we use those God-given and pioneer-given gifts to their best advantage? If not, why?

We have in Markdale many organizations and clubs. The Canadian Legion, Board of Trade, Rotary Club, various church organizations, school board, park board, and many others all in their own way trying to do something and are fulfilling a worthy purpose. But where is the co-operation and get-together and work-together of all these organizations along with many worthy citizens who probably do not belong to any club or organization. In union there is strength; that is what Great Britain, U. S. and Russia, with Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin did to win the war. Pooled their strength and resources. If co-operation worked with nations why not in Markdale? When it comes to a show-down not one of our organizations or clubs is big enough or strong enough to accomplish the big things that Markdale should have at this critical time of re-establishment. We have the resources and the talent. If we could harness them together what could be accomplished!

Yes, this humble citizen firmly believes Markdale needs a new organization. Call it what you like, Community Club or what have you, but an organization embodying all. The Progressive way.

Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, if you are alive and active and desirous of bettering Markdale and yourself and willing to co-operate in such an organization, will you write "YES" on a piece of paper, sign your name and deposit it at The Standard office, who have kindly consented to be the polling booth. The results will be published in the next issue of The Standard.

Just An Interested Citizen.

Bev. Johnston Writes From Germany  
Another Markdale boy, Bev. Johnston, who has been in the army five years, and has been overseas for nearly four, has written us from Germany to say he will soon be on his way back home. Bev. has been butcher, and later "cook" in the army and says he has been lucky for he always happens to get a very good job either in an officers' or sergeants' mess, and as a rule it is a pretty good go.

The letter reads in part:  
I guess I am about the only Joe from around Markdale that isn't back home or on their way back but of course my turn is coming as I understand that we are to leave here. When I say 'we', I mean Aurich, where Meyer was a prisoner; in fact his cell was very close to where I slept myself, right in the same building. I used to see him every morning when the guards would take him out for a stroll.

I do not receive the Standard as much now as I did in England, but however, I do appreciate it very much as there is plenty of news in it for me. I did meet quite a few of the boys from home when I was in England. We have lovely billets there that used to be occupied by the Jerry's, and they are swell. All accommodations that you would ask for and better than I ever had in Canada, and that is saying quite a bit. One thing about Adolf, he really looked after his troops in Germany. I have only been here about eight weeks but I was in Holland about eight months. I would much rather be there than in Germany. I had the pleasure of being at a Dutch wedding there and it really was quite a do. I did get acquainted with a few people and they really are nice. I often see items in the papers about the famine in Germany. Well it could be possible but right in this district I do not think they do so badly.

I think I have been in every centre in Holland where there were Canadians except a place called Graves. I have been in Nijmegen, Arnhem, Utrecht, Hilversum, Amsterdam, Epe, Ada, Locum, Norder, and of course my stay was not very long at any of those places. There are four German boys that work with me all the time, and they are real good workers. Of course they are very young and have been in the army. You would be surprised how young some of them are. Will tell you more when I get home, but definitely "no speeches."

Last but not least, I want to thank all those who were so kind and sent me parcels at Christmas time. I appreciated it very very much.

Cheerio folks, Bev.

Harold Wayne Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright of Seaford, and formerly of Markdale, will have the sympathy of many friends in the passing of their infant son, Harold Wayne Wright, who died in his 18th day, on Wednesday, March 20. Shortly after birth, a spine condition required an operation, and although it was successfully performed, little hope was held for his complete recovery. Besides his sorrowing parents, a brother, Donald, aged four, survives.

A private funeral was held on Wednesday, March 20th, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel.

Born

KING—At the Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital, on Monday, March 25, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King (nee Dorothy Boyd), a son.

## SALVAGE DRIVE FOR PAPER AND OLD RAGS

On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, Markdale Branch of the Canadian Legion will hold a salvage drive in the village for paper and old rags. There is need for all the salvage you can spare.

For convenience, tie them in separate bundles and have them ready by 1:00 o'clock. A truck will be around to pick them up.

Out-of-towners with worthwhile contributions could leave at any convenient place for collection.

PREPARE YOURS TO-DAY—AND HELP THE LEGION.

## C. G. I. T. Entertainment Much Enjoyed

A program consisting of a play and musical numbers was put on last Friday evening by the girls of the C.G.I.T. in the schoolroom of Annesley Church.

The play was a comedy, entitled "Polly, Put the Kettle On," acted by members of the Senior Group, in which a very black Polly was much badgered by ghosts. Musical numbers were contributed by Barbara Dixon, Leona Belfry, vocal soloists; Fern Harris, Dorcen Alox, Ruth Alox, who played piano solos; Mary Gillespie and Judy Sawyer, with a piano duet; Iona and Leona Alox, who sang a vocal duet, and Ruth Alox and Lois Summers, also with a vocal duet.

On behalf of the Senior Group, Doris Belfry expressed appreciation to Miss McKillop and Miss Thompson, co-directors of the play, and presented them each with a gift.

Several numbers were repeated, and Mrs. Harris and Miss Sherson made impromptu additions to the program with piano selections.

The entertainment was very well attended, and enjoyed by performers and audience alike.

## Parcels For Britain' Invite Donations of Food, Clothing

Since last week when we informed our readers through these columns of the "Parcels for Britain" project which has been started by members of Freedom Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, we notice a similar project is underway in Toronto under the leadership of Mrs. Herbert Bruce and being sponsored by a group of women from St. Paul's Anglican Church on Bloor street. This has been called a person-to-person parcel project, and in appealing to Canadians to share the plenty that is in Canada, Mrs. Bruce explains that the project is not an organized food drive but rather an appeal for personal sacrifice. Since the government frowns upon big organized food drives which would disrupt plans for food export, it is but a chance for people to share the food allotted to them—which after all is far in excess of what the people of Britain can even hope for.

From a local girl who has just recently gone "over there" to live comes word that the 20 ration points allotted to an individual for clothes for a six month period have been reduced to 14 points for the next 6 months. And when we consider 11 are required for a woman's dress, 3 for stockings, 9 for shoes, 26 for a man's suit, 1 for a hanky, and with bedding and towels rationed, it is easy to understand just how acceptable our "spare" clothing can be. This lady says that you rarely see stockings, especially on mothers who find it hard to make their points meet the demand of growing families.

Food and clothing are the two commodities that will be accepted, and these will be sent to specific persons in Britain. It is hoped that many in town will welcome this chance to "give unto others." All interested may contact any member of Freedom Chapter and leave your donation with them.

## NOTICE TO HYDRO USERS

On Sunday, April 7th, the power will be off from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon.

## April 10 The Deadline for 1946 Licenses

Next Wednesday, April 10, is the deadline set for motor car drivers to have their 1946 license plates and drivers' licenses, the Minister of Highways has announced. The week-end promises to be a busy day for last-minute persons to get their plates. The shortage of steel in Canada will permit only one plate to be issued for each vehicle in 1947, Mr. Doucett has announced.

## Ken Sims Back in Canada

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sims of Proton Station were in Toronto on Monday to meet their son, Pte. Ken Sims, who returned to Canada on the Hospital Ship, Lady Nelson, which docked at Halifax last Friday. Ken has not recovered from his serious illness of last December of diphtheria and pneumonia as well as his parents had believed he had, but came home on a stretcher and will be at Hamilton Military Hospital for further treatment. Ken has been paralyzed from the throat downwards, but during the voyage home, regained some movement of his arms.

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## Markdale Rotarians Entertain Ex-servicemen

The Rotary Club entertained about 25 ex-servicemen at dinner on Monday evening. They were residents of Markdale who had served in the war just ended. The guest speaker was Howard Neal, at present on the staff of the Bank of Toronto in Owen Sound, and formerly a corporal in the 1st Canadian Paratroop Brigade. He delivered a very interesting reminiscence of his experiences while training for a paratrooper and during his brief campaign in France. The paratroopers landed behind the German lines on "D" Day to cut communications and destroy bridges and destroy the enemy's mobility. The speaker was spared the usual treatment of paratroopers when taken prisoner, because of the presence of Polish men in the German unit that captured him and his companions.

The address was most entertaining. The speaker interspersed his remarks with plenty of spontaneous humour that covered up much of the grimness of an otherwise grim tale. Rotarian J. Arke Dunlop introduced the speaker to the club and guests and the thanks of the club was expressed by Rotarian Rev. W. G. Bugler.

The Rotary Club will meet on Tuesday next week, and will have guests from Thornbury, Meaford and Durham. The speaker will be Professor Barnes of Grover College, Michigan who comes to the club from Rotary International.

## District Rotarians To Hear Special Speaker

Prof. Morgan Barnes of Ojai, Calif., Governor of the 175th District of Rotary International, a member of Rotary Int. committee on post war planning, and chairman of sub-com. on education of returning veterans, will address an inter-club meeting at Markdale next Tuesday, April 9, when the local club will have as their guests Meaford, Thornbury-Clarksburg and Durham clubs. Prof. of Romance languages, scholar, and writer, his address promises to be one of unusual interest. He will also address district clubs at inter-club meetings to be held next week at Owen Sound, Warton, Walkerton and Watford.

## The Law Dealing With Lotteries, Bingos, Raffles

As there appears to be a lack of understanding on the part of some law enforcement officials and municipal authorities concerning lotteries, bingos and raffles, the following is set out for guidance.

## LOTTERIES

Lotteries are entirely prohibited under section 236 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Games of chance for prizes, such as bungalows, automobiles and free trips, etc., are contrary to the criminal law of Canada and no person can give authority to conduct a lottery for any purpose.

A person or organization conducting a bingo is liable to prosecution for keeping a common gaming house under sections 226 and 229 of the Criminal Code. The exception is that a bingo may be occasionally run by a charitable or religious object. A person or organization which runs a bingo does so solely on his or its responsibility. A municipal council or a municipal official is entirely without authority to grant permission to any person or organization to conduct a bingo.

## RAFFLES

Raffles may be held for prizes of small value at any bazaar held for any charitable or religious object, if permission to hold the same has been obtained from the city or other municipal council, or from the mayor, reeve or other chief officer of the city, town or other municipality, wherein such bazaar is held, and the articles raffled for thereat have first been offered for sale and none of them are of a value exceeding fifty dollars. The law respecting raffles is set out in section 236, subsection 6(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

The law dealing with lotteries, bingos and raffles is Dominion law and can be repealed or amended only by the Parliament of Canada.

## "Thursday Is the Day" Early Copy Please

We hope it will be good news to our many readers that "Thursday is the day" you may expect your Standard again each week. For some weeks past, through circumstances beyond our control, we have been forced to "sort of do the best we could" under existing conditions. Now, however, with our staff increased, we hope to run as nearly on schedule as possible, and, except where unforeseen difficulties arise we will try to go to press on Thursday forenoon.

To do this it is necessary to have all advertising in our hands as early in the week as possible, and correspondence must reach us by Tuesday for publication the same week. Earlier copy if possible will be appreciated.

At this time we would like to welcome those new subscribers whose names have been added lately to our mailing list, and we hope you'll feel free to phone or write in the interesting bits of news from your home or district. All are welcome.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to Berkeley Patriotic Society for the Bible presented to us in memory of our son, John Bennett. The gift will be a cherished possession in our home. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bennett.

## 'Arena Can Be Enlarged?'

This column is stirring up the minds of our citizens to make suggestions. We like to think that we are making a contribution to the community by promoting discussion. We do not expect our own views to have top priority. It is the earnest hope of ye editor that out of all the many and varied ideas and suggestions something may be presented that will result in action. We would even be willing to eat "humble pie", and admit we were wrong about the council, should it decide to initiate some definite plan itself.

The latest suggestion that comes to us seems quite practical. It is that the present hockey arena, the property of the community, be enlarged to include auditorium space of adequate size. It is proposed, that an addition be put on the front of the building extending out about 30 feet. This addition would permit enlargement of the dance floor upstairs and provide more commodious quarters for skaters and hockey players downstairs, besides relieving the present congestion of space for spectators. The space downstairs could be used to provide a sizeable club room for organizations. The Rotary Club, the Canadian Legion, the Boy Scouts, and perhaps other groups, could use these quarters at times assigned to them. This room could be equipped with modern kitchen equipment and would permit serving a dinner to a large number of people.

The hall above could be equipped with a good stage with modern lighting effects and public address system. With an adequate supply of movable seating, it could be used for either dancing, or for a concert. The Town of Orangeville has done this very thing with their own arena. A trip to Orangeville, to see what they have done there, would do a lot to convince those skeptical of the practical features of this suggestion.

Roughly, the suggestion goes on to propose, the cost would be about \$2000. It doubtless would cost more than that if you include the equipment and adequate toilet and lavatory accommodations. Even an expenditure of \$4000 ought to be an easy goal for the village to attain. Between public subscription and municipal funds, plus county or provincial grants that might be obtained, the problem should be a fairly simple one. It would be a fine gesture if someone took responsibility to secure plans, specifications and estimates on such a project. They could cover, too, the possibility of extending the arena right out to Toronto street, with a nice brick front to it, and provide some really spacious quarters. It might not cost too much at that.

The care of this building would have to be undertaken at public expense and a committee of citizens exercise control over its use. Such a committee would be able to lend valuable assistance to the promoters of hockey. The paid admissions to the ice arena, for skating and hockey, together with moderate rentals for the other parts of the building, should balance out the administrative expense. Even if it didn't, the small subsidy required from public funds would be lost in the tax roll as a whole.

We need a place where concerts and large public gatherings can be held with convenience. At present the Armouries offers the space but no equipment and seating. How many have had to stand up at events in the Armouries because no seating is available? The above suggestion could provide us with our community hall requirements for years to come.

E. A. requires, now, some discussion, some planning, and above all some ACTION.

## To Help Grey Farmers Secure Hydro Service

The Grey County Agricultural Committee will make several recommendations to the Ontario Minister of Agriculture following their meeting recently in Owen Sound. It was pointed out that although Grey County has one of the most profitable Hydro systems in the province, less than 12% per cent of the farmers have hydro service, the proportion being lower than any other county in Ontario. As a result of this, the Committee will recommend that authority be granted to establish a body to work toward securing more hydro in the rural districts. Recommendations for "weed control", the improvement of hog, cattle and sheep breeding, and the labor shortage problem will be other matters brought up for their consideration.

## Seed Fair has Many Entries

The seed fair at the Community Hall, Clarksburg, last Friday, under the auspices of the Grey County branch of the Ontario Crop and Soil Improvement Association, was very successful, and some good quality exhibits were entered in the eleven classes of grain and two of potatoes. Although the fair had to compete with the fine spring weather, when farmers were thinking more of preparing the land for seed than of looking for the seed grain itself, some localities were fairly well represented.

There was much information gleaned from the remarks of the speakers. Wesley Magwood of Hanover, secretary of Grey County Branch of the Federation of Agriculture, spoke on "My Experience with Improved Pasture." Mr. E. Murphy of the O.A.C., Guelph, spoke on the "New Spray for Killing Weeds," and the concrete results from their practical use. Mr. T. Cooper, who was secretary of the meeting spoke briefly, and also Professor Laughland of the O.A.C., Guelph, who also acted as judge. Mr. R. C. Robinson of Sydenham presided.

## Elected Rotary President

The president of Markdale Rotary Club for the coming year will be Arthur J. Norris, who will take over his new duties on July 1st, a time which also marks the fifth year of his association with Rotary. He has also been treasurer of the Markdale Club for almost as long, a position which he still holds.

Art has also been associated with the business life of town for the last nine years. His Classification is Insurance Agent, being an energetic salesman for the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, and who last year earned a membership for himself in the Hundred Thousand Club by reaching a quota of \$100,000 of new paid-for business during that year. Besides that he has conducted a general insurance business at his Main street office.

Art is a native of Gleneville township, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Norris who are now living retired in the village. He is wed to the former Lorene Hogan of Lucknow, and they have a family of two young sons, Bernard and Norman.

His main interests are probably his family and "business". When asked what his chief ambition is, Art hinted it would be to, some year, reach the quarter million mark with his company, and the way he has started out, he will, undoubtedly, reach his objective. It is the general opinion that under the direction of the new president, the Markdale Club will have another year of progress.

## Mentioned In Despatches

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## Speckled Trout Season Opens Good Friday

Many anglers in the district will welcome the news of the early opening of the speckled trout season on Good Friday, April 19th. While the early spring weather can likely be 'blamed' for such a decision, it is generally conceded the powers-that-be may have had the interests of the fishermen at heart, and thought they just couldn't hold out until the first of May with the trout streams beckoning. This is almost two weeks earlier than the normal date, and many, no doubt, are already looking forward to a long season with rod and reel along the banks of their favourite trout stream.

## Coming Events

EASTER Tea and Bake Sale at Cooke's Church on Saturday, April 20th. Keep this date in mind.

DANCING every Saturday night in FLESHERTON. Music by the Golden West Mountaineers. Adm. 35c.

RESERVE Monday, April 22nd, for the Easter Dance in Markdale Armouries, auspices Freedom Chapter, O.E.S.

DANCE—Rocklyn Hall, on Tuesday, April 9, auspices Rocklyn Agricultural Society. Music by Ruben Kirk and His Orchestra.

AUCTION SALE of Household Effects, Bedding, Dishes, etc., will be held at the C. R. King residence, Main St., East, Markdale, on Saturday afternoon, April 13. Mrs. W. S. Walker, proprietress; Jack W. Taylor, Auctioneer.

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