

LOCAL NEWS

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 12. Mr. Art Cooper of Toronto spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bumstead and Allan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. Adams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schenk of Georgetown were visitors over the week-end at the Hugh Mercer home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Adams, Leo and Ruth spent part of Easter week with relatives at Watford, Strathroy and Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Promane and son, Bobby, of New Liskeard were visitors with Mrs. Promane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moses and Frank of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smart and family at Barnhead.

Delbert Hill, who returned from overseas and has since been joined by his wife, is employed at Douglas Garage and Service Station.

Friends will be sorry to learn Mr. Geo. Dundas suffered an attack of apoplexy this Wednesday and has shown little change at this time.

Miss Isabel Torrie, teller at the Feversham branch of the Bank of Toronto, has been holidaying for three weeks with relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Elmer Stoddard and daughter, Anna Marie, spent Easter week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker and Jack, and Mrs. J. Halbert of Tavistock.

Mr. Nelson Griffith of Toronto and friend, Roy Stevens, of St. John, Newfoundland, visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Griffith.

Mrs. Isaac Beatty visited in Welland with her daughter Mrs. S. R. Weaver and Rev. S. R. Weaver. Mrs. Weaver returned with her for a few days' visit.

Next Saturday, May 18th, is the date set for the Navy League Tag Day when the local Legion branch will ask for the support of Markdale on their behalf.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cramp who have been staying at Hamilton's since moving to town, moved this week to the newly renovated apartment above the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer McCauley, Norma and Lorne of Walters Falls visited on Sunday with Mrs. McCauley's aunt, Mrs. Thos. Irwin, and other members of the family at Ceylon.

Friends here will be pleased to know Mrs. Jas. Hill is getting along nicely following an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Hill has been spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Favcett, at Kenora.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Dave McCauley and Mr. and Mrs. Merle McCauley of Walters Falls attended the funeral of Thursday of little Carmen Broughs, son of Mr. Geo. Broughs of Wlarton.

There will be some changes in the High School staff this year, the three lady teachers having tendered their resignations. Mr. George Lemon of Fort William has been engaged as Mathematics teacher, and in charge of French and Latin will be Miss Fair who comes from Ayr.

A cheque for \$63.31 has been forwarded from Markdale to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind headquarters as the proceeds for the tag day last Saturday. Tagging was done by the girls of Rooms 3 and 4 of the public school, and was sponsored by the local Rotary Club.

Mrs. George Langman and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ball were visitors Saturday night and Sunday at the home of the former's son, in town, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Langman. Mr. Ball, a cousin of Mr. Langman's had just recently arrived home from overseas, and his English bride has been in Canada about a month.

There was some excitement at the Wm. Thompson home last Saturday when their house on the 11th line of Euphrasia caught fire from overheated stove pipes. The blaze was brought under control after the neighbours had come to their rescue, and fortunately it was caught in time to prevent a much worse loss.

June 17th to June 29th has been set aside for the second National Clothing Collection throughout Canada, when it is hoped some organization in every community will sponsor a drive to collect useful wearing apparel. Mr. Art Morris has again been named chairman of the local committee, and the Markdale Rotary Club will spearhead the drive.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Peart, Traversburg district, were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hunt of Ceylon, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hunt of Regina and Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery of Toronto. Wilfred Hunt who was raised across the road from the Peart home, has taught for many years at Regina where he now holds the position of inspector.

Markdale was well represented amongst the lodges of Grey County who attended Grey lodge A. F. & A. M. in Toronto on Monday night. Following the meeting at York Masonic Temple they enjoyed a banquet and program of entertainers and renewed old acquaintances. Members of Grey lodge who are formerly of Markdale are W. L. McFarland, J. W. Tucker, Justice G. McFarland, Fred Stephenson and Ray Gregory.

TO-NIGHT at 8:30 p.m. is a public meeting and free picture show in the Dept. of Agriculture office, Markdale, in the interests of the local Co-operative.

W. B. PHILLIPS, R. O., Eyesight Specialist, will be at the Murray Drug Store next Tuesday, May 14th. Make appointment at the Drug Store.

High School Area Question Explained

A meeting to acquaint the public with the present system of establishing High School areas was held in the Markdale Armoury last Friday night. As representative in the field for the Department of Education, Inspector Rae explained the advantages of the proposed system, and how one could be set up in this part of Grey County.

Mr. Rae explained the present set-up, which we have in most urban centres, grew out of the old grammar schools. In each case these are administered by a town board (one rural member being appointed by County Council) and the cost is paid through the County rate. The cost ranges from 2 1/2 to 3 mills.

Rural communities are given no say in the management of these schools, whose district ends at the town limits.

In the present system, it was explained, high schools vary in size from three teachers up, and it is impossible to give much option in courses when you have classes of only 15 to 25 pupils. Therein lies one of the greatest disadvantages of the present system which takes, say one-quarter where they want to go, and leaves the rest without a training in their choice of vocation, and for this inadequate education, we are paying 3 mills out of local tax money, for the want of a better system that would cost less than 2 mills.

It is to overcome these disadvantages that the Composite schools are designed. The secondary course would include the four different types of classes: Academic, Technical, Commercial and Agriculture. Spreading over a wider area would mean enlarging the high schools to have 250 pupils up, the larger the better, and in that school a curriculum would be provided and a more complete training for the majority. Obviously it would mean fewer schools but better ones. The proposed system will divide the County into High School districts by extending the boundaries beyond the urban centres into high school districts; all ratepayers would contribute directly toward that school, and all would have something to do with the administration.

In his explanation Mr. Rae gave a general picture of what the new set-up would be like. Nothing would be done however toward forming any definite centres, he said, until the Committee appointed have surveyed the whole picture of the County. A district would include, he estimated, the area within a radius of 13 miles, and which would have an assessment of possibly 4 1/2 millions. School costs for that area would be in the neighborhood of \$60,000, which would strike a school rate of about 1.9 mills. The new system would involve transportation for the country people, and the buses would be controlled by the board which would consist of members, not only of town citizens, but representatives from the townships in the district.

This cost would include the annual cost of carrying debentures, and the yearly cost of school buses, estimating the cost of a 40-pupil bus at \$2000 per year.

The address concluded with information on how these districts can be established.—The first move is for the present high school board to request their County Council to appoint 3 representatives of a Consultative Committee, one appointed by the Department, and one inspector who acts as secretary of the committee (with no salary attached). This committee will survey the whole county to find out where the boundaries should extend and report back to County Council who will then pass a by-law to take effect six months later. In the meantime about appointing such committees, he said, requests were being received from places in Grey County for permission to extend their high schools. While we are in this period of indecision and change, payments of large sums of money on the present schools may become obsolete in view of the present situation.

At the close several questions were answered in regard to the High School Area plan being developed, and pamphlets with information distributed. Rev. Wm. Lee expressed the appreciation of those present to the speaker for the information he had given on the plan. Mr. W. J. Marshall, chairman of the High School Board, was chairman for the evening.

It was made known at the meeting that the Markdale High School Board has already requested the County Council to appoint a Consultative Committee to consider and report upon the matter of high school districts for Grey County, who take the first steps. After that there will be other meetings to acquaint the public with the procedure, and the matter is left to the people and their representatives within the County to decide.

Properties Change Hands
The first week of May has seen several properties change hands in town, and moving day will follow as soon as the new owners get possession.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boland have purchased the house on Main Street belonging to Robert Torrie, and which is at present being occupied by the Wilbert Haley family.

The "Tom Mercer" farm in town has changed hands again. It was purchased by Oliver Leppard from W. J. Bowes, then sold to Harry Page and son, Carson, and has now been bought by Gordon Hurd who gets possession on the 15th of this month.

The house and property on the hospital street belonging to Jas. Pendleton, was purchased by Geo. Woods of Chatsworth, father of Mrs. Norman Hartley, jr. This is at present occupied by Stewart Free.

Central United Y.P.S. Play Well Received

The comedy, "Oh My Stars!", presented by Central United Church Y.P.S. on Tuesday night was a delightful comedy from start to finish. The entire cast of ten suited the parts, and the continual humour combined with the story to make the play one of the best seen in some time.

The story concerned a newspaper, "The Sagville Herald," that was struggling for existence like the town where people often passed through but seldom stopped. They had tried to take the "sag" out of Sagville, and when the landlady, a social leader, Mrs. Trudel, ordered them to suspend publication it looked like the end.

Then "one of the kids rich" when passing through, stopped to call on an old girl friend, the Editor, who was trying to make a success out of the newspaper started by her father. When the friend discovered the paper needed a boost, she made up a "story" of how her companion was a famous Hungarian actress, and it caused not a little commotion. Sagville really came in for publicity when the town social leader and one who styled himself "the town president" vied with each other on who would have the honours of giving her a "blow-out" reception. And the business manager of the real actress happened along and discovered the impersonation, and when he saw it was a boost for the Sagville Herald (for he had fallen in love with the Editor), he let things ride.

At the reception the fake actress was found out when she agreed to act a bit of "Shakespeare." Then the real actress, "Orva Oclar" arrived playing the part as an actress would. When she appeared at the reception on the arm of the president, the jealous social leader who was giving the blow-out believed the Editor was a party to his scheme, and had the printing office mobbed.

Things got straightened out; the real actress was persuaded that to be famous she must stay in Sagville; it meant more business and more prosperity, and ended with a brighter outlook for Sagville, and some who "lived happily ever after."

The whole play was a laugh from start to finish, with some very fine acting. To this group from Central United goes much credit, and the assurance they will be welcomed here again.

Born
BURNSIDE—In Markdale Hospital, on Monday, May 6th, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Burnside of Markdale (formerly Ruby White of Ewell, Surrey, England) a daughter,—Dianne Roseline.

District Softball League Organized

The organization meeting of the South Grey Softball League was held in Fesherton one Friday evening recently when three teams entered, and assurances were made that Markdale would have a team in the league, according to The Fesherton Advance.

The league at present is composed of Vandeleur, Rock Mills, Markdale, Dundalk and Fesherton. Another team may still be added to round out a six team circuit. Following the opening game which was played last Friday at Fesherton between their team and Vandeleur, the schedule of games was to be drawn up.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hill Showered

Friends and neighbours gathered in Bill Syme's Dance Pavilion at Irish Lake on Thursday evening, May 3rd, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hill who were married in England in 1943.

During the evening of dancing, the couple were showered with miscellaneous gifts from many friends and former neighbours. An address signed by Mr. and Mrs. Edwood Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Al White was read by Mrs. Lorie Betts, and in it was expressed the kind wishes of the gathering, and the hope that "Delbert" and "Pat" would be able to join them in social gatherings on many future occasions.

How's Your Date?

If you have paid your subscription to The Markdale Standard since March 12, better take a look at the label on this week's copy and see if your date is right. Our mailing list has been corrected up to Monday night, May 6th, with credit given on all payments received up to that time. If your label doesn't read right, and it is our fault let us know. If it is your fault that your label doesn't read right, you know it's time you paid for your paper. Look at the date on your label now, and make sure it reads after May 4th.

An Explanation

Once again we are forced to hold over much news and reading material intended for this issue. Extra advertising in recent weeks has crowded out correspondence and we have no choice, in the matter but to leave out and hold over budgets. Next week, however, we plan to change to a seven column paper which we hope will take care of some of the news and in the meantime we hope you'll understand it just can't be helped.

'Rehabilitation Benefits to Veterans'—told by Ken Gemmel

Ken Gemmel addressed the Rotary Club on Monday night on the subject of "Rehabilitation Benefits Available to Veterans." The speaker was in command of the Discharge Wing of the Air Force Release Centre in Toronto where over 50,000 airmen and officers were released to civil life and was able to give the members full information on Canada's provisions to assist the ex-servicemen.

It was explained that Canada had made more generous provision for veterans than any other country in the world, the main features of Rehabilitation Legislation being as follows: A Rehabilitation Grant of 30 days' pay and dependents' allowances, paid in cash on discharge.

A Clothing Allowance of \$100.00 to purchase civilian clothing, paid in cash on discharge.

A War Service Gratuity consisting of \$7.50 per month for each month served Overseas. In addition there is a bonus of 7 days' pay of rank and dependents' allowance for each period of six months spent overseas. The Gratuity is paid in monthly instalments commencing 60 days after discharge. Each instalment is to approximately equal the veteran's monthly service pay.

Further benefits which can be selected in addition to the foregoing are available as follows:

Provision for a loan of up to \$5,000 to enable the veteran to undertake full-time farming. Repayment can be made over a period of 20 to 25 years at a low rate of interest. Under certain circumstances the government will assume an amount up to \$1200 which need not be repaid.

Provision for a loan of up to \$6,000 to enable a veteran who is already permanently employed to build a home on at least one acre of ground outside the high taxation area. He can raise chickens, bees, or market garden produce to supplement his income from his regular employment. Repayment is similar to the plan for full-time farming, and again the government will assume the cost of small tools, equipment etc. up to a limit of \$1,200 under certain circumstances.

Provision for the completion of education whereby University training can be undertaken on the basis of one month's training for each month of service. The government pays the fees and allows the veteran \$60.00 per month, plus an allowance of \$20.00 per month if he is married.

Provision for technical training "on the job" training under somewhat similar plans.

Provision for the payment of cash allowances while awaiting returns from farming or business ventures, also provision of cash allowances for out-of-work veterans.

If the veteran does not care to take advantage of the Farm Loan Act, trade training educational courses etc. he can still benefit under the plan known as the "Re-establishment Credit." This provides that the Veteran may draw an amount equal to \$7.50 for each month served in Canada plus \$15.00 for each month spent overseas. The government will pay this amount under certain conditions to assist the service-man to re-establish himself. It may be used for household equipment, for tools, for books, for office furniture and equipment, for a car if his business requires it. The money is not paid in cash to the veteran, but is paid to the dealer who supplies the goods or equipment. This is an alternative plan and cannot be taken in addition to the farm loan, education, etc.

Further provision is made for Medical care. A veteran will receive free medical treatment; for one year for any ailment; plus free treatment for life for any ailment resulting from his service.

Under the "Re-Instatement in Civil Employment" Act, an employee who was regularly employed at the time of his enlistment must be re-instated on his return under terms and conditions no less favorable than when he enlisted, provided of course that he returns to his former employment within a reasonable time after discharge.

The foregoing summary will show that Canada has led the world in attempting to ensure that her servicemen and women will have every chance to successfully resume their rightful place as citizens.

Euphrasia Council Meet

A special meeting of Euphrasia Council was held on April 29th with all members present; and the Reeve in the chair. The meeting was called to consider the resignation of the Road Superintendent, rental of maintainer; and closing a portion of Township road.

Rennie-Seabrook—That this council set the price of rental of maintainer for custom work at \$3.00 per hour.—Carried.

Lougheed-Rennie—That the Clerk be authorized to have notices posted on 9 and 10 sideroad at 3rd concession re-closing of a portion of the Township road from third to fourth concessions; also to prepare a By-law for same. The date for hearing complaints re same to be July 5th, 1946.—Carried.

Seabrook-Rennie—That this council receive and accept Cecil Boyd's resignation as Road Superintendent for the Township of Euphrasia, to take effect on May 11th, 1946.—Carried.

Haines-Lougheed—That this council instruct the Clerk to have advertisements placed in Sun-Times and three local papers asking for applications for the position of Road Superintendent for this Township; same to be in the hands of the Clerk by 6:00 p.m. May 6, 1946.—Carried.

Mrs. C. R. King Passes

News of the sudden death of Mrs. Carman R. King on Tuesday came as a shock to everyone in the community, and occasioned deep regret. She had seemed in fair health lately, and on Monday had attended to her home and at the store as usual. On Tuesday forenoon she was found to have suffered a heart attack at her home, and from it she never regained consciousness but passed away that afternoon.

Mrs. King was the former Gertrude Burnside, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnside, and she had lived her entire life in the village. Through the years she had endeared herself to many friends through her acts of kindness, and her unselfish and generous help to others. She was active in the work of the church, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, the Sew-So Club, and had been a tireless worker in the local branch of the Red Cross, and of Freedom Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband and son, Stanley; a sister Mae, Mrs. T. H. Hale of Sudbury; and three brothers, W. N. Burnside of Markdale, Fred of Kirkland Lake, and Lloyd of Bradford.

The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon with service in Annesley Church at 2:30 o'clock.

Scouts Attend 152nd District Convention

Markdale will be well represented at this district's Rotary Conference this week-end when representatives of 40 Michigan clubs and 22 in Ontario will enjoy the hospitality of Flint and Frankenthum, the latter being famous far and wide for their chicken dinners, besides several Rotarians, and their wives from the local club, a group of scouts from Markdale troop are representing scouts from all Ontario, and will participate in the conference.

The program at the conference, which has been arranged by District Governor of Markdale, will hold much of interest for everyone at the gathering. Col. James L. Ralston, Canada's wartime Minister of National Defence, will be the main speaker. Dr. Amos Osborne Squires, chief physician of Sing Sing prison, will represent Rotary International, and Emmet Richards, Alpena publisher, will speak. Others from local clubs participating are Ivor Wagner and John Thomson of Owen Sound, and Claude Rummig of Thornbury.

Each delegate from the Markdale Scouts including Ted McTaggart, Denny Sawyer, Donald Kidd, Stanley Brodie, and Maurice Wright along with scouts from Flint will act as page boys for these speakers, and two will be appointed to page District Governor Beaton. One of our local scouts will also be chosen to present the Union Jack to Frankenthum Rotary Club, and will receive the Stars and Stripes from a Frankenthum scout.

The meetings will open Sunday at Flint with services at the First Presbyterian church, memorial services and a special Mother's Day program adding variety to the business sessions.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Beaton, those expected to attend from Markdale will be Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Bueger and Mr. and Mrs. Art Norris.

At Monday's meeting of Cooke's Church Y. P. S. Mr. J. A. Dunlop gave an interesting account of his experiences in England and on the continent. On Wednesday afternoon, public school pupils of Rooms 3 and 4 learned from Mr. Dunlop the answers to various questions they had made up and handed in. The class learned much of interest from his answers, and he was thanked by Wayne Kidd for sharing his firsthand information with them.

Coming Events

OPENING DANCE—At Irish Lake Pavilion on Friday, May 24th.

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

DANCE—At the Community Hall, Kimberley, on Friday, May 10th. Music by Golden West Mountaineers. Admission 40 cents.

3-ACT PLAY—"Uncle Cy Hits a New High," will be presented by Westside United Church Choir of Owen Sound, Monday, May 20th, in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Markdale.

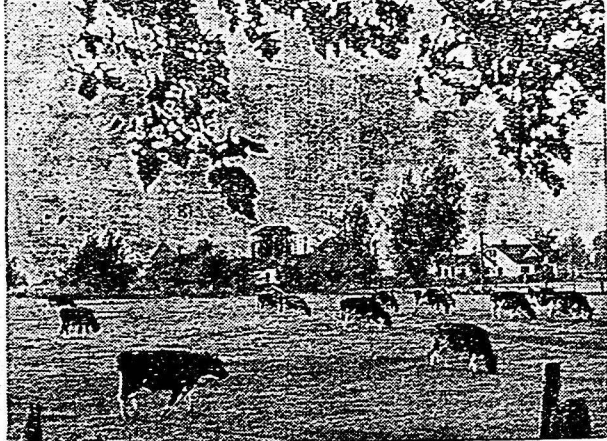
MARKDALE ROTARY CLUB Frolic is being held this year on July 4th. New features: Bigger and Better Floor Shows, Added Games and Prizes — for young and old.

AMATEUR CONTEST—May 31st, is the date set for the Amateur Contest in Markdale. Auspices of Markdale Rotary Club. Reserve the date and plan to be an amateur for that night.

DANCE—The Annual Dance of the Markdale Figure Skating Club will be held THURSDAY, May 23rd, in Markdale Armoury. Music by Bert Worth and His Ambassadors. Don't Miss This Dance of the Year.

AMATEUR SHOW AND DANCE—In Fesherton Town Hall, Friday, May 17th. (Amateurs may enter by applying to Russell Hill, Markdale.) DANCE after show in Fraternal Hall with Russell Hill's Golden West Mountaineers. Admission 50 cents.

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3 Dates to Remember:

Eckardt Bell Ringers
Armouries, Markdale
Saturday, May 11, 8:15 p.m.

Glee Club Musical Concert
Annesley United Church, Markdale
Tuesday, May 21st, at 8:15 p.m.

Skating Club Dance
Armouries, Markdale
Thursday, May the 23rd