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Now, the message of "Peace on Earth and Good Will Among Men" can ring over the Earth. It is Christmas time again. . . . And in the spirit of this joyous season, all of us at The Markdale Standard, join again in sending you every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Happiness.

A Visit From St. Nicholas

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the earth
There was Freedom from Terror, and Freedom from Death,
And Freedom from Worshipp, and Freedom of Seas,
And Freedom from Dentures and Debt and Disease.
Not a "have not" existed: all countries were "haves";
Americans joked with the Croats and Slavs;
The Kremlin was everywhere—toasted and tea-ed—
And the Jew with the Arab completely agreed.
No plumber for years had forgotten a tool;
The kids hated holidays, never the school;
Boys and girls at their play were completely handable,
And teachers went mad, the kids' work was so laudable.
Conductors on trains never flew at the throat
Of the traveller who tendered a ten-dollar note;
And nations so neighborly were, you could pat 'em:
They freely exchanged their research on the atom;
And books were as good as proclaimed on the jacket,
And "Mother" meant more than a month-of-May ricket.
No hunter slew ground-hog or partridge or pigeon,
And India had but a single religion:
Digestion was perfect all over the land.
For restaurant juke-boxes long had been banned.
There was plenty of butter and sugar for all.
And butchers replied to each telephone call.
As for crime and unrest, both had ceased to exist;
Divorce was as dead as the militant fist.
Efficient reformers had welded their axes
And given the universe Freedom from Taxes.
And after research lasting decades, a primate became the inventor of Freedom of Climate—
And, but for a premature stoppage of breath,
He'd have brought to reality Freedom from Death!

'Twas the night before Christmas, in case you're still reading,
St. Nicholas over the rooftops was Speeding
By means of his sleigh and his reindeer—
(The stubbornest one he kept calling Brock . . .)
He bit some tobacco, but ere he had chewed it, he
Swallowed it, seeing the world in such unity;
"Either I'm dreaming"—he rounded a steep—
"Or this is democracy run by the people!"
He wept, and he pitied the fortunate land,
And sadly abandoned the treats he had planned:
"Christmas presents and stuff?" he exclaimed. "They don't need 'em!
The one thing they're lacking is Freedom from Freedom!"
On, Prancer and Vixen! Away from this hole!
On, Donner and Blitzen! Go back to the Pole!

If you've done me the honor of reading this through,
Then you know why St. Nick had so little to do
In the Year of Our Lord, Seven Thousand and Two!

J. E. P.

ROSEDALE FARM FORUM

Rosedale Farm Forum met Monday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caswell with twenty-one members present. The discussion centred around Travelling Libraries which were favoured by the group. Mr. D. Wyvill reported on the meeting in connection with the County Co-operative Medical Service. Crokinole and euchre were played and lunch served.

Card of Thanks

"Thank you" to all the friends who have called to see me during my illness, for the treats and visits, and for many get-wells cards and inquiries. I am also grateful to the doctors and nurses for the kindness shown to me while I have been in hospital.
—George Foy.

Card of Thanks

For all the kind acts of helpfulness, for cards, treats, flowers, etc., received during the illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Thos. Davidson, we desire to express sincere thanks.
—The family

Norwegian Christmas

by Elizabeth Astrup

The snow may fall only the day before or a month before but the whole land of Norway is covered beneath a white coverlet on Christmas Day. "A white Christmas" is not dreamt about but is somehow always a reality, adding the same festive touch as in Canada.

Every one's heart is full of joyous generosity, so much so that in all the market places sheaves of grain await a place in all the shoppers' shopping bags, to be found later hanging suspended from a limb or projection near the kitchen door so that the birds will not starve while others feast.

They have no Christmas cake as we know it, or plum pudding, stuffed turkey, and don't seem to miss them, but they do eat at least a dozen different varieties of cookies in every home which the cook of the household has begun preparing a few weeks before the Christmas season. These they serve with coffee in the evenings or at such times as when we serve Christmas cake, but always with coffee as Norwegians are great coffee drinkers.

Church bells ring and children sing Merry Christmas carols telling the same story of the Christ Child in the manger but in another tongue. However, Christmas altho' looked forward to in the same expectation in every Norwegian child's heart is celebrated somewhat differently. For example every child is very, very good for a week preceding Santa Claus' arrival, but they await his arrival on Christmas Eve instead of Christmas Day. This explains to the how Santa manages to cover so much territory in his annual trip around the world.

On the day before Christmas at two o'clock the children eat a porridge made from rice which is thinner than rice pudding and is very creamy. They eat this with great gusto because buried in its midst is an almond and the one that finds the almond has the great honor of receiving the prize of a marzipan pig. For a grown-up to find the almond means he will be married that year. Then the children trooped off to church which is at 3 o'clock and this is a very special service. It is so important that the churches are always very overcrowded.

Following this the children return home and eat their Christmas dinner which glorifies the pig instead of our turkey. In fact the pig plays such an important part in the Christmas decorations that he also adorns the decorations, and Christmas cards upon which Santa Claus is often seen chasing him. He even adorns along with his pink sides fat and shiny. Marzipan pigs are made in all sizes ranging from an inch long to a foot being used for table decorations and for gifts.

Every one is so excited waiting for the Jule-Nissen (that is what Santa is called in Norway, Jule being the word for Christmas and Nissen a word meaning hobgoblin). Here the Jule Nissen always comes if the children have been good. After the family have eaten they dance around the tree singing with hands interlocked and wait for the Jule Nissen. When the doorbell rings the Jule Nissen appears looking much the same as Santa Claus, with a white beard and a red suit trimmed with white. As he brings the toys and candies with him, he carries the same proverbial sack on his back.

Now the Jule Nissen lives on the farm, each farm having a family of Nissens, and on Christmas Eve the farmers leave a bowl of porridge in the hay loft where the Nissen family lives to show them their appreciation for having guarded their property so well. If not treated well the Nissens become very angry and can bring bad luck to the family. Thus the children have to be very good because mysterious creatures such as the fairies, gnomes and hobgoblins can find out many things to tell the Jule Nissen.

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However, they do have the same Christmas candles and they do have the same Christmas trees, and the meaning of the Star of Bethlehem is known to all. The spirit of peace and goodwill which should reign in all our hearts at this Juletide season is quite the same whether beneath the holly or the midnight sun.

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"Right now it looks like a green Christmas, although we have had some snow and no doubt will have more before Christmas."

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Owing to the New Year holiday on Wednesday next, and a considerable amount of Municipal printing to be done this week, The Standard will not be published next week. The office will be open for business however and any printing you may require will be given prompt attention.

Correspondents and other contributors will do us a favour by sending in their news items in time for our next issue which will appear on Thursday, January 9th, 1946.

The Elections

Nominations will be held next Monday, December 30th, at 7:30 p.m. for the offices of Reeve, Councillors and Public School Trustees.

We don't feel like repeating the old stories about fighting for democracy about the heads that fell to give us control of our own affairs and so on, so we just let it go at this:

Markdale has this year 553 qualified voters on Parts I and II of the Voters' List. Markdale is fast approaching a very secure financial position. Our debenture debt is \$31355.19, and is being paid off yearly at the rate of about \$3200.00. Our tax collections are at a higher percentage than ever before. Are you in favour of reducing taxes? Or are you in favour of spending some money on improvements now that the councilors face the electors to explain what they have done, and what they propose doing. It would be an act of public service if you showed up to say what you think would be of benefit to the Village. Perhaps you can't take office yourself, but that is no reason for the rest of us being deprived of your wisdom and experience. We have had some experience with elected representatives, and we find that they are sincere, honest people, whose only fault is usually to find out what people expect of them. And if you don't tell them, how are they to know?

In Australia they fine people for not voting, with the result that over 80% vote. You will observe that they don't take away the voting privilege which might look like the proper course—they just impose a fine. This is because they know the value of an expression of opinion by the people and want a vote from the largest number of people possible.

If we appeal to you to attend the nominations, it is because we think you are an asset to Markdale, and if the nominations result in an election, we appeal to you to vote. We believe it is true that you can trust the electorate to reach the right decision every year, and not just now and then. With so many problems to be solved in the next two or three years we believe everyone in Markdale will take a serious and conscientious view of the nominations this week. It is not in our best interests to "let George do it."

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Jack:
We are going to have our dream; we're going to have a white Christmas. This week in every hamlet and village, in every town and city and throughout the great countryside the people of Canada are praying for a Christmas the like of which they never expected to have two years ago. What a lot of changes have taken place in that short time. And while we're about it, I hope we catch the spirit of Christmas—a spirit that will last long into the New Year.

The children of the Village have the spirit. That old school hill is just full of bob-sleighs these days and you'd love to see them as they come hurtling down the grade carrying their loads of yelling youngsters. There's plenty of fun but there's danger too. Every year I've hoped that some one would see fit to sand the bottom part of the hill so the little folk could enjoy their rides without the danger of overshooting into the Main Street. You know most towns have a special hill upon which the children are allowed to sleigh; wouldn't it be a splendid thing if Eliza Street hill were made the official 'kids' hill and signs were put up on the side streets and sand was put down at the bottom to make it safe. It's a small thing Jack, but it's a big one in the life of a kiddie, and the pleasures of life are usually small things. I'm sure you'll agree that our adult life is made happier by remembering the little pleasant experiences of childhood and what an exhilarating one that ride down the Eliza Street hill must be to kids.

The older kids are being looked after these days; the Legion is seeing to that and making a good job of it too; I refer to Teen-Town which has been organized and looked after by the over-seas boys. What a fine gesture they have made to the young folk of hereabouts. What friendships these Teen-agers will make; what fine times they will have and what a lot of satisfaction the Legion boys will get out of it. Jack, those Teen-Towners will remember and appreciate what is being done for them the rest of their days. These are their happiest days.

Jack there's a lot of good in this town the same as there is in every town; there's a lot of fine people doing fine things; perhaps we need a Christmas time to add it all up so we can see it; perhaps we get a better perspective at Christmas time; perhaps—well whatever it is Jack the spirit of Christmas seems to have gotten into me too.
And so, with hosts of your friends here in the old home town, I wish you the best of Christmas and may the New Year hold everything you desire.
Ever yours,
Achates

Annesley Sunday School Christmas Program

The Christmas program put on by Annesley Sunday School last Friday night, drew the usual crowd which taxed the seating capacity in the Sunday School room. The entertainment presented was varied, and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and children alike.

Some of the main items, all of which drew their share of applause was a chorus with the descant "Noel," a recitation, Noel, given in French by Janet Chamberlain, a musical recitation by Margaret Harris, a solo by Helen Ann Roper, "The Santa Express" sung by Marion Beaton's class; a drill by eight girls of Doreen Alcox's class, recitations by several boys, a well-acted play, "The Christmas Story," and a pantomime by senior girls of Mrs. T. H. Wilson's class to "Silent Night" sung by Marion Beaton. Accompanists for the evening were Mrs. W. Harris and Miss Jean Elliott, and Rev. W. M. Lee was chairman. The visit of Santa Claus and the presentation of the tree proved to be the merriest part of the evening.

High School Party

A Christmas party was the reward for the pupils of Markdale High School after a week of examinations. Miss Baird, Mr. Muma and Mr. Sawyer arranged the programme for the three senior grades, while Miss Fair and Mr. Lemon had charge of Grades nine and ten. Following quiz programmes and games, gifts were presented to the teachers and pupils. There were also in-form exchanges as well as gifts given to each teacher from their form class.

Two very large cakes and ice-cream were the much appreciated gifts of the teachers to the pupils. After this sumptuous feast all the pupils gathered together for carol singing led by Mr. Sawyer and with Mr. Muma as pianist. Singing and whistling contests provided keen competition for students of the school. One of the prizes, prepared by Miss Baird and Miss Fair, who according to the applause of the pupils was proclaimed the nightingale of the Markdale High School. The party was adjourned by Mr. Lemon.

Freedom Chapter Party

"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse" was not the situation Thursday, December 19th, at the close of the regular meeting of Freedom Chapter, O.E.S., for all the men were talking and all the women were silent. Then the merry notes of "Jingle Bells" floated away into space and behold Santa Claus appeared in the doorway. He did not ask permission to enter the Chapter Room. He danced his way merrily and daintily, selecting partners in turn who were appealing and beautiful. At times it was a little confusing to know whether he was coming, or going because of some monstrosity on the back of his head. Even Santa was delighted with Freedom's Christmas tree, its decorations and its colourful parcels. These parcels contained the give-one-and-get-one gifts. Of course Santa took a kiss or two, or three, as he gave out the gifts, but only from the beautiful ones. What if Ethel Dickie's gift did prove to be shaving lotion, she could give it to Will couldn't she? The gifts were all useful, edible or pretty and such a merry time the gift-giving proved to be, thanks to you Santa. Dorothy Sawyer and Lottie Gillespie were especially favoured for their were the names drawn for the Christmas cake and the Christmas pudding. The chapter made eight dollars on the sale of tickets. Then Santa made his way through the happy crowd and disappeared. Of course he wouldn't have time to spend eating supper with Freedom Chapter even, at the table with an exquisite Christmas tree, holly, baskets of candy, stars and delicious food. Friendly chatter prevailed as a delightful evening came to a close.

The Christmas party in keeping with the Christmas spirit was a success thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Leon, to the lunch committee and to Santa Claus and all members present.

The red fox hunters are having real success in their hunting activities this year, and scores of foxes are becoming victims of guns and traps. Leslie and Arthur Chard of Fesherton and Delbert Fisher of the 4th line have shot 32, while the next largest number is 16, taken by Thos. Phillips of the 4th line, accompanied at times by Bert Partridge, Walter Robinson and Warren Morrison. Walter Akitt and Wes. Plane have taken 10, Geo. Fisher and Arthur, have four to their credit, while Emerson and Athol McKillop and Steve Sutton have five foxes. Many others have been successful in shooting two and three.

During the past several years the fox population has been increasing fast, due no doubt to the scarcity of shot gun shells. The foxes in turn have made things hot for the rabbit and partridge populations, and this year the game birds and animals have been scarce.

Up to the present there has not been much of a market for red foxes and buyers are not greatly interested, even if the price reported is only two and three dollars for a hide. Due to the mild weather this fall, fox hides are just now becoming prime. This goes also for the ranched animals and local ranchers are commencing their pelting this week.—Fesherton Advance.

The Central Ontario Hockey League will comprise five teams this year, namely: Markdale, Fesherton, Dundalk, Shelburne and Grand Valley with Fesherton as the new entry. Dr. S. A. McKelvie of Shelburne presided at a meeting held at Dundalk on Monday night of last week when the schedule of games was drawn up for the 1946-47 season. The season opens at Grand Valley December 27th with Dundalk playing there.

In the semi-finals, first and third and second and fourth teams will play off. The semi-finals and finals will be three-out-of-five series, Shelburne and Fesherton will play their home games at Dundalk and Markdale respectively.

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Celebrates Anniversaries

In the Zion community three well-known couples Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNally, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glencross celebrated their wedding anniversaries on three consecutive days last week. They have all been born and lived in the Zion district all their lives. They are all related and have all contributed in large measure to the community and church life of Zion. Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Glencross each served as organist for some years.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNally were married on December 11th, 51 years ago. Mr. McNally is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John McNally and brought his bride, Sarah Greenwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Greenwood, to the McNally home, and on the second concession of Glenelg where they have lived ever since. They have two daughters, Mrs. Allan Brown (Carrie) of Egremond Township and Mrs. Lawrence McFadden (Kate) of Glenelg.

On December 12, forty-six years ago, Rev. Wray Smith, minister of Zion Church heard the marriage vows of Christina Glencross, daughter of the late William and Margaret Cook, of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood, and Mrs. John Greenwood, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glencross, on the 8th concession of Glenelg. They began homesteading on the Greenwood homestead where they still live. They have two daughters, Mrs. Percy Greenwood (Clara), who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Howard Ritchie (Margaret) of Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glencross were married on December 10, forty-four years ago, by Rev. Wray Smith. Mr. Glencross was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Glencross, and Mrs. Glencross was formerly Caroline Greenwood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Greenwood. For a while after their marriage they lived on the Glencross homestead on the 8th concession but afterwards moved to their present home on the 2nd concession of Glenelg. They have one son and four daughters, Bill, on the home farm, Mrs. W. A. Robinson (Mary) of Glenelg, Mrs. Elsie Arnold (Pearl) of New Lowell, Mrs. James Peat (Armonell), of Traverson and Mrs. Ronald Macdonald (Myrtle) of Crawford in Bentinck Township.—Durham Review.

ANNESLEY W. A. RE-ELECT MRS. E. LANGMAN PRESIDENT

On Tuesday evening, December 17th, the Woman's Association met at the parlour for their annual meeting with seventeen members present. The singing of "Silent Night" followed by prayer opened the meeting, and then Mrs. Rusk had charge of devotions which carried out the Christmas theme.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Hare, gave the year's report which showed a bank balance of \$273.40. Group "C" were congratulated on the success of their bazaar and bake sale which had realized the sum of \$91.00. Mrs. W. N. Burnside reported for the parsonage committee, giving an itemized account of the costs of changing the parsonage furnace. Mr. Dillon's bill for work done in this connection was also presented. It was decided to send Christmas treats to shut-in members of the W.A. Mrs. Langman thanked the officers and members for their loyal support during the year, and also a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lee for the hospitality of the parsonage.

The election of officers for 1947 conducted by Rev. W. Lee resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Langman; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Acheson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Sparling; Secretary, Mrs. T. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Hare; Pianist, Mrs. Lee; Devotional Committee, Mrs. Rusk, Mrs. Foster; Fellowship Committee, Mrs. Beaton, Mrs. Bowles; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. Bowler, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Burnside, Mrs. Turner; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Beltry, Mrs. Carbert, for first three months; Flower Committee, Mrs. H. McArthur, Mrs. Hamilton.

A dainty lunch was served by Group "D" followed by the closing prayer.

Mrs. William Watts

The funeral of the late Mrs. William Watts whose death occurred on Monday, December 16th, was held in the United Church, Berkeley, on Thursday, December 19th. Rev. J. Harrower had charge of the service.

Palbearers were: Joe Stafford, Fred Stafford, Stan Stafford, Elmer Soddart, Wes. Aitkens and Clarence Wiggins.

The lovely floral tributes from the family, relations and friends were carried by friends and relatives.

Those present from a distance were Mr. R. J. Gill, Mrs. Fred Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Watts and Mrs. Harry Robinson of Toronto, Mr. Jas. Watt and family of Orangeville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stafford, Dundalk; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stafford, Mrs. Geo. Stafford, Mrs. G. Phillips and Mr. Mariner Aitken, all of Owen Sound.

Mrs. Thomas Davidson

The death of Mrs. Thos. Davidson at her home south of Barhead, about four o'clock, December 14th, caused deep sorrow to a wide circle of friends by whom she was well-known and beloved.

The late Mrs. Davidson was formerly Christina C. Thomson of Motherwell, Scotland, and was 64 years of age on September 23rd, 1946. Forty-two years ago, on Dec. 23th, she was married to the late Thomas Davidson at Motherwell where Mr. Davidson operated a threshing machine for some years. Several years later they came to Canada and resided at Meaford, later moving to Riverdale on the 9th line of Euphrasia. Twenty-five years ago they bought the Rutledge farm on the west back-line south of Barhead. Three weeks after moving there Mr. Davidson died leaving Mrs. Davidson with four small daughters, Margaret, the youngest, being but one year old. Mrs. Davidson continued on the farm where she raised her family and resided the rest of her life. She was a devoted mother and dearly loved her own home and neighbourhood.

Mrs. Davidson was beloved by all who knew her for her beautiful radiant Christian character and her cheerful disposition. She was a member of the Presbyterian church in Motherwell, Scotland, and attended Cooke's Presbyterian church in Markdale.

Left to mourn the loss of a loving mother are three daughters, (Annie) Mrs. Bert Porteous of Maxwell, (Catherine) Mrs. Irvin Curry, at home, and (Vina) Mrs. Clarence Alcox of Orange Valley. A daughter, Margaret, passed away four years ago. There are eight grandchildren.

A family of twelve, two sisters and three brothers survive, namely: (Margaret) Mrs. Sam Orr and (Annie) Mrs. William Smith, both of Motherwell, Scotland; John and Joe Thomson of Melbourne, Australia, and William of Niagara Falls. A brother, Geo. of Buffalo who was well-known around Markdale passed away on Christmas morning, 1924.

The funeral was held from her late home in Glenelg on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, with interment in Markdale cemetery chapel. In the absence of the Presbyterian minister, Rev. J. Matthews, Rev. C. J. McNichol had charge of the service at the home and grave, and brought a comforting message to the bereaved. A favourite hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung.

The palbearers were six close neighbours, Harold Thibadeau, Bill Kinney, George Hill, Lorne Adams, Nelson Armstrong, and Gordon Hamilton.

Many beautiful floral tributes bore mute testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held. They included a pillow from the family, pillow from the Presbyterian church; wreath from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perrin of Newmarket; basket from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barber, Jean and Bill, of Owen Sound; sprays, "The Barhead Neighbours," Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Smith and family of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ross, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ross, jr. of Niagara Falls, N.Y., the Hamilton families of the Curry families and Gary Macdonald of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLeod, Banff, Alberta, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seeley of Maxwell.

The flower bearers were: Jack Laurie, Elwood Bowles, Al. White, Laurie Betts, Ed Littlejohns, Jim Hamilton, Earl Smart and Ben Sewell.

Among the friends and relatives from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ross of Niagara Falls; Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith and John Hannah, of Windsor; Buffam and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curry all of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barber of Owen Sound.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Wm. Watts express sincere appreciation to friends and neighbours for flowers, help and many acts of kindness shown during their sudden bereavement.

NOMINATIONS MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

A meeting of the ratepayers of Markdale will be held in the Public Library at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, December 30th, 1946, for the purpose of nominating qualified persons for the office of Reeve and four Councillors for the Village of Markdale for 1947.

Also three qualified persons to fill vacancies on the Public School Board. In the event of more candidates qualifying than are required to fill the offices, an election will be held in the Public Library on Monday, January 8th, 1947, from 9 o'clock a.m. till 5 p.m.

THOS. TUCK, Clerk

Berkeley W.A.

The W.A. of Berkeley United Church held their December meeting at the parlour at Holland Centre with the President, Mrs. Bert Watts, presiding and eight members answering the roll call. Following the usual opening with the Scripture lesson read by Miss Bertha Manary, business was discussed.

Rev. J. Harrower presided for the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. William Allen; Vice-President, Mrs. Mores Crawford; Secretary and Press Reporter, Mrs. Stanley Stafford; Treasurer, Mrs. Clifford Allen; Organist, Mrs. Gilbert McInnis, Mrs. Lloyd Wiley; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. D. W. Bradley, Mrs. Robt. Hannah; Sunshine Committee, Mrs. John Craven, Mrs. Bert Watts, Mrs. Albert Stafford, Mrs. Gilbert McInnis; Auditors, Mrs. Albert Stafford, Mrs. Lloyd Wiley.

A sincere vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Bert Watts who resigned after serving as President for the past seven years. Lunch was served by Mrs. Harrower assisted by Mr. Watts and Mrs. Cliff Allen and the meeting closed by repeating the Mizpah benediction. The January meeting will be held on January 9th at the home of Mrs. Stanley Stafford.

Born

O'HEENLEY—In Markdale Hospital on Tuesday, December 17th, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve O'Heenley (nee Josephine O'Neil), a daughter

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the doctors and nurses for such splendid care and all others who have remembered me in any way while in the hospital.
—Jas. Gillen.

Card of Thanks

I want to say Thanks to the Ladies' Aid of Ebenezer Church for a delicious treat, also our many friends who sent us lovely treats for Christmas. We sincerely thank our friends and neighbours for acts of kindness and for helping us by working since our recent illness.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Nelson

In Memoriam

HAWKEN—In loving memory of a dear father and brother, Mr. Wm. J. Hawken, who passed away four years ago, and Mr. Sydney Hawken who passed away three years ago.

Peacefully sleeping, resting at last. The world's weary troubles and trials are past; In silence they suffered. In patience they bore. Till God called them home to suffer no more.
—Ever remembered by the family.

Parish of Markdale - Berkeley

Canon R. S. Jones, B.A., Minister
Tuesday, December 24th—Carols and Holy Communion 11 p.m.
Christmas Day—Holy Communion at 9 a.m.

United Church of Canada

Markdale Pastoral Charge
Rev. Walter M. Lee, M.A., Minister.
Sunday, December 29, 1946

Annesley Church
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Junior Choir will sing
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Christmas Music
(The last Sunday of the year to worship in God's House.)
Vandeleur Church
2:30 p.m.—A Christmas Service

COMING EVENTS

RESERVE NEW YEAR'S EVE—For a big night at the Markdale Armoury, under the auspices of the Markdale Community Hall Committee. Floor Show, Novelties, Refreshments and Dancing.

DANCING EVERY SATURDAY NITE in the Fraternal Hall, Fesherton, to the music of Russell Hill's Modern Dance Band. Dance starts at 9:00 o'clock sharp. Square dances by request. Come out and enjoy yourself.

SKATING—Markdale Figure Skating Club announces their regular skating Monday and Thursday nights commencing on Thursday, December 26. The time is 5:30 p.m. for tiny tots and 6:30 p.m. for older members.

DANCING—In Annapolis Hall Christmas Night, December 25th. Dance at Chatsworth Friday, December 27th, in the Town Hall. Dance in Markdale Arena Saturday, December 28th. Dance at Holland Centre Hall Monday, December 30th. Dance in Annapolis Hall New Year's Eve, December 31st. Music by Norm Hartley and his popular dance orchestra.