

At the annual meeting of Markdale Horticultural Society last Saturday afternoon there was considerable discussion on tree planting and general improvements. It was decided, if possible, to hold an early flower show this year, probably during the season for peonies and irises.

Mr. T. S. Cooper presided for the election, with the slate of officers for 1947 having but one change, Miss Marjorie Mann replacing Mrs. Dave Foster as secretary. Mrs. Thos Tuck is vice-pres. Mrs. Wm. Arrowsmith, and Mrs. L. E. Turner, treasurer.

BONSPIEL NEXT MONDAY

Twenty out-of-town trunks have already entered for the bonspiel to be held at the local rink next Monday, February 3rd. Victor Ward, Lou Thibaut and Bill Sutton are the three in charge.

ADDRESSED C.G.I.T.

Mrs. A. A. MacVicar addressed the members of the C.G.I.T. on Tuesday evening in the Sunday School room of Annesley Church. Her subject was "Art," and the information she imparted to the girls interested them very much. She explained that an artist's painting has balance, rhythm and harmony, and she showed a number of artists' works and explained the thought expressed in each. She also told about etchings, oil paintings and various ways that artists find expression.

ARRANGE TO PLANT TREES NOW

The time for spring planting will soon be here. Preparations should now be made for already one month has gone.

The plans contemplated for 1947 should include the PLANTING OF TREES in all farm areas now lying waste or rough and stony which cannot be profitably used for agricultural purposes.

Arrangements for trees should be made now, as those applications sent in after February 28th may not be filled this year. The demand for trees has been so great that the date of acceptance has been advanced from April 1st till February 28th.

If trees are wanted please make application at once. The forms and literature are available at the Department of Agriculture, Markdale.

INJURED FOOT

Mr. Earl Brown is getting around with the aid of crutches after suffering a painful injury to his left foot last Thursday. Earl who operates the local snow plow in this district was in Berkeley where he was preparing to open up the road from the main corner west to Mitchell's Mill. When he let the plow attachment drop he neglected to stand clear and it dropped on the high part of the instep of his left foot. An X-ray revealed a couple of bones broken and multiple bruises. Elgin Ward who happened to be with him at the time, brought him to the local hospital where the foot was placed in a cast. The injury has been quite painful and will necessitate Earl being laid off work for several weeks. In the meantime Elgin Ward is keeping the streets cleared of snow.

ROTARY NEWS

The speaker at Rotary this week was Mr. Dick Lucas who explained and presented coloured pictures of his trip through France, a feature which was thoroughly enjoyed. Afterwards a large representative attended the special lecture in Owen Sound by Hans H. Rosenhaupt who commented on present day conditions in Germany.

THE FIRST GROUND HOG

If the appearance of a ground hog in mid-January portends an open winter, then we can look forward to another mild spell any time. Jim Duncan of Ceylon district was wandering through the fields last Saturday and was surprised to see a ground hog which had its hole dug out already for spring as it were. He was sniffing the air when Jim saw him and taking inventory of what goes on when he's supposed to be napping. Chances are he was wondering if he had made a mistake. Several in other communities have sighted robins which is indeed uncommon at this time of year.

Make Your Contribution

No doubt our hearts have all been moved by the national appeal "Canadian Aid to China Fund." The subscriptions have been coming well in the Markdale campaign but the public is reminded that the lists will close at the end of this month. A further appeal might be found in the words of our Lord: "For I was a hungered and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye took me in; I was in prison and ye came unto me."

It is so easy to read these words and pass them by as just another verse from Holy Scripture but it is not so easy to pass them by if we think of the great cost of our own salvation. Other men have laboured and we have entered into their labours. If you have not made your contribution please do so at once so that your name may be among those who had a little compassion for a great people in sore need and distress.

Large Crowd Attend H. S. Commencement

OPERETTA, GYMNASICS WARMLY APPLAUDED DIPLOMAS - PRIZES - AWARDED

It was like an evening 'at the Opera' last Friday night when a large crowd from town and country attended "the Commencement," the popular evening of entertainment presented each year by the pupils of the local high school in the Markdale Armoury. The program, so well presented illustrated dramatics with music and song, the skill and poise resulting from physical training, as well as a display of the artistic with appropriate scenery that made the evening's performance interesting for all who heard.

The first number was a series of exercises by six boys under the direction of Mr. Geo. Lemon who is directing the physical activities of the school at present. From his demonstration of various exercises he proved his own skill, and also what has been accomplished in the way of physical training during his short term as instructor. The parallel bars and belt they used for the gymnastics made this number different from former years. Boys taking part were Stewart Lucas, Don Tebbutt, Leo Adams, Don Brodie and Ken Smart.

The Operetta, "An Old Fashioned Charm," was the main feature of the evening and was well acted by a cast who displayed considerable talent. The comedy interwoven with at least a dozen different solos and choruses was presented quite effectively, and with piano accompaniment by Eleanor Henry was heartily enjoyed. To review the story, it went something like this: The heroine, Lois Williams, was engaged to an unsuitable young man named Hiram MacDuffie. Millie, the lady of the house, decided to give a party where she would announce their "secret" engagement, but when her husband explained why this couldn't be done, the impulsive young matron decided to try match making. Just at the right moment, a young bachelor friend appeared, casting director from Hollywood he was, and Millie announced to "the gang" that Lois and the new visitor were engaged. And so they were, later on in the story. But not before Leonard who was very fond of "old-fashioned charms" gave them to every girl he met, including Carmelita, a "Spanish" dancer, and Bunny Brown who was "popular" with the boys. The story provided many amusing incidents, delightful singing and dancing with a pleasing stage setting resembling a terrace with a background of vines and morning glories.

It was quite apparent that many of the cast have outstanding musical talent, the voices blended in chorus, the acting of several was rather outstanding, and costumes and evening dress added beauty to the scenes. The dancing of Barbara Wright especially in the role of a Spanish dancer was cleverly executed.

The cast included Bob Foster, Melville York; Millie Foster, Lois Acheson; Carmelita de Ribera, Barbara Wright; Leonard Darcy, Donald Craven; Bunny Brown, Yvonne Givens; Lois Williams, Marian Beaton; Hiram MacDuffie, Don Kidd; Manly, Arthur Russell. There was also "the gang" who sang in chorus, a quartet of Bunny's boy friends and Carmelita's troupe of dancers.

Principal F. D. Sawyer who was chairman for the evening explained the limitations under which the cast had been working, and considering the entire program reflected the work of expert teachers. Mr. O. Muma had charge of the music. Miss M. Baird directed dramatics, and Miss Jane Fair was in charge of properties and stage setting.

At an interval between acts four scholarship cheques were presented to the four highest students in the entrance examinations last June, one award being made to a school. Prizes of \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$5 were won respectively by Raymond Hunt of Markdale, who was a close second for the Jamieson medal, Eugene Genoa of

The Mann Hardware Sold to W. S. Erskine

A business deal of considerable importance in Markdale district took place last week when Mrs. Wm. F. Mann disposed of The Mann Hardware to Mr. W. S. Erskine who gets possession the first of the month. Mrs. Mann who has been carrying on the business for nearly five years, will continue to assist in the store for a time until Mr. Erskine gets things organized. It is his intention to move his electrical appliance stock to this new location and conduct a hardware and electrical store.

Posthumous Award

Mrs. Geo. McPadden of town has received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters at Ottawa the Operational Wings and certificate that their son, Pilot Officer R. J. J. (Ross) McPadden, "has been posthumously awarded the Operational Wings in recognition of gallant service in action against the enemy."

A motion was passed authorizing that the Reeve and Councillor J. A. Hamilton be a committee to attend the meeting of the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association on March 3rd, 4th and 5th, and that the annual membership of the O.M.E.A. be paid.

Hockey News

Playing in Dundalk last Friday night, Markdale defeated Shelburne by a 6 - 3 score. Despite the mild weather the ice was in fair shape, and the game was very fast. The winners led 2 - 0 at the end of the first period and 4 - 2 at the end of the second. William scored three Shelburne goals.

Durham Beat Listowel 7 - 1

Upholding the record of never having lost a game on home ice this season, Durham defeated Listowel 7 - 1 in Junior C. O. H. A. play in Durham last Friday night. Cole, in the nets, was largely responsible for the near-shout, and although the ice was soft the game was fairly fast as the Durham team rapped home four goals in the first, one in the second and two in the third.

Canadian Aid to China Donations to Date

Table listing donors and amounts for Canadian Aid to China. Total to date: \$215.00

Council Appoints Medical Officer of Health

Dr. A. A. MacVicar was appointed Medical Officer of Health for Markdale at Monday evening's Council meeting attended by all members of the Board, and presided over by Reeve Milton Henry.

Town Officials (continued)

Last week in recording the town officials for 1947 we committed the "printer's sin" of writing on both sides of the paper, and only those on one side were seen in print. To carry on from where we left off, here are the remaining municipal officials appointed for this year:

Truant Officer—H. Page (one of his duties as constable). Weed Inspector—H. Page. Constable—John Johnston, monthly salary \$75.00. Pound-keeper—G. Kingston, payment as set by statute. Solicitor—J. A. Dunlop. Fence Viewer—A. Richardson and T. Wilson. Auditor—Geo. Buchanan, salary of \$100.00. Assessor—Jos. MacMillan. Medical Officer of Health—Dr. A. A. MacVicar. Library Board—V. Mercer, Mrs. T. H. Reburn, Mrs. G. A. Beaton, Mrs. Wm. Noble, Mrs. A. Acheson, Mrs. F. Sawyer. Public School Board—J. A. McArthur, Chairman; Robt. G. Noble, H. K. Armstrong, W. S. Erskine, J. W. Elliott, Earl Hannah. High School Board—Wm. Marshall, Stanley Kidd, M. Belfry appointed by Municipal Council, Jos. Edwards, E. Craven, Russell Freeman appointed by County Council, M. E. Gould appointed by Public School Board.

Bank of Montreal Introduce New Alarm System

A new hold-up alarm system, which has been devised by the Bank of Montreal, in conjunction with a protective agency, is now being installed in all the bank's branches across the country, and both the bank's local office here and that at Chatsworth have already been provided with this added protection.

The first to use a system of this type, the Bank of Montreal is meeting with the fullest co-operation of police departments across the country. Deemed by police as "most commendable" and worthy of the "fullest co-operation," this system is designed to combat the wave of bank hold-ups that has been sweeping the country in recent months. It is based on the latest ideas in protection and makes use of the most up-to-date equipment. At a number of points arrangements have been made with other financial institutions for mutual protection.



William E. Cramp, manager of the Markdale branch, and Ernest T. Wilson, in charge of the office at Chatsworth, have expressed their satisfaction at the peace of mind which the new protective arrangement affords and say that they are glad to have this added protection for their offices.

With the Sick

Mr. Tom Wilson who suffered a severe heart attack a few weeks ago, is slowly recovering, friends will be pleased to learn. Tom Walker who has been in the local hospital for treatment has recovered well enough to be about again. Mr. Ken Gemmill is progressing favorably following a recent operation. Mrs. W. A. Dickie who has been laid up with erysipelas is still under the doctor's care at her home in town. The condition of Mrs. W. E. Cramp who is suffering from a heart ailment is described as fair.

The many friends of Mr. Lundy Johnson were very sorry to hear that he had suffered a stroke while on the way home from town with a load of chop on Friday evening of last week. According to latest report he is a little better. Mrs. Howard Graham is the nurse in attendance.

Markdale High School Staff in Charge of Commencement



MR. O. MUMA, MR. GEO. LEMON, MR. F. D. SAWYER, MISS JANE FAIR, MISS MARY BAIRD. Markdale High School teaching staff who directed the annual commencement in the Armoury here on Friday night. Miss M. Baird was in charge of dramatics, Mr. O. Muma directed the music, and Miss J. Fair was in charge of stage setting and properties. Under the direction of Mr. Geo. Lemon several boys gave an exhibition of gymnastics and Principal F. D. Sawyer was Chairman. Highlight of the Commencement was the Operetta "An Old Fashioned Charm" acted by a well-chosen cast. Graduation diplomas were presented to last year's class of graduates, and other cash prizes were presented to the four students from four different schools who obtained the highest average at the entrance examination here last June.

Markdale High School Term Report

Grade XIII: 1. Brodie, Stanley 87.0; 2. O'Neill, Elizabeth 72.2; 3. Craven, Doris 68.5; 4. Fitzsimmons, Audrey 66.7; 5. Givens, Yvonne 63.6; 6. Henry, Eleanor 62.3; 7. McTaggart, Edna 59.1; 8. Hanna, Geraldine 58.6; 9. Dobbs, Eleanor 51.5; 10. Menary, Lois 49.7; 11. Gilpin, Mary 47.6; 12. Lucas, Stuart 35.6; Absent: Acheson, Lois.

Grade XII: 1. Alcox, Doreen 86.4; 2. Kenifick, Eileen 81.8; 3. Beaton, Marian 79.8; 4. York, Melville 74.1; 5. Wright, Maurice 71.4; 6. Burrell, Florence 68.1; 7. Hamilton, Patricia 67.6; 8. Trafford, Agnes 67.4; 9. Blackburn, Lois 62.7; 10. Freeman, Douglas 60.0; 11. Cherry, Gordon 56.9; 12. Falls, Mylrea 53.7.

Grade XI: 1. Griffith, Leona 79.7; 2. Belfry, Leona 78.5; 3. Maher, Geraldine 75.5; 4. Peters, Ruth 69.0; 5. Sawyer, Dorothy 68.7; 6. Tebbutt, Donald 62.6; 7. Leaver, Kenneth 61.3; 8. Kidd, Donald 60.7; 9. Ryan, Curtis 58.0; 10. Decker, Mae 53.1; Hamilton, Pat 44.5.

Grade X: 1. Thibaut, Mary J. 89.7; 2. Peters, Ruth 89.0; 3. O'Neill, Patricia 88.8; 4. Edwards, Elizabeth 82.0; 5. Shaw, Allen 81.3; 6. Black, John 80.8; 7. Perkins, James 79.3; 8. Dixon, Barbara 79.3; 9. Craven, Donald 75.5; 10. Hill, Leona 74.8; 11. McAfee, Joia 70.1; 12. Merriam, Hugh 68.9; 13. Foster, James 65.3; 14. Crawford, Marjorie 64.5; 15. McInnis, Alvin 62.5; 16. Sewell, Marie 62.1; 17. Buchanan, Doreen 62.0; 18. Smart, Kenneth 58.1; 19. Carbert, James 57.5; 20. Harvey, Lois 57.4; 21. Trafford, Stanley 54.8; 22. Lyons, Audrey 53.0; 23. Sparling, Marie 52.3; 24. Decker, Doris 50.2; 25. Burrell, McGee 49.8; 26. Robson, Jean 43.0; 27. Teeter, Ruth 40.5.

Grade IX: 1. Kenifick, Angela 83.1; 2. Freeman, Morris 79.7; 3. Hunt, Ray 79.7; 4. Gillespie, Mary 79.3; 5. Peart, Dorothy 75.6; 6. Genoa, Eugene 75.0; 7. Brodie, Donald 71.3; 8. Gilpin, Edgar 70.4; 9. Wright, Barbara 69.0; 10. Alcox, Ruth 67.7; 11. Adams, Leo 66.2; 12. McNally, Ruth 66.1; 13. Trafford, Alfred 61.2; 14. McNally, Harold 61.0; 15. Slade, Alma 60.0; 16. Foy, Eugene 57.5; 17. Russell, Arthur 55.0; 18. Keenan, Jane 54.8; 19. Kirkton, Jean 54.3; 20. MacDonald, George 53.2; 21. Wiggins, Velma 51.3; 22. Wyvill, Gerald 49.3; 23. Dennison, Jack 45.0; 24. McCullough, Blanche 45.0; 25. Davis, Muriel 44.1; 26. Wiggins, Austin 39.4; 27. Kingston, Dorothy 29.2; Absent: McCormick, Anna; McCann, Helen.

Commercial: 1. Robson, Veronica 71.8; 2. McAfee, Norma 64.3; 3. Brodie, Ruth 63.8; 4. Sullivan, Beryl 56.7; 5. Seabrook, Eunice 55.2; 6. Caswell, Isabel 50.3; 7. Givens, Eunice 43.4; 8. Alton, Frederick 38.6.

COMING EVENTS

EASTERN STAR DANCE—This Friday night, January 31st, in the Markdale Armoury. Good music. Lunch served. Admission 75c.

RESERVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19—for an Evening of Entertainment in Annesley Church basement. Watch for particulars later.

VALENTINE TEA AND BAKE SALE—Will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Brown, Eliza Street, on Tuesday afternoon, February 18th. Auspices of the Senior Ladies' Guild of Christ Church. No orders for baking beforehand, please.

EUCHRE AND BRIDGE—At the new Canadian Legion Hall, Thursday, February 6th, at 8:30 p.m. Auspices Ladies Auxiliary to Canadian Legion. Lunch served. Admission 35c. Draw for lucky ticket sold on the quilt will be made. Come and enjoy a social evening.

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.