

FIRST GARDEN PLANTED
Ninety-five-year-old Thos. Croft has managed between snow falls and rain to get his garden planted and his potatoes in. Even in weather like this, Mr. Croft doesn't fancy waiting till the 24th of May, and he's no doubt wishing the weather would get on and let things grow. Mr. Croft got much pleasure out of gardening and when it comes to getting it planted, he is Markdale's early bird.

ZONE LEGION RALLY WILL MEET HERE SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 11th, the Legion branches of this district including Chatsworth and Owen Sound will meet in the Local Armory to select a Zone Commander and Executive, who will be in charge of a parade and a large gathering of 200. The program will begin with a parade when the dozen or more branches will fall in at the Armory at one o'clock. Headed by the Highland Pipe Band of Durham, the march will go by way of the Highway to Mark Street, and west to Wellington Street, thence to Main Street and back to the Armory. Following a brief memorial service in charge of Canon R. S. Jones, they will go into convention till five o'clock when they will be served lunch at the new Legion Home, Knarboro Hall. On behalf of the town Reeve Henry is expected to say a word of welcome, and the public could voice their approval with a showing of flags for the day.

ATTENDED MASONIC AT-HOME

Several members of Hiram Lodge, A.F. & A.M. and their wives attended the annual at-home of Thornbury Lodge last Friday evening. A large crowd was present to enjoy the musical show presented by the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound and after lunch was served, dancing was enjoyed to music supplied by an orchestra from Newmarket. It was a gala evening and heartily enjoyed by visitors of district lodges despite the fact that the trip from here had to be made by way of Owen Sound and Meaford.

SPRING SEEDING MONTH BEHIND

All over Canada, a long-lasting winter and continued cold has delayed spring seeding. As the month of May draws to a close in the district it is believed to be almost a month behind last year, and the weather of the next few weeks will be vital in determining crop prospects this autumn. While the backward spring has affected hay and pasture crops, prospects for fall wheat are said to be good. The majority of farmers are still unable to begin work on the land, and in this first week of May the snow is still to be found in the hollows and swamps.

LOCALS ATTEND ROTARY CONFERENCE

Markdale Rotary Club was represented at the Annual Conference of District 153 held at Port Huron on Sunday and Monday of this week when visitors were guests of the Rotary Club there and the City of Port Huron. A varied program of talks, entertainment and discussions began with church services Sunday morning, with a formal call-to-order at 2:30 in Elks Temple. Gordon Beaton, immediate past district governor, presented the past governors and guests of honor at the 8:30 banquet in Hotel Harrington, and later in the session led a discussion of the district fund.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Beaton who were guests of Governor Clyde Wilcox at St. Clair, Michigan, others who attended from town included Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. G. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Gemmel, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Messrs. Art Norris and Merv. Richards.

BUY A FLOWER THIS SATURDAY

The local C.G.I.T. group are busy preparing for their annual tag day next Saturday before Mother's Day when these girls will sell their hand made flowers. The proceeds will be used for Girls' Work including the expenses of the C.G.I.T. camp at Lake Couchiching. The girls are hoping Markdale will give them the same splendid support which they have received in the past.

MORE HOUSING CHANGES

There have been several more changes in places of residence reported during the last week, with several new families adding to the town's population.

Mr. Thos. McKenzie, manager of the Co-operative store, moved his family to town and will occupy part of Albert McNally's house, on Toronto St. north. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lee are moving into part of Mrs. Wm. Swanton's home. The Wm. Lemon family who have been living at St. Thomas for the past two years have moved back to this district, and for the present time have moved into the Ed. Bradey house.

LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL GIRLS TAGGED FOR BLIND

The young ladies of the Markdale streets last Saturday who greeted passers-by with a smile and "Won't you buy a tag" were from Markdale Public School. Some of the taggers who caught our eye bright and early Saturday morning were gaily dressed in plaid skirts, blazers and socks, and it was a pleasure to get tagged by such a happy group of girls. They collected the sum of \$61.53. Public school pupils who took turns in helping to raise this sum which will be used to benefit those who have lost their sight are as follows: Isabel Gould, Leona and Iona Alcox, Max-Betty Shaw, Joan and Jean Lever, Carol Leaver, Joan Buschlen, Jacqueline MacDonald, Georgina Whitney, Margaret Cherry, Lois Summers, Janet Chamberlain, Marion Alcox.

Gas Pumps Damaged When Speeding Car Skids

A Toronto car speeding through town on Monday night about 10:30 o'clock, skidded when the brakes were suddenly applied at the Main Street corner here, and after narrowly missing a telephone pole, hit the two gas pumps at the Gillespie service station with such an impact that one was broken off at the base and sent sprawling some distance on the pavement, and the other less damaged. The tanks had not been used for some time since the person of the building has been rented by Hills, but they were conveniently located for servicing highway traffic.

The car, a 1936 grey coach, was turned completely around before it was stopped, and had a badly dented fender and the front damaged, but was able to continue on its way after reporting to local police. The driver of the car, who gave his name as Neil Brown, was on the way to Owen Sound and had just passed a car coming down the church hill when he was suddenly aware of the main corner intersection, and applied his brakes causing the car to skid badly on the wet pavement. He was a driver for Rightway Motors, Toronto, and the damage was covered by insurance. It was rather a miracle that the three occupants of the car including one lady, escaped injury.

Double Presentation At Harkaway

Harkaway community bestowed congratulations and good wishes on a recent bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnston, last Friday evening and also honored a life-long resident of the person of Miss Maggie Johnston who has left the old home to reside in Markdale for the present. It was a merry crowd of friends and neighbors who assembled at the former Richard Johnston home for the double presentation ceremony and to enjoy a social time together before taking leave of these valued members of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnston were invited to come forward while Miss Ruth Wakefield, teacher at Harkaway, expressed the good wishes of the community as she read an address signed by Laverne Lyons, Glen Carbert, Fred Halbert, Roy Hawken, Harold and Lorne Thompson, and the latter presented this young couple with a purse of mementoes as a token of good wishes. Miss and Mrs. Johnston have since left to reside in the London district.

Miss Maggie Johnston was then completely taken by surprise when an address was read to her by Mrs. Will Halbert, and she was presented with a comforter and a gift of money for a travelling bag from her old neighbors and friends. Miss Johnston is residing in Markdale with her cousin, Miss Ethel, for a time. Following is the address read to Miss Johnston at the presentation held last Friday night. Dear Maggie:

We, your friends and neighbors have gathered here this evening, who deeply regret that you find it necessary to leave our Harkaway Community. You have been with us for a number of years and we have always found you willing to assist in sports and work of any kind for the good of the community.

We regret losing you from the section, but we are glad to know that you have chosen a home not too distant, and with the strong ties you leave behind, we hope that you will be a frequent visitor among us. We ask you to accept these small tokens and hope that they will ever remind you of your Harkaway friends. Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbors: Edith Thompson, Ellie Halbert, Nettie Carbert.

Newly-Weds Feted

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hill were feted by Orange Valley community Friday night, April 18th, when a party of well-wishers gathered at their new home on the back line and presented them with a china dinner and bathroom hamper. The address, read by Miss Lois Russell, was signed on behalf of friends and neighbors by Clarence Foster, Morris Russell, Ivan Russell and Nelson Stephenson.

The address complimented Harvey and his wife on their recent marriage and wished for their happiness and prosperity in their new home. A few pleasant hours of dancing and visiting were spent by the happy crowd and Harvey was a war veteran and he and his wife are receiving a warm welcome as they begin homemaking in this district.

Feverham Home Razed On Monday

The home of Ernest Brownridge, on the main street of Feverham was completely destroyed by fire, with all its contents, shortly after ten o'clock on Monday night. The blaze was discovered while the owner occupant, who lives alone, was attending a meeting of the Orange Order.

The fire was first noticed by George Sled who keeps a garage on the opposite side of the street. Mr. Sled raised the alarm but there is no organized fire-fighting brigade in the village and before anything could be done to combat the flames with success the home here was practically destroyed. The Flesher-ton fire brigade was called from about 18 miles away and gave excellent service in saving the home of John Stafford standing next door, towards which a high wind was blowing.

Support the British Flood Relief Campaign

The campaign for the collection of new and used clothing and food for the flood victims in England will get underway in Markdale during the coming week. Members of the local Legion branch in co-operation with the Village Council have undertaken to make the collection next Thursday, May 15th, and it is hoped that as many householders as possible will make an extra effort to sort out serviceable garments that can be spared and have them ready for the collectors to pick up. It is expected that local volunteers will sort and pack clothing at the local depot, in the former Legion Hall, and from here it will be sent on to a central warehouse for final packing for shipment to Britain.

It has been proposed by Legion officials in charge, that instead of asking people to donate various articles of food, it would be more practical to enlist the support of local grocery stores in receiving donations, and this money will be used to purchase food in bulk for shipment. This week when shopping you will be given an opportunity at any grocery store to donate a voluntary sum for this purpose. The need for both food and clothing in Britain is desperate, and the public is urged to support the campaign in every way possible.

School children of the province can play an important part in this work, and teachers are asked to enlist the support of their pupils in helping gather the needed clothing. It is requested that teachers instruct children to bring their donations of useful clothing direct to the schools, and from there they can be brought to the central depot. If every resident, including every school child, would donate even one article of clothing, it would mean some four million garments. That would be worthwhile.

For the convenience of persons out of town, boxes or parcels of clothing may be left at the Legion Hall, Main Street, any time next week. In order to make this campaign of the greatest possible value every one in this district is urged to sort out their valuable wearing apparel NOW, and make sure that your donation reaches the Legion depot next week. Everything useful that can be spared will be welcomed.

Afternoon Auxiliary Meet

Fourteen members answered the roll call at the meeting on Thursday, May 1st, of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. at the home of Mrs. E. E. Langman. The President, Mrs. Lee, was in charge, and a number of associate helpers were present as guests of the W.M.S.

A letter was read from Mr. Douglas Stotesbury, student minister in the Muskoka district, requesting leave to show colored slides of scenes in that district. It was agreed to accept his offer providing satisfactory arrangements could be made.

By request, Mrs. Langman made a plea for teachers in the Sabbath School.

The Supply Supl., Mrs. Rusk, reported a bale of clothing and other articles had been sent to Dr. Frazer in China. A layette to be sent later to the Church of All Nations was on display.

Miss Neely and Mrs. Wiley were appointed delegates to the W.M.S. Convention in Chatsworth on May 7th.

The Program Committee is to be responsible for the June meeting, a birthday party to which the ladies of Vandeleur and Ebenezer are to be invited.

Vandeleur W. I.

The annual meeting of Vandeleur Women's Institute was held in the Community Hall on Thursday afternoon, April 24th, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lorne Ormsby; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Carl Wilson; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. D. McGee; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. G. Bowles; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Myrtle Fawcett; District Director, Mrs. Russell Freeman; Auditors, Mrs. Geo. Shaw and Mrs. W. Ratcliffe; Convenors: Social Welfare, Mrs. Howard Graham; Home Economics, Mrs. New Hutchinson; Agriculture and Canadian Industry, Mrs. Frank Davis; Publicity, Mrs. Andy Fawcett; Historical Research, Mrs. Ethel Hutchinson; Red Cross, Mrs. Will Ratcliffe; Citizenship, Mrs. L. Johnston.

It was decided to hold all monthly meetings in the Community Hall. Previous to the meeting the ladies quitted quilts.

Fees for the Hospitalization Plan sponsored by the W. I. are again due.

Prize Fish Hooked from 8th Line Bridge, Eugenia

Fishing from the bridge on the 8th line at Eugenia and using worm as bait, Alex Kelley of Pergus landed an 18 1/2 inch beauty, weighing 3 pounds, 9 ounces, on the first morning of the season to win him the first prize in Frank Slater's 16th Annual Speckled Trout Fishing Contest, and for it he received a new 1938 Sea Horse outboard motor with 2 1/2 horse power. This isn't the first time the prize winning fish has been hooked from this very bridge, but it was the first big one Kelly had ever caught, although he has been an ardent angler for the past six years.

An Owen Sounder, Rudolph Platel, won in the class for children under 16 years of age, with a 15 1/2 inch trout weighing one pound, ten ounces, and caught at Eugenia. His award was a brand new bicycle. In the Brown Trout contest, Eric Markham, also of Owen Sound, won first prize with a three pound, four ounce Brown trout hooked in the Sydenham River in Harrison Park on Saturday morning shortly before the contest closed. His late entry, 21 inches in length won for him a mariner's electric clock.

Other prize winners were: Adult class, 3 Bill Turney, Flesher-ton; 4 Harry Stewart of Orangeville; 5 James Pedlar of Flesher-ton. Children's class: 2nd Mac Gamble, jr., R.R. 3, Chatsworth; Alberta McIntosh (5 years old) of Eugenia; 4 Glen Barclay of R.R. 3, Owen Sound.

Brown trout: 2 Alvin Campbell, 3 Ken Ellis both of Owen Sound. Although the opening of the fishing season was heralded with delight by young and old alike in this town and district, anglers found to their disappointment they couldn't get near their favorite fishing spots for the high water. When they had gone expecting to find their favorite log, they discovered the river had changed the scenery, and in many cases had swept bushes and logs down stream. The smaller streams, of which there are many in this district, were found to be too high to be inviting for fishermen.

However the town pond and Barhead mill pond were two good places which yielded the goods for some trout dinners and several splendid catches were reported at these two favorite spots. But for private pools in out-of-the-way places, fishermen are still waiting for the day when they can get at them.

Rocklyn People Concerned Over Flood Conditions

For the past several weeks, residents of Rocklyn village have suffered from water surplus resulting from melting snows and spring break-up and no escape, as road culvert and old water-way had been closed.

Approximately 50 acres are under water, ranging from two to three feet in depth, with the corner roadway flooded to a depth of 15 inches. Lots of Wm. Burrell, Danard Cook, Jack Clarke, ten acres of farmland, Casswell's land, 250 of the Greenway farm, about 75 of the agricultural ground have all been under water for several weeks, and it will be weeks yet before it is drained away.

Mr. C. Caswell had to go by raft to feed his stock, about 125 yards from house to barn. All cellars are filled to capacity. Most residents failed to get potatoes or other vegetables or fruit from their cellars, as water rose quickly and submerged them to this height.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson whose home was almost an island, were forced to evacuate with their family of eight children and will not be able to return, for some time.

Euphrasia Township Reeve and Good Roads Committee were called. Work was commenced but Mr. Jas. Matthews, through whose farm the watercourse passes, forbids their continuing. The Provincial Engineer was called and it was pointed out this was the only course, and in short order a bulldozer and several Rocklyn men were busily engaged. A field culvert was laid and ditch opened. The water went roaring through but heavy rains and soaked ground combine to make a slow get-away.

This work was thought to prove effective and water did go down gradually but it has been too long now causing damage to foundations and for health conditions, and some further step will have to be taken. It would be weeks yet before these lots would be workable for garden or even to get on. Every resident is much concerned.

MEAFORD—At the monthly meeting of the Town Council, a report from the Tourist Committee was received asking that signs be erected on all roads leading to Meaford, and some persons named responsible for placing the same. Such signs to be applied for from the Ontario Motor League. Mrs. Jessie E. Gardiner was appointed to represent Meaford on the Blue Water Highway Board. A special committee on tree planting was authorized to spend up to \$125.00 on this work.

UNIQUE WEATHER-VANE

"Once a sailor, always a sailor!" and Art Tutton of Dundalk who served several years in the Royal Navy, is still very much a navy man at heart. This explains in part the unique weather-vane atop the shop of A. & J. Tutton on Proton St. It is a bicycle wheel with four sail boats, all of which go around merrily in the breeze. Underneath it is erected a sign, showing this firm as the local C.O.M. dealer. —Dundalk Herald.

Thieves Visit Markdale Stolen Car Recovered

Although it is not clear what may have been their motive at the outset, it is well known that a trio of robbers paid Markdale a visit in the early hours of Monday morning, and while their original purpose was apparently followed by the presence of a night watchman, they did succeed in making off with the 1946 Monarch coach owned by W. G. Love, after they had abandoned a stolen 1947 Chrysler Royal at Trafford's corner on the eleventh line. At midnight, Tuesday, a phone call from Constable Harold Black informed Mr. Love that his car had been recovered in Toronto with everything in order, and an owner had been found to claim the Chrysler which was found on Tuesday morning where it was left after it ran into a saw shoulder at the Trafford corner. On Wed. the owner of the stolen Chrysler recovered his car at the Markdale Garage where it had been brought, and Stan Love returned with him to the City for the Markdale car. As yet no word has been heard of the culprits.

With several robberies reported in the district Constable Jack Johnston was on the lookout for trouble, and when that is thought to be the Chrysler was first sighted in town about three o'clock, it was parked on the side street at The Standard block, and one man was seen crossing the street to look in Oliver's Furniture Store. It didn't disturb Cecil Alton who happened to be sleeping in the store at the time, but before Mr. Johnston caught up with him, he had joined the evidence it is presumed they must have made their way in the Meaford direction and after mooring their car in the mud at the turn, they returned to town to pick up a car. The Evra's car in front of the Prust home was tinkered with first, but whether they couldn't get it started or were scared away, they left it and the Love car was missing next morning. People of Markdale are feeling a bit comfortable with a night watchman on the beat, whom we can thank for avoiding a break-in or two.

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Glenelg Council

The Council met on Saturday, May 3rd, with all members present. The minutes of the April meeting were read and adopted. Approval was received from the Department of Municipal Affairs to collect up to one-half mill for Federation of Agriculture fees. The Department of Highways has also approved an expenditure of \$23,787.00 for construction, maintenance of roads and bridges and the purchase of road machinery. The Council set June 2nd for the holding of the Court of Revision for the 1947 Assessment Roll. Mr. Art Norris was given Public Liability Insurance Policy and Mr. Art. Newell, Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy. Road Voucher No. 5 amounting to \$1587.64 was passed for payment. The Treasurer was authorized to pay all other accounts as follows: 1 sheep killed by dogs, \$14.00; inspection of same, \$2.00; printing, \$189.90; premium on Liability Insurance, \$153.30; grant to Durham Fall Fair prize list, \$30.00. Other accounts amounted to \$121.27.

The Council adjourned to meet June 7th for general session. PERCY D. GREENWOOD, Clerk.

DURHAM—William Morrison of Durham is a patient in hospital here suffering from a fractured leg and multiple bruises as a result of being thrown from one of his team of horses. Mr. Morrison, who had been to a sale at the home of James Munro in the Glen district, was returning to his home on a line between Glenelg and Egremont with a newly purchased team of horses when the accident occurred.

Coming to a spot where there was considerable water across the road, Mr. Morrison had to get astride one of his horses, only to have the pair bolt and throw him to the ground where he lay for nearly an hour before help came. After the mishap the two horses began retracing their steps to their former home and were not noticed until they neared the farm of Leonard McKewen. Mr. McKewen who investigated heard the shouts of the injured man and he was taken to hospital at Durham.

MEAFORD—An unfortunate mishap occurred on Monday evening when Miss Dorothy Wells, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wells of Meaford, fell from a car in which she was riding, sustaining a fractured skull. The accident happened when a group of young people were out for a drive on Highway 26 and in some manner the rear door of the car came open and Miss Wells fell out on the pavement, near the eastern outskirts of the town. She was rushed to a doctor and later to the Owen Sound hospital where she is said to be somewhat improved.

DUNDALK—At a meeting last week of Dundalk branch of the Canadian Legion it was decided to purchase the residence on Victoria Avenue, owned by Ted Lucas of Burlington. The building is at present occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Acheson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lemon.

MOTHER

Mother's Day — Sunday, May 11th

She travelled the journey before you, She has known all the cost of the way; She has paid out the price to its fullness That motherhood only can pay.

She loved when the world was against you, She hoped—when your hope sank and died; She clung to your hand when the clinging Left scars in her heart deep and wide.

She laboured—and loved—and was happy, For deep in her kind heart she knew Your kindness and love would repay her.

For all that she did—just for you.

Tennis Club Organized

The organization meeting of the local tennis club last Friday night met with enthusiasm on all sides, and about thirty young people were in attendance. Mr. J. A. Dunlop officiated as chairman and the following officers were elected: President, Dick Lucas; Vice-President, Mary Carefoot; Secretary, Jean Macaulay; Treasurer, Audrey Kidd.

The entertainment committee includes Cecil Alton, Don Kidd, Manley Richardson, Mary Carefoot and Laverne Piper, and the Grounds Committee includes Melville York, Doug Henry and Mike O'Neil.

It was left with the executive to make plans for the season, and it is expected there will be a real revival of this pleasant summer sport.

Vandeleur

The annual congregational meeting of Vandeleur Church was held following the service on Sunday afternoon. The Pastor, Rev. W. M. Lee, presided and Dorothy Johnston acted as Secretary. Reports were presented from the Board of Stewards by Geo. Buchanan, Women's Association by Mrs. Geo. Buchanan and the Sunday School by Marie Johnston. The following officers were elected: Board of Stewards, W. B. Johnston, W. G. Bowles, Geo. Buchanan, Geo. Shaw, Melville Buchanan and Billie Johnston; Organist, Mrs. Geo. Buchanan; Supp., Geo. Buchanan; Auditors, W. B. Johnston and H. I. Graham.

As far as we are able to ascertain this community voted 100 per cent in favor of the Cream Marketing Scheme which was voted on during April. A program of moving pictures will be put on in the Community Hall on Monday evening, May 12th, by Ed. Lang, Fieldman for the Federation of Agriculture, under the auspices of the Farm Forum. Everybody is invited to attend.

Spring seems to have finally rounded the corner but there are still some snow banks to be seen and because of the continued wet weather nothing has been done on the land. Meadows appear to have come through the winter in good shape, but what is not looking too good.

The fishing season is opened for another year, and as usual most of the champions were caught in Art's meads. The rivers in this district are almost high enough to float a whale, but we haven't heard of one being caught or any of the numerous anglers having to be rescued.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Eccles of Dromore spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ormsby and Audrey.

Jos. Sewell, Flesher-ton Went Over Flume

Mr. Jos. Sewell of town was both lucky and fortunate that he escaped serious injury when he fell from the dam into the rushing water and carried over the spillway into the river below the dam without suffering any serious injury. He was indeed fortunate that his head did not hit the stones and lucky that he was not drowned.

Mr. Sewell is employed at the Nuhn Woollen Mill and had arrived early at work. Seeing that the water in the dam was high, he went up to take out a board at the spillway. In so doing he lost his balance and he missed his balance and fell into the water near where he had taken out the board and the force of the water pushed him over the boards and into the river below. He pulled himself from the water several yards down stream, none the worse for his immersion. When Howard Teeter arrived for work he found the door open, but nobody around and investigated finding the pole in the river below the dam. Mr. Nuhn arrived then and a search was made of the water, but the missing person could not be found. He was located at his home changing into dry clothes, but he was minus his glasses which were lost in the water. It was an experience that Joe will not soon forget.—Flesher-ton Advance.

TARA—After stealing tools from the C.N.R. shed thieves forced their way into the Tara post-office on Monday morning, smashed open the safe, and escaped with \$600 in stamps and \$100 in cash as well as personal savings of unknown value. The same night Car-gill, about 20 miles farther south, was also visited by thieves who forced their way into a garage and creamery but came away empty handed. It is thought the same thieves may have staged the break-ins at both places.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Jack: The countryside looks very drab today. It's May 5th, and the weather is still undecided; it is expected to have some of my garden in before this but it looks as though I'll have to wait awhile yet. I've been dreaming all winter about what I would do this year in my little patch of earth and I presume there have been others in the village who have done the same. My dreams began about the time I received my first seed house catalogue; what a zest to be a good gardener one of those highly lithographed harbingers of spring gives one. I often wonder if any garden outside of Eden ever produced such fruit, such vegetables and such flowers, as pictured therein, but it's encouraging to think there might be one, and that mine might be the one.

Every year I plan to try some new kind of wonder vegetable, fruit or flower pictured so temptingly in the colored prints but I never around to it; this year, as in the past, I shall wander down to the village to purchase from Messrs. King, Ryan, Hill, or one of the other merchants, a few boxes of these anaemic looking tomatoes, cabbages or what have you, that are landed into every village by some green house grower who knows I'll buy; but it will be hard to do. In the back of my mind I shall have a picture of the plants I should like to get, and I'll hope that amongst the lot, some one of them will turn out to be a prize one.

And while I'm thinking of gardening I believe I'll go down to the shed and check up on my tools; if my memory serves me aright, they weren't all brought in last fall when they should have been. I had intended to clean them off and hang them up ready for the contemplated spring assault on my garden plot, but that plan like these for my wonder garden has perhaps not been executed.

As ever, Acheles.

Berkeley Guild Mark 25th Anniversary

Thursday evening, May 1st, was a red letter day in the history of Berkeley Guild when about forty-five were present at the Gillespie home to celebrate the 25th anniversary of St. Mathias Guild. Opening with the hymn, O God Our Help in Ages Past, and prayer by the President, Mrs. Ed. Beatty, the roll call was answered by singing "What I Like Best About the Guild." The Scripture passage was read by Mrs. McLaughlin, and the history of the Guild was given by Mrs. Beatty.

Miss McFarland presented corsages to the charter members. An address was given by Canon R. S. Jones, who afterwards on behalf of the Guild presented a cross and chain to Mrs. Ed. Beatty who has been the President for twenty-five years. Mr. John Sowerby presented gifts to the charter members.

Mrs. Ab Paton read a paper entitled "When You Go to Church." Miss McFarland conducted a quiz on the "History of the Guild" which was won by Mrs. Crossett. A dainty lunch was then served by the hostesses. The birthday cake bearing twenty-five candies was cut by the oldest member, Mrs. A. Gillespie.

A hearty vote of appreciation was extended to the Gillespie families for their hospitality. The occasion had been one for rejoicing over the record of the past quarter of a century with a challenge for even greater efforts in the future.

Born

BOYD—On Sunday, May 4th, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd of Euphrasia, a daughter.

GILLEN—In Markdale Hospital May 2nd, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gillen (nee Doreen Ager of London, England) a daughter—Kathleen Ann.

COMING EVENTS

EASTERN STAR DANCE—To be held Friday, June 6th, in the Armory, Markdale. Tell your friends.

CO.ILL HOCKEY DANCE—Is next Friday night, May 9th. Murray Simmonds' Orches. Res. Admission \$1.00 per couple.

COME—The W.M.S. of Amnester United Church invite you to come and be entertained in the church on Thursday evening, May 22nd.

THE MERRYMAKERS—Will supply music for the Annual Figure Skating Dance in the Markdale Armory. Auspices of the Markdale Club. Just two weeks away.

DANCING EVERY SATURDAY NITE in the Fraternal Hall, Flesher-ton, 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.