

BRIDAL COUPLE SHOWERED

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Metcalf of Georgetown, received the congratulations and best wishes of a crowd of former school mates and friends from Riverdale and surrounding communities in the form of a shower of miscellaneous gifts in the Orange Hall here last Friday night.

STREETS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Again this year, local residents appreciate the snowploughing system we have in town, and everyone is hopeful that the snow will stop short of last year. Streets that not so many years ago were filled in for months are kept open by Earl Brown's plough and are in splendid condition.

HONOURED ON 80th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Dave Foster was pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening when a party of about sixteen from her family circle visited her home to spend the evening of her 80th birthday.

Cottons Will Be Scarce

For millidly who loves to dash out in cottons, come spring, it is anything but good news to learn that world cotton stocks on hand July 31, 1947, are estimated at 17.9 million bales, which looks like a lot of picking, but actually it represents a 28 per cent reduction from the estimate of 24.76 bales for the year previous, and a 37 per cent decline from the peak of 28.5 millions in 1945.

Local Hunters Bagged Three Wolves Last Week

There are two fewer wolves in Holland township, north of here, as a result of a raid by local hunters in that area within the past week. The pair were shot north of Berkeley last Thursday and Friday which brings the number of wolves shot in this district to three. The first one was shot several months ago by 'Tut' Hamilton who resides in that district.

THE SPORTS COLUMN

Markdale Defeated 11-6 by Shelburne On Friday night at the local arena, Shelburne clearly showed why they are leading the league. Presenting a strong attacking force, coupled with a good defense, the Shelburne club appeared to be in perfect condition. They outskated, outought and outscored Markdale to walk off with an 11-6 victory.

The boys from the Dufferin town lost no time in jumping into a lead. By the five minute mark of the initial period, they were leading 4-0 on goals by Paget, Brooks, Banks and Grainger. At the ten minute mark, McCullough took a pass from Fitzsimmons and tallied the local's first goal. Before the period had ended Shelburne increased their lead to 6-1 on goals by Banks and Grainger.

In the second period, Markdale scored first via Fitzsimmons, but Shelburne tallied three times on goals by Wood and two by McKelvie. Gord Cherry gave Markdale new hope, but Shelburne came right back on goals by Banks and Paget. Fitzsimmons ended the scoring to make the score read 10-4.

Markdale came out for the third period and fought all the way. Banks scored his fourth goal of the night to give Shelburne an 11-4 lead.

The prettiest goal of the night came when Angus Fitzsimmons took the puck away from Firth, stickhandling around McConnell and beat Reburn with a hard drive. Freddy Alton ended the scoring at the seven minute mark and the score ended 11-6.

Shelburne's first line of Banks, Grainger and Banks stood out for the winners as they potted seven goals. Fitzsimmons, Cherry, McCullough and Lawrence were the pick of the losers. Shelburne: Goal, Rayburn; Defense, Firth, McConnell; Centre, Grainger; Wings, Paget; Banks; Subs, Wood, Gilmore, Brooks; McKelvie, Berry, J. Wood.

Markdale: Goal, McCrea; Defense, Lawrence, Mayne; Centre, Hartley; Wings, Fitzsimmons, Proctor; Subs, Cherry, McCullough, Alton, Falls, Brooks. Referee: Bob Phillips of Flesherton.

SEMI-PRO LEAGUE

Markdale Defeats Flesherton 14-8 On Monday night Markdale's Semi-Pro hockey team scored a convincing 14-8 victory over Flesherton.

Markdale carried the play most of the game except in the third period when Flesherton rallied to tab three counters in rapid succession. Following this the local boys took over once again and held the lead to the finish.

Freeman, Nuhn and Mercer stood out in the Markdale lineup with Merriam also showing plenty of zip. 'Toar' Ward highlighted the second period when he staged a one-man rush from his own blue line, stick-handling through the entire Flesherton team to beat Scarrow with a neat shot to the corner.

Lineups as follows: Markdale—Goal, G. Taylor; Defense, Mercer and Nuhn; Centre, Ryan; Wings, Kleis; Fitzsimmons; Subs, Merriam, C. Ryan, Carbert, Freeman, Ward, Hamilton, Hutchinson.

SEMI-PRO SCHEDULE

January— Fri., 2—Dundalk at Markdale; Flesherton at Proton. Mon., 5—Feversham at Proton. Tues., 6—Markdale at Rock Mills. Wed., 7—Feversham at Dundalk. Mon., 12—Rock Mills at Feversham. Thurs., 8—Proton at Flesherton. Tues., 13—Markdale at Flesherton. Wed., 14—Proton at Dundalk. Mon., 19—Markdale at Feversham; Dundalk at Proton. Wed., 21—Rock Mills at Dundalk. Fri., 23—Feversham at Markdale; Rock Mills at Flesherton. Mon., 26—Rock Mills at Proton; Flesherton at Feversham. Thurs., 29—Dundalk at Feversham. Fri., 30—Proton at Markdale. February— Mon., 2—Markdale at Dundalk; Flesherton at Rock Mills. Tues., 3—Proton at Rock Mills. Wed., 4—Flesherton at Dundalk; Proton at Feversham. Fri., 6—Flesherton at Markdale. Mon., 9—Dundalk at Rock Mills. Wed., 11—Rock Mills at Markdale; Dundalk at Flesherton. Thurs., 12—Markdale at Proton. Fri., 13—Feversham at Flesherton.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

Latest figures from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for wholesale price index numbers, show that the wholesale price of farm products has risen 20.1 per cent since 1926. The 'parity' year used by the Bureau in compiling the index figures. In the same period wholesale price of building materials has risen 70.8 per cent, wholesale prices of raw and partly manufactured goods have risen 33.5 per cent, prices of fully manufactured goods 23 per cent, and industrial materials 23 per cent.

Farm Forum News

Orange Valley

Farm Radio Forum was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McPadden with twenty present. Miss Gladys McPadden acted as discussion leader and Mr. and Mrs. McLoughry as secretaries. We thought the questions were far-reaching but answered them as we thought best.

Discussing 'The World Is Our Market' they thought Canada should give to European countries through some agreement, especially our surplus food, same to be paid by the swap and barter system. Since they are the broken down nations that need to be re-built and no country can do well if poorly fed, the forum believed they would be willing to take less than world price to supply them with food.

If the American market were thrown open to Canadian farm produce they believed it would mean better prices to the Canadian farmer; lower prices to the American farmer; rise in the cost of living for the Canadian consumer; and more hardship for the European consumer.

After the usual business was disposed of Mrs. McPadden and Gladys conducted games and contests and finally an auction sale of surplus farm stock and implements the articles going to the highest bidder under our own local auctioneer. The sale was of a high class nature and only good stock and implements disposed of. Another disposal sale will be held at a later date. Lunch was served to conclude an enjoyable evening.

Cheeseville

Cheeseville farm forum met in the school on Monday evening with 21 in attendance. After the broadcast, the forum felt that the overseas market groups were formed and discussed the topic 'The World is our Market.' It is very necessary, but ways should be found to pay at least the cost of production. Distribution should be improved—possibly a Marshall plan should be adopted if deemed necessary. As for a home market, a greatly increased population in Canada would be helpful to the farmer. A quality product is also necessary. Recreation brought games, music and lunch. Discussion leaders for next Monday, January 19th, will be Russell Foster, Mrs. P. Thibault and Clare Davis. The topic will be 'Do We Need a National Marketing Act.' Recreation in charge of Mrs. Wm. Morrison, Muriel Davis and Jim Foster.

The Cheeseville Farm Forum met in the school house on January 5th to discuss the topic Marketing by Co-op. There were 25 adults present. The forum thought that while much had been accomplished in cooperative work, much remains to be done. Mr. T. S. Cooper was present and gave an enlightening talk on how Co-operative effort had helped several organizations, singling out the New Dundee creamery of Oxford County as a splendid example.

VANDELEUR

Farm Forum met on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cargoe with 25 in attendance and discussed the subject 'The World Is Our Market'. Mrs. Angus Bowles and Mrs. W. G. Bowles were secretaries of the two discussion groups. The Forum agreed that European countries should receive food but there was a difference of opinion as to methods. Group 1 'felt that Canada should give food to Europe even if they can't pay for it; that the Canadian producer should be subsidized by the Government, and they were willing to take less than world price for their produce, in order to supply Europe with food'. Group 2 pointed out that Canada had already given huge sums of money to Britain, and doubted if this policy could be continued much longer. They also felt that Canadian producers couldn't take less for their products under existing conditions'. The Forum agreed that if the American market were thrown open to Canadian farm produce it might help the Canadian farmer for awhile, but would not be so good for the American farmer, or the Canadian or European consumer.

Cards were played and lunch served. Will Ratcliffe and Andy Fawcett took two jolly sleigh loads. The next meeting will be at the Ratcliffe home. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Lee preached an interesting sermon in the church last Sunday afternoon on the subject, 'The Place of God in Human Life'. It was announced that the annual congregational meeting will be held following the service on Sunday, Jan. 25. Mr. and Mrs. Don Petch of Euphrasia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ormsby and Audrey.

Goring

The Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Potomey, with an attendance of 21. Discussing 'Marketing by Co-op' there were seven present who market products co-operatively, and believe livestock, cream eggs and flaxseed can be marketed to advantage in this way. By having a good manager to make a Co-op, a growing concern, Goring believes it can be profitable for farmers. A Co-op, can also help to improve the quality of produce by helping to organize swine clubs, and having short courses. The recreation committee had charge of games and contests which were much enjoyed.

Grey County Assessor Addresses Rotary Club

Mr. E. V. Radbourne, Grey County Assessor, was the speaker at Tuesday night's meeting of the Markdale Rotary Club. In a very informative talk Mr. Radbourne explained the present system on equalized assessment, one of the results of which was to raise the County assessment by nearly three million dollars.

In the Letter Box

Dear Jack: I hear that you have taken up bridge since retiring from the newspaper business; you'll be an expert in a short time. Don't be too flattered by the word expert as they are not rare; in fact nearly everyone who has played awhile and has a peculiar way of doing so, becomes an expert. It's a good camouflage for poor playing; a cover up when you have trumped your partner's ace or withheld your trump too long.

I know of no centre quite so bridge conscious as Markdale. To be able to play a good hand is one way of getting on the social register. The men generally are interested in the game, but the women go all out for it. I've seen them braving the snow drifts, the cutting sleet, and the icy winds of a Monday night to get to their weekly bridge game. No other fascination could induce so many staid and home-loving females to brave the vagaries of winter weather unless it be a wedding. Sunday morning might find them unable to the hill to the Kirk but Monday night will be another story; no night too rough and stormy; no hill too steep.

And what of the men, Well, Jack, they are more rational in their love for bridge; they make a science of the game, not a fetish and have difficulty in finding time to play. On Monday nights, when all the families of one side of the town are rushing for the other side and vice-versa, the men are getting ready to put junior to bed or do the dishes. Men, as I told you before, Jack, must be in the steady force in times like these.

So Jack, get well versed in the science of Cubertson's bridge so you can hold your own with the bridge experts of the village; I can warn you now that these bridge club members will watch your playing with cynicism and your every bid will be open to question, but be of brave heart, we have all passed through it.

Well Jack, I must close now as I must obey with alacrity as tonight is Monday night, and I have certain duties to perform. Yes, Jack, you couldn't help but guess it; I have to put junior to bed—my wife belongs to the bridge club. As ever, Achetes.

VESTRY MEETING HELD

The annual vestry meeting of St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 8th. The church report was presented by Mr. Ed. Beatty secretary-treasurer; the Ladies' Guild by Mrs. A. Hannah, and the Sunday school report by Mrs. Harold Gillespie. All the reports showed substantial credit balances.

At the election of officers, Canon Jones appointed Mr. Harold Gillespie as Rector's warden; Mr. John Sowerby was appointed People's warden and delegate to Synod. Mr. Ed. Beatty was reappointed secretary-treasurer. The following were appointed to the Board of management, Messrs. John Sowerby, J. Mitchell, E. D. Gilpin, J. McLaughlin, H. Gillespie, Ed. Beatty, A. Hannah, Wm. Wright and Wm. Sowerby. Sidesmen are: James Mitchell, E. D. Gilpin, A. Hannah, J. McLaughlin, W. Sowerby, Wm. Wright, and Wm. Welton.

New Forum at Riverdale

Vandeleur Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Harvey of Riverdale, Jan. 5th, and helped the people of that community to get a forum organized. Cliff Hutchinson called the meeting to order and asked Will Ratcliffe to preside. Three groups were formed for the discussion on 'Marketing by Co-op'. Nearly every farmer present had marketed one or more products such as wool, eggs, cream, etc. co-operatively, and felt that all farm products should be so marketed, as the farmer has everything to gain and nothing to lose by this method. It was felt, too, that grading was essential in modern marketing, and that a co-op should do everything possible to help members improve the quality of their products. The group secretaries were Vernon Fawcett, Mrs. Bowen and Cliff Hutchinson, and H. I. Graham read the correspondence.

The following officers were elected for the Riverdale Forum: President, Mrs. A. Harvey; vice-pres., Cliff Hutchinson; secretary, George Irwin. Riverdale will hold their next meeting at Cliff Hutchinson's, and Vandeleur will meet at the home of Jim Cargoe.

The balance of the meeting was spent in cards, crokinole, checkers and a brief square dance with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ormsby providing the music. Lunch was served to about 75. This is the second Forum that Vandeleur has helped to start recently. Messrs. Howard Graham and Will Ratcliffe had attended a meeting in Cheeseville school on Dec. 29th and helped to get a Forum started there.

Local Council Pays Tribute To Retiring Fire Chief

TRAVERSTON

It's reported that satan and his legions have been let loose for a season in charge of the weather. Judging from the height of waves on the Pacific ocean, the tornadoes in the U.S. and the frequent snow storms in Canada, it looks like as if they were 'let loose for a season.'

General rejoicing along the 6th concession and especially in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Timmins when a baby girl was born to them on Monday, January 4th, 1948, in Durham Hospital. Many hearty congratulations.

Mr. Emerson Peart shipped eight head of the finest finished fat cattle that ever left this concession on Monday morning of last week, by John McArthur's truck, leaving here at 6:00 a.m. and arriving in Toronto market at 10 a.m. He was paid 17c a lb. on weighty ones.

On Tuesday morning, McArthur took another big load of hogs for J. C. Cook, J. H. Robson and son; together with two fat cattle for Joe Edwards and son Robbie, and four hogs. All were well pleased with returns. James Peart also shipped a good beeder by a different route.

Mr. Murray O'Neil is helping his brother Donald in Durham, to move into his recently erected and finished new home in Lower town. Zion's Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. E. R. Peart on Thursday p.m. of last week with a good attendance of members and visitors.

Mrs. Eva McCallum of Durham is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook. The latter and Shirley visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jacks of Walkerton, while Mrs. McCallum spent the afternoon with her son Howard of Durham.

Mrs. Frank Twamley and son, Murray and Mrs. Will Campbell of Crawford enjoyed Thursday of last week with Mrs. May McCockin and Arthur. The Township Council Fathers meet at the Township Hall to-day (Monday) and one of the problems they'll have to solve is whether Glenelg will have a Warble Fly measure brought up—'For' or 'Against.'

Forty-two years ago on this date, Jan. 12th, the tragic death of our brother Will took place in the woods all alone. We had delivered a big load of wood in Durham 8 1/2 miles away and back home by 11:30, when John McKechnie, buyer, brought in the terrible news. The late Den. Sweeney was also returning from town and accompanied me to the woods, a shock never to be forgotten. His last words, 'ere I left for Durham, were the words of that noted Scotch song—'You take the high road and I take the low road, And I'll be in Scotland afore ye, For I and my true love will never meet again.

On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.' That winter was a lovely one; bright sunshine, good roads, most of the snow disappeared Feb. 21st.

Two wood bees took place here last week. R. T. Cook had a bee at his pile on Thursday afternoon and saved up Nelson Hunt's big pile on Friday. R. T. is a hustler and keeps his sawing outfit in good order.

FUNERAL OF A. E. ROCHE

The funeral of the late Augustus Roche who passed away in hospital here on January 6th, took place last Thursday afternoon with service in Oliver's Funeral Chapel. Rev. W. M. Lee of the United Church had charge of the service and interment was made at Markdale.

Pallbearers were: George Alton, Dave Heathers, Telford Woods, Robt. Roche, Dan Graham and Wm. Howard. Familiarly greeted as 'Gus' the late Mr. Roche had been a resident of the village for almost fifty years. For many years he had been employed at Armstrong's Mill, and in late years lived retired in the village. He was well-known in this community and always well thought of by everyone.

Friends from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. John Roche, Mr. Robt. Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Broadbent of Port Hope; Mrs. Wm. Chambers, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Telford Woods of Listowel; Mrs. H. Claridge Mrs. Arthur Robinson, Mrs. John Ritchie, Dundalk; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allan, Milton and Mr. and Mrs. C. Agnew and Mr. T. Paterson, Campbellville.

Floral tributes included tokens from the family; brother, John, and family and Mrs. H. Claridge; Mrs. A. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. T. Woods; the Neighbours; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Noble, Miss Retta Sarjeant, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Lucas; Mr. C. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. A. MacMicking; Mrs. W. T. Wiley, Velma and Margaret, Mrs. Jno. Muir; Miss Jean Wilton; Shelburne Public School Staff; Shelburne Board of Education.

George Alton, for thirty years Markdale's fire chief, retired from the position this year. Being fire chief is not a full time job as far as activities go but it calls for a man who is able to accept himself to a very exacting job when a fire is on and George Alton has been that man. Through his direction and initiative in the fighting of fires Markdale has been well protected in the past thirty years. With equipment of a mediocre type and with willing helpers from the village men, George Alton has given Markdale years of service in which all knew that the hazards of fire would be well dealt with. The Markdale Council on Monday night, recognizing Mr. Alton's past services, thanked him for his untiring vigilance in keeping the village free of fires and presented him with a small gift of appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the village.

Following their declaration of office at 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning the members of the 1948 Village Council adjourned to 7:30 a.m. Tuesday evening to begin another year of laying down the law and 'paying the pipes.' First item of business was a by-law appointing a Cemetery Board as follows: Dr. L. G. Campbell and A. O. Gillespie re-elected; T. S. Cooper, Ross Alcox, W. J. Boavs, John Eagles, and Dr. L. E. Turner.

Bills to the amount of \$488.29 were passed for payment which included nearly \$100.00 for clearing snow from the streets, half of which will be repaid by the Dept. of Highways.

Other by-laws passed included granting leaves for the payment of Council members; to provide for the expenditure of money on roads and streets, and appointing certain municipal officers for the coming year.

These are as follows: Treasurer, Mrs. V. Mercer. Clerk—Thos. Tuck. Board of Health—Wm. Noble. Library Board—Mrs. V. Mercer for 1948-49-50. Manager Pumping Station—A. Griffith. Sec.-Treas. Waterworks—Mrs. Jack MacDonald.

Fire Chief—LaVerne Piper. Constable and Utility Employee—Geo. Shaw. Constable and Night Watchman—Jack Johnston. Truant Officer and Weed Inspector—George Shaw. Hydro Electric Sec.-Treas.—Miss L. Mathews. Solicitor—J. A. Dunlop. Pound-keeper—G. Kingston. Fence Viewers—S. Hill and W. J. Lyons.

Reappointed to Parks Board—W. W. Alcox, W. S. Perkins. Meier reader—Denzil Sawyer. Medical Officer of Health—Dr. W. Breakwell.

Chairman of each department will be the same as last year: W. W. Alcox, chairman of the hydro; Dr. R. L. Carefoot of the Waterworks; Streets, H. S. Merriam, and J. A. Hamilton, property.

Ladies' Auxiliary Officers

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., held their first meeting of the new year in the lounge of the Legion Hall. Mrs. Beatrice MacDonald took the chair for the installation of new officers. The officers installed were President, Mrs. Allan Lemon; Past President, Mrs. John MacDonald; 1st Vice, Mrs. Jos. MacMillan; 2nd Vice Mrs. Wes. Stephenson; Secretary, Mrs. Robt. Gillen; Treasurer, Mrs. Isaac Lemon; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Wm. Stoddart, Sr.; Executive, Mrs. John MacDonald; Mrs. Geo. Whitney; Mrs. Manley Quinn; Mrs. Jas. Hamilton; Investigating Committee, Mrs. Whitney; Sick Committee, Mrs. T. Tuck, Mrs. R. Down.

Social Committee, Mrs. Fred Peters, Mrs. G. Scott, Mrs. R. Down, Mrs. O. Gillespie, Mrs. A. Wywill, Mrs. M. Quinn, Mrs. Jas. Hamilton. Several matters of business were discussed.

The social committee served coffee and a social half hour was spent by the members.

COMING EVENTS

TEA AND BAKE SALE—The Junior Guild of Christ Church are holding a tea and bake sale on Saturday, January 17th, in the Sunday School room of the church. Starts at 2:30.

HOCKEY GAME—Thursday Night at 8:15 p.m., in the Markdale Arena between the high school boys' hockey teams of Markdale and Shelburne. This should be a good game to see.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES—At the Fraternal Hall, Flesherton, a fine drawing crowds. Plan now to join them. Dancing starts at 9:00 sharp. Music by Russell Hill's Modern Dance Band. Make it a habit to go dancing Saturday nites in Flesherton.



VICTORY SMILE: First prize winner in the Ontario Section of the \$25,000 National Barley Contest, at the Royal Winter Fair, Harold K. Nesbitt of Britannia Bay displays some of his champion grain. He also won first prize in the Regional Contest for Carlton County. Sponsored from Canada, the contest is conducted by the federal and provincial departments of agriculture and the agricultural colleges. Mr. Nesbitt and four other top winners are entered in the Ontario-Quebec Inter-Provincial contest which will be held early in the new year. He has earned \$225 in prize money so far.

Markdale Has Namesake Edinburgh Scotland

An interesting letter has been recently received at this office from 'Johnny' Sands—who will be remembered by many friends here and elsewhere. The letter reads in part:

Dear Mr. Colgan,— No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me, in fact I'll be more surprised if you should remember me. However, you once had a very nice dog named Sandy and he and I were very good pals and rode around with me quite a lot on Percy Sims' truck, remember 'Sooty Sands'.

I do hope this finds you all very well. I often wonder how you all are in Markdale. I really had some good times there and good friends. In fact, I have never been treated so well in my life like I was among you, especially Bert Sims and Alex. Stewart whom I shall never forget. I wonder if you, Jack Perkins, Madge Lucas, Percy Rutt and others remember the little orchestra we had. I remember once we couldn't decide what to call it. After thinking up a few names we decided on 'Mark-dales' orchestra, remember Jack? Well Mr. Colgan, that name got stuck on me and now because I have so many happy memories, good and friendly people to remember, I couldn't decide on a better name for my second son and now your town has a junior, for his name is 'Mark Dale Sands', how do you like it? There were too many of you males over there to decide on which of your names I'd give him so I have named him after the whole town as appreciation for all your kindnesses to me.

Mark Dale is a lively boy and doing well. He is ten weeks old and looks every bit of it. I'm sorry if I have created a rival to your fair town in flesh, but all I want is for him to grow up as good and clean as any one of you citizens of Markdale.

Sincerely yours, John M. Sands