

LEAP YEAR TWINS

So much has been said for the Leap Year babies, and Markdale district can boast of 'leap year calves'.

SIGNS POINT TO EARLY SPRING

The old-time feeling that spring is just around the corner is being revived, and come a bright day or two we assure ourselves we have turned the curve and met head on.

FEDERATION DIRECTORS MET

The Board of Directors of Grey County Federation of Agriculture met in the Dept. of Agriculture office in Markdale on Friday, Feb. 27th, and transacted considerable business.

HEADS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Russell Freeman was appointed chairman of the local high school board last week, succeeding W. J. Marshall, who remains a member of the board.

TO CONDUCT SERVICES AT DUNDALK

Mr. Donald McLeod of Fiesherston district is to have charge of services at St. James Anglican Church, Dundalk, for a time and began his new duties last Sunday, Feb. 29th.

SEND FOOD ARTICLES OVERSEAS

Six boxes of food articles are ready for shipment this week to places in Great Britain, from the local Chapter of the Eastern Star.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN B.C.

Mrs. Robt. Powley received word from her nephew, W. C. Morrison, of Vancouver, of the death of her sister, Lizzie Williamson, wife of the late Captain McKay of Owen Sound.

HELP PREVENT FIRES

A chimney fire which caused considerable alarm while it lasted, called out the fire brigade to the Farm Forum home where the blaze was brought under control.

Holford Farm Forum

There were twenty-three present this week when Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Sellwood were hosts to the Farm Forum.

The family had a dinner guest. All were seated at the table. Not the least important member of the family of home folks was Johnny, a talkative lad of five years.

District Farm Forums Discuss "Machinery Needs"

Goring Farm Forum

The farm forum met this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curry with 22 members present.

The next meeting will be held at the Orange Hall, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Les Shepherson.

Riverdale Farm Forum

The Riverdale Farm Forum was held at the home of Alex Harvey, with 19 present. The topic for discussion was "What the machinery has done for us."

Rosedale Farm Forum

There was a good attendance at Rosedale Farm Forum on Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craven.

Holford Farm Forum

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bradley were hosts this week to the Forum when 26 met at their home.

VANDELEUR

The Farm Forum met on Monday evening, March 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson.

The President, Will Ratcliffe, presided, and two groups were formed with Billie Johnston and Mrs. Wilson as secretaries, and Alex. Gilray and Miss Wakefield as leaders.

Members of Vandeleur Women's Institute are indebted to Miss Wakefield for a very interesting paper on the early life of the noted author, Nellie McClung.

THE SPORTS COLUMN

By Maurice Wright

M.H.S. Defeats Semi-Pros 11-5

Markdale High School kept their record intact of not having lost a game in the last five years by lacing the local Semi-Pros at the Arena last Friday night.

In the second frame C. Ryan got the only goal, while Cherry and Wright each connected twice to give M.H.S. an 8-3 lead.

In the last chucker, M.H.S. scored three more times as Cherry tallied twice and Wright once.

Semi-Pros: Goal—Pitzsimmons; defence—Mercer, Ward, Centre—Ryan; Wings—C. Ryan, Hugh Merriam; Subs—Freeman, Kleist, Hutchinson, Herkel, Hamilton, Kerbert.

M.H.S.: Goal—Leaver; defence—Sherwood, Lemon; centre—Wright; Wings—Cherry, York; subs—D. Freeman, Kidd, McMillan, M. Freeman, Hunt, Craven (sub-goal).

Referee: Carl O'Neil. Semi-Pros Play Dundalk. The schedule in the Semi-Pro league has been completed and Dundalk led the league with Proton, Markdale, Fiesherston, Rock Mills, Feversham following in that order.

Glenelg Couple Mark 50th Wedding Anniversary

A happy event took place on Monday, February 23, when Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNally of the 10th Concession of Glenelg Township, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The dinner table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake, made by their daughter, Mrs. James Vaughan, and iced and decorated by their granddaughter, Mrs. Clayton Reay.

In the evening neighbors and friends numbering about one hundred and fifty gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Revel Boyce to celebrate the happy occasion.

There was a day when the tennis court on Mark Street was the scene of games and tournaments that meant a happy and contented young crowd.

It was the day of Mrs. McNally's 75th birthday and the company sang happy birthday greetings to her. Many lovely flowers were received from relatives at a distance, also telegrams.

Mr. McNally is a son of the late James and Eliza Jane McParlane McNally. He was born on the 9th concession of Glenelg and has lived in the Waudby district all his life.

Mr. McNally has one son, Alfred, at home, and one daughter, Mrs. James Vaughan (Eva) of Glenelg. There are eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.—Chronicle.

At the February meeting of Melancthon Council, Russell Patterson was appointed as Assessor at a salary of \$25. A by-law providing for a Township Road appropriation of \$20,000 for '48 (\$5,000, less than Osprey twp.) was passed.



By Kay McMullen

I am Red Cross—I was born many years ago on the battlefield of Solferino! The sole purpose of my being is to assist humanity in times of suffering.

In these countries I have much work to do. From my workrooms across the nation, warm clothing is going to clothe the naked—food is being sent to feed the hungry.

I have a Dental Coach to look after the teeth of our little people. A Home-maker Service that will ease the mind of the sick mother and keep the family united.

So the death toll by drowning will be cut to a minimum. During the war years I learned the need of First Aid—in peacetime I have not forgotten what I learned and I am passing it on to others.

With my correspondence to children in other lands I do much to build a firm foundation of "International Friendship". The corner-stone of a peaceful to-morrow.

The Red Cross Drive will take place in Markdale district the latter part of this week and the generous support of every citizen will be very much appreciated.

COMMUNITIES ACTIVITIES

MRS. NEWTON I. RENNIE PASSES

The funeral of Mrs. Newton I. Rennie last Saturday afternoon was largely attended, with service in the home and at Walters Falls United Church conducted by Rev. J. M. Fraser.

The beautiful floral tributes included tokens from the family and friends, as well as Walters Falls Mission Circle, the Woman's Association and the Women's Institute.

Interment was made in the United Church cemetery at Walters Falls, in the plot where her husband was laid ten years ago.

Lillian Smith was born on the Ninth Line of St. Vincent in 1882. Her parents were Joseph Smith and his wife, Jane Goudy. She became the bride of Newton I. Rennie in July, 1909.

SMALL SPIDER

Printer's Ink recently reported that "While editing a small newspaper in Missouri, Mark Twain received a letter from a subscriber complaining that he had found a spider in his paper."

SEMI-PROS LOSE TO DUNDALK

Markdale Semi-Pros lost their first playoff game last night 10 to 5.

Hockey Game To-night

Owing to the postponement of Tuesday night's game, the Markdale-Fiesherston series will be resumed here tonight in the Arena at 8:30 p.m.



"QUEEN'S PARK REPORT"

Premier George Drew is making a series of reports over district radio stations and this Friday will speak on the subject, "The Dept. of Labour Looks Ahead."

MRS. ALPHONSO DAY

The death of Mrs. Alphonso Day at her home in Markdale on Thursday, February 26th, will occasion sorrow in the hearts of many old friends of this esteemed family.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Hester Silverthorn, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Silverthorn of Sydenham Township, near Woodford where she was raised.

Surviving to mourn her passing besides her sorrowing husband and one daughter, Cora (Mrs. Elgin Boyd) of Markdale, the late Mrs. Day leaves one sister, Mrs. A. Speckman of Cranick, Sask., and six brothers: Samuel and John of Ardath, Sask., Archibald, Meaford; Aaron of Owen Sound, and John and David of Woodford. One sister, Jane, Mrs. John Jolley, of Bayview in the Meaford district, predeceased her a few years ago.

The pallbearers were Aaron Silverthorn, Jack Silverthorn, Archie Silverthorn, Sterling Silverthorn, David Caswell and Gordon Caswell.

The beautiful floral tributes expressed the sympathy of the deceased's many friends. Remains will rest in Markdale Memorial Chapel until spring when interment will take place in Lakeview Cemetery at Meaford.

MRS. JAMES H. BURCHILL

Mrs. Ira Schell of Owen Sound has received word of the passing of her sister, Mrs. James H. Burchill, a Regina hospital on Thursday, Feb. 26th.

She had been a patient in hospital for the past four months. Deceased was formerly Janet Struthers, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Struthers of Euphrasia Township, near Markdale. Over 40 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Burchill moved to Maple Creek, Sask., where they lived for several years before moving to Moose Jaw, Sask., where Mrs. Burchill joined the postal staff.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Gerald of Regina; two daughters, Mrs. Bert Grey of Moose Jaw and Mrs. George Turner of Regina; one sister, Mrs. Schell of Owen Sound.

MISS E. M. PRICE

Mrs. J. P. Herbert, Owen Sound, received word of the sudden death of her sister, Emma Maud Price, at Calgary, Alberta. Born at Holland Centre she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carson Price, well-known residents of that place.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Shute, Holland Centre; Mrs. J. P. Herbert, Owen Sound; and Mrs. Clara Gillespie, Saskatchewan, and two brothers, John S. Price of Peterborough and Charles H. of Buffalo, N.Y. Funeral service was held in Jaques funeral home at Calgary, February 29, with the Rev. G. Lapp in charge. Interment was made in Calgary cemetery.

Markdale Sixty Years Old May the First Next

May 1st of this year will mark 60 years since Markdale was incorporated as a village. The Standard, dated March 1st, 1888, tells of a deputation consisting of Messrs. William Brown, W. J. McParlane, Wm. Lucas, Geo. M. Haskett, W. A. Brown and C. W. Rutledge, going to Toronto, and with a petition signed by 159 ratepayers, asked to have Markdale incorporated as a town.

Local Lumber Company Under New Management

Markdale Lumber Company reports this week under the direct control of Mr. H. N. Roblin. The past many weeks have seen many changes at the mill. New equipment has replaced old where necessary; changes in boring and shafting has eliminated the former power loss and the whole system has been revised under the new management.

Mr. Roblin comes to markdale well recommended, having had 19 years Canadian and American banking experience, 11 years acceptance financing. He has been with the Dominion Government since 1942, first as Assistant Director of Consumer Credit for Canada, and latterly as supervisor for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

MARRIED

WALKER-WALKER: On Friday, February 27th, 1948, at Christ Church Rectory, Markdale, by Canon B. S. Jones, Mrs. Mary Walker of Berkeley, to James Albert Walker, son of Mrs. Jane Walker and the late Mr. Walker of Euphrasia.

BORN

TORRIE—In Stratford General Hospital, on Monday, March 1st, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Torrie of New Hamburg, a son—John Allison.

ROCKLYN

A large crowd gathered at the hall Friday night at a miscellaneous shower in honour of a recent bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Evan McNally, who were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts, including a Tri-light floor lamp from the chivalrous gang.

While everyone was enjoying themselves, Old Man Winter was playing tricks, and the blizzard that was raging caused many to take shelter where they could for the night, those with cars having to wait for the plough to go through in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McClean enjoyed a few days' visit with friends in Toronto the past week.

Miss Leta Thompson returned home from Markdale Hospital this week where she has been a patient for the past two weeks. Her father is also showing improvement.

Mr. Evan McNally has purchased Mr. Danard Cook's farm. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will move to Owen Sound where the former has accepted a position with National Grocers.

Mr. Ed. Lang presented motion pictures in the hall Wednesday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Euphrasia Federation of Agriculture, which were very interesting. Included were pictures of the Royal tour in Africa which was much enjoyed by all. Mr. T. S. Cooper and Mr. Lang both gave fine talks. The same board of officers was re-elected for 1948: President is Stewart Falls; George Alderice, secretary, and John Lush, treasurer.

COMING EVENTS

DANCING—In Markdale Armory to the music of Lewis MacDonald and his 9-piece orchestra, Saturday night, March 6th from 8:45 to 12 p.m. Auxiliaries Hall Committee. Adm. 50c.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES—At the Fraternal Hall, Fiesherston, a joint 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 Fiesherston.