

EARLY SPRING IS WELCOMED
When we look back and consider that snow banks and blocked roads were in the foreground of last years spring picture, local residents are welcoming the early spring-like days of the past week.

THREE INFANT SONS BAPTIZED AT CHRIST CHURCH, SUNDAY
Three infants, all boys, were baptized on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, in Christ Church, Markdale.

LOAD LIMIT SET FOR TRUCKS
From the Department of Highways in Toronto comes the order that the half-load limit for trucks is now in force and the police have been asked to check all suspicious loads and to rigidly enforce the regulations calling for a half-load limit on trucks using the provincial and county roads.

DAVID ABERDEEN MOVED
David Aberdeen of Fiesherston, a member of the Bank of Toronto branch here for nearly two years has been transferred to the Burlington branch and left for his new position on the 15th.

SCHOOLBOYS CURL AT GUELPH
The first Schoolboys' Bonspiel in the history of Ontario is scheduled to be held in Guelph on April 1st and 2nd for school boys from any secondary school in Ontario.

MRS. SARAH BURRELL IS 88
Monday, March 22nd, marked the 88th anniversary of Mrs. Sarah Burrell who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Alex Harvey.

MORE HYDRO FOR RURAL FOLK
After waiting and hoping for five years, since the first applications were sent in for hydro the residents of South Glenelg and the Edge Hill district are at last about to experience the realization of their hopes.

HAD RECORD ATTENDANCE TUES. EIGHTH ANNUAL SEED FAIR
The eighth annual seed fair held at Meaford on Tuesday of this week, was one of the largest yet held, and the attendance has never been so large.

HIGH PRICES AT AUCTION SALES
The sale of Bill Ellison's last Wednesday afternoon was one of the largest auctions held in this district for some time.

NEWSPAPER FILM SHOWN
A pre-view of the National Film Board's picture of the Weekly Newspaper, is in the news these days.

SAVING THE STANDARDS!
Writing from North Bay to renew The Standard, Mildred Eskine Yeates tells of having a call from Ebyn Roberts and his son, Dick, during the winter.

CHEESEVILLE FORUM CONCLUDES
At their last meeting of the season Cheeseville forum had a fair attendance, with a good discussion on the question of Farmers' Income Tax.

NEW CANADIANS
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Markdale District Escapes Serious Floods
While the Markdale district seems to be sitting high and dry, except for a few feet of water in the cellars, we can sympathize with those people in the river basins where ice and fast moving waters have caused some of the worst floods in history.

Snow banks in this district have disappeared as if by magic, and driving along the highway south, you see fields of water on both sides of the road.

In the Eugenia power house district, a road over which the school bus travels, was washed out last Friday, and residents had to walk the pipe line in order to reach home.

VANDELEUR

The final meeting of the farm forum series was held in the Community hall on Monday evening, March 22nd, with about 30 in attendance.

Spring seems to have arrived promptly on March 21st. The birds are back in great numbers; groundhogs are running around; the sap is running, and the snow has disappeared almost like magic over the week-end.

At the same time a carcass demonstration was held. The hogs had been shipped to Toronto, slaughtered and the carcasses returned so the farmers in the district could see the results of their efforts.

Special speakers included Prof. R. Keegan, B.S.A., Field Husbandry Dept., O.A.C., Guelph, judge of seed; Mr. E. D. Scotchmer, Production Services of the Federal Gov't., Toronto, who had charge of carcass grading; Mr. Ross Gordon, B.S.A., Hamilton, of the Dom. Marketing Service, who spoke on bruising losses, and Mr. K. S. Murphy B.S.A. of the Weeds and Seeds branch.

President J. Alfred Lowe and officers were quite delighted with the success of this year's fair, which revealed an improved quality of exhibits and more interest on the part of the farmers.

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Rotary Club to Celebrate Tenth Anniversary April 13
Two more weeks and Markdale Rotary Club will be observing its tenth anniversary which is to be marked by a gala night, and members as well as Rotary Arms are looking forward to the evening, when Dr. Geoff. Wheable of London, Ontario, a Past District Governor of the 152nd District of Rotary International, will be the guest speaker.

Rotarians were on hand on Tuesday night this week to hear Mr. Kemp, a member of Oakville Rotary Club and a representative of the Johns Mansville Company, who spoke on the many uses made of asbestos.

Dundalk Wins C.O.H.L. Championship Monday
Dundalk Beavers defeated Markdale Lumber Kings 8-2 at the Owen Sound Arena Monday night to take the championship of the Central Ontario Hockey League.

Much of the credit for the Dundalk win goes to Ernie Batchelor who played a stellar game in goal. Two weeks ago he suffered a double fracture of his cheekbone.

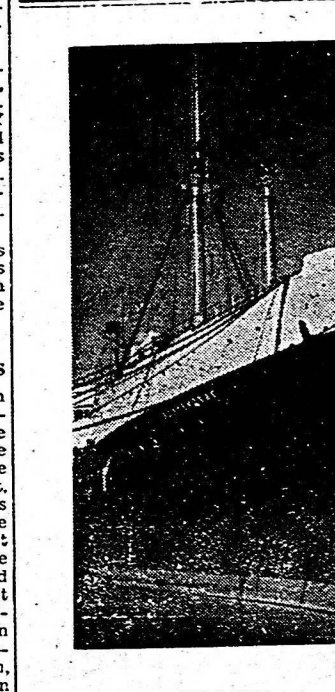
Bradley, with three goals, led the Dundalk team to its win. Campbell scored twice with Grummett, Stafford and Springay netting once each.

Lawrence, Markdale's defence ace, suffered a shoulder injury in the first period and was unable to play up to his usual good form after that.

OPENING DATES SET FOR 1948 FISHING SEASON
The Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests has announced that May 1st will be the opening of the speckled trout season this year.

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DUNDALK-Rev. J. Homer Dean, minister of Dundalk, Bethel and Hopeville United churches, accepted a call to Kirkton charge in the St. Marys district. This is said to be one of the best rural charges in the London conference of the church.



The History of Easter (The War Cry)
Easter is the second of the two greatest festivals of the Christian year, and is scarcely less significant than Christmas.

The word that we use, "Easter," did not at first have any reference to this Christian event, and the only time it appears in the New Testament it is a mistranslation of the word "pascha" or the Passover.

Old as the day is, we cannot be sure just when and how it was celebrated in the Apostolic times, although we know that such an important anniversary was observed by the early followers of Jesus.

A wealth of tradition has grown up about Easter; it is the day when the tall Madonnas lilies shed their poignantly sweet scent in all of the churches and houses; when Easter eggs appear on all sides, with little rabbits and baby chicks—all of these being things that are new and young, characteristic of the youngness of the springtime world, and that morning nearly two thousand years ago when they found that the stone had been rolled away.

It is thought that eggs have been used as an emblem of Easter because the breaking of the shell symbolizes the Resurrection. Certainly they have been so used for a long time, for in some of the accounts of King Edward I for the household of King Edward I of England, there appears an item of eighteen pence for 400 eggs to be used as Easter gifts.

Easter means so many different things to us; to the children it means Easter bunnies and eggs; to the school children it is one of the main holiday seasons; but above and beyond all of these pleasant and even joyous connotations, there lies in the hearts of all of us a consciousness of the mystic joy and exaltation of that first golden Easter dawn, when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the sepulchre and found that the stone had been rolled away.

Rosedale Farm Forum
The last farm forum of the series met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Thompson. The question was answered, and all business was finished up for this term.

The children, cared for by older passengers during the voyage, are shown shortly after landing at Halifax on their way to join relatives in Winnipeg. The 9,000-ton Beaverbrae, formerly the German vessel Huascarana, was obtained by Canada as part-reparations and will bring new settlers to the Dominion approximately every five weeks.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK
John Kirkpatrick, a life-long resident of Euphrasia Township, died in the Markdale hospital on Monday, in his 80th year.

Deceased was a native of Euphrasia, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkpatrick. For a number of years he operated a store at Goring, and later farmed until his retirement.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, with service in Oliver's Interment took place at Markdale.

ROCKLYN
The new International bull dozer and plough recently purchased by Mr. A. Davidson and Son of Griesville, opened many roads in Euphrasia this past week and proved very satisfactory.

Friends in attendance at the funeral included G. E. Richardson, Toronto; Mrs. Anthony Ellett, Toronto; Mrs. J. C. Mercer and son, Jack, Owen Sound; Mrs. Walter Lemon, Walters Falls.

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MRS. ELSIE CULLIS
Mrs. Elsie Cullis, well-known resident of Markdale village for nearly 30 years, passed away at her home here on Saturday evening, following a lingering illness.

Formerly Elsie Elliott Richardson, deceased was born on the farm now owned by Alex Harvey on the north line of Euphrasia, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson, who were among the pioneers of that district.

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Annesley Church Program Was Much Enjoyed

The program presented at Annesley church on Tuesday evening including two short comedies with the appealing title "Wisdom for Wives" and "Have You Had Your Operator?" was a splendid success, and a good-sized crowd was on hand to enjoy them.

Supplying numbers between acts were David Beaton with a piano solo; Mrs. Sutton sang a violin solo; Mrs. Lorne Dennison sang "Rose in the Bud" and "Sister Mary"; then a piano solo by Fern Harris, and a quartette including Misses Lorne Dennison, Harry McArthur, George Buchanan and Rev. Walter Lee sang "The Heavens Are Telling." Every number was thoroughly enjoyed.

On Monday morning a highly respected citizen of Rocklyn in the person of James M. Matthews passed away at his home in his 78th year.

James M. Matthews was born in Egremont township, seven miles from Durham, where he spent his early years. In June of 1861 he was united in marriage to Amelia Jane Piester, also of Egremont.

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On Monday morning a highly respected citizen of Rocklyn in the person of James M. Matthews passed away at his home in his 78th year.

Former Resident Panjer
There passed away in Regina, Saskatchewan, on Saturday, March 14th, a former Markdale resident, Mr. David Johnston Henry, who for years was in the Henry Bros. grocery. Some 28 years ago he moved with his family to Lorneburn, Sask., later moving to Regina, Sask., about 20 years ago, where he has resided ever since.

COMING EVENTS
EASTER DANCE - In Williamsford Hall, Monday, March 29. Music by Norman Hartley and his popular 3-piece dance orchestra. Adm. 50c.

KEEP SATURDAY, MARCH 27 open for Cooke's Church Easter Bazaar and Afternoon Tea, at the home of Mrs. Aaron Thompson.

EASTER CANTATA-Annesley Church choir will present an Easter Cantata in Annesley church on Easter Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. Visitors and everyone cordially welcome.

DANCING-In Markdale Armoury to the music of Lewis MacDonald and his 9-piece orchestra. Saturday night, March 27th, from 8:45 to 12 p.m. Auspices Hall Committee. Adm. 50c.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES-At the Fraternal Hall, Fiesherston, are 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 nights in Fiesherston.