LOCAL NEWS

HOCKEY TEAM ENTERTAINED

HOCKET TEAM ENTERTAINED

The boys of the Senior bocket team were quests of the Markdale Rotary Club on Tuesday night. The Club members are interested in giving the team support in the coming hocket games. The dinner was a token of the good will of the club. Jack Perkins, secretary-treasurer of the hocket team, spoke briefly regarding the hopes of the team for the year. He asked for public support and assurred the club that the boys would give a good display of hockey if given the opportunity. F. D. Sawyer introduced the guests to the Club members and the president, Geoff. Chamberlin, welcomed them.

LOCAL LADY HAS WRIST BROKEN

Mrs. W. J. Bowes met with an unfortunate accident last week when she slipped on the floor of her home and broke her wrist. Mrs. Bowes has been bedfast for several weeks lately, suffering from phlebitis, and she had just nicely recovered from this aliment and was beginning to get around again. Priends are sympathizing with her in her double misfortune.

GEORGE SOUTH IS WARDEN

GEORGE SOUTH IS-WARDEN
George South, Reeve of Collingwood,
was elected Warden of Grey County
at the opening of the January sessions of County Council held in Owen
Sound on Tuesday evening. He was
elected 23 to 14 over Julius Kuhl,
Reeve of Sullivan. Thirty-seven years
of age, Mr. South who has been in
County Council for three years, is one
of the youngest, if not the youngest
reeve ever to be elected Warden of
Grey County.

HOCKEY NEWS

When the local C.O.H.L. team went to Dundalk on Wednesday night they not only had to go without three of their best players who were Joing night duty with the hydro; but they had no spares and were played out at the end of the first period. The score was 15-4. It is unfortunate that all the boys have not been able to get together for the games so far. But they promise better things for the future.

98TH BIRTHDAY ON SATURDAY

Markdale's 'grand old man,' Mr. Wm. Littlejohns, will mark his 98th birthday on Saturday, January 22nd, and has an honoured place in the 'Over Ninety Birthday Club' on Neighbourly News. Although his life is gradually drawing to a close, as a result of an illness extending over the past two weeks, he has witnessed great changes in his day. He lives here with his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Walker. Another daughter, Mrs. C. C. Borden, and Mr. Borden of Guelph spent several days last week visiting Mr. Littlejohns.

WILL VISIT HERE THIS SUMMER

A letter received this week from Dr. A. A. MacVicar of Port Elgin, N.B., informs us they have a baby boy, David Richard, born December 16th, who according to Mrs. MacVicar, is a cariacture of his dad. Friends here will also welcome the news that the MacVicar's hope to visit up here this summer sometime, and he wants friends to know they can be expecting "five." mer sometime, and he wants friends to know they can be expecting "five." And we might add that the town's Centennial is being planned this sum-mer to welcome folks like the Mac-Vicars' "back home".

LODGE MEMBERS VISIT MEAFORD

Ten members of Saugeen Lodge, I.O.O.F., visited Meaford Lodge on Monday evening when a team from Thornbury Lodge exemplified the first degrees on seven candidates, including four from Markdale: Eigin Boyd, Lloyd Boland, Verdun Irwin, and Vic Ward.
Other members from the local lodge
who accompanied them were George
McMaster, Fred Robinson, George Whitney, Lloyd Lyons, George Colgan and Howard Dennison.

N. Hunt read the minutes of the last meeting and other correspondence. It was decided to order a copy of the book "50 Years of Achievement". A letter from Mrs. Futcher was read in which she reminded the branches of the drive for new members. This was discussed while the power continued off, and in store for them next. School was called off Wednesday morning, while the power continued off, and in store for them next. School are members. This was discussed while the power continued off, and in store for them next. School are industries. The Creamery and the for a few minutes and pairs were made to ask non-members in the community to attend meetings. Mrs. G. Mac-Donald gave the report of the sunshine committee and letters of appreciation were read from those receiving Christ-

The program consisted of community and Mrs. R. C. Robinson read an article on the manufacture of Christmas crackers; Mrs. C. Cook gave a very interesting account of her trip to Western Canada and United States. She illustrated her talk with many snaps taken during the trip.

The roll call was "name your favorite pastime". The singing of the National Anthem and Grace followed by lunch brought the meeting to a

ANNESLEY W.A. ELECT OFFICERS

The Woman's Association of Annes ley United Church held their annual meeting at the parsonage last Thurs-day evening when officers for the comday evening when officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. A, Acheson; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Burnside; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Robt. Down; secretary, Mrs. Herb Smith; treas, Mrs. Cliff Oliver; pianist, Mrs. W. M. Lee; Devotional Committee, Mrs. D. Foster, Mrs. LA Erskine; parsonage committee J. A. Erskine; parsonage committee Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Norton Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Harris; fellowship committee, Mrs. J. Bowles, Mrs. Béa-ton; flower committee, Mrs. J. A. Ham-ilton, Mrs. Chamberlin and Mrs. Fisher.

The Markdale Standard

Volume 69; Number 21.

MARKDALE, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1949

\$2.00 a year in Canada; \$2.50 in U.S.

Severe Wind Storm Does Much Damage

This district has just survived one of here, and there is evidence of destruct here, and there is evidence of destruct-ion in every direction. It began about midnight on Tuesday, and continued unabated till about six o'clock on Wednesday morning, reaching its height about four am. As a result Markdale was without hydro for 24 hours when fourteen poles were broken down in the first mile and a quarter south of town. In the townships surrounding, barns were tunroofed, trees were broken, church steeples and signs were blown down, and much damage done to buildings. It was accompanied by flashes of lightning, and at times the gusts, estimated at over 80 miles per hour, seemed to rock houses on their foundations.

In Flesherton district sixteen hydropoles on the line poles on the line from the power house were broken off, and two poles on the highway north of here, near Ernie Bradley's, were down. Over thirty men worked all day Wednesday, and some of them all night repairing the damage They are surely deserving of a word of praise.

In town the spire of Christ Anglica church which was repaired and painted about two years ago, was blown down along with some bricks. It was considered fortunate, however, that it struck a beam when it hit the roof, or more damage might have resulted. The local parion band to the completed carrier for parish had just completed paying for the improvements made recently, and now find the steeple is damaged beyond repair. It is reported the Anglican church at Holland Centre which was moved and completely renovated the past summer had its steeple blown off and the new bell broken

The roofs of several barns in the district were blown off. The barn of Gordon Francis north of here lost the whole top which included a new alum-inum roof which was blown in all dir-ections. The barn had been rebuilt only recently and the loss is a heavy one. The barn of Eldrid Ward and Alfred Stafford's log barn also on the high-way, were damaged considerably.

East of here several barns and other buildings are reported damaged. Russell Hill lost the roof off his garage. Barns Hill lost the root oil his garage. Barns owned by Wm. Phillips, Wm. Thompson and Ken Craven were battered by the gale. In Rosedale district Bob Caswell's steel roof was damaged. On the 10th of Glenely, the barn roof of Nelson Schaeffer is reported off. On the highway south, several barn roofs were seen off them the sterm obtack Wednesday. off when the storm abated Wednesday

Around town several chimneys fel prey to the blasts. George McFadden's prey to the blasts. George McFadden's house on Toronto street, the former Belfry home, had the chimney blown down. Sam Arrowsmith had his car damaged when the chimney blew over. The double chimney on the Mercer block met a similar fate. As well as that, several trees were blown down, dozens of barn doors were blown off, and tree branches littered the walks. One man doesn't yet know where the roof of his poultry house landed.

Till the lights came on about half-

Till the lights came on about halfpast three Thursday morning, Mark-dale was without power and everything operated by electricity was at a standstill. Quite a number of homes were without heat all day, including the Grey County Home. The local Telephone Central reported a few interruptions in this area.

There were minor cases of damage at almost every other home. Along several streets the shingles were upturned where the gale had a clear sweep. The ZION WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The January meeting of the Zion branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. R. Peart with 15 ladies present. Mrs. Jos. Edwards opened the meeting and Mrs. N. Hunt read the minutes of the last meeting and other correspondence was decided to order.

while the power continued of, and the local industries, the Creamery and the Dairy, like the Standard Office, that depend on electric power to make the wheels go round, had to sit and wait till the damage was repaired.

TOLD BY ASTRONOMER

The following story was told by Prof J. W. Campbell of Edmonton in con-

J. W. Campbell of Edmonton in concluding his lecture given recently at Toronto University, addressing the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada: Three teen-age boys on a winter afternoon were out in the kountry playing together. They came to the edge of a level clearing covered with fresh snow and they decided to have a competition—they would walk to the other side of the clearing and see which one could trace out the straightest path. They did so, and at the conclu-They did so, and at the conclu

path. They did so, and at the concar-sion they compared notes.

One boy said he kept his eyes on his feet and endeavored to put his new foot prints in line with the ones he had just made. The second said he noticed just made. The second said he hocked the first boy doing this, and he also noticed that his path was not quite straight. So he endeavored to straighten his own path by allowing for the errors the first boy was making. But the third boy said he looked ing. But the third boy said ne looked neither at the other two nor at his own feet. Instead he picked out a distant tall tree and made directly for the way the winner.

t, and he was the winner.
The moral of this story has an as tronomical counterpart in the maxim:
"Better to set your course by the distant stars, than by the passing ships".

High School Teams Playing Inter-Form Hockey

The local High School, under the dir The local High School, under the direction of Mr. Lemon and Mr. Sherwood, has organized its hocker teams for a third successive year. The boys are divided into four teams, each with its own captain, as follows: 'Curt' Ryan and his 'Champs,' Hugh Merriam's 'Microbes,' Ross Ryan's "Rivetters;' the 'Pushlovers' under the leadership of Pred Peters. Although not yet of N.H.L. calibre, the players improve each time out. The idea is to promote sportsmanship and ability to play hockey with others.

Last Friday the first games were Last Friday the first games were played with the Pushovers pushing over the Microbes by a 2-0 count. In the second half of the twin bill the Champs were edged out 3-2 by the Rivetters. On Tuesday of this week, the Pushovers again were victorious. This time they gained a 2-1 decision from the 'Champs' with their Captain, Fred Peters being the tradeout. The Rivetter ers being the stand-out. The Rivetter ers being the stand-out. The riveties, won a closely fought game from the Microbes, 2-1. This leaves the Rivetters and the Pushovers on top with two wins each, while the Champs and Microbes have yet to gain a victory.

TO COACH MIDGET HOCKEY

In an attempt to develop some ground work in juvenile hockey, and to ground work in juvenile hockey, and to train these youngsters in the ways of clean sport, Hugh Mercer has taken on the job of coaching the "midgets" group here—that is boys who aren't ready for the semi-pros. Hugh tells us ready for the semi-pros. High tells us these lads are keen to learn the game and he is to be commended for his efforts. This is one way of having some good material a few years hence when it comes to selecting players for the senior team. They play in Flesherton to-night where Norm. Scarrow is taking the same interest in juvenile is taking the same interest in juvenile hockey there.

Local High School Results are Released

Below is listed the results of the examinations held in Markdale High examinations held in Markdale High School previous to the Christmas recess. The marks in Grade IX work should not be taken too seriously as the true ability of the student, as previous records indicate that the change from public school procedure to that of the high school is more upsetting to some students than others and the student requires part of the year for adjustment. Students are listed in Grades without division into commercial or academic departments. Parents would be well advised to note the subjects in which the student has not made better be well advised to note the subjects in which the student has not made better than fair progress and should make an effort to see that the pupil does his home assignments.

GRADE IX

GRADE IX

John McKeown, 82.1%; Fern Harris, 81, Blanche Wiley, 78.3; Douglas Gilpin, 77.4; David Beaton, 74.5; Carol Leaver, 70.4; Anna Clugston, 69.5; Don Brawley, 69.3; Ruth Lepard, 69.1; Eleanor Hutchinson, 67.6; Ronald McCutcheon, 66.8; Edmund Hollis, 65.8; Leona Alcox, 65; Jean Lever, 64.3; Leona Alcox, 65; Jean Lever, 64.3; Mariorie McClocklin; 61.6; Iona Alcox, 61.5; Lucille Hill, 60.2; Joe Allison, 58.6; Joan Lever, 54.87; Ennest Trafford, 52.7; Wilmer Smart, 51.4; Donald Henry, 50.8; Fred Peters, 50.7; Bill McManaman, 49.6; Marion Hartley, 49.4; Olive Baines, 49.1; Mervin Boyes, 48.6; Peter D'Arcey, 48.2; Alex Williamson, 47.5; Marjorie Sowerby, 47.1; Phyllis Menary, 47; Keith Williamson, 43.7; Charlie Jackson, 38; Betty Shaw, 32.4. Betty Shaw, 32.4.

GRADE X

wasn't the only one,

Fortunately no fires occurred which would no doubt have had disastrous Thibaudeau, 79.7; Jean Sowerby, 79.4; Thibaudeau, 79.7; Jean Sowerby, 79.4; Jean Sowerby, 79. Hilbatteatt, 18.1, Sean Sovers, 18.1 Eileen Walker, 18; Isabel Gould, 175.5; Wayne Kidd, 74.5; Jean Peart, 66.4; Carl O'Neill, 64.5; Joyce Halbert, 64.2; Carl O'Neill, 64.5; Joyce Halbert, 64.2; Arnold Hollis, 64.2; Donald MacMillan, 64.1; Ruth Burritt, 63.7; Raymond Sweeney, 63.3; Ross Ryan, 62.1; Judith Sawyer, 59.5; Kathleen Routenburg, 59.4; Frederick House, 56.5; Marjorie Petch, 56.3; Joe Erskine, 56; Stuart Hill, 53, Jean Boyce, 52.7; Donald McCormick, 52.4; Doris Lauber, 50.4; Ronnie Hill, 50; Doreen Johnston, 47.4; Frank Hutchinson, 45.5; Ted Menary, 44.2; Kathrine Beirnes, 43.5; Bill Robson, 42.4; Glen Hannah, 38.2. Petch, 56.3: Joe Erskine, 56; Stuart Hill,

- GRADE XI

Ray Hunt, 75.7; Madge Matthews, 71.1; Mary Gillespie, 69.14; Angela Kenefick, 67.42; Morris Freeman, 64.4; Eugene Genoa, 64.28; Dorothy Keenan, 63.85; Dorothy Peart, 63.85; Edgar Gil-63.8; Dorothy Feat, 63.8, Rogal On-pin, 62.14; Ruth McNally, 61.8; Velma Wiggins, 61.3; Donald Brodie, 60.7; Doris Decker, 59.9; Ruth Alcox, 59; Alfred Trafford, 55.7; Anna McCor-mick, 53.17; Barbara Wright, 52.57; Alma Slade, 51.6; Betty Hill, 48.85; Leo 45.4; Blanche McCullough

GRADE XII

Ruth Peters, 85.8; Patrick O'Neil, 77.25; Leona Griffith, 78.25; Mary Thibaudeau, 71.87; James Foster, 70.5; Betty Edwards, 70.7; James Perkins 68.5; Doreen Buchanan, 67.6; Iola McAfee, 65.6; John Black, 65.25; Allan Shaw, 64.25; Donald Craven. 63.38; Leona Hill, 58.2; Kenneth Smart, 57.6; Hugh Merriam, 54; Stanley Trafford,

GRADE XIII

Geraldine Maher, 62.25; Denzil Saw-yer, 57.6; Kenneth Leaver, 57.4; Curtis Ryan, 52; Don Kidd, absent.

Markdale Will Mark Centennial in '49

If all goes well, Markdale will be observing its Centennial in the summer of 1949. Although a date has not yet been set, pending word from former residents in Toronto and Detroit, plans are on foot for observing the 100th anniversary with a gala three or possibly four day celebration. From the suggestions heard so far, it seems likely that worth while a netertainment will be gestions heard so far, it seems likely that worth-while entertainment will be secured, and the town, by that time, should be overflowing with hospitality. Mr. Gordon Beaton will head the executive committee; Dr. R. L. Carefoot has been named honorary president and Mr. T. Stewart Cooper 1st viceand Mr. F. D. Sawyer will act as publicity secretary, and W. E. Cramp, treasurer. The selection of remaining officers was left in the hands of the executive.

executive.

At present arrangements are being made to meet with a number in Toronto where many of Markdale's former residents now reside, and it is expected they will be responsible for organizing the "old boys and girls" away from home, and stage a full day's celebration. As soon as the date has been decided on, various committees will be appointed, and work will start in earnest. In addition to the present officers, the executive will include a representative from each organization in the village. Naturally everyone is expected to lend their whole-hearted co-operation, to give helpful suggestions where they can, and to lend a hand whenever they are called upon. are called upon.

One of the first things that will be undertaken will be to secure the names of all former residents of this village and district, and this is where almost every family can be of assistance. From this date the public will be kept in-formed of Centennial news each week through the columns of the Stand-

HOLFORD FARM FORUM

The weekly meeting of the Forum was held in the school on Monday, January 17th, when thirty-nine members and guests were present. Mr. David Anderson, representing the National Film Board and the Federation of Agriculture, presented a most enjoyable evening of films which were both educational and entertaining.

Mr. T. Stewart Cooper of Markdale was present and gave a very interesting and inspiring address urging the farmers of Grey to co-operate more closely with each other. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Anderson ware both heartily thanked Anderson were both heartily thanked on behalf of the Forum by Mr. Mervyn Sellwood, the secretary. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Bradley.

ROSEDALE FARM FORUM

About thirty gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wyville on Monday evening for Farm Forum The topic was "In Time of Need". The group thought security measures are group thought security measures are a good thing and also a good investment; they also thought that old age pension was a good thing, if it was handled fairly. Some favoured it being distributed similar to the family allowance; for instance, a person who is crippled or disabled in various ways before they reach the age of 70 should have the right to draw the pension themselves, or the person who takes care of them. The evening was spent in euchre and crokinole, the winners Mrs. Bill Caswell, Antoon Verschueren and Phyllis Menary. Lunch was served. and Phyllis Menary. Lunch was served. The next Farm Forum will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Menary, when Mr. Dick Mungin of Owen Sound will be present, if available.

VANDELEUR

Vandeleur Farm Forum met on Mondey evening, January 17th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchanan, and of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchland, and an exceptionally interesting discussion took place on "Social Security Measures", including Child Welfare, elementary education, housing, unemployment and crop insurance, health insurance and Old Age Pensions. The Forum felt that the trend toward such measures was a good thing, and that most of them, especially health insurance, were just as essential as free elementary education. With regard to old age pensions, it was felt that these should be paid to everybody, without a means test, at the age of 65, and they should be financed by taxation, with everybody contributing during the earning years of their lives, and should be \$40.00 per month. Forum felt that the trend toward such e \$40.00 per month.

The Forum has ordered 1750 trees to plant another reforestation plot and windbreak similar to the one planted long the road last year.

Will Ratcliffe presided for the meeting; Mrs. Angus Bowles and Mel Buchanan acted as group secretaries, and Mrs. W. G. Bowles and Howard Graham were discussion leaders. Mrs. undy Johnston conducted several contests and lunch was served, followed by ice cream and maple syrup. The next meeting will be held in the Community Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hill and Mr. Byron Hill attended the funeral of a relative in Toronto this week.

in Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Fitzsimmons and daughter of Toronto were recent visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fitzsimmons Mrs. Dane McGee spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. H. Burnside,

Fund is Started for Local Citizen

Many expressions of sympathy are heard on all sides, as a result of extensive damage done to Gor-don Francis' barn in the storm on Tuesday night, Already three men have left donations in this office with which to commence a fund to help him out in his loss. It is hoped that this will be only a start, and we will be gizd to accept further fund from the many others. ther funds from the many others whom we feel sure will be only too willing to do their part in helping this good citizen out.

LBERT E. BRYSON PASSES

(The Globe and Mail)

Albert E. Bryson, veteran educa-ionist who devoted his life to teachtionist who devoted his life to teaching and the problems of those engaged in the profession, died yesterday at Lindsay, in his 81st year. He had gone to Lindsay to attend the funeral of a relative and was stricken with a heart attack

General secretary of the Ontario Educational Association for a number of years following his retirement as principal of Silverthorn Public School. Mr. Bryson was a familiar and School. Mr. Bryson was a familiar and much-beloved figure throughout Ontario. He began his teaching career in 1887, and was principal of Cobalt Public School during the days of Cobalt's boom as a silver producer.

Mr. Bryson was born in Cameron, Ont., in 1868, and was educated in Cameron, Lindsay and Ottawa. After service a principal in various parts

of Ontario, he came to Toronto in 1922 to become principal of Silverthorn School.

In 1927 he retired to take the position for the other came to Dead on the other came to the O.E.A. on

In 1927 he retired to take the position of general secretary of the O.E.A. on a full time basis, having been appointed to this post in 1924. Mr. Bryson did both secretarial and field work and gave numerous lectures on problems confronting educationists. (Mr. Bryson was a principal of Markdale Public School in 1912-13, and left here to go to Cobelt. Ed.) to go to Cobalt.—Ed.) -

MRS. WM. SEWELL BURIED

Following an illness of six weeks Mrs. Wm. Sewell died at her home at Stratford where she had made he home for the past 20 years. Born in Markdale 88 years ago, she was the former Miss Mahalah Freeman, daugh ter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Freeman. She resided here until 1913 when she moved to Listowel, and later to Owen Sound, before going to Strat-

ord.
Nine sons and one daughter survive Also two brothers: Wesley Freeman of Stratford and Thomas, Markdale, and one sister, Mrs. Jos. McCullough, Owen Sound. Seven of her sons and one son-in-law served in the First Great War. One son, Wm. J. died in Vancouver four years ago. Mr. Sewell died in 1910.

Enneral service was conducted Wed-

Funeral service was conducted Wed-nesday afternoon at Stratford where the late Mrs. Sewell was a member of the Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle.

TRAVERSTON

Roads and pathways are extremely lippery and dangerous. Drive tacks n your shoes!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Timmus vis-

Miss Jennie Davis and Basil on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Koebel, Windsor, are holidaying with his parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koebel of Glenelg

who will give a talk on hydro matters, and the measurements and costs for each home and farm buildings.

Mr. Russell Boyce of Markdale is helping Charlie Timmins to get up his pile of poles for wood.

Despite the icy condition of the roads

moving as well.

The Zion W.I. met at the home of Mrs. E. R. Peart on Thursday last with a big attendance. Mrs. J. C. Cook was guest speaker and gave a most graphic address on their three months' trip out West last summer, which took the Can-adian route going west over past the Rockies, returning by the U.S. route coming back. It was not only full of fine descriptive pictures and person-ages on the way; but reached the sub-lime in describing the majestic sights and wonders of the western sphere. Community singing and a reading by Mrs. R. C. Robinson and quiz was 'spec good. Mrs. Peart served a big

Which One?

"Which of your 13 children do you love the most?" a nurse at New York the most?" a nurse at New York's Henry St. Settlement asked a mother "The one who is sick until he gets

well," replied the mother; "the one who is away until he gets home."

COMING EVENTS

Robin Seen at Riverdale

While human beings are talking about the winter that so far has been about the winter that so far has been to eteryone's liking", we hear that in Riverdale locality, despite the fact that there's a good blanket of snow covering the earth out there, there's a persistent Robin Redbreast who has apparently decided to remain through the winter. It's around the former James Nelson home where this winter that he is hondwarder and clearly the size hondwarder and clearly the state of the size hondwarder and clearly the size has the size has the size had a size of the s James Nelson nome where this whiter robin has its headquarters and alread; it has made friends with passers by. Doug. Freeman rides horseback that way each morning through the fields to school, and now he looks for that robin who can be seen flitting about in the trees and bushes near the house, and mathe Robin looks for Doug, for the trees and busnes near the noise.

And maybe Robin looks for Doug, for coming home there's always left-overs in his lunch pail and he saves them for his bird friend. Whether the bird doesn't like this old home to be entirely deserted of feathered folk or whether his crumb rations are enough to entire him to stay is a question. whether his crumb rations are enough to entice him to stay is a question. But it is worth the suggestion that a few more of us clear a place in the snow around our homes for these harbingers of spring, preferably outside your window, so you'll enjoy watching them, and you'd be surprised how friendly these birds can get especially a winter time when your extra feed in winter time when your extra feed is so important for their livelihood. Although there is still plenty of snow Although there is stip plenty of show school children at Riverdale were surprised to find a ground hog stirring from its winter quarters last week. At the power house at Eugenia dew worms were found on the ground surpressible no doubt had been washed.

ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH HELD VESTRY MEETING

up by recent downpours of rain.

The annual vestry meeting of St. Matthias Church, Berkeley, was held in the church Thursday afternoon. January 13th, the Rector, Canon R. S. January 13th, the Rector, Canon R. S.
Jones, being in the chair. Financial
reports were read by Mrs. Edward
Beatty, secretary-treasurer of the
parish; Mrs. H. Gillespie for the Sunday School, and Mrs. A. Hannah for
the Ladies' Guild. All these reports
showed credit balances and were
adopted by the meeting.

face which no doubt had been washed

Sidesmen—James Mitchell, E. D. Gilpin, A. Hannah, J. McLaughlin, Wm. Gilpin, A. Hannah, J. McLaughlin, Wm. Sowerby. Wm. Welton, Wn. Wright, and Stewart Bennett.

News Story Features High School Teacher

When The Montreal Standard, that well-known national weekly, began to look around for a rural school principal who is also a leading citizen, their attention was directed to Markdale to one whom we all know as F. D. Sawyer. On Tuesday of this week a news writer, Mrs. Zoe Bieler, and photographer. Mrs. war, and Mrs. Charles Timmins visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. John Whitney of Holford.
The local farm forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Edwards on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Elison visited with Miss Jennie Davis and Basil on Sunday in the Montreal Standard the a photo story of Mr. Sawyer which will appear in the Montreal Standard the latter part of February. At that time Markdale will come in for some extra publicity when newsboys start shouting, "Read all about it."

Centre.

Mrs. Lloyd Banks and babe returned home from Durham hospital on Saturday.

Before the reporters left on Thursday they featured Mr. Sawyer as they took shots of various places around the urday.

A public meeting of residents of the 6th con. is being held at the home of Nelson Hunt on Wednesday afternoon to meet a Hydro man from Walkerton the first with the first with the first walkerton to meet a Hydro man from Walkerton the first walker to be several shots of Mr. Sawver following several shots of Mr. Sawver following the first walker to be several shots of Mr. Sawver following the first walker to be several shots of Mr. Sawver following the first walker to be several shots of Mr. Sawver following the first walker to be several shots of the first walker to be several shots of the first walker to be several shots of warrous places around the town and district where this teacher's interest and his participation have won and district where this teacher's interest and his participation have won and district where this teacher's interest and his participation have won and district where this teacher's interest and his participation have won and district where this teacher's interest and his participation have won and the first walker to be several shots of t several shots of Mr. Sawyer following his chosen profession. Then they ac-companied him to the Standard office where F. D. has been a valuable news contributor for some time. From here they made the rounds of the town, getting a few shots of his home life; Despite the icy condition of the roads getting a lew shots of his holie het, a goodly number of livestock is being sent to market; wheat and old hens are moving as well.

The Zion W.I. met at the home of Mrs. E. R. Peart on Thursday last with the westing they attended the meeting they attended the meeting organize for Markdale's Centennial. From there they may go to the church where Frank dons his choir gown and even takes the service on occasions. Then they're going out to a farm to show off his interests in farming, as head of the local Agricultural Society. There's no telling where they'll go after that, but like everyone else we'll be looking forward to seeing the story when it rolls off the press a month from now.

ORANGE VALLEY FORUM

Twenty-five were present for the Forum meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. O'Neil on Monday evening when the subject "In Time of Need" when the subject "In Time of Need" was discussed under the leadership of Mr. Ed. Beirnes. The forum thought the trend toward some social security measures is a good thing and as times advance will be very much needed. Regarding old age pensions some would like the pension age lowered to 65, and pay them \$50 per month, and cut off those with good jobs so that younger men and women might have 5 er men and women might have a chance of such jobs. Others favoure: Town Hall every Saturday night.
Always sociable crowds and loads of fun for all. Music b Norm. Hartley and his ever popular orchestra.
Door prize. Admission 50 cents.

Local B. of M. Branch Marks 50th Year

An early reminder that 1949 is this Community's centenary may be found next Monday in the anniversary of the local Bank of Montreal branch, for its establishment took place in 1899, mid-way through Markdale's first century.

The Merchants Bank of Canada, long since part of the B of M, opened the branch on January 24, 50 years ago, in the old McDougall block. J. A. Crowston, who later transformed the same premises into a barbershop, was the bank's first customer.

was the bank's first customer.

Within three years the branch found that these quarters could no longer accommodate the growing demand for its services. Accordingly, it rented part of a building which had been erected not long before by William Lucas and Company, a private banking firm. In 1918, the bank took over this enterprise, acquiring the whole building. This enlargement of its premises has since sufficed the branch despite a growth in business of recent years.

Markdale's Progress

In the past half-century the com-munity has acquired a more diversified economy as well as a number of public improvements. While mixed farming provides the district with its economic provides the district with its economic bedrock, much specialization in beef cattle and hog raising, and in wheat has developed. Markdale itself has much progress to show since 1899, from the replacement of wooden by cement sidewalks in that year to 'the subsequent building of the waterworks system, high school, fire hall, library, and armoury.

and armoury.

Taking part in many of these constructive changes, the B of M has worked hand in hand with Markdale folk of three generations. Its, finan-cial aid and counsel have consistently benefitted the community on the public, business and private levels.

Civic-Minded Managers As evidenced by this progressive pol-icy, the branch's successive managers have shared a firm belief in Markdale's potentialities for advancement. Angus

At the election of of the At the election of the executive of the



W. E. CRAMP

W. Edward Cramp, the present man-W. Edward Cramp, the present man-ager, has spent all 32 years of his banking career in Ontario. Born and educated at Meaford, Ontario, Mr. Cramp joined the bank at his native town. He came here from the B of M's Manitowaning office where he had charge for four years. Throughout his career, Mr. Cramp has taken a lively interest in community affairs and in sports.

Pioneer Banking

The forward-looking spirit of the local B of M office stems from the earliest traditions of the parent bank, which was founded in 1817. Within a fortnight of its establishment, Can-ada's first bank introduced the branch banking system. This flexible and trustworthy type of organization has long since proven a mainstay of the nation's relative stability in economic affairs. In its first year, the bank also issued Canada's earliest native currency and became the colonial gov-

enment's domestic banker.

In the opening up of the West, Bank
of Montreal branches pioneered in many frontier settlements.

many frontier settlements. The bank played an important part in financing Canada's first transcontinental railway, the Canadian Pacific.

Today, the bank that began as a modest office with seven employees has a staff of more than 9,000 in over of the British Commonwealth's major banks, the B of M maintains offices in London, Eng., New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. Canadians keeping money in the Bank of Montreal exceed 1,700,000. Thus, Cnaada's pioneer bank has grown up with the country it has so ably served on the long road from wilderness colony to world power.