

NAMES WANTED OF ALL FORMER MARKDALE DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The idea of a Centennial celebration is apparently meeting with approval on all sides, and several "old boys" are already at work in preparation for a get-together of many former residents of this place. As they have only a partial list of the names and addresses of these folk whom they want to welcome back home for this event, they are asking local people who have relatives from Markdale living away to leave their name and address in the Standard office letter box during the coming week. At the end of that time, it is likely all persons whose names have been given in, will be notified of a get-together in Toronto to make plans for participation in Markdale's Centenary. In all probability the date can be set at this meeting, and after that these folk can make plans for a part of the celebration. Right now they are counting on local people for those names. You are requested to not phone them in, but drop them in the letter box during the coming week.

ELECTION RUMOUR

According to the Paisley Advocate, the rumour is out that the next Federal election will come in June next. It is reported that the sitting member for Grey-Bruce, Walter E. Harris of Markdale, who is also parliamentary assistant to the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, will again receive the unanimous nomination of the constituency Liberals. It is almost an assured fact that his opposition at the polls will be Peter Lambertus, Walkerton druggist. The Progressive Conservative executive for Grey-Bruce have called a meeting to be held in Durham this Saturday, to consider calling a convention immediately to put a candidate in the field.

DISTRICT DEPUTY VISITS HERE

Freedom Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star welcomed their District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Oleda Jenkins, at their January meeting last Thursday evening, as well as several other visitors. After the work was exemplified, Mrs. Jenkins complimented the Chapter on their progress under the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Elsie Hannah and concluded her remarks with a most interesting address. Two new members were initiated. A delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge, in the dining hall.

GORING COUPLE HONOURED

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Williamson of Goring district were honoured at a party on Monday evening of last week, when their friends and neighbours met at their old home on the 11th line, to spend a few social hours with them before they moved to Goring. In appreciation for the help and neighbourly acts performed by this esteemed couple over many years, they were presented with two occasional chairs, with the wish that they would remind them of the many friends they leave behind in their neighbourhood. An address was read, signed by Earl Kirkpatrick, Oliver Fitzsimmons, Herb Lemon and Bill Phillips, and the recipients expressed their sincere thanks. An enjoyable evening was spent.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

The High School teams have completed their second successful week in their schedule. Friday's games did little to change the standing of the teams. The two cellar dwellers—Hugh Merriam's Microbes and Curt Ryan's Champs—played to a 1-1 deadlock. Meanwhile Ross Ryan and his Riveters held Fred Peters' Pushovers to a 2-2 tie. On Tuesday however, the Microbes pulled an upset, whitewashing the Pushovers 3-0. The Riveters took over first place by defeating the luckless Champs 5-2 who now have the cellar to themselves.

1949 IS OPEN FOX SEASON

An open season on foxes in Grey County, extended to include the full 12 months of 1949, was declared by the County Council, when it passed a by-law to this effect. The bounty in 1948 was \$2. per fox; under the by-law any municipality in the county is authorized to pay the bounty, and be reimbursed by the county treasurer. Pelts of foxes shot are required to be presented to the county treasurer or the local municipal treasurer to be marked. It was also explained that in order to hunt foxes anywhere out of season, a hunter must have a permanent gun license, unless hunting on his own land.

YOUR MORNING SMILE

"A rose for every precious year of your life," read the card enclosed with an order for two dozen flowers, the young man's birthday gift to his fiancée. "A good customer deserves extra service!" thought the florist, and threw in an extra dozen roses. The wedding has now been postponed indefinitely.

Local Reeve Reports On County Council

The January session of the Grey County Council opened this year on the evening of January 18, at 7 p.m., and closed at noon, January 22. This session is pretty much taken up with organization work for the year.

During the opening evening the chief business was the appointment of the Warden. The nominations ended with Reeve John Kuhl of Sullivan and Reeve George South of Collingwood Township in the contest. Balloting was by call of the roll and ended with Reeve South with a majority of the votes and Wardenship for 1949. Incidentally, the method of selecting a warden was changed at this session and henceforth will be done by secret ballot. Wednesday was taken up with the appointment of the standing committees.

As a result of the appointments the honours are fairly well distributed. The Reeve of Markdale finds himself on the Board of Management of the Grey County Home along with Reeve Stan Acheson of Proton, and Reeve Ashley McCallum of Hanover. He is also on the Finance Committee, County Property Committee, and the Educational Committee.

The business of the management of the Grey County Home is a major concern for 1949, since the old building is so very much overcrowded, and hence a new building should be undertaken to accommodate the very increased demand for room in such an institution. The old building was made for 42 inmates about 45 years ago, and it is now required to have beds for 80 adult persons. It is estimated that the new quarters should have 110 beds. The big problem for the Board to solve is how to finance such a big undertaking. The very least estimate is for over \$200,000.

It would seem that since the taxing powers of a county are so much less than those of the Provincial Government, the Department of Welfare should shoulder a large share of the cost of the County Home construction. It is admitted by the Department of Education that they should help largely in the construction of schools for the young, hence it would seem to follow that the Department of Welfare should largely help to house the aged.

It will be the duty of the Board of Management of every County Home to urge on the Minister of Public Welfare at Queen's Park; the necessity and importance of passing legislation to make it possible for the Department of Welfare to contribute at least 50% of the cost of new construction. Otherwise such cost will weigh heavily on the Counties.

County roads for 1948 cost \$392,391, and the estimated cost for '49 is \$50,000.00. It is said that we are saving up to \$1000 a day on account of the mild weather. The County has a surplus as of the end of 1948 of \$173,618.95; of this \$131,000.00 is in Province of Ontario Bonds.

A by-law incorporating all connecting links through urban centres in the County, into the Grey County Roads system was passed by the Council on Saturday morning. Included in the list of roads involved is Road No. 14, Artemesia and Glenelg in the village of Markdale, approximately 1.9 miles.

HANDS INJURED IN EXPLOSION
(Durham Chronicle)

An unfortunate accident occurred on Friday when Bernard Mullins of town had both his hands severely mutilated and may lose three fingers of his right hand when five dynamite caps exploded while in his hands. A piece of the metal struck his forehead.

Just where the explosives came from originally is not clear but it is known that two small boys, Douglas Rowe and Bruce Catton, found them in a box of rubbish at the rear of the Mullins' home and gave them to Bernard. One was put in the stove and only a small puff resulted. What caused them to explode in Mullins' hands is not known.

HUNTING PARTY HERE SATURDAY

A party of hunters from Hespeler-Galt district motored here by bus for a day's hunting in these parts last Saturday, and they report a good outing. Leader of the gang was Mr. Finlay, a brother of Mrs. Stan Woods of town, and his hunters succeeded in bagging 5 foxes, 7 jacks, and a couple of hares. There was lots of shooting, and very likely some good yarns of the big ones that got away.

CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED

May we again remind you that the Standard office is acting as a receiving centre for contributions, large or small, to assist Mr. Gordon Francis whose barn was damaged badly in the recent wind storm. Several hundred dollars would fall short of repairing the damage, and yet a few dollars from you and I will at least give this worthy citizen a start toward recovering his loss. The satisfaction of knowing you have helped out will be good returns for money well spent.

Annesley Congregation Hold Supper Meeting

The congregational supper meeting of Annesley United Church is being held in the church basement on Wednesday evening when reports presented from the various departments will indicate a most successful year. Receipts for the current account, including Vandeleur and Ebenezer, totalled \$4327.71, which included a balance on hand from the year previous of \$177.13. A special drive for funds to make repairs to the church building, organ, etc., amounts to \$2586.03.

Statistics of session show the resident membership at the close of 1948 was 242, compared with 249 a year ago, and the non-resident membership showed a loss of 7, standing now at 43. Four were received into church membership by certificate, and seven removed by certificate. There were a total of ten baptisms during the 1948 year, including eight within the congregation; 8 marriages, 4 within the congregation, and 27 funerals, of which 13 were from Annesley Church.

Eleven members, removed by death during the year, has been a great loss to the church. They were: Mr. M. L. Belfry, Mr. Chas. E. Armstrong, Mrs. C. W. Bowler, Miss Della Brodie, Mrs. W. R. Burnett, Mr. W. N. Burnside, Mrs. J. Cherry, Miss Emily Cullis, Mrs. A. Day, Mr. A. E. Roche, Mrs. J. B. Thibaudeau and Mr. T. H. Wilson. At Ebenezer the resident membership of 45 had been lessened by one, with the death of one of its elders, Frank W. Taylor, with no change in membership reported at Vandeleur.

Former Markdale Boy Escapes Death in Crash

The following article taken from Monday's Daily Star has reference to Mr. Bill Alton, formerly of this place, who escaped with a broken nose and minor injuries when the car he was driving was struck by a fast freight train at the C.P.R. level crossing at Bala on Sunday afternoon. Although his two companions were killed, Bill Alton managed to jump out seconds before the locomotive smashed into the car. He is a son of Mr. George Alton of this place and a brother of Mrs. Russ Thorburn of Eugenia. The article reads in part:

"While the wife of one watched in horror, two men were fatally hurt here yesterday when the car in which they were passengers was hit by a speeding C.P.R. freight train at a level crossing. Thrown clear of the car, the driver escaped with a broken nose and other injuries doctors said are not considered serious.

Instantly killed, when the locomotive struck the right rear end of the car, was Walter Baldock, 56, hardware merchant and president of the Bala Lion's club. Wilfred Purdon, 46, maintenance man at the Ragged Rapids Hydro power plant, died in a nearby grocery store 20 minutes after the smash. Wm. K. Alton, who owned and drove the car, was allowed to go home after receiving medical treatment.

Unaware her husband was in the car, Mrs. Baldock saw the accident from a window in their home not far from the crossing. Baldock was on his way to inspect a new toboggan slide, operated by the Lion's Club, and when he was detained, other members of the organization left without him. Police said that had he travelled with the group as originally planned he would not have been killed.

Police said the crossing is approached by a grade described as fairly steep. The roadway and rails were slippery at the time, they said, and the car's rear wheels spun on the tracks while the freight thundered towards the crossing. The car was struck at the right rear end, whipped around in a complete circle and tossed into a snowbank near the tracks.

The crossing is clear of visibility impediments for some distance on both sides, police said. They suggested an east wind blowing at the time might

Christ Church Appoint Officials at Vestry Meet

A congregational dinner and annual vestry meeting was held in the church hall, Christ Church, Markdale, on Friday evening, January 21st, to mark the completion of repair work on the basement and the installation of a new furnace. The Rector, Canon R. S. Jones, congratulated the congregation on the work already accomplished at a cost of over \$3000 and remarked that even the toppling over of the church steeple during the high wind of last Tuesday had not dampened the enthusiasm of this meeting.

Congratulatory addresses were made by the wardens, Messrs. T. H. Reburn and Ran Bradey; Mrs. A. O. Gillespie, president of the Senior Guild, Mrs. Verdun Irwin, president of the Junior Guild; Mrs. Arke Dunlop and Jack Colgan for the A.Y.P.A., the society which originated this work. The thanks of the meeting was presented to many of the young men of the parish who did a great deal of gratis work both in the hall and in the kitchen.

At the annual vestry meeting, reports were presented by Mrs. R. S. Jones for the Sunday School, Mrs. A. O. Gillespie for the Sr. Guild, Miss Marjorie Mann for the Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Verdun Irwin for the Jr. Guild. The Church Warden's report was presented by Mr. T. H. Reburn, and the Anglican Advance Appeal and Church Improvement Fund by Mr. Ran Bradey.

At the election of officers, Canon Jones appointed Mr. T. H. Reburn as Rector's Warden for the ensuing year, and Mr. Ran Bradey was elected People's Warden. They were also elected as delegates to Synod, with Mr. F. D. Sawyer and Mr. J. R. Matthews as substitutes. Mrs. Hugh Mercer was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, receiving the thanks of the meeting by a standing vote.

Board of Management—Wm. Erskine, John Matthews, Jack Bradey, Ran Bradey, T. H. Reburn, F. D. Sawyer, Earl Hannah, Mrs. T. J. Tuck, W. B. Gregory, Mrs. T. H. Reburn, Mrs. Hugh Mercer, H. H. Mercer, Jack Hill, I. B. Lucas, W. E. Cramp.

Sidesmen—Jack Sherring, Earl Hannah, Wm. Gregory, Ran Bradey, Denzil Sawyer, John Colgan, Jack Bradey, Lynn Sawyer, W. E. Cramp, Allan Lemon, George Lemon, Herb Walker, Manley Richardson, Jack Dennison, and Thos. Tuck.

The church wardens were authorized to place a temporary roof on the tower until further plans are made with regard to the tower or steeple.

Rocklyn Agric. Society Hold Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of Rocklyn Agricultural Society held in the hall on Saturday, January 22nd, reports were heard, which showed finances to be sound, with much interest shown in the affairs of the society. Officers were as follows: Hon. pres., Wm. Rae; pres., Elvin Sewell; 1st vice-pres., Walter Boyd; 2nd vice-pres., Don Cowling; treas., Stanley Clugston; sec., Edward Lanktree.

Directors: Carl Cook, George Yeaddell, Elvin Sewell, Walter Boyd, Lawson Sewell, Ross Gordon, Don Cowling, Harry Yeaddell, Elvin Boyd, Charles Miller, Murray Sewell, James Cooper, Stan Clugston, Carman Caswell, J. S. Falls, Wm. Rea, and J. W. Clarke.

Lady Directors: Mrs. Wm. Rea, Mrs. E. Sewell, Mrs. Carman Caswell, Mrs. G. Perry, Mrs. C. Taylor, Mrs. Stuart Falls, Mrs. E. Gardner and Mrs. Emerson Cook.

Honorary Directors: Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Pottage, J. W. Patton, Carl Rennie, Reeve, Twp. of Euphrasia, V. Perry, John Lush, Wm. Clugston, Carl Boyd, H. A. Adams, Ed. McClean, Earl Gardner, Gordon Perry and Jas. Irwin.

Auditors: John Baird and Charles Fothergill.

Proposed date of fair, October 4-5, 1949.

ILL-PAID PASTORS

Of the 2,178 active ordained ministers of the United Church of Canada, more than half of them—1,142—receive \$2,000 a year or less. Some 500 of these receive between \$1,700 and \$1,800 in "salary". Over 84 per cent of United Church ministers get \$2,500 or less. Even with a free manse, this is small money. Practically every minister is obliged to operate an automobile and in most cases, the whole of this is a "heavy charge on the minister's salary."—St. Marys Journal-Argus.

MAILING LIST CORRECTED

The Standard's mailing list was corrected last week-end, and new dates should appear this week on labels of all subscribers who have paid their subscriptions up to and including Saturday last. In changing the dates on 300 labels, it is possible we may have missed yours. That is why it is important that you check your label now, and see if you have been credited with your renewal. You might look at it anyway, and see how much better it would look paid up '49.

VANDELEUR Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Vandeleur church, was held at the close of the service on Sunday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. W. M. Lee, presiding and Billie Johnston, Jr. acting as secretary. Good reports were presented from the various departments. Lundy Johnston was re-elected to the Session for a three-year term, and George Buchanan and Howard Graham to the Board of Stewards for three years. W. B. and H. I. Graham were elected auditors, and Mrs. George Buchanan, organist.

A committee consisting of Mesdames W. Johnston, E. Hutchinson, W. Bowles and H. Graham were appointed to consider the Sunday School problem.

It was decided to extend an invitation to the Artemesia, Markdale and Fiesherston Sunday School Association to hold their 50th annual convention here next June.

In his sermon during the afternoon, Mr. Lee based his message on "Health and Disease, spiritually, mentally, and physically" and delivered an impressive discourse.

Farm Forum Meeting

The Vandeleur Farm Forum met in the Community Hall on January 24th and discussed "What Can We Do to Help our Local Fair." A number of suggestions were made. It was felt that the Fair would be improved from an educational standpoint, if judges were required to give reasons for their placings in many of the classes.

It was felt too that the midway doesn't give value for the money it takes out of the community and much of it should be eliminated and sporting events such as ball games, horse shoe pitching, etc., would be better attractions. Some members didn't like the place where the horses were judged and the suggestion was made the forum give a prize for the best essay by a school pupil on "What the Fair Means to Me."

Progressive crokinole and cards were played for which handsome prizes were given. The winners in crokinole being W. G. Bowles and Andy Fawcett and in cards Mrs. Fawcett and Carol Wilson. Lunch was served. The vice-president, Billie Johnston, Jr. presided and Howard Graham was secretary. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston.

The regular meeting of the W.I. was held in the Community Hall on Thursday afternoon, January 20th, with a good attendance, and on Monday afternoon they met for a quilting in the hall.

In the Fall 1948 edition of "Home and Country" we were pleased to see our County President, Mrs. Russell Freeman, a member of Vandeleur W.I. in the pictures taken at Grey County W.I. Rally at Aytun, and also those of Mrs. Ethel Hutchinson and Mrs. Howard Graham in the picture taken of the bus trip to visit a modern scale chicken ranch, which was a feature of the Convention program.

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ormsby and Audrey were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ormsby of Meaford, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gilray of Heathcote. The Gilrays also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gilray.

Your correspondent received a card recently from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, now in British Columbia. It said, "We haven't seen anything yet, better than good old Vandeleur."

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Wilson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gilray and family, visited with friends in Camperdown over the week-end.

Mrs. Ted Fawcett and two children of Wodehouse were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wyville and family.

Mr. Jim Cargoe spent a few days in Toronto. "Hoots Mon." De ye no ken it's "Rabbit Burns" birthday the day; January 25th, and with Brotherhood week coming up soon, we are reminded of his poem.

Local Bank of Toronto Has Splendid Record of Service

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hunt were in Toronto for several days last week, attending the 93rd annual meeting of the Bank of Toronto, and enjoying several social functions arranged for the Bank managers and their wives from across Canada. These included a reception and dinner at the King Edward Hotel on Tuesday evening, and entertainment at the Granite Club for the ladies the following day, while the men of the party were entertained at the York Club. Wednesday afternoon Managers and their wives attended a reception at the Park Plaza, guests of Mr. Gillett, the general manager, and Mrs. Gillett. On Thursday evening they were royally entertained at Simpson's Arcadian Court at a ball for bank managers as well as staff members of Toronto and near-by branches. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt had the pleasure of meeting several former employees, who had been transferred at one time or another from the Markdale branch.

Since the local Bank of Toronto branch occupies an important place in the business life of Markdale, this would seem an opportune time to bring our readers a brief story of the bank which has completed more than 93 years of valuable service in this community. The Bank of Toronto was incorporated in the year 1855 when they opened the first branch in Toronto. Since then the banking service has continued to grow till the present time finds 208 branches across Canada.

It was in the year 1918 that representatives from head office looked over the ground here and decided Markdale district offered good prospects for their banking service. In 1918 they bought out the McCullough and Young private bank here, and W. L. Young, who was well acquainted with the needs of local people was left in charge for ten years.



A. E. HUNT

In 1928, Mr. A. E. Hunt came to Markdale from Freeton branch to take charge, and under his capable management the banking service has continued to grow and business has actually more than doubled in the last four years. It is encouraging to learn, according to Head Office, Markdale contains one of the best small branches in the service and that the town itself is considered one of the best "small villages" between Toronto and Owen Sound. The bank's reputation has been earned by services rendered, which is in no small part largely due to its energetic manager, Albert Edward Hunt.

The Bank of Toronto has prospered with the business and industrial life of this village. More than a dozen well established businesses here got their start through the Bank of Toronto loan program, and their business in turn has repaid the bank in the amount of business they have returned.

In the past twenty years, the manager, A. E. Hunt, has played an active and important part in the life of the village, and has held office in many of the town's fraternal and social clubs, including the local Rotary Club. At the present time his main interests are centred in the Curling Club, of which he is treasurer, in Annesley United Church, and in the local skating Club where he has been showing the younger generations "how to figure on ice." In the summer he relaxes at his favourite trout streams, or playing golf. His is a splendid record in the story of Markdale's progress during the past 20 years, but his management of one of Markdale's efficient banks, perhaps outshines them all.

Mrs. Kate Aitken, well known member of the Canadian Women's Press Club, and radio commentator, left from Montreal this month to fly to Vancouver, on a trip around the world.

24 Rinks Curl In Local Bonspiel

Markdale Curling Club staged a most successful bonspiel on local ice on Monday when 24 rinks participated, with Markdale winning three of the six prizes. The weather, a bit on the mild side, made the going heavy at times, although the ice in the arena was in good shape till late afternoon. Rinks were present from Chatsworth, Tara, Meaford, Mount Forest, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Orangeville, Fiesherston, Rocklyn, Thornbury, Walkerton and Markdale.

In the 9 a.m. draw for the White Rose trophy, Chatsworth rink, skipped by Basil Ritz, carried off first prize (reversible wool blankets) with three wins and a plus of 18. Jos. Nelson's rink from Tara was 2nd winning motor rugs. They had three wins, and a plus of 9. In third place was a local rink skipped by W. J. Plewes which won the consolation prize (chickens). Consolation winners were judged on high score for games played, Plewes' rink having 1 win and 34 points. Plewes' rink included W. M. Sutton, vice-skip; Harry McArthur 2nd, and G. Irwin, lead.

In the second event, 11:00 a.m. draw for the General Motors trophy, Bruce Miller's rink from Meaford was first with three wins, and a plus of 13. Lou Thibaudeau of Markdale was second with two wins and a plus of 18, while Wallace Wilson was consolation winner with one win, and a total of 34 points.

L. Thibaudeau's rink included Vic. Ward, vice-skip; Gordon Kingston, 2nd, and John Boyd, lead. Wallace Wilson's rink had Art Norris, vice-skip; W. Alex, 2nd, and George McMaster, lead.

Other local rinks not listed among the prize-winners were skipped by A. E. Hunt, Ernie Bradley, Lorne Dennison and Elgin Boyd.

TRAVERSTON

Monday morning, January 24th—Easy to sit down; dangerous to walk; perilous to run. Gee Whizz! This hard on the seat of men's trousers, and the screaming of school kids encourages the morn. The rise and fall of creeks and rivers make it dangerous for live stock waded there. Rural mail couriers will have some exciting moments and some narrow escapes. Sparrows fared the best of all. They couldn't sit on the slippery branches; but they skated lightly over the crusted snow.

Zionites were out to service in full force on Sunday. They couldn't walk; but the gravelled roads permitted the cars to glide along smoothly.

Many a forest tree turned up its roots to the surface last Tuesday night and Wednesday morn., but not too much damage to buildings in our immediate locality; but Mr. Chas. Schaefer's barn roof was torn badly. This safer to prop barn joors open, if not exposed to a direct wind; but at night no one can ken where winds will blow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Peart and Ralph visited the Anderson home and helped to celebrate Mrs. Anderson's birthday, on the first of the week.

Messrs. O. D. Peart and J. R. Edwards, auditors for Zion Church, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook on Saturday evening and found finances in a prosperous condition for the past year in all its branches. An addition was made to the pastor's salary and prospects are good for the future. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. McCallum served them a dainty supper at midnight.

ROCKLYN

Rocklyn and vicinity received its share of the wind storm Tuesday night last week with considerable damage done to buildings. Hydro was restored by 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, and telephone service Wednesday morning.

Mr. Emerson Cook has purchased the trucking business of Evan McNalty.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Freeman Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Freeman, Ebenezer were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Falls, Rocklyn.

Mrs. Otto Foy was hostess to the W.I. on Wednesday afternoon. Groups were formed to carry on work for the winter months, including making of quilts for the Grey Home for Children.

Mr. Alonzo Smith attended the Oliver tractor course held in Toronto, the past week. Our new Reeve, Carol Rennie and Deputy-Reeve, David Lougheed, attended County Council the past week.