# Centennial News and Views

When you are getting ready for a Centennial Year Celebration you have to dig into the past, and that is just what we want as many of you as possible to do. Can you dig into that old trunk you have in the attic, that old cedar chest, or that drawer in which you keep relies of by-gone days and pull out a few old pictures.

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Your Centenary Committee wants views of Markdale down through the years which can be reproduced for a Centennial Year Booklet. Perhaps you have pictures of old hockey, lacrosse, baseball or council groups; if you have pictures that you believe would be of value in making up a pictorial brochure we should like to have them on loan.

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Whoever undertakes to get out an historical account of this village's past is in for a job. We have never yet read a history that was not faulty in some detail but historians persist in putting out history books. One of the limitations such writers have is that they haven't lived through it all; they have to listen to those whose memories are not too clear and who have no remembrance for dates. Difficult as the task may be, a Committee has been set up which includes Mrs. F. W. Ritchie as chairman, J. A. Dunlop, W. J. Messenger and Walter Ferkins as members. If you have any information for this group which will help them in their task we ask you to send it in.

Incidents both personal and otherwise, in the life of the Village or its citizens is what is wanted. If you have information of this type you can contribute toward the permanent records of your old home town.

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Ark Dunlop, your advertising campaign manager, has been busy. Being a lawyer he has gone into the County records for the details as to the beginning of Markdale and he has the material in good shape. Much of this legal recordings can be used in getting the historical background for the brochure. Ark is going to be a valuable man on this Committee as he will be able to secure all the land grant records through the record department.

Walter Plewes, the genial post master of the village, is busy pounding every envelope with a Markdale Centennial stamp. Every letter going out to the wide world will carry the message that this is Markdale Centennial

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Geoff. Chamberlin heads the Floats Committee. Geoff wants the co-operation of every business establishment in getting either horse or motordrawn floats ready to stage a callithumpian parade. Each day her will be a big parade on the Main Street to advertise Markdale's business places, each day the floats will be changed to feature something new. With Geoff heading this venture the floats should be a success.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

A. J. Promaine, formerly of New Liskeard, is opening up a business here in electrical contracting and servicing all major applainces. For the present he will operate from his residence at the Harold Hutton home, just south of town. His advertisement will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Promaine, who is married to the former Bernice Walker, recently sold his sportling goods; appliances at New Liskeard which he operated since his discharge from the Canadian Army. Since coming to the former Bernice walker, recently sold his sportling goods; appliances at New Liskeard which he operated since his discharge from the Canadian Army. Since coming to the floats of the proper was served at the home of the bride, and were a proper was served at the home of the proper was served at the h

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GRESE HAVE SPRING FEVER!

When spring made its first appearance last Monday, the weather was one of those days we dream about all winter long. It did give one a grand feeling to be outdoors getting the first breath of spring, and hoping it might last. In the farmyard of Leslie Humphrey on the 11th line of Euphrasia, the spell was too much for geese, and without heeding the fact that their wings were clipped, these year-olds took flight and have not been heard of since. The owners are hoping if anyone in the area sights the trio (including a white gander) on wing or foot, they will report them absent without leave to the owners.

## REDUCED TAXES WELCOMED

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The "big news" of the week is the Budget brought down in the House on Tuesday evening, when Finance Minister Abbott predicted good times are here to stay, for a while at least. Most welcome of all, perhaps, was the income tax relief—higher exemptions and lower rates, retroactive to the first of the year—which will take 750,000 present taxpayers off income tax rolls. Price ceilings removed from certain commodities; tax on jewellry, etc., reduced, and soft drinks back to 5c and candy bars and gum 'cheaper'. Maybe now you'll be able to buy a good old 5c cigar.

# CONNELL - LONEY WEDDING

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# Funeral of T. D. Berry

The pallbearers were hydro em-ployees: Messrs. K. S. Gemmel, Alf. Pickles, R. Jarick, F. Brillinger, C. almer and Fred Hodges.

Honorary pallbearers were: G. Pace, W. E. Russell, John Dibblee, H. J. Mulehleman, Toronto; C. Ferguson, D. G. Ferguson, Barrie; I. B. Lucas and T. H. Reburn, Markdale.

Lucas and T. H. Reburn, Markdale.

Thomas Dudley Berry was born in Jefferson County, Missouri, in 1889, and his marriage to Etta Mathews took place at Springville, Utah; in 1909. In the year 1914 he came to Canada, and after he spent a year in Toronto he was stationed for eight years at the Eugenia power house. Twenty-five years ago he was appointed superintendent of the Markdale main shoe repair business tack in the 1890's and early 1900's and no doubt a few living to-day can last year. Last September he went to Stayner in charge of the Rural Operating Area, and expected to return to Markdale within the next few months.

Besides his wife, he is survived by RUSSELL - PATTERSON NUPTIAL

Paul Berry.

Relatives in attendance were Mrs.

H. C. Carlos, Toronto, and Miss M. G.
Berry of St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. Don
Carlos, Miss Ruth Carlos, Miss March 19th,
Carlos of Toronto, Mr. Allan Carlos,
Sarnia; Mrs. J. W. McCutcheon, Milton; Mrs. J. E. Keenan and Mr. and
Mrs. N. L. Smith, Owen Sound.

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Windsor where he had been employed with Heintzman & Co.

His wife who survives was formerly Ruby Sargent, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sargent, who were old-time residents of this place, and to her a flood of sympathy goes out. Also surviving are two brothers, James and Joseph of Kirkcaldy, Scotland. and three sisters: Mrs. Cathrine Smeddon, Mrs. James Stewart both of Dundee, Scotland, and Mrs. Janet Bayne of Busby, Scotland.

The body will arrive by train at noon on Thursday with service in Oliver's Funeral Chapel, Markdale, at 2:30 on Thursday afternoon. Interment will be made at Markdale.

Mrs. Alfred G. Taylor, Saskatoon, Sask., died March 11th, at the Saskatoon City Hospital after a short illness.

The late Mrs. Taylor (Sarah Ann Rowe) was born in Grey County in March, 1898. They lived on the 11th line of Euphrasia and the Cheeseville district, Artemesia, until they moved to Saskatoon in 1913 and resided at 50th Avenue, South, Saskatoon until her death.

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# W. E. Harris, M.P.,

Death came suddenly to T. D. Berry on the afternoon of March 16th, in Barrie. He had started with the Hydro Commission on March 15th, 1914, and served 32 years as superintendent of the Eugenia district of the Georgian Bay system, and a year as Area manager under the new Regional organization.

Mr. Berry had a host of friends and acquaintances across this part of the country. His keen understanding of people and his ability to be firm but also fair earned him the respect and admiration of all his staff and business acquaintances. He will be remembered by many on the Commission staff for his development of the Berry Live Line Insulator Tester and his method of testing line joints.

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Deceased was a devoted family man and always enjoyed the company of his friends. For relaxation he enjoyed fly fishing for speckled trout, duck hunting and he played a little golf.

The funeral held on Saturday afternoon, March 19, from his Main street home was largely attended and included many hydro employees from the territory surrounding. Service was conducted by Canon R. S. Jones of Christ Anglican Church, with burial in the mortuary chapel at Markdale Cemetery.

The pallbearers were hydro em-

## COBRLER'S TOOL RESURRECTED

A reminder of Markdale's earlier days was discovered in the present Irwin block which years ago was occupied by Sam Halbert's shoe store. Roland Irwin, local dairyman had taken up the steps which had become badly worn, last week-end, to discover underreath an oval-shaped vice, pre-

# RUSSELL - PATTERSON NUPTIAL

The marriage of Janet Patterson of Markdale, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Patterson, to Ernest Frederick Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell of Flesherton, took place on Saturday afternoon, March 19th, at the United Church par-sonage. Rev. W. M. Lee heard the be-trothal, and the attendants were the-bride's brother, Mr. Goldwyn Patter-son, and Miss Lois Russell, sister of

The bride was wearing a dress of

The bride was wearing a dress of pink moire with navy hat, shoes and purse; and she had a shoulder corsage of Sweetheart roses in matching pink. Miss Russell wore navy taffeta with a corsage of yellow roses.

Later in the afternoon a luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. Dave Foster who was assisted by Mrs. Glen Wiley. A decorated three-storey wedding cake centred the lace-covered table and tall white tapers at each end were in silver holders.

For their wedding trip the bride-donned a dress of navy crepe, powder blue coat and navy blue accessories. On their return they will reside in the Priceville district where the groom is employed by Hon. F. R. Oliver. The good wishes of local friends will accompany them to their new home.

lading up to confederation which will take place shortly before the expiration of March 31st. Union is not welcomed by all Newfoundlanders, but he believed would be of mutual benefit. Some of the benefits now provided in the state of the second will be extended to the second will be sec

Mr. Harris was thanked by Worthy Patron, Wm. Ellison, for his address. The same picture was shown at the Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday evening.

## Once Upon A Time... In Our Town

(By An Old Timer)

Sauntering down Main Street on a sunny afternoon the present becomes absorbed in memories of the past, and we see again another day peopled by those who passed this way years and years ago. They, too, deserve an in-

his country, put aside the daily task to go to war, the memory of one face emerges, and I feel all Markdale people who knew Jackson Stewart will want to pay tribute to him here. While not, strictly speaking, a Markdale boy, he spent so many years in and around the town, he became one of us and to many was a symbol of everything likeable and decent and best in Canadian manhood. Goodness and greatness have many guises, and, though unrecognized by medal or crown; to my mind Jackson Stewart achieved greatness since he will always be a truly good memory in the hearts of those with whom he worked and played.

# Modern Seed Plant For Grey and Bruce

Having foreseen that world competition in seeds would develop to a keener pitch as soon as surpluses began to appear, that perennially young man, Mr. F. T. Hill of Markdale, decided to do something about it, thus placing the farmers of this area in at least as good a position to market their seeds as any in Canada.

Construction of the new and com-

Pictured here are three local men held in Markdale this year. Left to Decoration Committee, and Bert Ham-who will play an important part in right are F. D. Sawyer, in charge of ilton who is in charge of entertain-the Centennial celebrations, being publicity; Cec. Alton, who heads the ment.

Make Plans for Centennial

troduction.

Lacking opportunity, which the small towns are unable to afford as it yet, many of Markdale's sons and daughters made their way to larger centres where an appreciable number gained considerable recognition in their several fields.

It would be impossible here to recall each one, but among them we remember in particular Herbert N. Cast son, lecturer and writer, who, after graduating from Toronto University, became noted all over Canada and was even more widely acclaimed on becoming a citizen of England.

Herbert Brown, a son of the pioneer W. A. Brown, was also brilliant and there is no doubt he would have made a great name for himself had not Death overtaken him when he had scaled a few rungs on the ladder of success.

Edna Kells, daughter of Thomas

Mrs. William J. McGuir of Arnott, where she and her husband operated a store for the past nine years, died at the home of her sister, Miss Jessie McIntosh of Holland twp. Deceased who was in her 69th year, had been in poor health for the past several monthly.

## MAILING LIST CORRECTED

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This is the week to check your Standard label, and see that you have been credited with the renewal you sent in during the past two months. This applies to those who have written in, to say their label was not changed. Any errors should be reported promptly and we will be glad to make any necessary corrections.

If the date on your label shows that your subscription has expired, you can save us the job of billing you by renewing promptly. To make sure you receive your paper without interruption kindly see that your subscription is paid in advance.

# Kimberley Resident is 90

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Edna Kells, daughter of Thomas Kells (himself a pioneer in Grey County and always in the van of any movement for the betterment of his country, his county of his own particular locale), who became a newspaper woman and executive of repute in our own Canadian West.

In the field of music we had Frances Pickell Stevens, who gave up a musical career already established for marriage and life with a missionary husband.

And when speaking of music we will all recall the great contribution made to our town cultural life by the late John H. Dundas. John, so long an integral part of our life, was unanimously cast in the leading role in all artistic endeavours, such leadership assuring dignity and decorum to say nothing of the always-pleasing and with the section of the cannel of the deatership assuring dignity and decorum to say nothing of the always-pleasing and live with a successing and with the call the great contribution made to our fire, was unanimously cast in the leading role in all artistic endeavours, such leadership assuring dignity and decorum to say nothing of the always-pleasing and live with a fire and the cannel of the lawys-pleasing and live with the

A flock of Northern Canadian gees A flock of Northern Canadian geese have landed at Irish Lake this week and so far seem quite pleased with the place, even if they are a bit early for fish. Mr. Elmer Hutchinson who operates a tourist Lodge there, reports killdeer also seen this week, which is fair indication that spring is the control of the control of

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RESERVE THURSDAY, MARCH 31 for a play in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Markdale, by Park Head talent.

- OP A MEETING OF THE MARKDALE
Horticultural Society will be held in
the Agricultural Department on
Tuesday, March 29th, at 8:00 p.m.

THE 3-ACT PLAY "DUST-OF THE EARTH" will be presented in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, next Thursday, March 31st, at 8:15 pm. Music between acts. Admission 35 and 20c.