

Centennial News and Views

First of all, the Centennial Committee would like very much to have a good snap or picture of Markdale's main street. They want it at once, so anyone who can supply one, please hand it in at once to G. A. Beaton, or any member of the Centennial Committee.

Already it looks as if the floats are really going to be worth coming miles to see. The Toronto Committee is arranging to get some really super-duper floats from the big city and we have no doubt the little town will not wish to be outdone.

Can you picture what it will be like? With your old friends all coming home, and everybody else, and such a program? But Committees here are going to have to get "cracking" or Toronto is going to be away in the lead.

Markdale-born people are very true to their former haunts, and they are determined their birthplace shall never be forgotten. As well as this, they are a little proud of their ancestors, who laid the foundations of the place that so many people call their home town.

Good news has come from Ottawa. Chairman Gordon Beaton has received word that Markdale will have one of the top bands in Canada for the Centennial celebration.

It looks as if we are going to have the "Neighbourhood News" broadcast originate in Markdale on the Sunday morning of the Centennial. Although it isn't altogether "in the bag", that popular broadcaster, Don Fairbairn, tells us we can proceed and assume that everything will work out.

And more, Mr. Fairbairn, who, as you know, is Andy Clarke's successor, adds: "Is there any possibility that two churches in Markdale or district could supply teams for my Sunday afternoon broadcast 'Do you know your Bible'?"

From John Caesar, way out in Vancouver, come congratulations on staging a Centennial celebration. After living there for 37 years, I can assure you I have some interest in the town, he writes.

Sending her membership fee of one dollar to the Markdale Centennial organization. Mrs. Edna Whiteoak, Reesor of R.R. 1, Pickering, writes, "We are organizing our large family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren descendants of 'Whiteoaks'."

T. H. Reburn, retired gentleman in town, who makes a hobby of collecting unusual articles for his den, has undertaken the task of collecting all the old pictures and other relics associated with the early days.

WRONG ADDRESSES RECEIVED. Letters sent out recently by the Markdale Standard in a subscription campaign in connection with the coming Centennial have resulted in nine returned because of wrong address. Since these were handed in to the Centennial Committee, we are publishing them below in the hope they may be corrected by persons who have their latest address. They are: Miss Lena Henning, Meaford, Ontario; Earl Bradey, 224 Indian Road, Toronto; Rev. F. N. Bowes, Willowdale, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clark, 73 Celina St., Oshawa, Ont.; Geo. Shields, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Mrs. Lottie Otis, Glendale Bldg., Toronto; Mrs. A. Murdoch, Sheburne St., Toronto; Wm. Bigger, 72 Duggan St., S. Catharines, Ont. (These addresses are incorrect.)

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New School Proposed for Markdale & District, Would be Built This Year

Last Thursday a delegation of members of the High School Board and the Village Council, met with officials of the Department of Education in Toronto to discuss the problem of obtaining adequate accommodation for the high school pupils of the village and surrounding district.

It was decided that the present accommodation was very poor and that the only other alternative is to build a new high school. To this end, Inspector Duffin and Inspector Hooper outlined the method of procuring a new up-to-date school.

On Monday of this week the Principal of the school and Mr. Wm. Marshall presented the proposal to the village council and it was decided to go fully into the matter with the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the method of issuing debentures, if, and when, the village decided to undertake the project.

Both council and school board have decided that the school is long overdue and that the present set-up cannot go on. As soon as the plan of financing and other matters have been fully gone into the facts will be given to the people of the village.

The council has appointed Reeve R. L. Carefoot and W. W. Alcox to work with the High School Board in getting all the information required. A delegation will be going to Toronto in a few days to meet with the Department of Municipal Affairs to get the details.

HOLD LAST RITES FOR LATE ARCHIE H. NOBLE

The funeral of the late Archibald Noble of Windsor who passed away at his home here on March 22, took place here on Thursday afternoon from Oliver's Funeral Chapel. Old friends and acquaintances here of both Mr. and Mrs. Noble were present in respect of a former highly esteemed resident.

The pallbearers here were Dr. J. A. McArthur, George Alton, W. J. Plewes, James Crowston, Harold York and Sherrard Henry.

MILLS - WALSH WEDDING

The marriage of Iris Elizabeth Walsh, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walsh of Markdale, to Glen E. Mills, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Mills of Vandeleur, was performed at the Anglican church rectory, Markdale, on Saturday afternoon, March 26th, with Canon R. S. Jones officiating.

The bride wore a tailored gabardine suit in loganberry shade, with white blouse and black accessories, and her corsage was of pink roses and stephanotis. She was attended by her sister, Miss Madeline Walsh, who wore a light turquoise gabardine with white blouse and black accessories, and a corsage of American Beauty roses.

Horticultural Society Plan Window Displays

In an effort to beautify the town this year, it was decided at a meeting of the Horticultural Society, held in the Dept. of Agriculture room this week, to have window displays placed in various places of the town throughout the summer, with a certain member responsible for a week at a time.

It was also planned to have an evening showing of films in the Dept. of Agriculture room next Monday, April 4th, to which the public is cordially invited.

Instead of sending out premium lists as has been their practice in previous years, members are being asked to send in their lists of requirements. The meeting, presided over by President, Mrs. Frank Thibaudeau, was well attended, and enthusiasm over the work to be undertaken this year was much in evidence.

Large Crowd Applauded Annesley Junior Choir

"The Frog Prince", the operetta in two acts presented in Annesley Church here last Friday evening was one of the most delightful performances seen here in some time. It was a dramatization of the well-known fairy tale, and besides the king and queen, the princess and the ugly old frog, who afterwards became a prince, and the others, were thirteen dolls of different nations who in turn sang a song about their native land.

The operetta, which was something new to most members of this Junior Choir, was directed by Mrs. L. Dennison who has organized and trained this choir of about thirty juniors, and she, as well as each of the players, is to be complimented on the success of the evening.

Each of the cast did their parts exceptionally well, with the leading role of Princess taken by Janet Chamberlain, and the frog prince, Peter Thibaudeau. The remainder of the cast was as follows: The King, Jimmie Shaw; the Queen, Anne Merriam; Peasants, Betty Richards, Joyce Morrison, Margaret McWhinney, Betty Francis, Faye Yerkie and Marie Ward.

The cast was assisted by Master Keith Sherman, Owen Sound violinist, who played several selections during the evening, and Anne Merriam welcomed the large prizes for attendance. At the close prizes for attendance at practice and church service were presented by Rev. W. M. Lee.

ROCKLYN

Mrs. Earl Gardiner is a patient in the G. and M. Hospital, Collingwood, having undergone an operation on Saturday and is progressing favourably. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The H.E.P.C. Line Maintenance Crew gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hillis Burnside on Friday evening, March 25th, in honour of their foreman, Mr. W. H. McArthur, who is being transferred to Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Perry have returned to their home after having spent the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Hamilton, at Chatsworth due to Mrs. Perry having suffered a broken bone in her knee. We are pleased to hear she is able to be about again.

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Council Appoints Members to Work With H.S. Board

The main item of business presented to the Markdale Council Board at their March meeting held in the Council Chambers Monday night was the proposed new school which was presented by Principal F. D. Sawyer and W. J. Marshall.

A grant of \$1,000 was advanced to the Public School Board. Street accounts passed for payment included 17 hours of work by the snow plow operated by Earl Brown at a cost of \$37.50, and labour totalling \$55.50.

On motion of Turner-Hamilton, the Council authorized the adoption of Daylight Saving time in the village, from April 23rd to September 24th.

Tenders submitted for decorating the library building will be dealt with by Bert Hamilton, Chairman of the Property Committee. The cost of insulating the library, which amounted to about \$90, was ordered paid.

Agricultural Society Shows Good Credit Balance

The successful fair of 1948 was good reason for optimism at the annual meeting of the Markdale Agricultural Society Saturday afternoon in the Department of Agriculture office, and an audited statement showed a balance of \$506.90 on hand after all obligations had been met.

The 1949 fair dates decided on are Monday and Tuesday, October 3 and 4, in order not to coincide with other fairs in the district. It is expected recommendations forwarded by Mrs. Buchanan of Owen Sound, work last year, will be considered, and this year, as well as the school fair part of the prize list will be prepared before the end of June and be in the hands of prospective exhibitors during the summer months.

The valuable work done each year by the local agricultural representative, Mr. T. Stewart Cooper, also came in for special mention and it was agreed that he be recommended for recognition in the form of a service diploma.

P. D. Sawyer, who presided, expressed his appreciation for the support he had received from officials and members of the fair board for the past year. Activities for the past year were reviewed by the secretary, treasurer, and he described the work being done for the public and secondary school groups in the Markdale Area.

STAG PARTY HELD FOR GROOM. About twenty-five friends of Mr. Glen Mills attended a stag party in his honour last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rodman of Harkaway, and presented this groom of Saturday with a purse of money. Glen thanked all those who had arranged this surprise presentation, and the evening was most enjoyed in sing songs and cards.

Local Doctor's Address Impressed Rotarians

Dr. William Breakwell, young, talented Markdale physician and surgeon, and recent member of the Markdale Rotary Club, gave a very interesting classification address on Tuesday evening. Introduced by Arthur Norris, Dr. Breakwell outlined the steps necessary for building a medical career.

Dr. Breakwell outlined his own experiences as a student and as an intern in the medical course. He stated that much of his internship was one of surgery and that it has fitted him for most of the cases presented to the doctor from day to day.

Branching into the position of the physician in the social structure, Dr. Breakwell stated that we should move with caution toward any form of state medicine. Today the position of the medical practitioner in Britain, where state medicine prevails, is a very unhappy one.

Members of the Club were impressed with the address that Dr. Breakwell gave. He was thanked on behalf of the members by Wm. Fisher.

Former Grey Co. Official Honored in Perth

Recently a group of farmers, packing house and agricultural official, met in the office of Perth County, Department of Agriculture, on invitation of Mr. Ralph White, Agricultural Representative, to do honor to Mr. Hugh Duff, who has been Federal Hog Grader at the Whyte Packing Company Plant for twenty-seven years and who is due to retire this month.

Mr. Duff is a graduate of Ontario Agricultural College, year 1909. His classmates and his assembled friends presented him with a well-filled purse as an expression of their appreciation of his fine character and the work which he has accomplished.

Mr. Duff will remain in Stratford until the end of the month. He plans however, to then go immediately to a small farm near St. Thomas which he bought recently.

Born and raised on a Grey County farm, Mr. Duff graduated from the O.A.C. in 1909. He went immediately as agricultural representative to Peterborough County, remaining there until opening the office at Markdale in Grey County in 1911.

ORANGE VALLEY FORUM HELD "DRESS-UP" PARTY

The final night of the Farm Forum series at Orange Valley was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McLoughry when the ladies came dressed in men's attire, and the men wore skirts. As a result the evening was a "howling" success, and was mainly spent in playing progressive crokinole, winners being Miss Irene Shaw and Leslie Alcox.

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Rotarian Appointed Vice-Chairman of Craft Assembly

Gordon A. Beaton, who has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Craft Assembly, at the Rotary International Convention, which meets in New York City in June. The appointment, which came as a complete surprise to this Past District Governor of Rotary International, designates this Markdale man as one who has already demonstrated great interest in Rotary and one who is believed capable of making the Craft Assemblies an outstanding feature of the convention.



The theme, "Making Service our Business", is designed to emphasize every Rotarian's opportunities in and through Vocational Service.

Once Upon A Time... In Our Town

Ghosts on the whole are very exclusive individuals and do not show themselves to just anyone. Someday I'm going to ask Mel Ryan what he thinks about that.

The building which Mel occupies was erected and used as a tailor shop by Robert S. Rae. There is something very impressive about the way our American cousins pronounce the name "Robert E. Lee".

He was one of the first Magistrates, and for all he was no giant in height and you would not actually need a piece of chalk to measure around him.

It seems to me a personality as compelling as his must leave some impress on the surroundings he dominated to the last. So that is why every time Mel Ryan passes me on the street there is a conjecture in my mind as to what time may bring forth.

Just here I pause to reflect on another more dashing figure, almost meteoric in its flight through our town. It's good for any place to have someone who is tops in his own line, although the relative importance of that line may be unimportant, if you know what I mean.

John had exhausted the resources of Rocklyn and was looking for more verdant pastures. During his brief sojourn here he somehow managed to add spice and variety to the daily grind.

Well, we are still on the North side of Main Street at the Robert S. Rae building, where in the westerly part Howard Dennison does what he has to do, and a well-liked lad is Howard.

Coming Events

DON'T MISS THE PLAY in Cooke's Church to-night (Thursday). ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN THE work of the Horticultural Society are invited to attend the showing of slides in the Department of Agriculture office on Monday, April 4th, at 8:00 p.m. DON'T FORGET - DANCING IN Meaford Town Hall as usual every Saturday night.

HOLLAND CENTRE RESIDENT PASSES ON SUNDAY

Friends throughout the Holland Centre district were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Minnie McKeenan Campbell, wife of Edward Campbell, who died at her home there on Sunday. The funeral service was held Monday afternoon in Holland Centre United Church followed by a service Wednesday afternoon in Toronto with interment in Prospect Cemetery there.

Left to mourn her passing are three daughters and two sons. They are: Elizabeth Thompson of Helen's Bay, County Down, Ireland; May, Mrs. Victor Way, and Sadie, James and Alex. Thompson all of Toronto.

HONOR OLIVER LEPARD FAMILY

A farewell party was held on Friday evening, March 25th, for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lepard and family prior to their leaving our community. A pleasant time was spent in dancing, cards and social chat.

These two groups, together with men already mentioned in this narrative, and others, including William Lucas, Thomas Mathews, Hugh Mercer, the Armstrong family, the Walkers, the Haskett and, of course, the Editor of the Standard, were the backbone of the town, each having his immediate sphere of influence and all uniting in building the desirable place it is today.

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Next door, as you know, is one of the landmarks, the old "Turner Drug Store", now the Murray Drug Store, with Tom Tuck its present owner.

TEA AND BAKE SALE WILL BE held this Saturday, 2 to 5 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Herb Smith, Main Street. Also candy table and sale of aprons. Auspices Groups A and D of Annesley Church W.A. All ladies cordially invited.