Centennial³ News and Views



DR. L. G. CAMPBELL who is expected to return from Flor-ida this month, when he will assume the important office as secretary of Markdale Centennial Celebration.

A donation of \$25. has been received from Euphrasia township to assist towards the Centennial celebration, for which the Finance Commitextends sincere thanks.

Jim Smith of Shirley & Smith Secre Service in Hamilton is in the right mood for the Centennial which should take many more of us back over the years_spent in Markdale. Here is how he expresses that homecoming feeling as he writes to secretary, Dr. L. G. Campbell. His letter reads in

"To shake hands with, and see the friendly smile of those we liked to live with in the years of our youthful and carefree and happy days will warm many hearts and act as a tonic to renew our strength and interests for more years of friendship, and after all, in this hustling life we need those friendly experiences, to give us time to relax and reflect, on the good things available which we are too often prone to hurry by in the whirl of events which take so much of our time.

I often think how fortunate I was I often think how fortunate I was to have spent my first formative years in such a place as Markdale where I had the chance to know most of the working and professional people intimately and enjoy the liberties of those friendly persons who would not chase an inquisitive lad from the privacy of their shops and inner sanctums and would take time to answer the many questions of youthful curiosity for knowledge of what things mean."

We are worried! The pace with which the Centennial is coming at us far exceeds the pace set by Markdale people in general and some of the committees in particular. April is half gone, and little has been accomplished by some, while others as yet have given the Centennial little but passing thought, except perhaps in the way it concerns us personally. At the same time the steps taken by other organizations such as the Horticultural Society, is most inspiring to those of us who are looking forward to this celebration with great expectations.

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Heads of Committees are carrying a load of responsibility, and need we remind you after April we have three months left—you're not likely to get any less busy and all committees should be drafting their part of the Centennial N O W and be able to report on their progress later this month. It may be the head of your Committee is a busy man, and he may need some prodding from members named to-help him. But don't keep putting off these assignments too long. Obstacles will arise, and will have to be ironed out, and they won't be nearly so bad if begun in time.

We were reminded of the new addition to the Corporation—opposite the new Community Park—as we drove by last week-end, and there is a bush was a called to quell a grass fire behind the homes on the soft of bundal and former and the proposed the toast to all Aux on the considered as having forfeited as a forfeiture of all right in the located as a forfeiture of all right in the locatee or the assignce.

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Dept. Records Reveal

John Atkinson was First Settler
Information regarding a history of Markdale's first settlers who secured the first location tickets to qualify for grants of 50 acres each in what is now the Corporation of the Village of Markdale has been forwarded on request by the Department of Lands and Forests, to Mr. J. A. Dunlop. From it we learn these settlers were assigned tickets or location, and after complying with certain requirements were entitled to their deeds. The first assignment, according to this official record was Lot 100 on the west side of the Toronto and Sydenham Road, Township of Glenelg.

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According to the original patents, the first of these grants of 50 acres each, was located to John Atkinson and is the area on the corner of which now stands the F. T. Hill & Co. store. The said John Atkinson was killed by the falling of a tree while chopping on the above lot. The settlement duties were nearly completed and the lot of land was willed to his widow who resided on the lot ever since the death of her husband, and then fulfilled the requirements set forth in the Location Ticket.

Copies of the letters from various individuals which show the different steps taken so that the title might pass from Mr. Atkinson to his wife were also received as taken from the Department records.

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This record reads in part as follows:
"Prior to Confederation, Departmental records are limited as to locatees,
but according to the information
available I would say that Lot 100,
Con. 1, Northeast Toronto and Sydenham Road, Township of Artemesia,
was located to Samuel Walker in
1855; Lot 101 to George Walker in
1850; Lot 100 in the First Concession
Southwest Toronto and Sydenham
Road, Township of Glenelg, to John
Atkinson in 1849; Lot 101 to Mark
Armstrong in 1850.

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In the history of Lot 100, 1st Concession Southwest Toronto and Sydenham Road, I have been able to ascertain that John Atkinson was given a Location Ticket dated July 12th, 1849, the restrictions governing this Ticket being as follows:

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1. He is to proceed to and occupy at once the land assigned to him. Should he not do so within one month from the date of this Ticket, or should he abandon the land after having been placed upon it, he will be considered as having lost all claim to receive land.

2. He is required to clear and place under crop 12 acres of the land located within 4 years of the date of this Ticket, build a house 18 feet by 20, and to reside on the land until this settlement duty is performed. When completed, he will be entitled to his patent free of expense.

3. If under the necessity of being temporarily absent from his location, he will apply to the resident Agent, stating the length of his intended absence, and the reason of it, which will be entered in the Agent's book, if the reasons for absence seem sufficient. Should he absent himself without permission to do so, or should he remain away longer than authorized, he will be considered as having forfeited his location.

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dition to the Corporation—opposite the new Community Park—as we drove by last week-end, and there is no end of work to be done to make this even presentable for the coming summer. The Community Park is the result of good leadership by the Parks Commission and plenty of hard work. And if all the organizations in town would get together on this new project it might be the beginning of that sort of co-operation which puts small towns on the map and makes them the place ideal for living.

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District Fire Brigades

The terriffic explosion shortly after one o'clock almost dazed the occupants of the building at first, but it wasn't long before they realized how serious it was. The blast, heard all over the village, blew out the large windows in the service station and cracked plate glass windows across the street. Almost immediately the whole building was a mass of flames. Mr. Boden barely managed to mount the stairs to get his five year old son and bring him to safety. They saved nothing else, not even the money in the cash register.

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river and pumped the water to the scene of the fire.

For a time it looked as if the whole village would go; local passers-by described the scene as appalling with fire issuing from all the windows and clouds of black smoke obscuring the tourist cabins situated along side. These were covered with fireproof siding and roofing which kept them from destruction. Volunteer fire-fighters fought hard to save the well known Munshaw House, although a frame barn at the rear of the property belonging to G. B. Welton was consumed in short order. The barn had some boats stored inside, five of them being burned besides some furniture, etc. With no insurance carried his loss will be over \$1000. The fire attracted a large crowd and daily papers took aerial views of the blaze for a "front-page" story. The service station operating under the name of "Fireside Lunch" was an attractively built cobblestone structure, owned by the B.-A. Oil Company. The loss estimated at \$20,000 was partly covered by insurance.

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ceived a gift were Mrs. Time Stephen.

Son, Mrs. Angela MacMillan and Mrs.

R. Lemon.

Following the banquet, those present retired to the rooms at the sequent meeting and were addressed during the evening by Zone Compander Mrs. Shildroth on "Comradeship". A gavel made by Mr. T. H. Reburn which had been presented to the local Auxiliary branch, was used for the first time at this meeting.

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They're rounding up the ex-Mark-dale-ites down Peterborough way according to Frank North, former resident here, who keeps up with the Centennial news by reading the Stand centennial news by reading the Stand alarm for those who reside in the ex-Markdaleites home this coming summer for the 'Big Celebration'. While curling against Jack Welsh a few weeks ago, we discussed the possibility of getting all the ex-Markdaleites rounded up in this territory so that they could descend on Markdale Saturday thereon and the possibility of getting all the ex-Markdaleites rounded up in this territory so that they could descend on Markdale Saturday thereon and the possibility of getting all the ex-Markdaleites from the summer. Oh yes, how fairly were the come back Tuesday morning.

I have also been talking to Boh Metcalf who lives a few miles away at Campbelleroft, His.dad, Herb, is running a mill just out from Lindsay. Here is a list of the ex-Markdaleites, that I can think of: Bob Metcalf, Campbellford, Herb Metcalf, Jack Welsh, Peterborough, If you know of any others will you please drop me a lina and I will try to contact them.

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Manley Richardson one of Markdale's native boys and a most obliging clerk in the local Bank of Toronto it for some years has been transferred to Ottawa. Manley is a son of Mrs. J. J. Richardson and the late Mr. Richardson of Markdale, and joined the local bank staff in February, 1937. Since then he served in the R.C.A.F. for 4½ years, of which 3½ were spent overseas. He was married in 1945 to the former Mae Telford who has endeared herself to many since coming there as a bride in May of 1946. Manley begins his new duties in the Ottawa was South branch of the Bank of Toronto on the first of the week, and twhen they leave for their new home on Sunday morning they will take with them the best wishes of all Markdale. Mr. Richardson is succeeded by Mr. Harold Champion whose wife is the former Betty Scott of this place. On Tuesday evening a farewell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Richardson at the home of the Bank Mail ager, A. E. Hunt and Mrs. Hunt, when a pleasant evening was spent playing progressive chinese checkers and asing song. Manley and Mae were presented with a tri-light with the good wishes of the Manager and Staff.

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nothing else, not even the money in the cash register.

Firemen who responded immediately had to haul water about 400 yards from a stream in an 800 gallon tank to provide water to fight the fire. Before the telephone system went out of business about 1:30, calls were put in to Markdale, Owen Sound.

Dundalk, Durham and Collingwood. Although late in arriving, the Durham brigade laid their hose line from the river and pumped the water to the scene of the fire.

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The bitter breezes of Saturday were not injoyed by the young lamb crop; but the made the maples add to the syr. Figure 1 gallonage. And they are keeping the task.

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with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Edwards on Sunday afternoon.

The heavy frosts are making fields of fall wheat dark and sullen, while they have prolonged the syrup season, which has proved a paying crop this season. Joe Edwards and son have made over fifty gallons. Or was it Mrs. Joe?

VANDELEUR

W.A. Meeting

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The W.A. held the April meeting at the home of Mrs. Ethel Hutchinson on Wednesday afternoon, April 16th. The president, Mrs. Will Bowles, presided. Mrs. A. Fawcett read the devotional exercises. The roll call was answered by a verse containing the word "Resurrection". Mrs. Howard Graham took for her topic "The Easter Message", prepared by Nellie McClung (a Canadian authoress). Mrs. Lundy Johnston and Mrs. Lindsay gave readings and favourite Easter hymns were sung. Mrs. A. Fawcett and Mrs. H. Graham assisted the hostess, Mrs. Hutchinson, in serving luncition.

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Once Upon A Time... In Our Town

(By An Old Timer)

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to find even a trace of old haunts.

Right next to the McCullough & Young building came the Bank of Montreal Building in the extreme easterly end of which was at one time stored the Billy Stephens' family. And I mean just that, for the whole family tended store betimes. And a right jolly, happy-go-lucky family they were. Never an Irisher fresh out from the Ould Sod had anything on Mrs. Billy when it came to matters and things Irish. I hope Ethel and Viny come dashing into town to join in the celebrating.

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in the celebrating.

Well, the store which George Foy now holds down shows few traces of that old Stephens store. Nor does the Bank of Montreal resemble the old Bank much either. The present Manager. Ted Cramp, is a fairly newcomer, but is settling down very nicely and getting his fingers on quite a few strings.

few strings.

We do miss Sandy Robertson, the former Manager, with his nice Scotci: humor and crisp advice (sometimes given when you were least expecting

A few doors further down, the Harry Nobles used to swing a very up-to-snuff Confectionery and Ice Cream Parlor, which was the popular rendezvous for the young fry. To-day, there is no trace of that occupancy. The family's gone. The store is gone. The building itself was burned down and the property incorporated in the new "Oliver's".

The year Harry came back from the West to establish his business, there were an unusual number of business changes, and Harry was able to secure a store on the other side of the street in the old Benson block.

A new Institute branch was organized at Blantyre last week by the district president, Mrs. Wm. Clugston. Twenty ladies joined, with Mrs. Gordon Quinton as president. We congratulate this group and wish them every success

We have been obliged to hold over news material including Holland and Euphrasia Council minutes.

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Elect Bill Fisher President

of Markdale Rotary Club Bill Fisher was elected president of Markdale Rotary Club at the regular meeting on Monday night, with the present head, Geoff Chamberlin, returned as his deputy. Mr. George Lemon will act as secretary, and directors named were Messrs. Stan. Kidd, Bert Hamilton, Lorne Dennison and Dr. Bill Breakwell. Mr. Fisher will take over his new duties on July 1st.

HOSPITAL WORK PROGRESSES

At time of going to press the down-stairs portion of the east wing of the hospital is nearing completion. The second plaster coat will be put on next week and all plumbing pipes are in place so finishing can be rushed. The Board are quite satisfied with progress thus far. progress thus far.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

At the Easter Communion service and reception of new members, membership at Annesley United Church was increased by 23, over half being received on profession of faith, and others on certificate. Over 120 received communion at this service, which was the largest number in several years.

BON'T YIELD TO THAT
FISHING TEMPTATION

There is great temptation for any motorist (or pedestrian for that matter), at this time of year, while passing any of the numerous creeks or streams in this district, to drop a line in the hope that some unsuspecting fish will grab the hook and end up on the breakfast table. We are all human, and any fisherman is bound to get that urge. But to the true sportsman he will not yield to the temptation.

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Opening fishing dates have been announced and the speckled trout fisherman will be the first to wet a line, doing so legally on May 1st. Pickerel season opens May 16th, and Black Bass come later, July 1st. So when you are passing that stream, give those fishes a break till May 1st.

COUNCIL BUYS BULLDOZER

The Township of Artemesia has ordered an International bulldozer, at a cost of approximately \$18,800. The new machine has been ordered through the Ballantyne Co, distributors at Hamilton. The order is subject to the approval of the Ontario Department of Highways. Equipped with blade the machine weighs 15% tons and there can be attached to it an 11-ft. snowplow and two wings with hydraulic control.

any Auxiliary member.

EASTER DANCE—Freedom Chapter O.E.S, will hold their Easter Dance in Markdale Armoury, Easter Monday, April 18th. Music by "Melody Men Orchestra." Dancing from 9:30 to 1 o'clock. Refreshments served. Adm. \$1.50 couple.

COMING TUESDAY, APRIL 19th—One hundred beautifully coloured slides on the life of Christ in song, sermon and Scripture will be shown in Cooke's Church, Markdale, by Rev. A. Bell and his Young People of South End Baptist Church, Owen Sound. Auspices Sunday School. Starts at 8:15. Adm. 25 and 10c.