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Welcome Home!

By Vesta Colgan
The stage is set for what will probably be the greatest celebration in Markdale's 100 years.

On Wednesday and Friday, local and district people are asked to register. By paying your membership fee you are eligible to participate in the draw for the 42-piece set of silverware.

During the past week the Markdale Arena has been transformed into a grand concert hall, with a decorated false ceiling, and seating provided for 1,500.

These "lads" from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation have a heavy program for next week-end. Don Fairbairn will be in Detroit Saturday afternoon, doing a broadcast at the Harmsworth Trophy Boat Races.

Our thanks to Hugh Mercer and Jack Sherring, who very kindly obliged by hand printing the window cards displayed around town this week, picturing such celebrities from C.B.C. as Commentator Don Fairbairn, Producer Reid Forsee, and Roly Anderson.

Store windows are being dressed in preparation for next week's celebration and one of the first ones completed is the former Murphy House, now owned by the W. N. Burnside Estate.

It looks like a great day of motorcycle racing in Markdale on Tuesday. Already there are 40 entries from Ontario, which include three classes: novices, amateurs, and experts.

Included in the racing personnel will be the 1949 novice and amateur champions, as well as last year's speed artist. The Ontario expert champ will be here from Montreal, and also the former champion, who will be out to beat him.

Good Night-Shift! The pajama parade to be held after midnight Sunday is going to be exciting. Mrs. "Stew" Ballard has offered to donate a prize for the best pajama costume.

The donors of the valuable prizes for lucky draws at the Centennial stress the fact that all persons, including those members of the Toronto and Detroit organizations, must pay their \$1 membership fee before they can participate in the lucky draw.

The Sunday night concert is going to be something of a surprise, and is in charge of Mrs. W. E. Harris, Mrs. Alan MacMicking, and Miss Leone Matthews. We do know, however, that Don Haskett, who sings regularly over C.B.C., is going to be there, and the R.C.A.F. Band will be a special feature.

STOP THE PRESS!
Gordon Beaton, the Centennial chairman, received a telephone message as The Standard went to press, from C. S. Ballard, vice-president of the Gruen Watch Company, stating that the prizes being donated by various Toronto firms and individuals have been increased by more than \$175.

Reeve of Markdale



Dr. R. L. Carefoot, reeve of Markdale, who has extended a hearty welcome to all who are coming for the Centennial celebrations.

Interesting Meeting For Vandeleur W.I.

The Vandeleur Women's Institute held its July meeting in the Community Hall on Thursday, with Mrs. B. Hutchinson as hostess. The vice-president, Mrs. Dane McGee, called the meeting to order with the singing of the opening ode and repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

It was resolved that each member donate \$1 to the funds instead of having a booth at the Centennial. Mrs. G. Shaw invited the Institute to hold its September meeting at her home, when the town members will be hostesses.

A report of the district annual meeting held in Owen Sound was given by the delegates, Mrs. S. Hare and Mrs. L. Reid. A song period was enjoyed, with Mrs. W. Bowles at the piano.

HOSTESS FOR TEA AND BAKE SALE

The tea and bake sale held on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. A. Dunlop, under the auspices of the Junior Guild of Christ Church, was quite successful, with proceeds amounting to nearly \$40.

TO WED SATURDAY

Miss Isabel Concedine McMullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McMullen of Holland Centre, will become the bride of Horace Keetch Braden, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Braden, on Saturday in the Holland Centre United Church. Mr. Braden is the pastor of the Holland Centre charge of the United Church of Canada.

And Now the Centennial Celebration Is Here!

After weeks and months of planning, Markdale's Centennial is here! It would seem like something the citizens have long been hoping for. From the beginning of 1949, when the Centennial plans began, it has never ceased to grow until it is found that people on all sides are working in preparation. So much to be done in so short a time!

But Centennial year in Markdale has kept urging all on, and now it is about to take place.

The program prepared by the committees is outstanding. While the complete list of events is in the program, it is particularly stressed that the committee has secured this high-class entertainment for the enjoyment of all. Each day of the celebration there are events that have outstanding performers, such as the ball teams, the swimmers, the motorcycle races, the horse races, and the concerts each night.

Valuable prizes have been offered to make the program more attractive. The committees are counting on the public for their support, and there is no doubt that the crowds will be large.

Never has Markdale gone out to secure facilities such as will be here for the Centennial. Everything has been arranged for this grand, homecoming to insure the comfort and entertainment of the visitors.

At one time it was wondered if this community could gleam with such enthusiasm. Committee chairmen have been doing a grand job. For instance, the secretary, Dr. L. G. Campbell, has undertaken to answer personally every letter addressed to him, and like all the other members of the executive, deserves appreciation.

It is hoped that all former Markdale and district people, as well as residents of the community, will attend the Centennial and be present for all the events. "Come early and stay late, and let's make this one really grand homecoming," is the wish of the executive committee.

Parents And Friends At Closing Session

The closing session of the Vacation Bible School, conducted by Misses Beth Dinsmore of Thornbury and Bertha Wilcox of Clarksburg, was held in the Gospel Workers' Church on Friday evening, with a good attendance of parents and interested friends.

The program consisted of a number of choruses emphasized with motions, an object lesson on temptation illustrated by a mouse caught in a baited trap, a beautiful flannelgraph showing the story told by the Lord of the man who fell among the thieves and who was so kindly helped by the Good Samaritan after the priest and the Levite had failed to care for him, thus illustrating who is "our neighbor". The children also repeated the memory verses they had learned, being St. John 1: 19.

Awards were given for perfect attendance, for bringing other boys and girls to the school, and for completed memory work. A pretty good-by chorus, sung by the boys and girls, and the closing hymn by all, followed by prayer by Rev. C. J. McNichol, brought this happy service to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nicols of Toronto are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. Ryan.



Members of the Centennial Executive. Left to right—Front row, Mrs. Robert H. McLoughry, assistant secretary; Gordon A. Beaton, president; Mrs. W. J. Colgan, second vice-president; back row—T. Stewart Cooper, first vice-president; W. E. Cramp, treasurer.

115 Farmers Attend Beef Producers' Meeting

The annual meeting of the Grey County Beef Producers' Association was held in the Department of Agriculture office on Friday evening. More than 115 farmers from every township were present.

Reports were heard from George Johnson, zone director of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, James A. Matches, director of the Ontario Agricultural Council, and T. Stewart Cooper, the departmental representative, on calfhood vaccination.

The speaker was Prof. R. G. Knox, professor of animal husbandry at the O.A.C., Guelph. He stressed that quality alone would assure remunerative prices. This quality, however, he said would command a premium for on that basis. Prof. Knox also spoke of the importance of retailing all meats on a graded basis. Only by so doing, he said, could the producer of good beef get the deserved returns for his efforts.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Edgar Lemon, Balacava; secretary-treasurer, Wesley Magwood, Hanover.

TWO EVENTS ADDED TO WATER SPORTS PROGRAM

Hugh Mercer announces that two swimming events have been added to the big water sports program of the Centennial to be held Monday at the Swimming Pool. One is for boys under 17 years, and the other is for boys under 14. Prizes for these races have been donated by George Foy. Entries for these races should be given to Mr. Mercer before July 30th.

PASS MUSIC EXAMS.

Miss Lois Kidd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Kidd, passed the Toronto Conservatory of Music examinations in harmony and history with honors. Miss Marilyn Hannah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hannah, passed the grade five examinations.

Rocklyn W.I. Donates For Baby Incubator

The Rocklyn Women's Institute met on Wednesday last, when Mrs. Emerson Cook was the hostess. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. The president, Mrs. C. Caswell, presided over the devotional and business periods.

The hostess read the Scripture lesson from St. John 10. The minutes were read by the secretary. Correspondence and several "thank-you" cards were read. In appreciation of the gift of baby's clothing he had received, Mr. Adamson, superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, sent a letter of thanks to the institute.

Several items of business were discussed. The sum of \$25 was given to the Centre Grey Hospital in aid of the baby incubator.

Mesdames J. Baird, O. Falls, T. Gilray, and C. Taylor were named as delegates to attend the county rally at Desboro. In the absence of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. S. Falls, read a splendid report of the district annual meeting held in Owen Sound. Two interesting papers were enjoyed by all present. Mrs. C. Miller, convener of citizenship and education, gave one on "Citizenship," and Mrs. E. Lanktree gave one entitled, "Qualities of an Ideal Institute Member."

Under the direction of Mrs. Ormond Falls, the following interesting program was given: A poem on "Weeds," by Mrs. * Falls; an oral "Know Your Canada" contest, by Mrs. Falls; a girls' trio, Jeanette Falls, Elaine and Betty Ellis, sang "Isle of Beauty"; a poem, "Be the Best of Whatever You Are," given by Mrs. Falls. Group singing was enjoyed, with Mrs. S. Falls at the piano. The National Anthem and grace were sung.

Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Burrell assisted the hostess in serving a seasonal lunch. The August meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lawson Sewell on Wednesday, August 17th.

Visiting Ministers At Cooke's Church Sunday

Rev. Robert Barr, M.A., minister of Knox Church in Toronto, will be the speaker in Cooke's Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning at 10:45. Rev. Mr. Barr is one of the most outstanding men in the Presbyterian Church. In 1945, he was moderator of the church in South Africa and Rhodesia.

W.A. To Give Hymnals To Sunday School

(From our own correspondent)
Wodehouse—The New England W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Willard Wiley on Thursday afternoon. A hymn was sung and the Lord's prayer was repeated. The devotional, "The Church and the Home," was given by Eleanor Clugston.

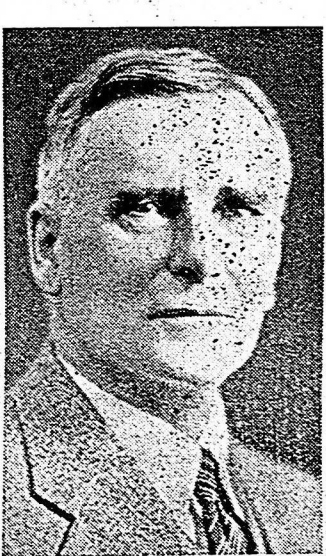
Miss Ella Wiley read a letter of thanks for a parcel sent to the Centre Grey General Hospital at Markdale. The July box for Miss Glover in England will be sent by Mrs. Fred Cooper, Mrs. Gordon Willcocks, and Mrs. Nelson Willcocks.

On a motion by Mrs. N. Willcocks and Mrs. Smith, Miss Ella Wiley and Mrs. S. Clugston were authorized to purchase 20 youth hymnals and a notebook, to be given to the Sunday school by the W.A. The members decided to hold their meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

The girls had charge of the program, which included a duet, "The Children's Friend is Jesus," by Marilyn and Evelyn Clugston; readings, "Out on the Mountain," by Clara Wiley, "This is Really a Boys' World," by Eleanor Clugston, and "A Fly in Church," by Anna Clugston. A contest was conducted by Lois Clugston. There were 22 members and visitors, and four children in attendance. The collection amounted to \$3.68. At the close of the meeting, lunch, prepared by Mrs. W. Wiley, Mrs. V. Wiley, and Mrs. N. Willcocks, was served by the girls.

Let The Standard do your next printing order.

Centennial Secretary



Dr. L. G. Campbell, who is secretary of the Centennial Committee. He has practiced dentistry in Markdale since 1896.

I. B. Lucas Donates Land To Cemetery

A gift of land to the Cemetery Board from I. B. Lucas as a memorial to his father was accepted with thanks by the council of the Village of Markdale at its July meeting, held in the Library basement on Monday evening. Dr. R. L. Carefoot, the reeve, presided. Councillors J. A. Hamilton, W. W. Alcox, and H. S. Merriam were present.

A. O. Gillespie, the chairman of the Cemetery Board, addressed the council about the gift from Mr. Lucas, recommending that it be accepted. He said the deed for the property would be made in the name of the corporation. Mr. Gillespie also said the cemetery is in need of more property, and he expressed the hope that others would make gifts to it.

The generous gift from Mr. Lucas was gratefully accepted on a motion by Councillors Merriam and Hamilton. The reeve and the clerk, Tom Tuck, were authorized to sign the necessary transfer when it is prepared. A Griffith, the pumping house operator, reported that he has been having trouble in keeping the water pressure up. After some discussion, it was decided to have the pumps inspected by the Smart-Turner Co. of Hamilton.

Accounts were passed as follows: Hydro power, \$894.99; hydro general accounts, \$434.16; water, \$481.15; general accounts, \$791.13; street accounts, \$265.75.

Ancestors Were Among Markdale's First Settlers

George Walker is believed to be the only Markdale resident whose ancestors were among the first settlers of this district. His father, George Walker, settled on lot 101 in 1849, and this farm on Main St. west is still in the Walker family. Mr. Walker was born in a log house where the present Bank of Toronto now stands.

One of his sisters, (Martha) Mrs. E. N. Fillow, was the first white child born in what is now Markdale.

Mr. Walker, now 86, is looking forward to the Centennial celebration with more than usual interest.

TO BE INTERVIEWED
W. R. Burnett has been selected as the oldest resident to be interviewed on the radio broadcast on Sunday morning in the arena.

Mrs. Elsie McDonald and W. Ashworth of Toronto are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright.

Coming Events

DANCING EVERY NIGHT OF THE Centennial, with Russell Hill's six-piece orchestra—July 31, Sunday (Midnight), to Aug. 3rd, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Dances start at 10 o'clock.

AMATEUR SHOW AND CONTEST, Wednesday, August 3rd, 8:15 p.m., in Markdale Arena—1st Prize, \$20 in cash; 2nd Prize, \$15 in cash; 3rd Prize, \$10 in cash; 4th Prize, \$5 in cash. Old-Time Fiddlers' Contest with three prizes. Send entries to Russell Hill or Bert Hamilton.



Talking Over Centennial Plans. Left to right—Frank D. Sawyer (publicity); Cec. Alton (decorating); Bert Hamilton (entertainment); George McTavish of Flesherton is slowly improving in the Centre Grey General Hospital.