First Log Shanty Built By George Walker Family

One of the first log shanties ever built in the first log shannes ever built in the virgin forest where Markdale was later to be established, was that of the George Walker family, says Mrs. W. J. Colgan in The Owen Sound Daily Sun-Times. They came to what is now Markdale a century ago, and it is but natural that they should be recalled as the community so recently observed its contenant.

should be recalled as the community so recently observed its centenary.

Two of the family, George Walker, Jr., now 86, and his sister, Miss Dorcas Walker, are still living. George Walker still owns the old farm, located on Main Street West, and readily recalls the old days when his father perated a blacksmith shop, the first in Markdale, located where A. E. Hunt's garage now is situated.

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His father had to make his own horseshoes. Horseshoe nails were made from long strips of Swedish

made from long strips of Swedish steel. It was customary in those days to shoe oxen, and these shoes were made by hand.

The southeast corner of what is now Markdale was located to a brother, Samuel Walker, and later was acquired by Mrs. George Walker, Sr. She and her husband years later celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at what is still called the George Walker farm, with their nine children all present.

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To qualify for grants of land 100 years ago, a settler was required to clear and place under crop 12 acres of the land located within four years, to build a house, and to reside on the land until this settlement duty was performed.

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The Walkers built their first shanty just back of the English church, and later had a hewed log house near the house now occupied by Bob Wiley's. George Walker was born in a log house on the corner now occupied by the Bank of Toronto, and his sister, Martha, was the first white child born in these parts. Mr. Walker can recall the first McFarland store on the main corner, the hotel run by a Mr. Bowers where William Sutton's implement shop is now; Reynolds' store was where Bert Hamilton's is located, and William Brown was a merchant on the corner now occupied by Markdale Hardware.

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He remembers well George Blythe
who published The Expositor, and
Mrs. Atkinson who kept the post office where Hill's store is today. The
Walker "kids" went to school just below the swamp on the south.

The experiences of those days are
not altogether without glamor. George
Walker recalled, while still a boy, seeing the men skidding the logs into
huge piles and setting fire to them.
They usually contained such valuable wood as black cherry.

This descendant of the first settlers recalls the Indians who used to
come here for the winter. He remembers seeing as many as 13 wigwams

bers seeing as many as 13 wigwams in the bush where Markdale Cemetery is now situated. They trapped and hunted throughout the winter and took their furs and deer meat to the reserve above Owen Sound. The woods were alive with game at that time, and the howl of a pack of wolves or the cry of the wildcat were familiar sounds.

pearance.

The post office was located in McFarland's store at this time, and The
Standard, published by C. W. Rutledge, had its home in the house now
owned by Earl Brown. The Marsh

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MARKDALE, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1950

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Funeral Held Friday



Scott Perkins, prominent Markdale business man, whose funeral was held on Friday. Annesley United Church was filled for the service. Mr. Perkins retired from the hardware business bearing his name in 1946.

Zion W.I. Members Plan Potluck Supper For March

Mrs. William Glencross was hostess to the Zion Women's Institute for its February meeting. There were 20 members and eight children present. Plans were made to make a quilt to be sent in a bale to the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada. Arrangements were also made for a pot luck supper to be held in March.

Mrs. J. R. Edwards was in the chair for the program. An excellent paper on "Flowers and their Influence" was given by Mrs. Howard Ritchie. Mrs. Thomas Glencross and Mrs. J. R. Edwards sang a duet, "The Old Rugged Cross." Assembly singing was enjoyed by the members.

Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Clarence Robinson gave some helpful and inter-esting facts on the Federation of Ag-riculture.

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Mrs. Mary Anderson conducted a contest on favorite hymns and songs. The roll call was well responded to with "My favorite house plant."

and road conditions. Vases of flowers adorned the tea room, where the guests were served by Mrs. Delbert, Hill, Mrs. J. A. Dunlop, Mrs. George Colgan, Mrs. J. R. Matthews, and Mrs. H. H. Dennison.

The baking table was in charge of Mrs. W. W. Graham, Mrs. W. J. Sherring, and Mrs. Trevor Thompson. Club was cancelled the president, Mrs. J. MacDonald, and Mrs. R. S. Jones.

-Mr. and Mrs. R. Jarick spent the week-end in Hamilton with relatives.

ENJOYS GETTING NEWS

Mrs. James Hall of McMorran.
Sask., writes: "I am enclosing money
to pay for my subscription to The
Markdale Standard, which I am very
glad to receive each week. I really
enjoy getting the news of the old,
home district."

W. S. Perkins Came To

away on Tuesday evening at his home on Cavan St., in his 80th year.

Mr. Perkins was born at Uxbridge, a son of the late William and Artemesia Marsh Perkins. On June 21, 1898, Mr. Perkins was married to the former May Agnes Wilson, in Stayner. They first resided in Tottenham, where Mr. Perkins was in business with his brother-in-law.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins went to St. Catharines. They came to Markdale in 1900.

Mr. Perkins had a long association with the hardware business in Markdale.

Mr. Mercer's father established a general store business in the same with the hardware and by Haskett Bros. He bought the Haskett business and some time later sold it to the late William Mann, with whom he had been in partnership. He next bought the hardware business of Richardson and Bradley, which he continued until 1946, when he sold the business to W. E. Fisher and W. J. Sherring, the present owners.

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A member of Annesley United

A member of Annesley United Church, Mr. Perkins was an active worker and a faithful attendant as long as his health permitted. He was a valued member of the choir for many years. He organized and conducted an orchestra in the Sunday school, and for a number of years he was a member of the Board of Stewards.

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Mr. Perkins was a member of Saugeen Lodge, No. 327, I.O.O.F. In 1899, W. J. Howard, a past district deputy grand master, helped to initiate Mr. Perkins into the lodge. Later, Mr. Perkins served as the lodge's noble grand.

Surviving Mr. Perkins are his wife, five sons, and one daughter. They are: Harold of Acton, Lorne and Ivan of Toronto, Milton of Geraldton, (Margaret) Mrs. Art Taber of Fort William, and Jack of Markdale. A daughter, (Ellie) Mrs. George Archer, predeceased her father. Of 10 brothers and sisters, (Lottie) Mrs. William Russell of Dundalk, is the only survivor. There are 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon. Rev. W. M. Lee, the minister of Annesley United Church, conducted a short service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins, following which a public service was held in the church. The choir led the singing of the hymns, with Mrs. Walter E. Harris at the organ console.

The members of Saugeen Lodge,

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The regular meeting of the Rotary Club was cancelled this week. The club's chef, Joe Koo, was in Toronto and unable to get back in time on Tuesday on account of the storm.

The Markdale Standard covers the Markdale trading area.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mercer's RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

Markdale 50 Years Ago

Walter Scott Perkins, a highly esteemed resident of Markdale, passed away on Tuesday evening at his home on Cavan St., in his 80th year.

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of honor at a reception in the Paragon, Owen Sound, arranged by their daughter, Miss Helen Mercer of Toronto.

Many of the guests at the wedding the way on Tuesday evening at his home on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer will be at home to their friends.

late Robert Wyllie and Jennie Tucker
of Owen Sound, where she was born.
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Markdale, and Helen of Toronto.

Winners of two prizes were: Ab. Wyville, Mrs. Walter Playter, Harry Cherry, Lem. Gould, Mrs. J. D. Hughes, Mrs. Harry Cherry, Isaac Lemon, Allan Lemon.

The winners of one prize were: Gordon Bowins, Ronnie Cherry, Harold Francis, Wes. Stephenson, Raymond Irwin, Mrs. Stan. Woods, Mrs. Seyers, Mrs. Clare Boales, Mrs. Norman Fitzsimmons, Mrs. J. M. Dugan, Mrs. Mac Dixon, Stan. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mercer's
40th Anniversary Today

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mercer are today celebrating their 40th wedding
anniversary. They were married on
February 16; 1910, by Rev. T. A.
Rodger, in Knox Presbyterian Church,
Owen Sound. Today, they are guests
of honor at a reception in the Paragon,
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Travelling Ski School **Concludes Sessions Here**

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Mr. Mercer's father established a general store business in the same block now occupied by his son and his grandson, Hugh. On January 13th, the Mercers celebrated 61 years of continuous business in Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer attend Christ Church. Mr. Mercer is believed to have been the first white child christ tened in the church. He is a member of the Owen Sound Branch, No. 6, Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L.

Mr. Mercer was associated with his father in the store business until 1915, when he enlisted in the 147th Battalion. Serving with the rank of major, he took "B" Company overseas, when he of the own with the 11th Battery, C.T.A. On his return from overseas, he and Mrs. Mercer lived in Owen Sound, Dundalk, Brampton, and Toronto.

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Sound, Dundalk, Brampton, and Toronto.

It was in May, 1936, that Mr. Mercer returned to Markdale to establish his present dry goods business.

In his younger years, Mr. Mercer was active in sports. He played on the Markdale lacrosse, baseball, and hockey teams. He also curled. Mr. Mercer is a member of North Star Lodge, No. 322, A.F. & A.M., Owen Sound, and he is also an 18th degree Scottish Rite Mason.

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First lady to finish the course was Terry Roberts of the Toronto Ski Club, who was presented with a pair of ski poles in recognition of this fact.

Cam Switzer of Ottawa, on behalf of the students, expressed apprecia-tion of "the high quality of instruc-tion given by the staff."

Clint Melville told The Standard the school was held on the grassy slopes of the Weaver and Richards' farms rather than on the tow hill, using the

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Oliver Lepard Stricken

An esteemed resident of Markdale. Oliver Lepard was stricken suddenly on Tuesday morning of last week. He had been in failing health for some time, but he went to the post office for the mail in the morning as usual. He had just returned nome when he

passed away.

For 21 years, Mr. Lepard farmed in the Township of Euphresia. In 1949, he bought a butcher business here. Six years later he sold the business to the late Cliff. Oliver and moved to Leamington. He returned to Markdele about three months ago.

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Mr. Lepard was a son of the late Mrs. Oliver Lepard, who made her Mrs. Cliff was Miss Mary Graham, who passed away in 1926. They had one daughter, (Mary) Mrs. Ken, the Mrs. Thompson of Dundalk. In 1928, Mr. Lepard married Miss Viola Nesbitt of Euphrasia Township, who survives. Left to mourn his sudden passing, besides his wife, his mother, and his daughter by his first marriage, are three children by his second marriage, Ruth, 15, Peter, 13, and Rosein Lepard Mrs. Expanded Mrs. Lepard Mrs. Thompson of Meaford. Two sisters. (Annie) Mrs. Thompson of Meaford. The Mrs. Thompson of

oticed a seep retended the service of the steem in whilend Wilson. Harry Osborne. Willand Wilson. Ken. Burrell. Gordon Kingston. Frank Ireton. Elgin McFadden. Jack Torry. and Mel. Wilson. The large attendance and the many beautiful floral tributes bespoke of the esteem in which Mrs. Foster was widely held.

Among those who attended the service from a distance were: Clarence Foster of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goy. Donald Hodgson, Mrs. Harry Hodgson. all of Toronto: Mr. and Mrs. William Heer and son. Mrs Belle Boyce. Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. William Heer and son. Mrs Belle Boyce. Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. Reid. Thornbury; Mrs. Leona Story and son, Meaford; Messrs. Weir and Howe, Toronto.

SELLS HEIFERS

J. Frank Davis of R.R. 4. Markdale, sold four three-year-old purebred Holstein heifers last week to James O'Hara of Springmount. The heifers, from Mr. Davis herd of T.B. tested Holsteins, were sired by the farm's herd size.

Local High School Teams Trim Flesherton Thursday

Markdale High School's girls' and boys' teams defeated Flesherton, 6-0 and 8-3, in the Flesherton arena on Thursday evening.

Wells and (Fernetta) Mrs. Thomas Wells and (Fernetta) Mrs. John Fitz-simmons, both of Euphrasia Township, predeceased Mr. Lepard.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral service in Oliver's Funeral Chapel on Thursday afternoon.

Leo Greenlees, representative of the Watch-Tower Bible and Tract Society. Toronto, took charge of the service. The beautiful floral offerings attested to the high esteem in which Mr. Lepard was held.

The pallbearers were William Dickie, Clarence Hill, John Menary, Edwin Boyce, Kenneth Johnston, and James Dixon.

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Interment was in the Markdale Cemetery.

Following the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed in the banquet hall. Bro. Langman entrained the brethren with bagpipe music.

Public School Pupils See How Standard Is Printed eight of the Markdale Public School, accompanied by Principal W. J. Messenger, visited The Standard office on Friday morning, where they week. The Linotype machine was explained to them by Jim Kell, who operates it, and George Moreland, the compositor and pressman, showed them how the presses work. He also explained the setting of type by hand in "sticks." On behalf of the class, Peter Thibaudeau expressed appreciation to Gordon Craig, the editor, and Messrs. Moreland and Kell. Appreciation to Gordon Craig, the editor, and Messrs. Moreland and Kell. Apprecia-tion was also voiced by Mr. Messenger, who said the class had been studying the history of printing.

Lady Sproule L.O.B.A. **Entertains At Euchre**

A successful and enjoyable euchre party was held on Thursday evening by the Lady Sproule L.O.B.A., No. 1092, under the auspices of the group convener, Mrs. M. Cherry, in the lodge rooms. Fourteen tables were in play. The prizes were won by the following: Ladies' high score, Mrs. W. A. Dickie; ladies' low, Mrs. Walter Tebbutt: men's high, Norman Fitzsimmons; men's low, Earl Davis. Refreshments were served after the cards.

Suffers Crushed Vertebrae

Francis Thompson, a mechanic at York Bros. Garage, was severely injured on Monday of last week on the farm of Russell Freeman of R.R. 4. Markdale. While moving a tractor, in which Stan. York was assisting, Mr. Thompson was caught between the tractor and a tow truck. He was brought to the Centre Grey General Hospital, where it was found that he had suffered a crushed verthers. He had suffered a crushed vertebrae. He was placed in a body cast. Mr. Thompson, who is reported to be making a splendid recovery, was able to be out of bed on Tuesday.

Say you saw it in The Standard.

Coming Events

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT, 8 o'clock sharp, in Legion Hal! Good prizes. Auspices, Canadia; Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary.

\$10 Kg DANCE AT KIMBEREY on Priday, February 17th. Dermett's Orchestra of Shelburne. Auspices, Kimberley L.O.L. Admission 50¢. Lunewill be sold. Dancing from 9 to

E:0:5 CHE MARKDALE Forticultural Sciety will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, February 18th, at 8 p.m. in the Department of Agriculture office. Anyone interested will be welcome.

250 x 25. THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF.
Prayer will be held in Cooke's
Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon, February 24th, at 3 o'clock.
All women of Markdale and district are invited to attend.