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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge.

Obituary

MCPHAIL—At Hemaruka, Ala., on Sunday, October 29th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross McPhail (nee Eric Sayers), a daughter.

KING—At Lowville, on Friday, October 27th, 1939, John G. King, formerly of Nassagaweya, in his 90th year.

JOHNSTON—At Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, October 26th, 1939, Robert Johnston, formerly of Acton, aged 78 years.

WARREN—In Simcoe, on Thursday, October 26th, 1939, Mary Edna, beloved wife of Ernest A. Warren, 19 Strathallan Boulevard, Toronto.

BEATTY—At the Wellesley Hospital, in Toronto, on Saturday, October 28th, 1939, Christina Godie, beloved wife of Thomas Beatty, 2988 Winona Drive, Toronto.

MOORE—In Georgetown, on Monday, October 30th, 1939, Joseph Matheson Moore, publisher of The Georgetown Herald, and beloved husband of Amy Claxton.

MCEachern—At his home, Lot 6, Concession 6, Townline, Erin Township, on Friday, October 26th, 1939, Archibald McEachern, husband of Elizabeth Cree, in his 80th year.

EDMUNDS—Suddenly, at her home, 11 Armstrong Avenue, Toronto, on Thursday evening, October 26th, 1939, in her seventy-eighth year, Emma Edna Baskerville, beloved wife of the late Rev. S. C. Edmunds, B.D.

Red Cross Plans for Drive and Active War Work

thirty thousand dollars. This may seem like a staggering amount, but if everyone does his part it can be accomplished. Many people will be able to afford large amounts, but the greatest amount will be contributed in small sums. There will not be many families which will not be able to spare at least fifty cents per month. Someone has suggested that we should give to war purposes at least as much as we spend for luxuries and amusements. When we stop to think of the sacrifice and risk of the men who go overseas, the small contribution which we are asked to make is very trivial indeed.

FOUR JUDGMENTS
Father—What is the meaning of that black eye, my son?
Johnny—Ah, that's mere a mark of esteem, father.
Father—How so?
Johnny—I esteemed my self a better boxer than Tommy Jones.

SAFETY FIRST
The manager of a theatre interviewed an applicant for the position of attendant. After asking the man several questions as to his suitability for the job, he finally asked him: "What would you do in case of fire?"
"Ah," said the man, "don't worry about me. I'd soon get out."

The Column Y

A few members of the "Y" Badminton Club have received an invitation to visit the Brampton Badminton Club this (Thursday) evening, which marks the opening of the Brampton badminton season, and also the beginning of a series of Inter-Club visits of our local Club. No doubt the locals will display their usual good brand of playing and also bring home the prizes, if any.

This Saturday marks the close of the Boys' and Men's Leader Ping Pong Tourney. Vic Masters has climbed from almost bottom place to the top and is ready to take on any who would challenge him. Considerable improvement in playing has been noted and with a series of such tournaments the standard of playing will no doubt be improved still more.

Gordon McCutcheon is tops in the Senior Tourney, with Lorne Masters just below him. When it is all over, on Saturday, the winner will have rightfully earned his place, because there have been some very close games played.

The Junior Boys are holding a Bean Feed in the Game Room of the "Y" on Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. of this week. Several young ladies of the Tuesday evening group will serve the boys and it is hoped that two or three films of a travel nature will be shown as part of the program. The boys are donating the food and a good turnout is expected.

Volleyball is the main program for a considerable number of the seniors every Wednesday evening. Some very hard-fought games were played last Wednesday, with some twenty-five young men taking part. It is hoped that many more men in town will take advantage of this excellent form of exercise during the winter months, when outdoor sports are very limited.

The Halloween spirit no doubt pre-empted some Young Ladies from attending the regular gym class Tuesday evening and a full turnout is expected next week.

SELLING MANURE — "THE LAST CASH CROP"

N. J. THOMAS, M. Sc., Department of Chemistry, O.A.C. Within the past few years tractors have developed a very thriving business hauling manure from the farmyards to the orchards and specialized farms along the lakeshore.

If the business is to be had, one cannot blame the truckers for taking advantage of opportunities to make a dollar. To the farmer selling manure one cannot deny the necessity of obtaining some cash in these times, especially when prices are relatively low for farm products. When a trucker pulls into a farmyard and offers \$100 or more (cash) for a pile of manure then temptation is hard to resist and many sell although it is against their better judgment of good farm practice.

While it is true that through past good management a few farms are in a high enough state of fertility to withstand the sale of manure, the great majority of soils require all the manure available to restore and maintain good physical condition and fertility. However, the farmer is willing to take a chance for a while and think that by purchasing some fertilizer it will save a lot of hard work and make up the difference in fertility. Without disparaging the value and necessity of commercial fertilizers in maintaining crop yields, it is of fundamental importance to establish a good supply of organic matter in the soil. It is the keystone to good soil management and crop production.

As every good farmer knows only too well, manure is undoubtedly the best material available for this purpose, as it not only supplies large quantities of quickly available humus, but also valuable amounts of soluble plant nutrients. Soil scientists state that the value of the organic matter or humus in a ton of manure towards crop production is of equal value to the plant food contained therein when applied to soils that are already low in humus. Hence to the fruit growers who keep little livestock and with their high acre returns and level of soil fertility requirements one can readily understand their good luck and eagerness to draw upon nearby farms supplies and have it dumped at convenient locations in the orchard or garden at ridiculously low prices.

Unfortunately, the great majority of farmers who are selling manure are situated on soils that require all the possible organic matter available to assist in maintaining good soil fertility. Under these conditions the continued use of fertilizers alone quickly results in a soil condition whereby money expended for them may be largely wasted. A good supply of organic matter in the soil is the "life blood" of the soil and the heavier the soil is, the more basically true this fundamental statement becomes. In order to receive the greatest returns from fertilizers applied, while it is now a well established fact that remarkable increases can be obtained by the application of suitable fertilizers, there are also instances on record that the continued use of fertilizers alone, especially on heavy clay soils, without manures of some kind, have eventually resulted in soil conditions next to impossible to work economically.

An apparently good promise of crop growth in early spring from the application is obtained, however, the effects of drought or excessive moisture on soils in poor physical condition due to deficiency of organic matter, quickly smother the result that crop yields are frequently reduced below those on the unfertilized areas. Manure is one of the farm's most valuable by-products and all good farmers depend upon it to maintain the farms' basic supply of fertility. While fertilizers up to a certain extent replace manure for crop yields, they cannot altogether. If it could or did, the very economics of our present day farming will not allow the expenditure of cash necessary to replace the plant food alone sold off the farm in manure much less that of the organic matter as well. While manure is usually sold for \$1.00 per ton in the yard, the actual value of the plant food content is around \$1.75 to \$2.00 per ton. Hence in return 100 tons of manure at \$1.00 per ton, the farmer actually sells \$175.00 to \$200.00 of nitrogen phosphorus and potash alone plus the value of the organic matter which in many instances has an equal value in soil fertility. If by chance the farmer decides to invest this \$100.00 in fertilizer, it will buy approximately 3 tons of a popular fertilizer. In other words for \$100, the farmer sells a possible 1,000 lbs. of nitrogen, 500 lbs. of phosphoric acid, and 1,000 lbs. of potash, and gets in return not over 120 to 150 lbs. of nitrogen, 600 to 750 lbs. of phosphoric acid and 300 to 325 lbs. of potash, and no valuable organic matter. Truly, this is not good business from a long time soil fertility viewpoint and anyone doing so will quickly find that the sale of manure would be their "last cash crop."

"Ye ken, Jean, I'm no' much tae look at," sighed Donald to his bride-to-be. "Maybe no," said Jeannie, "but ye'll be out at work mair o' the day."

STORAGE OF APPLES

In view of the fact that it will now be necessary because of war to store much larger quantities of apples, experts in fruit storage strongly advise that apples be stored in well-ventilated rooms or cellars. Such storage places should be equipped with plenty of openings, at least in the ratio of one square foot to every 50 barrels. The openings should be opened at night and closed during the day, care being taken to avoid draft spaces in the corners of the store.

RATHER A REFLECTION

Judge—I'll let you off this time, but from now on keep away from bad company.

Defendant—Thanks, Judge; you'll never see me here again.

Tip Top Tailors' Special Representative CHAS. A. RAFLEMAN Will Be Here Friday, November 3rd PALLANT'S CLOTHING STORE Mill Street, Acton Opposite Post Office

CHOICE MEAT BEEF: Shoulder and Blade Roast 18c, 20c per lb.; Lean Pot Roast Beef 15c, 17c per lb.; Brisket and Rib Boil 13c per lb.; Choice Rump Roast Beef 21c per lb.; 2 lb Leap Hamburg Steak for 35c. PORK: Shoulder Roast Pork 20c per lb.; Trimmed Boston Butts, lean, lb 25c; Fresh Side Pork 21c per lb.; Fresh Pork Hocks 13c per lb.; Meaty Spare Ribs 18c per lb. SCHNEIDER'S BREAKFAST BACON: Piece, per lb. 32c; Sliced, per lb. 35c. FRESH SAUSAGE: Large, per lb. 15c; Small, per lb. 20c. DOMESTIC OR JEWEL: Domestic or Jewel Shortening—Duff's or 2 lb 29c; Dumart's Lard 2 lb 29c. OYSTERS: Beacon Brand—the best you can buy, jar 35c.

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Heavy Boston Bruin Defence



DIT CLAPPER One of the toughest jobs in the National Hockey League last winter was that of forwards faced with the task of passing the Boston defence, Eddie Shore and Jack Portland as one pair, and Dit Clapper and Jack Crawford as the other. This year pre-season calculations have Clapper teaming with Portland, thus comprising the biggest as well as one of the best combinations in the league. Clapper tips the scales around the 210 mark, and Portland goes closer to 220. Jack Crawford will be juggled with Jack Shewchuk, Bill Hollett and, for the home games, Eddie Shore, as the other pair.



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Assembly Line in British Gun Plant



A view of one of the floors in one of Britain's armament plants, showing some of the anti-aircraft guns that will be used in the defence of Britain in process of assembly. Throughout England, factories like this one are working night and day to complete the defensive ring of steel and high explosive around the "light little island."

FLORIDA NEW YORK CHICAGO ATLANTIC CITY WHERE TO GO-? Look! LOW ROUND TRIP FARES: MONTREAL \$13.70, BOSTON \$21.60, CHICAGO \$17.00 (Canadian Money) For Winter Travel Suggestions See HAROLD WILES Phone 58 3-DAY VISAS: NEW YORK \$11.50, MONTREAL \$10.00, BOSTON \$11.75. ALL SET NOW! NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! ON OUR TRIP! GRAY COACH LINES

November—the eleventh month. Remembrance Day—a week from Saturday. Poppy Day is being observed in Acton this Saturday. Halton County Plowing Match is to be held to-morrow, near Drumquin. In the Quebec elections last week, the Liberals polled about 55 per cent. of the total vote. The Gray Coach Lines announces a reduced rate for enlisted men traveling on their lines. Saturday gave the first local snow flurries, but in this section the white mantel didn't last long. Oakville's new Post Office will be officially opened next Monday by the Deputy Postmaster General. The charter for Acton Branch of the Red Cross Society has been on view in THE FREE PRESS window this week. Just fifty-one days until Christmas. It will pay this year to shop early. Watch the advertisements for the best offerings. A number of bogus fifty-cent pieces are reported in circulation. They are quite a good counterfeit, too, and difficult to detect. According to the by-law, recently adopted in Acton, the stores may remain open on Wednesday afternoons during November and December. While all was reported quiet on the western war front on Tuesday night, Halloween wasn't overlooked in this section, and all wasn't quiet. Acton Scouts and Cubs held a very successful Apple Day on Saturday. The complete stock was sold out before noon and gross returns were over \$50. Mrs. James Louttit received word to-day from her mother, in Ireland, that one of her cousins was lost when the "Royal Oak" was sunk by the Germans. The new books at Acton Public Library will be available on Saturday. Children's books may be secured from 1 to 2 p.m., and adults from 7 to 8.30 on that day.

THE REAL "DOPE" A stranger strolled into the village beer parlor and casually asked if anyone present knew anything about Jones, who had died in America. "Yes, sir," replied the man sitting in the corner. "Jones was honest, generous, hardworking, thrifty and a model husband." "And how did you find out so much about him?" asked the first man. "I married his widow."

EDITOR DIES



D. B. MacRae, editor of the Regina Leader-Post, and recent booster of Western Canada, died suddenly while visiting Sudbury, Ontario.

"Drang Nach Osten" Reaches a Dead End



A glance at the above map shows you how Reichsfuehrer Hitler's "drang nach Osten" (drive to the east) has come to a dead end, the red light being flashed by Soviet Dictator Josef Stalin. Russia not only holds one-third of Poland, a chestnut pulled out of the fire for him by Germany, but also controls the Baltic States, with the exception of Mermel (1), which Stalin is now reported anxious to have returned to Lithuania. At (2) along the Dniester River that divides Rumania from Russia, Soviet troops are concentrated, and at (4) Bulgars threaten the Dobruja area of Rumania. Turkey (5) is at loggerheads with Russia over demands made by Moscow on Ankara recently, and Turkey is entitled to call on Britain and France if she should be attacked. The position of Italy's still-undefeated but the experts say that the Allies is the side that Italy's bread is buttered on if she wishes to maintain her sphere of influence in the Balkans.