

THURSDAY, MAY 30th, 1940

Personals

Mrs. John Gibson spent several days during the week in London. Mr. Jim Jones of Toronto, spent the holiday week-end at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacNeil, of Detroit, Mich., visited Acton relatives last week. Dr. Trivette was the guest, during her visit in Acton, of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shroeder. Miss Elizabeth Gibbon, of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason over the week-end. Miss Betty Gibson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, in Guelph. Miss Wilma McMillan, of Toronto, was a visitor over the week-end with Acton friends. Mr. and Mrs. W. George Mason and Masters Richard and Frank, spent the week-end visiting in Sundridge. Friends are indeed pleased to see Mr. W. A. Storey home from the hospital in Guelph, much improved in health. Mr. and Mrs. Alf Butcher and Miss Ina White, of Oshawa, visited Mrs. T. Scott and other friends here over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith, of Toronto, were guests over the week-end of Mrs. A. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason. Mrs. S. L. Hahn and Miss Ida Edgar, of Preston, were visitors on the holiday with Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Clifford, at the Paragon. Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop, of Manitowish, are visiting this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Jack attended the Thompson-Stewart wedding at Grace United Church, Brampton, on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart and family, of Kitchener, visited with his mother, Mrs. A. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hahn and Miss Ida Edgar, of Preston, were visitors on the holiday with Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Clifford, at the Paragon. Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop, of Manitowish, are visiting this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Jack attended the Thompson-Stewart wedding at Grace United Church, Brampton, on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart and family, of Kitchener, visited with his mother, Mrs. A. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason. Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brown spent Victoria Day visiting relatives and friends in Toronto and over the week-end visiting friends at Inverkip. Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, of Toronto, and Mr. Harold Kennedy, of Detroit, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy. Dora Wood underwent an operation for removal of tonsils at Guelph Hospital on Tuesday, and is now making favorable recovery at her home here. Mr. L. Easley, Campbellville, Ontario, announced the engagement of his youngest daughter, Stella Elizabeth, to Charles Allan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Jefferson, of Guelph, Ontario, marriage to take place the middle of June. The engagement is announced of Jessie Winifred, daughter of Mrs. Reid and the late Mr. Robert H. Reid, of Acton, Ontario, to Mr. Melvin Henry Hilliard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hilliard, of Alton, Ontario, marriage to take place middle of June. Councillor and Mrs. O. W. Murray wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Velma Amelia, to Mr. Lloyd E. Millar, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Millar, Freeman, Ontario, the wedding to take place June twenty-second, in the United Church, Acton. CARD OF THANKS Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pearen and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all the friends who were so thoughtful during their recent bereavement. The floral tributes and other expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated. MR. and MRS. J. E. PEAREN and FAMILY HUMPHRIES-STEWART WEDDING AT BRAMPTON SATURDAY AFTERNOON On Saturday afternoon, at Grace United Church, Brampton, Margaret Marie Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, of Brampton, formerly of Acton, became the bride of George Edward Humphries, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Humphries, Wolverhampton, England. The Rev. E. A. Chester, B.A., D.D., officiated and Miss J. Miller was at the organ. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of sea foam blue sheer, trimmed with pink velvet bows. Her hat was of blue flowers with white streamers, and carried pastel sweet peas. Mr. Jack Dempster was groomsmen. A reception was held at Crofton Villa, Oakville. The bride's mother received, seated in navy blue and wore a corsage of pink roses. The young couple left for an extended honeymoon trip the bride travelling in an alpha blue car, sensible with matching accessories. GREAT ADVENTURES: "Have you had any adventures in your life?" the winsome visitor asked the old sea-dog. "Bugs, ma'am. I was nearly drowned once." "Oh, do tell me how it happened." "It was all through you," he sleepily said, "and leavin' the tap runnin'."

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TREASURER'S SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES Village of Acton, County of Halton To Wit: By Virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Village of Acton bearing date the Second Day of January, 1940, sale of lands in arrears of taxes in the Village of Acton, will be held at the Council Chambers in the Town Hall in the Village of Acton at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the Tenth Day of June, 1940, unless the taxes and costs are sooner paid. Notice is hereby given that the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes were published in the Ontario Gazette on the 2nd day of March, 1940. The following is the list: Taxed Costs Total Lot 33 Block 11, Plan 227, corner Church & Frederick Sts. \$266.59 \$1,695 \$233.54 Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block E, Plan 227, Victoria Ave. and Lot 82, Plan 227 308.49 2,535 \$2,843.49 Parts of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block E, Plan 227, Victoria Ave. and Lot 82, Plan 227, Agnes St. 26.71 616 \$103.86 Plan 7, Block 14, Plan 227, Church St. 237.76 1,512 \$2,250.89 Lot 33, Plan 227, on the north side of Quebec St. 46.74 237 \$40.71 Treasurer's Office, this 17th day of February, A.D. 1940. C. F. LEATHERLAND, Treasurer. 57-13

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tion companies in Canada to set up training classes. There is already every indication that under his leadership Canada's air program will be pushed ahead far beyond schedule. Recognition has been given of the desire of service men of the last war to serve. Officers training schools are to be set up at once set up to give refresher courses to officers of this war, now under fifty years of age who wish to serve and provision has been made for ex-service men of the last war to serve in Home Defence. Production of shells has been doubled and it is anticipated that in the next few days Canadian manufacturers will receive orders for tanks, aeroplane production will be stepped up and manufacturers with existing orders have been asked to work 24 hour days. The Third Canadian Division for overseas is to be recruited immediately. While undoubtedly the Government had planned some of these moves before parliament met, yet it cannot be questioned that recent events in Belgium, plus an aroused public opinion in Canada, have had the effect of substantially speeding up our war effort. The following extracts from a speech of Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of War Supplies, will give some indication of what this department is doing and of the obstacles which have retarded progress. "Broadly speaking, there are three essentials in our war needs. One people must obtain an adequate supply of the necessities of life; industrial output must be increased to meet military needs, and we must have sufficient supplies of foreign exchange to buy the necessary imports of raw materials. Prior to the outbreak of the war the government had planned to meet these needs. "It seems to me that the duties and limitations of the work of the Department are not generally understood. I am often asked why we have not filled every factory in Canada with orders for war equipment, regardless of the cost. "It must be remembered that Canada's army in Britain and France, although commanded by Canadians, forms part of the British army, and has no separate lines of communication. Therefore, it is practically a necessity that our equipment be interchangeable with that of the British army. This means that the armament of our troops must largely be built to British standards, and that British designs must be followed. One of our chief difficulties has been to obtain the latest British designs for mechanical equipment used by our troops in common operations. British industry has not been too willing to part with these designs, many of which represent years of study and development by private manufacturing firms. "Since the Defence Purchasing Board was established in July, 1939, the Department of Munitions and Supply and its predecessor boards have purchased \$225,000,000 worth of equipment, material and munitions for the Canadian army, navy and air force. In addition to this, the Department has placed \$75,000,000 worth of equipment, material and munitions orders for Great Britain and France, making a total in orders placed of about \$300,000,000. In doing so they have placed some 17,000 separate contracts. Throughout April contracts were being awarded at an average rate of 135 daily. Each of these contracts has been awarded by tender except those, relatively few in number, where it was impossible to obtain competitive bidding or in cases where the full output of an industry is required. "Our purchasing organization is required to buy a great variety of products. A continuing problem is to keep up with demands for clothing. To give you a few figures: Our factories have delivered, up to a few days ago, over 100,000 blankets, 125,000 pairs of boots, 270,000 shirts, 175,000 pairs of socks, 185,000 uniform blouses and jackets, and 190,000 uniform trousers. "Production is now under way of shells and their components, ranging from small arms and ammunition, anti-aircraft shells and field gun ammunition to heavy artillery shells. Machine guns are being made in Canada, and the expansion of facilities for the production of anti-aircraft guns and field artillery is proceeding. Some half dozen firms are now directly interested in different phases of gun production, in which activity prior to the war had been confined to the limited field of small arms manufacture in government arsenals. "The shells which Canada now makes or will make in the immediate future include: 10 millimetre, 18-pounder, 25-pounder, 3.1 inch, 4.5 inch, 6 inch and 8.2 inch shells. In order to make the shells complete, Canadian plants are at present engaged in the manufacture of corresponding quantities of cartridge cases, fuses, primers and other requisites. Some sixty different Canadian companies are engaged in this work. The Dominion arsenals are also engaged in certain special ammunition work for the United Kingdom. Existing certain explosive orders for which the capacity of the Dominion is being rapidly increased, contracts totalling more than \$40,000,000 have been placed for these munitions, including 100,000,000 of small arms ammunition, individual gun barrels, anti-tank cartridges, and other items. I might say that that item of 100,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition has been very greatly increased since these notes were prepared. "Why does the man rise in the East? Because the (Y) east makes everything rise."

LETTER BOX

Acton, May 27th, 1940 THE ACTON FREE PRESS Dear Mr. Editor: May I have permission, through the medium of The Free Press, to give our citizens and taxpayers details of the "deadlock" in School Board affairs that may not have been gathered through the limited report of the meetings. In view of the fact that this is of general interest, I feel further space could be given the matter in the public interest. The May meeting was, as usual, held in the Board Room in April, and was presided over by the Chairman. It was considered that it was better to be re-elected. In view of this notice regarding that meeting, I made some inquiries as to whether there were any teachers in other schools throughout the Province. I found, from the official Blue Book, that the average salary for Public School Principals in urban schools in Ontario was \$1,820, and the average in Halton was \$1,621. Female teachers in the County were paid salaries of from \$600 to \$1,100. In regard to Continuation Schools, I found that the average for Principals in the Province was \$1,207, and for female assistants was \$1,101. I feel I should have this information to allow me to come to a fair decision when salaries were being considered. I might also state that before the Board meeting I received, as well as other members of the Board, a letter from Mr. Lettich, giving his reasons for a request of a salary increase to \$1,800 from his present \$1,650. It was agreed at the May meeting to consider salaries of Public School teachers. This agreement was readily reached by the Board on all salaries until that of the Principal, Mr. McKenzie, came up. At this point there was injected a suggestion that salaries of Continuation School and Public School Principals be considered jointly. To this, objection by myself and others, was raised. The Board agreed, apparently, that Mr. McKenzie's fulfillment of his duties was highly satisfactory, and I might also state that this was borne out by the splendid report by the Inspector. With the above facts in mind, I suggested that Mr. McKenzie be offered a decent increase. Looking at average salaries, I felt an increase to \$1,300 was a fair salary adjustment. This was still \$321 less than the average in Halton County. After discussion, I made a motion to this effect, which was no sooner made than an amendment came, that an increase to \$1,300 be given to Mr. McKenzie. This amendment was voted on, and carried by a majority of 10 to 2. The motion was supported by Messrs. Oakes, Dils and Boyd. It was at this point that interference came from the chair. Without asking for a showing from the other two members, Dr. Buchanan declared the motion lost also, and gave his decision on his privilege of voting on a question at any time. On this privilege, I challenged the Chairman, and will feel his procedure, while according to the wording of the School Act, was permissible, is without precedent. When the letter was read from the Department on this matter, I said that I bowed to the decision given, but I do not apologize as reported in The Free Press. I have interviewed members of School Boards in a number of towns and cities adjacent to Acton, and I cannot find a single precedent for the action of Dr. Buchanan. Our former Chairman, Mr. J. M. McDonald, who held office for nine years until his retirement, I'll wager, never voted, causing a tie, and he had not only the confidence of the members but their respect as well. The action of the Chairman created the stalemate at the adjourned meeting, when the salary question was brought forward. Pressed for a reason for his attitude, the Chairman reported that unless the two Principals were given similar increases "he was on the spot". Just how he did not state. The only election I personally can make is that he has made a commitment to support the increase of the Continuation School Principal outside a Board meeting, which is hardly in accord with the spirit of his oath of office. In view of these facts and that the impasse was created solely by the unprecedented action of the Chairman, I suggested that such a procedure would create further divisions on a Board composed of six members. Dr. Buchanan's answer was that he would resign only if all the members resigned and thereby causing an election. An election in these troubled times, caused by the attitude of one man seems a precarious solution to such a situation. My attitude is that the majority of members of the Board should not be asked to carry a Chairman or any member whose decisions regarding the interests of our schools, and the sane functioning of the Board. My judgment, as likewise, that the qualifications for salary increase of one man should not influence judgment of another individual. I therefore, suggest again that Dr. Buchanan resign or give a solution as to the means by which the Board may carry on its normal duties. In closing, I would like to state that my only interests are those of Acton School. I was born here and spent my boyhood days in Acton. I have children attending Acton School, and I am assessed as a property owner. Surely interests which are essential for any School Trustee. The letter which is enclosed has heartened my efforts on behalf of the interests of Acton School. I trust you,

PRESENTATION HELD AT WOODSIDE SCHOOL FOR NEWLY-WEBS

On Thursday evening last, a presentation was held at Woodside School for Mr. and Mrs. David Swackhamer, of Toronto, who were recently married. A good program was given, with Will McIntyre as chairman, consisting of saxophone solo by Leslie Swackhamer, with Isabel Swackhamer at the piano, violin selections by Harvey Fisher, reading, Margaret Brown, piano solo, Rhea Burgess, mouth organ selections, Wreath Garland, songs by Ted Anderson, recitations by Frank Young, cowboy songs by Desmond O'Rourke, with Jim O'Rourke playing guitar, step dancing by Will McIntyre and Desmond O'Rourke. Mr. and Mrs. Swackhamer were then called to the front and Viola Stear read the following address: Woodside School, May 23rd, 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Swackhamer: Dear David and May: We, your schoolmates and friends, have gathered here this evening to give you and your bride our best wishes and heartfelt congratulations. We have had this occasion in mind since your marriage, but due to hard conditions we thought it best to delay it. You, David, have spent most of your life by our community. We have missed you during the past two years, as we always found you a ready helper in any of our activities. We have had the pleasure of knowing you, but as yet have not become acquainted with Mrs. Swackhamer. We hope that this will not always be so, as we are looking forward to seeing you often. We wish you to accept these gifts, as a token of esteem and we hope that you will find them useful in your new home. Signed on behalf of schoolmates and friends, JOHN RICHIE, JOHN COLE, SID BURROUGHS Mr. and Mrs. Swackhamer were then presented with a chime clock and an electric table lamp. David very suitably thanked everyone. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

Mr. Editor will be able to add it to this letter, which I feel should be given to clarify the School Board "deadlock". Sincerely, J. H. BOYD. Acton, Ontario, May 16th, 1940

Dear Mr. Editor: I am only a mother of school children, but on reading the account of the meeting of the School Board in The Free Press, was amazed to find that the salary of our Public School Principal has not been increased. I am sure the whole town knows of the fine outstanding character of this young man, and what an excellent example he is to our boys. We do not have to persuade them to go to school now, they thoroughly enjoy it, those who are in his class, and many others are looking forward to being there in the near future. Does the Board realize how much time outside the regular school hours, and on Saturdays he spends at the school, not only preparing academic work, but doing everything in his power to beautify the building and grounds? Young men of this type are not easily found these days and surely when we have such a one we will do everything in our power to keep him in our midst. The type of teachers we have has a great bearing on the future lives of our children. Therefore, salaries should be such that the finest among our young men and women will be attracted to the profession. How many individual members of the School Board would be willing to make teaching his life work, with all the long hours of study it entails in preparation, if he knew that after spending quite some time in the profession he would only be receiving the salary our Principal is receiving now? We are taxpayers, but where our children are concerned, we, along with other right thinking parents, are willing to pay for the best. I am sending this to you, Mr. Boyd, as I feel you are really interested in whatever is best for our children, and I believe you will bring it to the attention of the Board, and I hope and trust they will reconsider and offer Mr. McKenzie a substantial increase in salary. If not, there will be many disappointed mothers and children in this town, as I do not believe he will stay with us at his present salary. Thank you sincerely, JUST A MOTHER

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