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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam Notices, 50c and 10c per line additional for poetry.

BORN

COLLINS—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Collins (nee Edna Henderson) at the General Hospital, on Friday, June 7th, 1940, a son.

RUSSELL—To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Russell Unionville (nee Jean Kennedy), at the Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, on Wednesday, May 29th, 1940, a daughter—Betty Jean.

IN MEMORIAM

SOPEL—In loving memory of Mr. Alfred SopeL, who passed away on June 13th, 1939.

Time takes away the edge of grief, But memory turns back every leaf. In loving memory, His Wife, BARBARA SOPEL.

Odds and Ends

—Yes, it has been a bit dampish. —Sunday is Father's Day. May it not be entirely overlooked.

—The garden hose has not been called into service much this year.

—Some heavy fogs have made night driving rather hazardous this week.

—Garden growth has been remarkable the past week—and the grass is hard to keep even with.

—Bumyety! Bump! to the County Town! Provincial Highway No. 25, between Acton and Milton.

—School pupils and bank and government officials have a holiday to-day, in honor of the King's birthday.

—A lot of former pupils are planning on the reunion at Lorne School on July 1st. The program is about completed.

—It is printing, it can be done in Acton. The Free Press has a modern well-equipped plant to give quality work.

—Boys and girls are taking a real interest in the "Learn to Swim" Campaign, being conducted by the Acton Y.M.C.A.

—War pictures, special articles in connection with the war-activities are regular features every week in The Free Press, as well as the local news.

—A plane made a forced landing in Nassagaweya Township, the other day. The story is told in the news from S.S. No. 7, Nassagaweya, in this issue.

—We appreciate the response of many subscribers and the attention they pay to keeping their Free Press labels up-to-date. It's subscriptions and local support that maintain your local paper.

—A number from Acton have joined the Battery now recruiting in Oueph. The Free Press would be glad to have the names of these Acton and district boys.

TOO ACCOMMODATING

A special preacher, about to ascend the pulpit in a country church, was asked if he would like any particular hymn to be sung in keeping with his sermon.

"No, no," was the reply. "As a matter of fact I seldom know what I'm going to say until I arrive in the pulpit."

"Oh, well, in that case," said the vicar, "we had better give one of the hymns for those at sea."

HIS EXCUSE!

"Samba," said the employer to his Negro servant, "you are an hour late this morning."

"Yes, sar, I know it sah. I was kicked by a mule on my way, sah," replied Samba.

"Well, that ought not to have detained you as much as an hour, you know?"

"Well you see, boss, it wouldn't have if he'd kicked me in the direction, but he kicked me the other way."

ONE LADY'S OFFERING

Month by month, Honorable J. L. Ralston, Minister of Finance, regularly receives a cheque for \$25 from a lady contributor in Timmins, Ontario. The gift is a free-will offering to Canada's war effort.

HARD TO IDENTIFY

She (answering phone)—Hello. Nellie speaking, who is this? He: Ludwig, sweetheart.

She—Who? I can't understand you. He—Ludwig—L for Larry, L for Ulrich, D for Dick, W for William, I for Icedoor, G for George.

She—But, dearest, just which of the six are you?

HIS TUITION

Visitor: "Well, Johnny, how are you getting on at school?" Johnny (aged 7): "Fine. I ain't doing as well as some of the other boys, though; I can stand on my head, but I have to put my feet against the wall."

WAR MONEY GIFTS POUR IN

Gifts of money for war purposes continue to reach the Government almost daily. A contribution of \$100,000 by Lieutenant-Governor E. W. Hamber, of British Columbia, and Mrs. Hamber is outstanding. An Ottawa woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent in \$1,000.

Obituary

H. EARL KEITH, Winnipeg, 46, president of Winnipeg for 21 years, died Wednesday, June 13th, at his home, 4111 Avenue. Mr. Keith was born at Acton, Ontario. He served overseas with the 10th Battalion from 1915 until 1918. Surviving are his father, Angus Keith, Winnipeg Beach, Man.; and two sisters, Mrs. O. Sutherland, Winnipeg Beach; and Mrs. O. Leveley, Toronto. Funeral services held on Monday at 4:00 at Gardiner's Funeral Home, with Rev. J. A. Bowman officiating. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery.—Winnipeg Free Press.

MRS. JAMES FIRSBROOK Following a period of gradually failing health, Mrs. James Firsbrook passed away on Monday of last week at her home on Bower Avenue. Since the double bereavement she suffered two years ago when the only son, Dr. Arthur, passed away in June of 1938 and her husband died three months later, Mrs. Firsbrook has been falling. Mrs. Firsbrook was, before marriage, Miss Annie Collie. She was first married to the late Frederick Storey, son of the late W. H. Storey. The one son, Fred, Jr., has also predeceased her. Her second marriage was to James Firsbrook, who passed away in November, 1938. The only son of this marriage had predeceased the parents just two years ago. Mrs. Firsbrook has spent the most of her married life in Acton, where she was esteemed by all. Two sisters remain, Mrs. Gibson, of Regina, Sask.; and Mrs. Howe, of Listowel.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, with a private service at the funeral home of Johnstone & Rumley. Service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. C. Gifford. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. N. F. Moore, John Kenney, W. J. Gould, E. J. Moore, A. T. Brown and J. C. Matthews.

ROBERT ALEXANDER Only Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Joe. In the loss of their only son, Robert Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. David Joe have the heartfelt sympathy of all. The little one was just thirteen months old and was ill only a few days. He passed away in the General Hospital, Oueph, on Wednesday of last week.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon from the home in Esquesing Township, near Acton. The service was in charge of Rev. H. L. Bernie and interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers were three uncles, Stanley Joe, Walter Linham and Wm. Catts, and a cousin, Wm. Thomas, of Hamilton.

Flower bearers were Misses Frances Mullin, Kathleen Mitchell, Mrs. James Sayers, Mr. Alex. Wadie, Mr. James Sayers. Among the floral tributes which conveyed sympathy to the bereaved on the loss of this little life just starting on the journey and in tribute were those from Father and Mother; Grandpa and Grandma; Grandpa Linham, Aunt Ruth and Uncle Walter; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fryer and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Murray; Mrs. Selma—Mrs. and Mrs. Annie, Miss Olive Perry, Toronto; Uncle Everett, Aunt Jane and Hardy Barnhill, Norval; Mrs. Wm. McArthur and Miss Dorothy; Mullin Sisters; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Catts and Molly; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sayers; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Kathleen.

HER MOVEMENTS Alice: "Maud has made some swell marriages, but divorced all her husbands." Gladys: "Yes, she moves in—the best triangles, so to speak."

THE VILLAGE IDIOT? Two students met the village idiot, and one asked him, "What is 100?" "I am one," he replied, "and you are the two nothings."

CONTRACTS TOTAL 14,359 Contracts awarded to date by the Department of Munitions and Supply, and its predecessor, the War Supply Board, total approximately 14,359, accounting for an approximate total of \$194,000,000.

HITLER HAS EYES ON CANADA "To my certain knowledge—and I have warned all whom this may concern—Hitler considers as a precious realization of 'vital space' in case of victory, annexation of Canada."—Gabriel Hanotaux, in Le Temps, Paris, April 20th, 1940.

A BACK SEAT: At a luncheon of newspaper men; the following toast was offered: "The ladies! Second only to the press in the dissemination of news!"

NOT THAT RATTLE "The chief's secretary's typewriter is rattling terribly." "That's not the typewriter—it's the chief's teeth. The auditors are examining the books."

WITHIN CALL "Why don't you walk down the street instead of galloping round in the revolving door?" the hotel porter asked a guest who had explained that he was just taking a walk before breakfast. "I mustn't go too far," said the guest. "I'm expecting a telephone call any minute!"

ALLIED COMMANDER



A recent photo of General Eugene Mitchell, Allied Commander of the Allied Armies in the Near East, is shown. General Mitchell, now conducting the war on the Western front against Germany, Turkish general staff and Turkish President Ismet Inonu on taking over his command, it was learned. Gen. Mitchell's most recent command was in the Norwegian campaign, when he headed the French Expeditionary Force.

NORWEGIAN CAMPAIGN ECHOES

Enquiries from anxious Canadians with relatives or friends, thought to have been engaged in the Norwegian campaign, have been pouring in to the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, according to Lt.-Col. H. Stethem, Director of the Bureau. Some delay has been occasioned, because it is not known definitely yet whether prisoners captured by the Germans were interned in Norway or moved to concentration camps in Germany.

MESSAGE TO CHURCHILL

Prime Minister Mackenzie King, in a recent cable to Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain, reaffirming Canada's determination to see the fight through, ended his message with these words: "We must muster the utmost strength of this country so that we may make our full contribution to the triumph of right which must and will prevail."

Advertisement for Acton Exclusive Footwear Store, featuring Father's Day June 16th, Harit Shoes for Men, Slater Shoes, John Ritchie Shoes, Valentine and Martin Shoes for Men, Work Boots, Buy Good Shoes, and a list of shoe prices.

LETTER BOX

R. R. No. 1, Acton, Ont., June 10th, 1940

Mr. Editor: In your issue of May 30th, I read with interest and some surprise the report of the meeting of the County Council, particularly the part referring to the equalized assessment.

To say the least, the report is very misleading. The figures reported as the now proposed equalized assessment, were not discussed or used in any way as a possible amendment to the present equalized assessment, "by members of the Council."

Where or how the reporter secured a copy of those figures, or what the idea was reporting them as the now proposed assessment, is a mystery to me. I am quite sure none of the members of the County Council had any intentions of making such drastic changes as those figures would suggest.

It was the desire of some of the Council, including myself, to try to arrive at something a little fairer to all concerned than the present equalization. If possible by mutual agreement. Our County Clerk has been corresponding with the Department of Municipal Affairs, at intervals, during the past year, to get some advice of a ruling on County equalization, but so far nothing has been done. I will enclose a copy of some figures for publication, that are as nearly correct as it is possible to get them at present. They may be interesting to some of our taxpayers. And by them they must see that the present equalization is most unfair to some municipalities.

Table with 3 columns: Local, Equalized Paid, Municipalities Assessment. Rows include Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Burlington, Oakville, Trafalgar, Nelson, Esquesing, Nassagaweya.

We know the local assessment of some of the municipalities is not nearly 100% of the value of some of the property. But the Township of Nassagaweya is assessed locally at 100% of the value of the property.

With reference to your Editorial of June 6th: The Village of Acton was not mentioned as due for a possible increase in equalized assessment.

Or was the Town of Milton mentioned as due for a decrease? Or was it proposed to reduce the Township of Nelson by \$1,000,000.

Some of the members of Council, including myself, would like to raise the equalized assessment of the municipalities that are low, and lower the assessment of the ones that are high, by an equal amount. By so doing it would keep the total assessment of the County at the same figure, as at present. Personally, I would be very happy to see justice and fairness to all concerned.

Yours very truly, GEO. FINNEY

A NEW EXPLANATION

An insurance company wrote out a \$1,000 life policy in the name of one Samuel Johnson. Premiums were paid promptly for a few years, but suddenly stopped. After sending a few delinquent notices, the company received this reply:

"Dear Sirs: Please excuse us, as we can't pay any more premiums on Sam. He died last May. Yours truly, Mrs. S. Johnson."

CLEARING THE ATMOSPHERE

Burn a few drops of vinegar on a hot shovel for a quick way of clearing the smelly stale smoke out of a room.

RIDDLES

What is the best tree for preserving order? The birch. What two letters name a county in England? S-X (Essex). What is always at the head of fashion, yet always out of date? The letter F.

Why is early grass like a pen knife? Because the spring brings out the blades. Why is a scholar's arithmetic book like a sculptor's studio? Because it is full of figures.

DONATES \$100,000



Lieutenant-Governor E. W. Hamber, of British Columbia, and Mrs. Hamber, have donated \$100,000 as a gift to the Canadian Government for war purposes.

The Column Y

Plans are completed for the Young Ladies' Tuesday Evening Gym Class to journey to Norval on Monday. Everyone is meeting at the Y at 6:15. If there is anyone who has not been contacted, please take this as an invitation to come along. Camp folders are now in the hands of each boy in the membership. Various features of the Camp are explained and registrations, signed by parents, are to be at the Y, not later than Saturday, June 15th.

Advertisement for Demonstration Clark's Prepared Foods 'til June 22nd. Includes Father's Day---June 16th and a list of clothing items like shirts, ties, sport shirts, sweaters, and sport oxfords with prices.

Large advertisement for BILL OF FARE. Text describes a restaurant experience and lists various food items like beef, lobster, Thermidor, ham-and-eggs, etc. Includes a section for 'Shopping for merchandise' and 'Get the advertising-reading habit.'