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Obituary

BORN
LANSING—At 119 Lindsay Avenue, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansing (nee Vera Wells), formerly of Acton, on June 25th, 1940, a daughter—Shirley Margaret.

J. A. McLACHLAN, Alton
J. A. McLachlan, 66, former Alton Footmaster, died at his home on Sunday. A resident of that community for the greater part of his life, Mr. McLachlan was a former mail carrier on R.R. 1, Alton. He was also caretaker of the school there, and a member of the Orange Order.

SUCCEEDS PEARKES



Lt.-Col. A. E. Potts has been named Brigadier of the Second Infantry Brigade of the First Division, C.A.S.F., to succeed Major-Gen. G. E. Pearkes, who has been appointed Commander of the First Division.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press
GWEN DOLINE P. CLARKE
This kind of weather gets me completely lickered—and of course it's the humidity that does it. Do you know the wall paper in the dining room and in our bedroom is just standing up in clumps it is so damp. It sounds as if there might be a little humidity floating around, doesn't it?

Here are the stupidest things. A little while ago I was out in the hen house picking up eggs and there I found two nest boxes with three hens on a piece. Right beside these crowded boxes, which just nicely accommodate one hen comfortably, there were four or five empty nest boxes, identical in size and shape with the others. Of course the crazy birds were goggle-eyed and panting with the heat, and when I tried to separate them they were backed together so tight it kept me busy to get them out without breaking their necks or wings.

The Women's Institutes and the Red Cross are out on a jam making jam-making—the jam to be used for the troops, for hospitals and for refugees and evacuees. The idea is that no surplus fruit shall go to waste. That is certainly a grand idea and one that we hope will gain in favor. I believe the fruit referred to has been strawberries, raspberries and cherries so far or the usual run of stuff in the fruit season. But has there been any mention of the wild fruit that may be found in almost any bush and along many of our farm fences? Does the "Good Housekeeping" magazine and bushels of this wild fruit will drop from the branches and go to waste unless people go out and pick it? Luscious red raspberries, tempting juley blackberries, with more flavor than any fruit that is grown in a garden wait in the bushes and along hedgerows to be picked and taken home to make jam. What a splendid opportunity for the Junior Red Cross members!

But, will they do it? I doubt it. Even the boys and girls on the farm no longer go out and pick berries as they used to do one time it was all part of the season's work. It was the accepted thing. The girls and boys of yesterday just naturally took their lunch pails and their berry pails and went picking in the bush for hours at a time. With their pails full they trudged home at the end of the day—home to mother, who canned the fruit and made the jam. Until the children were old enough it was often mother who did the picking. And even Dad would take a day off to help out if there was a let-up in the hayfield.

But now the number of people who go out picking is getting less and less. We have reached a "higher" standard of living. We use only the berries that have been grown in our garden or what we can buy. A higher standard of living ye gods! The closer we are to nature the nearer we are to God. And is there anywhere, in this world where we can get closer to nature or nearer to God than in a bush picking berries? What could be higher living than that? Yes, it's rough going. I admit rough going because we have accustomed ourselves to smooth highways, gravel roads, hardwood floors, we have exchanged sneakers for high heeled shoes, our feet are if we walk further than from the house to the garage... our stockings would not last five minutes among the brambles and our legs and arms would look terrible if we should get them all scratched up.

It bothers me terribly when I think of things like this. I wonder just how standard of living will take us—how far it will lead us from the fundamental things of life—and what will happen before we realize it, isn't it our interest to be spoon-fed all the time?

Very likely people—farm people in particular—will protest against that spoon-fed idea. It is little enough we get off the farm these days, you will say. And that is true enough and we may get less from now on, because world markets are closed to so many of our products. All right, what are we going to do about it? What can we do? We can't do much there is a war on. We can cut down on gas by taking fewer pleasure jaunts. We can economize where economy is necessary. We can remember that there are millions and millions of people who could almost live on what we waste. But we don't waste anything, you say. I wish I could think it. There is waste some on ever-so-fine products. All that time and money and material. It's prepared for this war by making waste a punishable crime. We should remember that.

Simple living means less waste. Remember there are wild berries in the bush and the Red Cross is asking for jam.

BREN GUNS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE
At the present time the contractors are producing Bren guns some six months ahead of schedule. At the end of the calendar year, there is every indication that they will be as far ahead as they normally would have been in the second year under their contract.

—Hon. C. D. Howe, in the House of Commons, June 17th, 1940.

FREDRICH—At Grand Rapids, Mich., on Wednesday, July 4th, 1940, Mrs. August Fredrich, aged 85 years, mother of Mrs. J. B. Chalmers, Acton.

THOMAS PALMERSTON MARTIN
Friends in this community, where he had spent the greater part of his life, were grieved to learn of the death last Friday of Thomas Palmerston Martin, at the home of his son, Leslie, in Aurora. He was in his eightieth year.

that town he played in the Cobourg Kiltie Band. He is survived by his wife, the former Ivy Alfretha Ross, and one sister, Mrs. Ada Smith, of Toronto.

Odds and Ends

- Civic Holiday—a week from Monday.
—It's follow the crowds to Acton on Saturday night now.
—The Free Press Office is now open Saturday evening from 8.00 to 10.00 p.m.
—Yes, we're having fine warm summer weather.
—Experience may be the best teacher, but she seldom finds any apples on her desk.
—Rust on the wheat is reported from the farming district, but the grain is well filled.
—This morning's storm was quite heavy but it gave relief from the excessive heat of the past few days.
—The bathing beach at Fairy Lake was crowded on Sunday and it was the coolest spot in town.
—One that didn't get away! Fred D. Young returned from Deer Lake last week, with a six-pound pickerel.
—Saturday night in Acton is a mighty popular night and a fine place to meet all your friends.
—Red Cross Rooms at the Post Office in Acton will be closed except on Saturdays from 2 to 3 p.m. until further notice.
—Acton merchants offer ways to help your war savings. Get your share of silver thimbles and help win with every twenty-five cent piece.
—Pictures of five Acton boys overseas have been forwarded through the courtesy of the Eddie Jamison. They are on view in The Free Press window.
—Acton Y. Glis, who have been camping at Edgewood Park for the past two weeks, return home tonight. Miss Helen Ostrander, leader of the group, has been in charge.
—We are advised that it is probable light work will be available soon for girls and women at the Beardmore plant. Those interested, we understand, should fill out application forms at the Beardmore & Co office.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 25th, 1920
The wheat harvest has commenced in this section. Contractor Mackenzie has about completed the shoe factory. It is now up to the Council to see that it is occupied with a live, up-to-date business concern at the earliest possible date.
Mr. W. J. Patterson has disposed of his meat business in Georgetown to Messrs. Robert Egan and Harry Goldhamer.
Engineer Redfern has assured the Council that water will be available before winter sets in. The Council has awarded the contract for the reservoir and pump house in Acton and the pump house at the spring. Work is to be completed October 1st.
Acton quits the Halton-Feel Baseball League for peace sake and will play home and home games with Georgetown and Brampton. They are also playing the Carpet Mills team of Guelph.
Miss Minnie Z. Bennett is the lady teacher selected from Halton County to accompany the Government excursion through Northern Ontario next month.

ANSON THURSTON

Following a short illness, the death occurred on Wednesday, July 17th, at his home, 353 John Street, Cobourg, of Anson LeRoy Thurston. Mr. Thurston suffered a stroke in the latter part of the previous week and failed to rally. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, July 19th, from McChesney Funeral Home to Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. A service was also held at the family residence in Cobourg on Tuesday. Born in Georgetown in 1887, Mr. Thurston was the only son of the late Professor H. L. Thurston and Elizabeth Thurston, who was a prominent Methodist minister in days gone by. He spent the early part of his life in Acton, and later lived in Georgetown, where he was a traveller for C. B. Dayfoot & Co. He was fond of music, and was a member of Georgetown and Acton Bands. Moving to Cobourg six years ago, he was employed at Edwards & Edwards tannery at the time of his death. In

Britain Anxious Send Prisoners to Canadian Camps
Plans are being made by the Canadian Government in cooperation with Great Britain to have enemy aliens and German prisoners moved to Canada. Prime Minister King has announced in the House of Commons.
The wishes of the British government are that Canada should take first of all enemy aliens interned in Great Britain, secondly German prisoners in the British Isles, and thirdly, that consideration should then be given the matter of evacuated children.
The internment operations branch in Ottawa has been preparing for some time to receive these new aliens and German prisoners. They will be interned in new camps and kept separate from aliens already held prisoners in Canada. It was also disclosed in the House that a number of British school boys will shortly arrive in Canada to resume their education. An offer has been made by the Canadian Government to receive children from five to sixteen years old and in some cases under five. No children will be sent without the permission of their parents or guardians. A large number of people in Canada have already offered to extend hospitality to refugee children from Great Britain and a national organization with provincial subsidiaries has been established to supervise and assist in their reception.

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Very few men wake up to find themselves famous. They usually dream they are famous, then wake up.

SUNBURN
"Good morning," said Dr. Mackenzie to the waiting young interne in the rotunda of the hospital as he entered at 8.00 a.m. that Monday morning. "Anything new?"
It was a legend of the hospital that its clocks were set by the movements of the red-headed doctor.
The interne, intelligent-looking, answered "Yes, five or six; but one of sunburn; a blonde mannequin of a well known department store spent Sunday with her 'sweetheart' splashing round Wasaga Beach. Got a proper goarain; came in here hysterical at four this morning."
"Did you do for her?" enquired the doctor as they moved towards the elevator.
"Gave her a hypo," replied the interne. "Six please," he said to the attendant, "and sprayed her with 2 per cent tannic. She's easier now."

There is a present-day craze on the part of young men and women to acquire a piglet tan. Because of this a mid-summer holiday may be spoiled the first day. A healthy tan may be secured and a painful sunburn escaped by making the first sunbath brief. It takes about 16 days safely and properly to tan the body of a child.
Taken in proper doses a sunburn has a most beneficial effect on one's body. The ultra-violet rays of the sun activate the epidermal in the skin and produce vitamin D. This vitamin has the specific action of retaining calcium and phosphorus in the body and of the building of bone. Sunlight is of the most value in the early parts of the day, from dawn to mid-day during June and July.

The noonday sun should be avoided and the first exposures should be to the sun, changing the posture every 15 minutes. During the bath itself beginners should alternate between shade and sunshine. The head should be protected. Application of a vegetable oil before sunbathing is useful; the oil reflects the sunlight from the skin. The brown-skinned tolerate sun best and the fair-haired and redheaded worst of all. The effect of tan is to increase the pigment in the skin. The pigment absorbs the short waves of the sun.

TREATMENT: The application of a saturated solution of the homely Epsom salts is one of the most effective methods of relieving the pain of a sunburn. Baking soda and water, vaseline, carbolic vasiline or salt and vinegar give similar relief. In treatment, the spraying of the parts with 2 per cent tannic acid is very effective.

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BIG NIGHT! THIS SATURDAY IN ACTON
Follow the crowds that make Acton have a big crowd Every Saturday Night. Of course there are attractions.
War Savings Stamp Contest
Every Saturday night there are 11 Winners picked from the big barrel. Ask for Your Coupons at the Stores listed below. You are entitled to them on every 25c cash purchase or payment of cash. Fill in your name and address and deposit them in the box in the store. You can make a contribution to the Silver Bullets Campaign. You may secure a Five Dollar War Bond or a good start on one.
The rules are simple. Get your Coupons, sign your name deposit them and, last but not least, be in Acton Saturday night to answer to your name if it is drawn.
Band Concert and Parade
This week the Lorne Scots Band, the Militia and Local Home Guards will parade Acton Streets at eight o'clock. A Band Concert will be played in the Post Office Square on Willow Street until 10 o'clock. And then the draw will be held.
These features are all arranged through the Acton Business Men's Association.
Where to Get Your Coupons
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