

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

MARRIED - SMALL-MACDONALD - At the home of the bride's parents, on Saturday, December 21st, 1940...

PATRICK-KINSEY - At St. James' Church, Guelph, on Wednesday, December 19th, 1940...

DIED - MCKINNON - At the home, Main Street, Acton, on Monday, December 23rd, 1940...

BROWN - On Saturday, December 21st, 1940, at her home, 160 Spadina Road, Toronto...

Odds and Ends

- Merry Christmas
- From this corner too!
- Just one week left in old 1940.
- Send in your list of holiday visitors...

Letters to the Editor

In each draft have enlisted for permanent service. The centre for our district is North Bay. The next draft was called last week for medical examination...

LET'S GET ONE

New York (P) - After seven years Jose Canabio, Cuban botanist at the Botanical Garden has finally coaxed a specimen of the rare, Rondeletia Oederata into full orange-yellow bloom.

SUNDAY CLUB

Chester, England (CP) - The North-West Officers' Club, an institution to provide Sunday amusement for army officers, had its first meeting at a restaurant here.

SILENT SNAKE FATAL

Prashan, Australia (CP) - Bitten by a snake without being aware of it, while on a visit to nearby Seymour, an 18-year-old girl died the following day.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written For The Acton Free Press by LEON EDEL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The situation in France in the 80th week of the war is confused and filled with painful drama. Ousting of the cocksure-minded anti-British and pro-German Pierre Laval from the Vichy Government serves only to emphasize the inevitable conflicts that must be going on around Marshal Petain.

It is clear that in France many Frenchmen who are for Gen. Charles de Gaulle and his Free French, are also loyal to Petain, last of more than 300 marshals of France who since 1185 have carried about their person the aura of great achievement.

Events at Vichy have been like an old-fashioned melodrama. At one moment Laval is detained; the next he is freed, at the request of Hitler.

Should Hitler suddenly say he has lost patience with France (he has said often before to Czechoslovakia, Poland and other countries) and decide to occupy the remainder of the shattered Republic, Gen. de Gaulle may find new and powerful forces turning to him in Africa, where Britain has already established, unequivocally, her military might.

In their smashing offensive in the Western Desert, British troops have surrounded Bardia, the Italian base west of the frontier between Egypt and Libya, and are forcing the Fascists to retire on Tobruk.

It is estimated some 20,000 Italians are trapped at Bardia. On the north, they are at the mercy of the Royal Navy, but on land they are protected by pill-boxes, gun emplacements, machine-gun nests and tank pits.

West of Bardia as far as Derina, 170 miles from the Egyptian border, retreating Italian columns have been pounded by naval guns and aerial bombs.

British naval operations during the past week proved the vulnerability of Italian defence even in the Adriatic Sea, which the Fascists look upon as their own preserve.

The air war continues. Wave after wave of German bombers smashed at Liverpool, December 20th, in a particularly heavy attack.

British bombing squadrons delivered further attacks on the enemy over the week-end. Saturday night, military objectives all the way from the German Ruhr to the Adriatic Sea were blasted in one of the biggest assaults of the war.

Manchester has been added to the list of English industrial cities that have experienced concentrated attacks by the German Luftwaffe.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, December 30th, 1920

The cutters and sleighs had replaced many of the motor cars. The hockey season opened last night with an exciting match with Milton.

Acton's Municipal Council for 1921 is elected by acclamation, as follows: Reeve George Barber, Councillors: Lorenz Bell, Stephen Cordner, J. H. Beatty, W. K. Mullin.

DIED - OUMMINS - At Rockwood, on Tuesday, December 21st, 1920, Mical Oummins, aged 84 years.

Chicago (CP) - The best beef animal at the 1940 International Livestock Exposition was sold for \$3.30 a pound.

Melbourne (CP) - Australian students are experiencing wartime economics. Before writing their Christmas examinations, Melbourne University students were instructed to write on both sides of the paper.

New York (CP) - New York Telephone Company's newest booths are equipped with a miniature airlocking system, executive's swivel chair, desk, pad and pen—all for a nickel.

Berlin (CP) - There are still no purses made from sows' ears, but German scientists are making ersatz leather of cow's stomachs, products to be shown at the Leipzig spring fair.

when the Nazis dropped tons of high explosives. Many buildings were left in ruins and a number of persons killed and many others injured.

Capture of the Albanian town of Chirana has been announced by the Greeks. The Athens communique stated that Hellenic motorized troops were advancing on the important seaport of Valona, with the Italians in disorderly retreat.

Lord Halifax was named December 22nd, as the new British Ambassador to the United States and he will leave for Washington early in the New Year.

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The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS Golden Text - To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required. Luke 12: 48

Lesson Text - Luke 12: 35-48. Time - A.D. 29. Place - Galilee

The disciples of Jesus Christ should be ready for, looking for, loving and eagerly desiring their Lord's return (vs. 35, 36, R.V.; cf. 2 Peter 3: 11, 12, R.V.; Titus 2: 13; 2 Tim. 4: 8).

When the Lord comes to the earth it will be a return from a marriage feast, for the bride will have been caught up to meet Him in the air (cf. 1 Thes. 4: 15-17).

Not all Christ's servants are to have part in that particular feast, only those He finds watching. As a thief comes without announcement and at an unexpected hour, so will He come (cf. Matt. 24: 43, 44; 1 Thes. 5: 2, 3; 2 Peter 3: 10; Rev. 3: 3; 16: 5).

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Table with columns for COACHES LEAVE ACTON, EASTBOUND - To Toronto, and WESTBOUND - To London, listing departure times.

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