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

MARRIED

SMALL-MacDONALD-At the home o the bride's parents, on Saturday, December 21st, 1940, by Rev. H. L. Bennie, Doris Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, Acton, to Mr. James Norman Small, of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

PATRICK-KINSEY - At St. Church, Guelph, on Wednesday, December 18th, 1940, by Rev. F. H. Wase, Mildred Irene, daughter of Mrs. Kinsey and the late Fred Kinsey, Guelph, to Onr. Burt Alfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Patrick, of Acton.

McKINNON-At the home, Main Street, Acton, on Monday, December 23rd. 1940, Mary Campbell, widow of the late John McKinnon, in her 92nd year. Funeral notice will appear in Toronto Telegram and Globe and Mail.

BROWN-On Saturday, December 21st, 1940, at her home, 160 Spadina Road, Toronto, Annie Grant Brown, in her 92nd year, wife of the late William Philp Brown, and mother of Miss T. M. Brown, A. G. and W. J. R. Brown, Toronto, and sister of Mrs. B. H. Turner, Little Current, Ontario.

-Merry Christmas

-From this corner too! -Just one week left in old 1940.

-Send in your list of holiday visitors

They will appreciate your thought. -Municipal nominations in Nassagaweys and Esquesing Townships will be

held on Monday. -Next week's FREE PRESS will be issued on Tuesday, too. Send in your copy

early to insure insertion. -Boxing Day is being observed in the co-operating. Acton. The merchants need the break after the long hours that have been put

-If war news gets you too confused to get a grasp of it, try reading the weekly summary that is a regular feature of THE PRES PRESS

-Whether resident of city, town of country, do not fail to read the poem in this week's FREE PRESS, under the heading "Chronicles of Ginger Farm."

we note that Boxing Day is the rule in large colonial armies. He is loyal to stomachs, products to be shown at the most communities and that the popular Vichy, and he represents at the moment day to issue weekly newspapers during the main guarantee against the Nazis the holiday season is Tuesday.

Letters to the Editor (Continued from Page One)

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, to report January 9th. Ten or twelve men from around here are in this draft, Farmers are doing what they can to help. but their ability is somewhat limited, on account of a bad season. Feed of all kinds is of a much poorer quality and grain' is ecarce. As a consequence seed will be scarce and expensive and will to go, it was still possible, but since reported December 20th, while the Royal the House of-Lords. winter set in. I haven't been able to go. Air . Force subjected it to strafing from Everyone is hoping for a train service the air. ers are glad of that market for their bit by naval guns and aerial bombs. of surplus. The hard part is that food | Greek lines are being advanced in prices have all keen kept pretty much southern Albania in the face of increasat the old standard, while most every- ing Italian opposition and in the north thing we have to buy has advanced any- severe weather has slowed up operations where from 10 to 100". glass for in- in the mountainous country. Indications stance. A pane I used to buy for 45c. of a general Italian retreat from the cost me \$1.10 a short time ago to re- strongholds of-Tepeleni and Klisurn in place. Wool is only worth 22c to sell, the south were noted, December 21st. but \$1.95 to buy; hides only 7c a 1b. to when the Greeks reported capture of -isell but \$1.25 to buy in leather. It's many prisoners and considerable equipjust a bit difficult to be optimistic, with ment and supplies. conditions of this kind. But, in spite of it.al! I think most people in Canada are thankful to be living here, rather than in worn-torn Europe these days, The suffering is terrible, and anything we can do to alleviate it is worth the

readers and friends the very merriest of Christmas days and a joyful, and happy New Year.

Cordially yours. R. R No 1. Thornloe.

LET'S GET ONE.

New York (P)-After seven years Jose Carabia, Cuban botanist at the Botanical Porce attacked Berlin the same night, Garden has finally coaxed a specimen of the rare Rondeletia Oderata into full orange-yellow-red bloom.

SUNDAY CLUB

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

SILENT SNAKE FATAL

Weekly War Commentary

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

with painful drama. Ousting of devices-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. Petain himself, a pathetic, aged figure, calls to mind Marshal Hindenburg of Germany. around whom the obb-tide of the Weimar

regime swept and gave way to Nazism. 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. They are suspicious, however, of the men around Petain. Removal of the crafty Laval, and intallation of the less cunning, but equally pro-German Pierre-Etienne Flandin, will offer little solace to the citizenry in the German-occupied territories.

Berlin dispatches make it quite clear that the Germans are realizing that although Vichy must inevitably give lip service to the "new order" in Europe, she can hardly be enthusiastic about this order in which France is given a subservient role. Isolated Frenchmen, like Leval and Flandin, or the ambassador to German-occupied France, Fernand de Brinon, may believe genuinely in French-German co-operation: But the average Frenchman knows that in such a combination France is expected to do all

In Again, Out Again Events at Vichy have been like an oldfashioned melodrama. At one moment Laval is detained; the next he is freed. at the request of Hitler. He is the accuser of the French leaders who must stand trial at Riom; he becomes for a spell one of the accused. Laval has been eil-all for a nickel. an in-again-out-again figure in French

politics for years. Petain holds an important trick up his sleeve and Hitler is forced to reckon with it. Gen. Maxime Weygand has remained -Going over the exchanges this week, in Africa, where he commands France's

over-running France. Should Hitler, suddenly say he has lost patience with France (he has said often before to Czecho-Slovakia, 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. Bardia Under Fire

In their smashing offensive in the retreat. Western Desert, British troops have sur-

again, but have no guarantee so far. West of Bardia as far as Derna, 179 Kirkland Lake is our best market, and | miles from the Egyptian border, retreatwhile not as good as other years, farm- ing Italian columns have been pounded

Afraid of Royal Navy

British naval operations during thepast week proved the vulnerability of Italian defence even in the Adratic Sea. which the Fascists look upon as their own preserve. Warships of the Mediterrangan Fleet sailed into the Adiatic. Now, once again, let me wish all my through the Strait of Otranto, December 19th, without meeting a single Italian ship. One hundred tons of shells were pumped into Valona; the Albanian port, which Ita'y is seeking to protect against R. W. JOHNSON, the advancing Greeks

The air war continues - Wave aft r wave of German bomber's smashed at Liverpool, December 20th, in a particularly heavy attack. Explosive and fl.c bombs started many fires and there were a number of casualties. The Royal Air causing many explosions and fires in anairriane engine factory and other parts

of the target area." British bombing squadrons delivered further attacks on the enemy over the week-end. Safurday 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. The following night the German industrial city of Mannheim was attacked while other planes raided the invasion ports of Flushing;

Dunkerque and Calais. Prehran, Australia (CP)-Bitten by a of English industrial cities that have snake without being aware of it, while experienced concentrated attacks by the on a visit to nearby Seymour, an 18- German Luftwaffe. Sunday night the hig Lancashire town suffered severely

Twenty Years Ago

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

The cutters and sleighs have replace many of the motor cars.

The hockey season opened last night with an exciting match with Milton. Rev. Dr. Antliff, M.A., D.D., died very suddenly on Christmas Day at his home in Montreal. Dr. Antliff was one of the most popular Methodist ministers in Canada. "His last pastorate had been here in Acton, where he was greatly be-

Acton's Municipal Council for 1921 is elected by acclamation, as follows: Reeve Refurn, 35-40. George Barber, Councillors, Jorenjah-Bell, Stephen Cordiner, J. 11. Denny, W. Mullin. The Hydro Commission composed of the Reeve, George Hynds and W. J. Gould. For School Trustees, four candidates qualified, Frank Camble, George Mann, Neil McDonald and Robi

in his home church at both services on Christmas Sunday

OUMMINS At Rockwood, on Tuesday, December 21st, 1920, Micael Cummins, aged 84 years: COOK-At Toronto, on Thursday, December 16th, 1920, Arthur Cook, formerly of Ballinafad, aged 63 years.

HOMPSON-In Esquesing on Decem-

ber 20th, 1920, John Robert Thompson. BEEF-DE LUXE

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

WHERE PAPER SHORT

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

TALK IN COMFORT

New York (CP)-New York Telephon Company's newest booths are equipped with a miniature aircooling system, exccutive's swivel chair, desk, pad and pen-

GETTING THERE

Berlin (CP)-There are still no purses made from sows' ears, but German scientists are making ersatz leather of cows 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." Creeks Take Chimara

Capture of the Albanian town Chimara has been announced by the Greeks. The Athens communique stated that Hellenic motorized troops were ad- 24: 43, 44: 1 Thes. 5: 2, 3; 2 Peter 3: vancing on the important seaport of Valona, with the Italians in disorderly

Lord Halifax was named December rounded Bardia, the Italian base west of 22nd, as the new British Ambassador to th frontier between Egypt and Libya, the United States and he will leave for and are forcing the Fascists to retire on Washington early in the New Year. He will be succeeded at the Foreign Office It is estimated some 20,000 Italians by Anthony Eden. Capt. David Marare trapped at Bardia. On the north gesson, joint Chief Government Whip, require planning for months in advance. they are at the mercy of the Royal takes over Eden's post as War Secretary. Other years we have been able to go Navy, but on land they are protected by A barony has been conferred on Viscount to market, on a market train that was pill-boxes, gun emplacements, machine- Cranbourne, Secretary for the Dominprovided, but this service was discon- gun nests and tank pits. Shelling of lons, and it is expected he will act as tinued last year. While cars were able the town by the army and navy was spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in



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The Sunday School Lesson

JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS Golden Text To whomsoever much given, of him shall much be required .-

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

Exposition. . . I. The Blessedness Waiting and Watching for Our Lord

The disciples of Jesus Christ should ever be ready for, looking for, loving N and eagerly desiring their Lord's return -tys, 35, 36, R.V.; cf. 2 Peter 3: 11, 12, R.V.; Titus 2: 13; 2 Tim. 4: 8). faithful servants of an absent but expocted lord watch for him in order that they may give him a suitable welcome. Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., preached Jesus Christ should some to-day, surely some of His professed disciples would not be ready to open to Him immediately. Would you? We cannot a be looking for our Lord if we know that He cannot possibly return for a thousand years, or seven years, or three years and a half, or any time. In order that we may practically be in the attitude "pronounced "blessed," it must at least be possible that He come at any moment. He comes and knocks at the individual heart even now (Rev. 3: 20). In order to hear His knocks and let Him in, we must be looking for Him.

> When the Lord comes to the earth it will be a returne from a marriage feast, for the bride will have been caught up to meet Him in the air (cf. 1 -Thes. 4: 15-17). We are to prove that we are looking for our Lord's return by having our "loins girded about" (prepared to serve and run His errands) (v. 37; 1 Kings 18: 46) and "lamps burning" (cf. Matt. 25: 3, 4, 4). It i the loins of our minds that are to b girded (1 Peter 1: 13), and the proper girdle is "truth" (Eph. 6: 14). The one who would be "ready" must study the Word (John 17: 7; 2 Tim. 3: 18, 17). The lamps are our religious profession and practice (Matt. 5: 16; Matt. 25: 1, 2, 3; 2 Tim. 3: 5). The oil that keeps them "burning" is the Holy Spirit (Acts | 10: 38). In order to keep them burning we must have oil in our vessels with our lamps (Matt. 25: 3, 4, 8, R.V.), i.e., we must be constantly receiving new supplies of the Spirit's power. One word sums up the experience of the servants who are watching when He comes, "Blessed." Their blessedness consists in that-Jesus Himself will minister to them

at His own table. 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. 10; Rev. 3: 3; 16: 5). This shows the vanity of the attempt to stake out an exact program of events culminating in His coming. Thieves never come according to a pre-announced program. But though . He comes as a thief, we need not be overtaken by that day as by a thief (1 Thes. 5: 4-6; 1 John 2 28). The point of Jesus' parable is "be ready" always. He will come not in an hour when the whole world is in expectancy, but when it is taken up with other things. That day will come upon the analysis and a second a second and a second a second and a second a the world as a snare (Luke 21: 35). As to what constitutes readiness, see Luke 21 34-36; Matt. 25: 1-30; F John

II. Faithful and Unfaithful-Stewards.

Jesus compares tachers to house stewards (Matt. 25: 45, 46; Acts 20: 28. Cor. 4: 1, 2; 1 Peter 4: 10). A steward's business is to give to each onin the household their portion of meat in due season (John 21: 15-17: 1 Peter) 5: 2. Jer. 3. 15). The faithful and wile steward is the one who actually do sithis. There are many foolish and unfaithful slewards who feed thems lves not the household seef - Ezek 34 2, 31 Or they feed only a portion of th househo'd, or they give something else, than food (philosophy or sociology, instead of the pure word of God cf. 1! Peter 2: 2: 4: 10, 11), or they do not give" the food "in due season" The steward who is faithful and wis is also blessed. Having proven his fitness to rule, he is rewarded with larger rule. At the bottom of the unfaithful steward's neglect of duty les his view that Christ's coming as way off

One great cause of present-day worldliness in the Church and laxness in evangelical enterprise, and the oppression and self-indulgence so common among professed stewards of Jesus Christ is, the view that our Lord will not return and reckon with us for a long Phone 58 time. It was "in his heart" that the unfaithfu steward held this view The great cry of the early Church as it pushed the evangelization of the world was, "The bord Come:h" 11 Cor. 16: 22, RV: Phi: 4 5; Jas 7, 8) The unfaithful steward's belief in the delay at the Lord's coming showed its: If, first, in oppressi n second, in self-indulgen e "and glutteny. The picture which Christ has here drawn of 'ecc'estastical rule's. has proven prophetic. An awful day is coming for there false ones in authority in the Church. Hell awaits them ov 46). Jesus Himself will come in an unexpected day cut them asunder and send them for eternal punishment with infidels. The punishment of Christ's unfaithful servants will be mited out according to their knowledge and oppor-

tunity. From the one to whom much is

given, will much be required;

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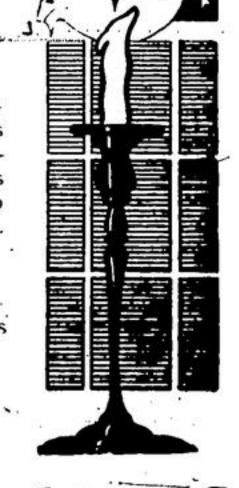
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