

Personals

Miss Dorothy MacPherson visited in Toronto over the week-end. Mrs. John Wood and Warren spent the week-end visiting in Toronto. Miss Margaret Macdonald, B.A., of Toronto, was home over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason spent a few days in Montreal during the past week. Mrs. Wm. Cooper is visiting with her daughter, at Hornepayne, for a few weeks. Miss Barbara Arnold, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. Richardson, Church Street. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, of Guelph, spent the week-end with relatives and friends here. Mrs. Minwell also rendered a much-appreciated solo at the service in the United Church on Sunday morning.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Ronald McEachern and family wish to thank the many kind friends, neighbors and well-wishers, and those who kindly provided cars, for their many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and condolence, and for their beautiful floral arrangements, at the time of their recent bereavement.

The Column Y

The Junior "A" Girls' Class met for a delicious supper at the Y on Tuesday evening of this week, which consisted of scalloped potatoes, meat loaf, peas, cake with sauce, tea and bread and butter. The meal was prepared by Miss Helen Ostrander, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Rumley, Mrs. Kentner and Mrs. Evans. There were twenty-two of the girls present and, following the supper, everyone left for a joyous sleighride, which, needless to say, was enjoyed immensely.

A new shipment of solid model kits for the Junior and Senior Aeroplane Clubs has arrived and the boys will be building again for the Model Airport, which is being planned, under the direction of Mr. Nell Mc-Nabb. Prizes of kits are being given for the best model in each Club. Ken Hensard, Cliff Young, Herb Dore and Rien Veldhuis are all lending a hand in constructing the Clubs.

The regular meeting of the Y's Men's Club will be held at the Y, at 6:30 this evening. No speaker has been secured for this meeting, which is strictly a business meeting.

The Port Credit Badminton Club will be guests of the local Club on Thursday evening, February 27th. Tournament play will begin at 8:00 p.m.

It is not too early to start thinking of summer activities and already thoughts are turning to summer camp. The Camp Bank is now open for boys and girls to deposit their savings. Negotiations are under way at the present time by the Y's Men's Club Camp Committee to secure a suitable camp site for both the boys' and girls' camp. Information will be available at a later date.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 17th, 1921

The turnip shippers are paying the post-billed this week. Yesterday was a real balmy spring day, with abundance of sunshine.

Mr. George Hall was appointed to the position of school janitor, at a salary of \$1,000.00 per year. In the hockey matches of the week, Acton defeated the C.T.R. team, of Toronto, by 9 to 4. But on Tuesday night, Georgetown defeated Acton, 5 to 4. Kennedy, Acton's goal keeper, got knocked out in the third period. As usual, the spectators' benches were crowded.

The splendid barn on the farm recently owned by Mr. C. H. Harrison at Rockdale, was destroyed by fire on Friday evening. Robert McKay, who made his home with Alex. McKenzie, Wellington Street, was fined \$500 for violation of the liquor law. News was received this week of the death, at their home in California, of Mr. McWilliams, husband of Ada Cameron, the youngest daughter of the late James Cameron, Acton.

BORN

BLOW: In Acton, on Saturday, February 12th, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blow, a son. HYNES: At Women's College, St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, on Monday, February 14th, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hynes, a son. MARRIED: GIBBONS-SYKES: At St. Joseph's Rectory, on Sunday evening, February 6th, 1921, by Rev. Father Goodrow, Joseph J. Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbons, Acton, to Miss Harriet A. Sykes, Georgetown.

SPEIGHT-VANNATTER: At the Home, Toronto, on January 10th, 1921, by Rev. R. B. Cochrane, Arthur Richmond Speight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Speight, Georgetown, to Cora Alberta Vannatter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Vannatter, of Ballinafad.

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GREGORY THEATRE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th "MARYLAND"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th "THE BIG GUY"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th "WOMEN IN WAR"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th "NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE"

THE GIRLS' GUILD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Officers were elected as follows: President Margaret McPhail; Vice-President Inez McEllan; Secretary Isabel McLeod; Treasurer Gladys McLellan; Pianist Florence Salt; Assistant Pianist Dora Hanson; Press Secretary Audrey McKinnon.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

A swing program was in progress over one of the Red Network stations. I turned the dial and found in for the news.

"Don't you ever forget the news?" my son asked in disgust. "Not if I can help it," I answered. And that was absolutely true. Partner and I, as far as it is practical, arrange our day so that we are able to hear the most important news of the day. Since I am in the house more than Partner, I hear more than he does, and so tell what I hear to him. But there are certain news-casts that Partner must listen to himself. He would not think of going out to milk until after the 6:15 p.m. B.C. news had given the highlights of the day.

For more than a week the news seemed absolutely dead about all the reporters had to talk about in the Lead-Lense Bill in the United States. And then, like a bolt from the blue, came news of the fall of Benghazi. And what news that was! Sunday afternoon Prime Minister Churchill spoke for forty minutes, his voice vibrant with satisfaction over the success of General Wavell's attack in Libya. Then, to be announced most emphatically, that England did not need men from the United States - only tools. That should do a lot to help the Lead-Lense Bill over the rough spots it may encounter during the next few days.

"After we had listened to Churchill on Sunday," Partner said, "I awoke deep in thought, and chewing away at the stem of his pipe. Then he started to laugh. 'What is it now?' I asked. 'I was just thinking about this threatened invasion,' he answered. 'I bet you the people over home will be as mad as the Dickens's if Hitler doesn't come over. They'll be cutting the government up hill and down dale for leading them on to think they might get a chance to get a whack at the Germans themselves. And then if nothing comes of it, they'll get as sore as the mischiefs.'

"I have no doubt but what Partner is right. I can imagine the country people in various parts of England getting together and planning for the particular form of welcome they will each give to any of Hitler's followers should they meet them. The English are slow-moving but they are very thorough. Yes, the day may come when if we have any pity left in our hearts, we may pity the Germans in England - supposing they never get there. In the meantime, heaven help the Italians in Ethiopia!"

And now for Ginger Farm. Strange to say, we are not snowed in. After the storm on Saturday we thought by morning anything might have happened, but apart from a few huge snowdrifts around the building, things are pretty much as usual. The lane was filled right up before the storm, and we have been getting out across the field for the last two weeks, and we can still do that. For which we are very thankful.

One day last week when Partner was doing his morning chores, I heard him doing a lot of talking, and wondered who, or what, he was talking to, as I could see no one around, although the dog was barking furiously. At dinner-time the mystery was explained. And Partner, I thought, was unusually late for dinner.

"I couldn't get my work done for those hunters," he explained. They were around all the morning. I fed the horses out to water, and they wouldn't drink. I turned the cows out, but halfway up the lane they caught sight of the hunters and came racing back. So they didn't get a drink, either. Then when I let the hunters out, there were the hunters right alongside the barn. So then I let them have it."

"What did they say?" I asked. "Hugh, one fellow said, 'You can do anything to me, I've got a license. License or no license, I told him, you stay away from here when I've got my cattle out.' That night the cows were away down in their milk for, naturally, a milk cow not only depends upon the feed she eats but the water she drinks, to keep up her milk supply. And for us, of course, less milk means less money."

No doubt these fellows had a license - a license to trap or hunt - but does such a license also entitle them to make themselves a nuisance and a hindrance to a farmer on his own property. Has a man, no right at all to say whether they shall, or shall not, hunt or trap on his property? We often wonder, but have not, so far, made definite inquiries.

Weekly War Commentary Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by LEON EDGE, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Italian press, for the fifth week of the war, is bending over backwards to tell the world that a loving friendship exists between Italian and German soldiers. Stuffed, the Italian news and propaganda agency describes an Italian soldier and sailor and a German soldier exchanging "fervent brotherly embraces" amid the loud cheers of spectators. The "Tribuna" published pictures of Italian students with smiling German soldiers on their shoulders.

"This display of Latin emotion for the grey warriors from the north, and the unending of the Tontoute solidarity of the Nazis to the point of embraces with their southern partners, is being advertised just a little too vociferously to be completely believable. Italy is trying to offset reports that during the recent (unsuccessful) attack on Malta and Tripoli German soldiers had to intervene and were said to have fought with Italian soldiers. While these reports have never been confirmed, travellers from Europe say that German soldiers have in fact, been showing their contempt for Italian soldiers openly.

The Italian defeat in Libya has not strengthened the reputation of the Italian soldier. The machine-made Nazi fighter is not likely to have sympathy for, or to understand, the much more human and emotional Italian soldier, whose sole fault in this year has been a lack of eagerness to fight for a regime that has persistently betrayed him. A regime that promised him Utopia almost two decades ago, and again during the Ethiopian War, and has succeeded only in piling up more war and disaster for the Italian people.

Relations Strained A typical instance of the strained relations between German and Italian soldiers when they meet was related by a traveller newly-arrived from unoccupied France. In Nice, on the French Riviera, where a mixed committee of Italian and German officers presides with French officials under the terms of the armistice, the Italians dine nightly in one corner of a restaurant and the Germans in another corner.

One evening the Germans arrived, and with military courtesy, saluted the group of Italian officials, who were mostly staff officers, and themselves. The Italians arrived, head-in-eyes front, greeting no one, feeling, apparently, that in Nice, one of Mussolini's objectives, they are cork of the walk. The German officers made audible remarks about the Italian lack of courtesy towards representatives of a nation they "defeated." The Italians heatedly retorted. In a moment they came to blows. And it was the Frenchmen who tore them apart.

This is one interesting instance of the "fervent, brotherly" feeling prevailing among the Axis soldiers. British Victorious Britain controls the whole of Eastern Libya. Within two months the Army of the Nile has shattered Fascist forces in the way of Sir-Barnam, advanced Italian post, 75 miles east of the Egyptian frontier, to Benghazi, capital of Eastern Libya.

A brilliantly conceived drive from Derna brought about the capitulation of Bengasi, February 6th, and the following day thousands of Italians, fleeing westward surrendered when they failed to break through British advance columns. In their efforts to escape the British cordon, the Fascists lost 60 tanks. At the week-end, prisoners were reported surrendering in large numbers. An army commander, corps commander and many other senior officers were captured and huge quantities of war material taken.

Meanwhile, British drives into Eritrea, Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland are meeting with success. In Eritrea, the Italians are being gradually driven back on Asmara, the capital.

Greek Lines Hold Greek defenses on the central front of the Albanian warfront withstood Italian counter-attacks, February 6th and February 7th. On the coast British artillery shelled Vagosa as the Greek spearhead in this area drove to within 10 miles of the Fascist Greeks are edging forward while fighting around Tepeleni rages with undiminished intensity. The mountain town has been reported in flames.

Reviewing the war at sea, a Greek government spokesman, on February 7th, declared Greece had not lost a single ship, either in the Aegean or the Mediterranean, since the outbreak with Italy last October.

Watch Invasion Bases The threat of an attempted German invasion finds Britain prepared. British fighters continue to hammer Nazi-held ports on the channel coast, despite bad weather conditions. Dunkerque, Calais, Cherbourg, Brest and Boulogne are being kept under constant observation and frequent attack.

The United Kingdom is experiencing a respite from heavy air attacks by the German Luftwaffe, and the Royal Air Force has dealt only a few blows at German objectives so far. However, the campaign being against invasion preparation along the French coast. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, told a London audience, February 8th, that the next big move by Hitler is "imminent" and that the only German hope for a decisive result is conquest of Great Britain.

There is only one direction in which the Hitler can hope for decisive results - and that is in the invasion and conquest of this island, said Amery.

Churchill Confident Prime Minister Churchill in a world broadcast Sunday, declared Britain was "uncomparably stronger than a few months ago and expects solid confidence in victory. American aid in the form of supplies, now seemed assured, he said, to clinch a British victory.

We do not need gallant armies which are forming throughout the American Empire," he said. "We do not need them this year, nor next year, nor any years that I can foresee."

But Britain did need "an immense and continuous supply of war materials" and to get them needed more shipping facilities, he said.

German infiltration into the Balkans was referred to by Mr. Churchill. "A considerable German army and air force is being built up in Rumania and its forward tentacles have already penetrated Bulgaria with what we must suppose is tacit acquiescence of Bulgaria," he said.

Turkish Confirmation Two days after the British Prime Minister made his broadcast, the Turkish official newspaper Oram Fokih, published at Istanbul, said that German troops were arriving steadily in Bulgaria. It attributed its reports to a Turk, long resident in Bulgaria.

Great Britain broke off relations with Rumania, February 10th. Germany's growing domination of Rumania was the cause of the break and diplomatic sources are speculating whether Britain will declare war on the country because the presence of Nazi troops on her soil and her supplying oil for the Axis war machine provide military targets for British bombers.

Laval Thwarted French political moves are causing a good deal of speculation. Marshal Laval shook up his Cabinet, February 9th, by ousting Pierre-Etienne Flandin as Foreign Minister, and naming Admiral Jean Darlan, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister. The previous day Pierre Laval had rejected Petain's offer to make him Minister of State and member of a projected triumvirate which would assume broad powers under the Marshal.

The Cabinet shakeup was followed, February 11th, by the departure of Petain for the Riviera, where it was reported he was expected to meet Gen. Francisco Franco of Spain.

Smashing Blows More than 300 tons of shells were fired upon German-held Italian port, February 9th, by units of the British navy and naval aircraft ranged over Leghorn and nearby towns, inflicting tremendous damage. The Royal Air Force rained incendiary bombs and high explosives on the German city of Hanover, February 10th.

United States Secretary of the Navy, Gen. Frank Knox, told a press conference at Washington, February 12th, that the Navy "can spare no more destroyers." He was commenting upon a proposal made by Wendell L. Willkie before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the previous day, that five to 10 destroyers a month be supplied Great Britain.

Mr. Willkie, just back from Britain, backed the Lense-Lent Bill, with modifications, and declared that, if Britain fell, the United States would be at war a month or two later.

"MARYLAND" FEATURE AT THE GREGORY ON FRIDAY NIGHT "Maryland" (Darryl F. Zanuck's latest production for 20th Century-Fox, which is filmed in Technicolor, and studied with Academy Award winners, is even greater than "Kentucky," according to those who have seen this picture, which will be featured on Friday night at the Gregory Theatre here.

Three leading members of the cast - Walter Brennan, Fay Hunter and Hattie McDaniel have been awarded "Oscars." In addition, five members of the production staff were honored.

The background, "is beautiful and authentic, because much of 'Maryland' was filmed on location just outside of Baltimore, where the annual world-famous Maryland Hunt Cup Race is held. The film captures all the impressive tradition and color of a proud state and is thrillingly climaxed by America's most spectacular steeplechase.

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