

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths
are inserted in this column without charge.
Each Notice, one and ten per line
additional for poetry.

BORN
HENDERSON — Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Henderson, Aurora, announce the birth of a boy at York County Hospital, February 9th, 1941.

MARRIED
BROOKS-LARKMAN — On Saturday, February 8th, 1941, at St. Albans' Anglican Church, by the Rev. A. Brooks, Acting Vicar, Mr. Joseph Brooks, 55, and Mrs. Joseph Brooks, 55, Line Esquimalt, to Winnifred Grace Larkman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Larkman, of Weston Road, Toronto.

Odds and Ends

The Lenten season commences in less than two weeks.

Two Acton industries are already signed up for 100 per cent participation in regular War Savings.

February is a short month, but it will be an important one for your future if you start regular War Savings.

Acton and District Branch of the Canadian Legion have forwarded another \$50.00 to the British War Victims' Fund.

Your "War Saver" button is your evidence that you are doing a share toward winning the war. Only regular savers are entitled to wear it.

The next big attraction in Acton is the big Skating Extravaganza in Acton Arena. It will surpass the splendid event given last year.

Save your salvage. In a notice in another column, the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. tells of the materials that are valuable and when collections will be made.

St. Valentine's Day to-morrow. A day on which insides are sent, most of them beautiful — some of them ugly. But a day for expression of the mind of the sender.

Chicken-pox are prevalent among many of the children in the community, necessitating absence from school until reported ready to return by the family physician.

The regular mid-week session of the C.G.L.F. was held on Wednesday evening in the United Church School Room, with ten girls present. Plans were made for the meeting for C.G.L.F. Week.

While the temperature dipped well below zero on Monday, the bright sunshine and the milder weather which have followed since have been evident that warmer days are getting closer.

The hundreds of pigeons that make their camping ground the section near the flour mill have become a distinct nuisance to residents of the district. They gather in such numbers that residents there report damage to their buildings.

Mr. John Kenney received, from England, the other day, a snapshot of his son, Capt. Telford Kenney, who is on active service with the Canadian forces. Just to show that folk in England are still smiling, we asked to place it in The Free Press window for a few days.

Next Sunday is Bible Sunday, when special appeals will be made, not only from the pulpits, but a canvass of the homes for the work of the Bible Society. On Monday, the District Superintendent will show a series of films at the Parish Hall, which will give some idea of the splendid work of this Society.

Acton and district fans will get a chance to see O.H.A. hockey in the Acton Arena to-night, when Guelph and Georgetown will clash. Several of the Tanners are with the Paper Town team, so naturally local support will, for once, be with Georgetown. This war has certainly brought about some queer situations.

WAR 25 Years Ago

By The Canadian Press

Command of British Forces in German East Africa Went to Famous South African

Jan Christian Smuts, great South African soldier and statesman, now, for the second time Prime Minister of the British Union of South Africa, assumed command of British forces operating in German East Africa 25 years ago, in the First Great War. He succeeded Gen. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, on February 9th, 1916, after the English soldier was invalided home only a few weeks following his arrival in Africa.

When Smuts went to the big German colony British operations had reached a state of stalemate. After reverses early in the war, he conducted a vigorous campaign and the troops under his command were required to make long marches in the

Obituary

MRS. RONALD McEACHERN

Although in failing health for the past few years, death came rather unexpectedly to Mrs. Ronald McEachern on Monday of last week, at her home, Lot 30, First Concession, Esquimalt Township. She was 74 years seventy-fourth year.

Before marriage Mrs. McEachern was Annie Ada McLean. She was born in Erin Township and has spent all her life in this district. Married on February 8th, 1888, at Ballinlough, by Rev. L. C. Evans, she is survived by her husband, three daughters, and six sons. The family are: Mrs. Alex Thompson, Erin; Mrs. Norman McLean, Erin; Herbert and Angus, Erin; Norman, and Wilfred, Acton; Jennie, Jack, and Rosalie, at home; one brother, James McLean, at Palmerston; and a sister, Mrs. S. H. Brooks, at Harrison, as well as seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild remain. To all those who have been bereaved by the loss of a loving wife and mother, sympathy of many friends in Acton and district goes out. One son, Hugh, predeceased his mother forty-one years ago.

The funeral was held on Thursday of last week. Following a brief service at the home, service was held in Knox Church, Acton, conducted by Rev. H. L. Bennie. Mrs. McEachern had been a member of the Presbyterian Church at Ballinlough. Interment was made in Coningsby Cemetery.

Friends not only from this district, but from Collingwood, Harriston, Hamilton, Toronto, Erin and Guelph were present.

Pall-bearers were six nephews. Wilfred McEachern, Archie McEachern, Elmer McEachern, Alvin Fisher, David Hurten and Mac Hurten. Flower bearers were Gordon Fines, Douglas McEachern, Frank Burgess, and John McEachern.

Floral tributes includes those from: The Family; Grandchildren; Jack, Vera and Jacqueline; Fisher family; Mr. and Mrs. William Young and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. Brooks, Toronto; Acton Machine Shop; and the Cheerio Club.

FORCE BOWLERS GO INTO THE FINAL ROUND

The Force Bowling Team wound up the second series of the Guelph Commercial Bowling League with a 5-2 win over Hanna Bros. Team.

This victory put the team in a tie for second place. The Team ran into hard luck in the first game losing by 21 pins after handing their opponents a 41 pin handicap. A victory in this first game would have put the Force Team into a tie for first place.

The units would be serviced by R.A.F. ground crews but it was intended that R.C.A.F. ground personnel would be serving overseas later.

Some senior squadrons' commands might be filled temporarily by R.A.F. officers but these would be replaced as qualified Canadian officers became available.

In a subsequent statement, Mr. King expanded on his announcement that new air squadrons would be formed overseas. All Canadian graduates of the Empire Training Plan, he said, would wear their distinctive Canadian uniforms whether they served with the R.C.A.F. or the Royal Air Force.

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During the week, Air Minister Power told a press conference that Canada would need another 26,000 men in the Air Force during 1941.

Already steady streams of young aviators either had gone overseas or were awaiting the call-to-go. Many more were nearing the end of their training course.

Major Power said that the cost of the three-year training plan, estimated at \$600,000,000, might come closer to \$1,000,000,000, of which Canada's share would be around \$300,000.

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The final standing of the League was as follows:

Master Cleaners 40 points

Force Electric 38 points

Royal Hotel 38 points

Hartlers 37 points

Spar Bros. 30 points

Hanna Bros. 27 points

In the individual League averages, W. Corry, of the Force Team, led the entire League with an average of 214 per game. E. S. Force finished in eighth place, with an average of 239.

Next week starts the third and final series and the Force Team must finish in first place in order to defend the Bowling Shield, won by the Force representives the last two years.

The score:

M. Roote 153 231 184 568

R. Otterburn 153 -- 257 410

R. Crawford 194 265 236 695

E. S. Force 195 228 214 647

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