# Personals

Miss Ettie Dills spent the week-end visiting in Toronto.

Mr. Campbell Miller, Guelph, visited friends here on Sunday.

Miss Dorothy McPherson visited in Toronto over the week-end.

Mrs. F. T. Cook left Tuesday to join her husband in Esquimalt B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lane and family, of Hillsburg, visited Mr. N. F. Moore on Sunday.

Captain R. W. Pearen, Dental Officer at Monteith, Ont., was home on a visit last week-end.

Mrs. F. Pearen of Toronto is spending a few weeks with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. P. W. Pearen.

L. A. C. Lawrie McDonald R. N. Z. A. F., London Ontario, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reids of Preston, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Gifford at the United Church parsonage, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coy, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gordon and Nancy of Toronto, visited at Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz's on Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Matthews and Miss Helen Ostrander were at Mount Hope Tuesday attending the funeral of Mrs. Isaac Reid.

Major M. B. Collier of Newmarket Training Centre and Master Ronald Collier of Toronto, were Sunday visitors with Mrs. E. F. Collier and family on Sunday.

Mr. C. Franklin and Ethel spent the week-end at Midhurst, attending the funeral of Mr. David Smith, who was killed by a train. Mr. Franklin was soloist at the Midhurst United Church on Sunday.

Councillor F. Davison, who has been in the hospital in Guelph a few weeks has now returned and all are pleased he is much improved in health. All hope for him a prompt return to good health.

Citizens generally will be pleased to know that Councillor W. J. Oakes who has been in the hospital in Guelph for the past seven weeks was sufficiently recovered to return home Sunday. He is gaining steadily and all hope for him a speedy convalescence.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to thank my friends in Acton for their kindly interest taken in me during my recent illness; for enquiries, also for flowers and cards sent to me at the hospital which were all very much appreciated. Again Thanking you,

W. J. OSMUND OAKES.

## The Y Column

The Port Credit Badminton Club were no match for the Acton "Y" Club last Thursday night and in spite of previous predictions regarding the inability of the locals to best them, the score ended 12 to 8 for Acton. The Port Credit club is a fine group of young folks and have invited the Acton players to visit them on Friday evening March 10th.

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There is quite a line-up of tournaments at the present time. With Guelph visiting Acton on Thursday of this week, Acton visiting Port Credit next Monday, Acton visiting Guelph next Wednesday and St. Paul's United Church Club of Brampton visiting Acton on Thursday March 13th.

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Practices started Wednesday of this week on the Y.M.C.A. play soon to be produced. "Look Who's Here," is the name of the play which will be ready sometime around the first of April.

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Mr. E. J. Moore addressed the local Y's Men's Club last Thursday on the subject of "Mountain Climbing." The talk was illustrated by means of post cards projected out on the screen showing some of the scenic grandeur of the Adirondacks as well as the beauties of the State of Nevada.

"Mountain climbing is indeed an art indulged in by only a few" and Mr. Moore reiterated the fact of the feeling of awe and reverence that grips one as they climb to great heights and see the majesty of the surrounding peaks and contemplate their vastness as compared with man himself. The club hopes to have him visit them again at some future date to hear more of this interesting subject.

## BOX SOCIAL WAS HELD AT GREENOCK LITERARY SOCIETY

On Tuesday evening of last week the regular meeting of Greenock Literary Society was held in the form of the Annual Box Social with the president, Gordon Leslie in charge. Crokinole and Chinese Checkers were enjoyed by all. Mr. W. Gibson of Mimosa auctioned off the boxes and following a social half hour the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.


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SATURDAY, MARCH 8
Gift Night
"CHARLIE CHAN IN PANAMA"
Sidney Toler as Charlie Chan. "Those were the Days" William Holden, Bonita Granville, Ezra Stone. "Fox News."

MONDAY, MARCH 10th
"SATURDAY'S CHILDREN"
John Garfield, Anne Shirley, Claude Rains. Cartoon "Dandy Lion." Color Parade "Movie Dog Stars."

SOON
"THIRD FINGER LEFT HAND"
Myrna Loy, Melvyn Douglas.


## SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTORY AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Sunday in all the Catholic churches of Ontario was a special day of prayer for victory. Large congregations attended all the services in St. Josephs Church, Acton.

The Pastor Rev. Father McBride said in his sermon in part: "We are gathered about the altar to-day to pray for our Empire. Our conscience calls on us to do this for our allegiance to our country rises before us encircled with the halo of our loyalty to our God. We owe our first allegiance to God for we are His creatures; God and His eternal laws of justice and righteousness are supreme and hold first claim. Next to God comes country and duty to country is a duty of consolence, a duty to God. Our country receives from God the authority needful for its life and work. "There is not power but from God," says St. Se "and those that are ordained of God." Duty to country is a duty of justice and gratitude. The country fosters our dearest interests; it protects our hearts and altars. Without it there is no safety for life and property, no opportunity for development and progress. And is there not for Canadians meaning to the word Country? Is there not for Canadians reason to live and if needs be, to die for country? These are days when real patriotism must be exercised. And what is patriotism. Patriotism is love of country and loyalty to its life and weal; love tender and strong, tender as the affection of son for mother, strong as the pillars of death; loyalty generous, shrinking from no sacrifice, seeking no reward save country's triumph. We are not all asked to defend our country with arms, but we are asked to strengthen those forces from which a country must draw its life. And these great forces are morality, religion and intelligence. Patriotism bids us to do all we can to preserve these forces.

"Morality is the very soul of good citizenship. The deep abiding sense of duty, the quickly responsive moral conscience can effect what interest, ambition, honor would vainly attempt. They who observe the ten commandments, violate no civil law and are prompt to respond in action and sacrifice to country's call. A nation may seem strong and prosperous and the sentinels at its outports may repeat that no danger is nigh, but if sensuality, dishonesty and intemperance dwell in the hearts of the people the strength of the nation has departed. The virtues of the people is the life of the country.

Religion gives life and power to morality. Without religion, without the recognition of a living God, the ruler of nations and the everlasting impersonation of righteousness and its avenger, morality is vague in its enactments and feeble in its enforcements. Materialism and the denial of a living God annihilate conscience, break down the barriers to sensuality, dishonesty, intemperance and are fatal to liberty and social order. It is most fortunate for Canada that the people hold by the deepest roots of their being to a God and a Saviour.

Intelligence is also essential. Study the problems of your country, are they for the welfare of your country. Sectarian hatred, prejudices, narrowness of thought and unreasoning strife should not enter in the problems of your country. This country is Canada and they who are loyal to her should enjoy all her rights. Freedom of religion is accorded by the constitution. Religion is put outside of state actions. Therefore discriminations in civil matters on lines of religion, of birthplace, of race, of language, of color are wrong and uncanadian. All should be Canadians in soul as well as in name.

Let us then be patriotic, patriotism intense that speaks out in noble pride and with beating heart I am a Canadian; patriotism active that shows itself in deed and in sacrifice; patriotism that loves the public weal as the very apple of the eye; patriotism by being good and law abiding citizens. Canadians it is for us to give reply.

O Canada we pledge to thee our loyalty and our love. If by our prayers and sacrifices we can secure to thee for all future years peace, happiness and prosperity, these shall surely be offered. O God we pray Thee bless and guard our Empire, bless and guide our Canada."

## J. A. CARROLL TO ADDRESS HALTON SEED FAIR

Halton's annual Seed Fair, which is to be held in the Milton Town Hall on March 7 and 8, promises to be larger than usual, states J. H. Willmott, president of the Halton Crop Improvement Association. Entries close Friday noon with the judging of the exhibits the same afternoon by C. K. S. Palmer of the Dominion Seed Branch and Robt. Keegan of the Field Husbandry Department, O.A.C., as official judges. The annual Junior Farmer Judging Competitions are scheduled for Saturday morning with the open session in the afternoon when it is expected Milton's Town Hall will be taxed to capacity to hear addresses by J. A. Carroll, Superintendent of agricultural societies for Ontario and W. E. Breckon of Freeman. The event will conclude with the auctioning off of the ten bushel lots of oats and barley by Frank Petch, well known auctioneer of Georgetown.

## MONTHLY MEETING DUBLIN INSTITUTE HELD DURING WEEK

The Dublin Women's Institute held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. vanGoozen. Owing to bad weather and bad roads the meeting was held a week later. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Anderson, first vice-president Mrs. vanGoozen occupied the chair. Roll call was answered by "Don'ts for the sick room." Arrangements were made for the social evening to be held in March. A donation was given to British war victims' fund sponsored by The Evening Telegram. Also members are buying War Saving Certificates.

Topic was "Health," with Mrs. Akins as convener who took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. The following programme was given: Mrs. Somerville took the topic "Education," giving a synopsis of Dr. Hanting's life. Mrs. Kennedy took "Health" for her topic and read a paper and had a number of pamphlets relating to health. Mrs. Near gave a reading. Wilda McLaughlin gave a talk on "Home Nursing," which was very interesting.

Mrs. McLaughlin tendered a vote of thanks to those who took part on the programme and also to our hostess for the use of her home. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

## ACTON WOMEN OBSERVE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer was fittingly observed on February 28th, the first Friday in Lent, when the women of the various Missionary societies of Acton, met in the class room of Knox Presbyterian Church.

The order of service had been prepared by the World Day of Prayer committee, Shanghai, China, and the theme was "Thy Kingdom Come." This theme was carried out as follows:

The coming of the Kingdom in our individual lives; The coming of the Kingdom in our community and Nation; The coming of the Kingdom in a realization of a family of nations founded on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men.

The devotional periods were led by appointed representatives from the Anglican, Baptist, United and Presbyterian Women's Missionary Societies with Mrs. H. L. Bennie presiding.

Miss M. E. Anderson gave a brief devotional address and Mrs. F. Anderson rendered a solo.

The service was well attended by the women of the community and the program very fitting for a world at war.

## ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The Acton Junior Farmers held their regular meeting in Lorne School on Thursday. The vice-president, Laura Johnston, took charge of a short business session.

Mansell Nellis was called upon to act as chairman for the program. Harvey and Mrs. Fisher gave enjoyable musical numbers. Lorna Lockett performed step-dances. Miss Nellie Anderson recently returned from Japan, spoke of the country there. She also had some curios from Japan. Her talk was very much enjoyed by everyone. Dorothy McKenzie and Blanche McKinnon sang delightful duets.

Howard Switzer conducted an impromptu debate "Resolved that women dress more sensibly than men." The leaders of the sides were Edna Cook and Leslie Swackhammer. The negative side won. The meeting was closed by singing "The National Anthem." Lunch was served and dancing followed.

## FRIENDLY CIRCLE PRESENTED GIFT TO MRS. JOHN McGEACHIE

On Friday evening a social and meeting of the Friendly Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Jos. Whitham. The president, Miss Laura Johnston was in charge of the opening exercises. Mrs. Waterhouse the group leader was in charge of the evening.

Fun was interesting contests were conducted in which Miss Jean Lambert and Mrs. John McGeachie secured the highest points.

On behalf of the Friendly Circle Miss Bennett presented Mrs. John McGeachie (nee Helen Cook) with a gift. The bride made a lovely reply and in concluding the meeting a delightful lunch was served.

## FORMER ACTONIANS WORK AS GROUP IN TORONTO CLUB

An Afghan made by a group of young ladies now in Toronto who were pupils in the Acton Continuation School, was on view in The Free Press window over the week-end. This afaghan is being sent to Tadoa Hospital in England. The group in Toronto meet regularly at the homes of members and have some form of war work always in hand. They are under the leadership of a former teacher in the school here, Mrs. Craig (nee Miss Mortimer).

# Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver, Halton's Member

We are now entering the third week of the session since the adjournment, and while this session is just beginning already certain very definite trends are noticeable. Less time is being spent on routine business, departmental estimates are being passed with less discussion and everyone's attention is centred upon the war effort.

The Prime Minister gave notice on Thursday of last week of the names of those who are to form a select committee of the House to examine war expenditures and expenditures for other services directly connected with the war, and to report what economies can be effected. This committee is to be set up with powers similar to a committee of the same kind, which is now functioning in the Motherland. In war effort where we are spending at the rate of from four to five million dollars daily it necessarily follows that mistakes will be made and some of them will be costly. This committee has a very important task to perform and should be of great assistance. A special committee has also been set up to deal with War Pensions and Allowances.

Some criticism is apparently going to be made by the Opposition in regard to "dollar-a-year" men. A question was recently put on the order paper asking for information regarding expense payments to these men and their staffs. At the outbreak of war thousands of men in Canada, who were in a financial position to do so, offered their time to assist Canada's war effort without charge to the country. In many instances these men were put to work in an advisory capacity, where their special qualifications would be of most use. Everyone who has followed Canada's war effort knows the great assistance which these men have rendered to the cause. It is possible that in isolated instances some of them may have been too extravagant, and some few others may have shown favoritism, but on the whole neither charge is true, and it is to be hoped that the Opposition will not make blanket charges in regard to these men, instead of singling out the specific cases were complaints should be made. In last Saturday's Globe and Mail a long list was published of expense monies which have been paid and giving the individual names. This is most unfair to all concerned as no information is given as to the number of miles travelled and as to the circumstances under which the expenses have been incurred. To my personal knowledge one of these men has travelled something over 25,000 miles by air and rail in the performance of his job. To me it is most unfortunate that publicity of this nature should be staged when we are in the midst of a War Savings Campaign. Everything possible is being done to keep down our war expenditures to the lowest possible point, but no matter how much economy is taken, some extravagance will, without doubt, occur. Some have already been called to my attention and have been corrected. As your member, I will be pleased to receive information of this nature, and will see that action is taken to eliminate waste.

Questions on the order paper and comments in the House indicate that the C. C. F. Group in the House intends to make a determined attack on the administration of the Internment Regulations in regard to the exercise of the discretion of the Minister of Justice. Hon. Ernest Lapointe takes the stand that Canada is at war, and that in cases of doubt, it is much better that some few individuals should suffer, rather than risk the security of the state.

HUGHES CLEAVER

## LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT AT MILTON MONDAY

Jack Hardy, 21, of Milton, was seriously injured Monday in a level crossing crash at the Martin St. crossing in Milton. Eye witnesses said Hardy's car skidded for 30 feet on icy pavement before it was in collision with a C. P. R. Detroit, Toronto passenger train.

Alone at the time, Hardy was thrown clear of the car and was left unconscious on the side of the road. The locomotive carried the car for 100 feet.

Hardy suffered severe scalp injuries, a fractured left thumb and back injuries. Provincial Officer Jack Reavley investigated.

The train was in charge of Conductor Frank Williams, Toronto.


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