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

BORN

BESSEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bessey (nee Marjorie McArthur) of Orton, on Thursday, March 6th, at Guelph General Hospital a daughter.

HANSEN—At Guelph Street, Acton, and Mrs. Gordon Hansen (nee Ruby Murray), the gift of a daughter on Friday, March 7th, 1941, to Mr. Evelyn Carol.

RIDDALL—To Pte. George Riddall (R.C.A.M.C., Overseas) and Mrs. Riddall (nee Frances Chisholm), on Saturday, March 8th, 1941, at St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph, a daughter, (Patricia Gail). Baby passed away.

DIED

SANGSTER—At the home, Church Street, Acton, Ont., on Friday, March 7, 1941, Annie Delgarno Sangster, in her 69th year.

Odds and Ends

Put it down in your diary that on March 11th we had one of the biggest snow storms of the winter.

Tuesday's storm made another attack necessary to clear the street and plow out the highways and byways.

Good progress is being made in the extensive alterations being carried on at the residence of Mr. Geo. Mason on Lake Avenue.

Please bring in reports of meeting and copy for THE FREE PRESS early in the week. It assists in maintaining publication schedule.

1941 will be remembered in Acton as a year in which three municipal nominations have been held and the year is young yet.

Monday's spring-like day was certainly followed by a real return to winter. We had both the lamb-like and lion-like weather this week.

We'd like to some of these days stand by the side of the road with a good big bucket of dirty road water and slush and throw it just as far and wide on some of these cars as they do on pedestrians on the sidewalks.

Now if there had been an opportunity to vote on a two months' municipal term it might have been different. In these days of added burden most folks cannot be tied down for a lengthy period in any municipal office.

Three Councillors Resign --- New Nominations

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and comply with the by-laws provisions. The minimum fine was $5.00 and the maximum fine under the by-law was $50. Permission to remove the building was also provided for. The usual readings were given and the by-law was passed.

[illegible] was moved by Reeve F. F. Barrop as official to notify the Judge under Act [illegible] Mr. M. Pierson.

A letter was read from [illegible] Clingston tendering his resignation as a member of the council owing to the extra work involved due to the war at the Beaverlodge [illegible] he felt it necessary to take this step. He was willing to give where ever assistance he could at any time and expect at some other time to again take up council work which he had greatly enjoyed. Knowing that a new nomination was necessary to fill the vacancy the congregation at this time would [illegible] their attention.

A letter from [illegible] A. MacFarlane tendered his resignation [illegible] was made to carry [illegible] Mr. Clingston was moved by [illegible] and carried.

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[illegible] Harry [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. A. Newton [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall and family, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Robertson, Owen Dobbie and Grace Gibson, Girls Look-Out Club, the Campbells and Nortons and Mother Galbraith, Jessie and Bob.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral included: Mrs. R. Bearhope, Kitchener; Mr. Harry Spearhurst of Acton; Mrs. James Dobbie of Acton; Mrs. C. Sawyer of Toronto and relatives from Brampton, Georgetown, Huttonville and Toronto.

GIVE NAZI EXAMS?

MELBOURNE, (CP)—Certain professional studies are given German prisoners interned here and the Melbourne University is considering allowing them to sit for university's examinations.

Obituary

MRS. JAMES SANGSTER

On Friday of last week there passed away at her home Main Street Acton, a highly respected resident in the person of Mrs. James Sangster.

Mrs. Sangster and her husband came from the Old Land, Aberdeen Scotland, seventeen years ago. Since then Mr. Sangster worked in the Beardmore tannery until last August when he met with an accident which caused his death. His unexpected death proved too much for his invalided wife and she finally passed away last week. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends for whom she always had a smile for a glad welcome, also a fly cup of tea, as she termed it herself, when they came to see her. Since her husband passed away she has been tenderly cared for by Mrs. Ritchie who did everything possible to comfort her in her loneliness.

She leaves to mourn her loss a daughter, Mrs. Robert Wood and three grandchildren of Acton and a son and granddaughter in the Old Land, also a sister, Miss Mary Skessor, R.N., of Toronto.

The funeral was held on Monday from the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home and she was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery beside her husband. She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and the funeral was conducted by her pastor Rev. H. L. Bennie.

DUNCAN McDONALD, Puslinch

Rural residents of the Puslinch Township district were shocked over the week-end to hear of the sudden death of Duncan McDonald, widely known farmer who resided at R. R. 2, in the Gore, Puslinch. Mr. McDonald died at his home in his 67th year.

Born in Speyside, near Acton, the late Mr. McDonald lived in Puslinch Gore for 46 years on the farm he cultivated until his death. A member of the congregation of Crieff Presbyterian Church, he was also secretary of the Cemetery Board, and a member of the board of managers of the church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Elizabeth McAllister, Puslinch township; two sons, Angus and Howatt McDonald, both at home; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Hunter, Clyde, Ontario; Mrs. Alex Connell, Crieff; and two brothers, Daniel McDonald, of Valens, near Galt. Five grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from the home, R. R. 2, Puslinch. Interment was in Crieff Cemetery.

JAMES F. GRANT

Limehouse lost a highly respected citizen on Monday March 3rd, when James Fraser Grant quietly passed away at the home of his daughter Mrs. William Mitchell after a short illness. The late Mr. Grant was active all his last days in spite of his advanced age having celebrated his 92nd birthday October 20th last year. He was born near Acton, the son of James Grant and Mary [illegible] and was one of a family of [illegible] in Esquesing Township. Forty-seven years ago he was united in marriage with Mary Mitchell of Limehouse who with one daughter Mrs. William Gerrie and two grandchildren Mrs. Ed. Samford and Miss Doris Mitchell remain to mourn his loss.

For a number of years the late James Grant was a familiar figure in Acton where he drove the express, after being employed at the Dolly Varden lime kilns and finally farming on the land on which he passed away.

The funeral services at his home at 2 p.m. March 5th were conducted by Rev. D. D. Davidson, pastor of Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Among those present was a number of old friends who came in Limehouse cemetery. Messrs. John Newlong, [illegible] Harry Barker, of Acton, Fred [illegible] Morgan Lowe, [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. A. Newton [illegible]

[illegible] Harry [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Samford, Harry and Fred Brown, all of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Owen Dobbie and Grace Gibson, Girls Look-Out Club, the Campbells and Nortons and Mother Galbraith, Jessie and Bob.

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Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by
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The Balkan wooing by the Nazis is on in full swing. As on previous occasions it is a mixture of cajolery, threat, intimidation, blackmail and propaganda, backed up by the pressure of armed masses along the frontiers of the nations being wooed. Any time now this wooing may be converted into a forced wedding. And while it is going on, the Nazis, in this 80th week of the war, are thinking farther to the west, casting sugarcoated words and making sheep's eyes at the Iberian Peninsula.

The Nazi press suggests candidly that Portugal would do well to throw in her lot with the "new order" in Europe, the strong-arm Axis order. Portugal, traditional friend and ally of Britain, offers the last strip of continental coast still available to British call by sea and air. If it goes, the Nazis will control a stretch of coast from the Arctic to Africa.

Trying to be persuasive, the Nazi press has it suggested that Portugal gets "practically no good out of her big colonial possessions and can import only for her own use and for trans-shipment to British harbors," as a result of the British blockade. Things would be much brighter and better for Portugal if she joined the powerful Axis, the Nazi propagandists suggest.

Portugal so far has been unimpressed. She knows that it is a boon to be able to import "for her own use." That is more than the countries in the Axis have been able to do in months. If she should feel tempted to join she has only to survey the "happy family" in the "new order" to realize that yielding to Nazi wooing is to receive the kiss of death. In the lowlands, in France, across Central Europe and into southeastern Europe, lands of plenty have been converted into lands of hunger. So far the benefits from the "new order" have been continued promises plus starvation.

It looks at present as if the only way that Portugal will be brought into the Axis will be by force. Her neutrality has brought her a measure of abnormal prosperity, that has been a great help to her. In a blacked-out Europe her lights still blaze at night. She provides a major gateway to the continent, a jumping-off place to the Americas, and a haven for scores of European refugees.

A Nazi drive into Spain and against Gibraltar will rob her, she knows, of her war-found benefits in addition to her essential freedom and all else that is swept away when the Nazi jackboots on a country.

Navy's Daring Raid

The Royal Navy has another successful raid to its credit. Navy men made a daring raid on the Lofoten Islands, lying off the coast of Norway, March 4 and in a small fast motor launch, Britain and Norwegian troops captured 216 prisoners and sank 12 ships under German command. The raiders also destroyed a plant used for the manufacture of fish oil.

Some 300 Norwegians anxious to join their countrymen fighting with Britain's side were taken back to the United Kingdom. A large consignment of fruit, foodstuffs, soap, cigarettes and clothing was taken by the British expedition to the Norwegian population of the Lofotens.

Nazis Repulsed

When the British Middle East Command announced March 6 that mechanized units had beaten off enemy motorized detachments west of El Agheila, in Libya, the communique went a long way towards discounting reports that Germany has sent a big force of troops into Tripolitania.

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[illegible] Ethiopian [illegible] Haile Selassie [illegible] Ethiopian patriots are [illegible] the mountains of Ethiopia [illegible] British [illegible] are attacking [illegible] are organized into [illegible] positions.

Greeks to Resist

Threats and blandishments found a courageous Greek government unwilling to listen to German proposals at the week-end. The Nazis used all their diplomatic strategy to nullify British influence in Greece and Turkey and even in Yugoslavia found a government that seemed determined to maintain neutrality if at all possible.

It was reported in Sofia, March 7, that the Germans were offering locomotives, machinery and other economic rewards in return for a Turkish break with Britain. It was also stated that in its attempt to effect a Greek-Italian peace, Germany offered Greece a "settlement" whereby she would lose no territory held by her at the beginning of the war.

In the meantime Greece was reported to have moved civilians from Thrace and Macedonia and rushed work on fortifications at the Bulgarian frontier. German troops occupied strategic positions throughout Bulgaria. The Bulgarian government took measures to deal with Communists and sent troops to its frontier with Turkey.

Yugoslavia is making a big effort to maintain a neutral position, but Germany is wielding a big stick and may yet force the Balkan nation to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis. The Yugoslavs were reported to be ready to sign a non-aggression treaty with Germany, but Belgrade informed March 10 that this would not be acceptable. Regent Prince Paul has now called the Crown Council to decide on Yugoslavia's next move.

Nazis Losing Race

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Secretary, told the House of Commons, March 11, that in the last 10 months the Royal Air Force had destroyed 1,250 German and 1,100 Italian aircraft and lost "fewer than 1,800 of our own."

"Leaving out of account reserves, we have destroyed half the Italian first line," he said. "We have certainly destroyed much more than half the first line with which Germany entered the war."

During the past week the R.A.F. has given a good indication of its striking power by frequent drives against German-held bases on the French, Belgian and Netherlands coasts. British bombers have also attacked targets in Germany, Cologne being singled out March 10 for an intensive attack.

German planes have been active over Britain only to find British defences stronger than ever. The Nazis subjected Portsmouth to a particularly severe raid Monday night, but four planes were destroyed by anti-aircraft guns. Three other German planes were brought down in attacks elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Potent Sea Threat

German forces at sea took a heavy toll of British, Allied and neutral shipping during the week ended March 2. Twenty-nine vessels totalling 148,038 tons were lost during that period, the worst toll since last October when, in a single week, shipping totalling 205,000 tons was sent to the bottom.

But aid from the United States is expected to be of great assistance to Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic. The "lend-lease" bill passed the United States Senate March 8 and the House of Representatives gave it final approval, March 11. Congressional authorities disclosed Tuesday that President Roosevelt will ask Congress for a $7,000,000,000 appropriation to carry out the British aid program provided for in the legislation.

Bomb Kills Four

Explosion of a bomb in an Istanbul hotel just after George W. Rendel, British minister to Bulgaria, and his party arrived there March 11 is regarded in British quarters in Turkey as an attempt to assassinate the envoy and a plot to "mar Turkish-Bulgarian relations." Rendel escaped, but four persons were killed and about [illegible] injured. British [illegible] believed the bombing was engineered in Bulgaria.

In the House of Commons March 12, Prime Minister Churchill formally thanked the United States for the "lease-lend" bill which he termed "a new Magna Charta," an inspiring act of faith.

LEAVING ACTON TO TAKE POSITION WITH NEW TORONTO FIRM

Mr. F. McDonald who has been manager of the Acton Exclusive Shoe Store since its opening has taken a position in New Toronto and leaves this week to assume his duties there. During his residence here Mr. McDonald has taken an active interest in community affairs and will be missed in many circles. He was a member of the Band, secretary of the Business Men's Association and on the Board of Trade. While here he was [illegible] Mrs. McDonald [illegible] Best of wishes are [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. McDonald [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr.