

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison called on Acton friends on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning of Toronto visited in Acton on Sunday.

Mr. Jas. Doble Jr., of Galt visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Doble.

Mrs. W. Y. McBurney of Walkerton, visited on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. John Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Force left yesterday on a trip to Western Canada and British Columbia.

Mrs. J. H. Reed has spent a few days at her daughter's in Toronto, and also spent a day at Niagara Falls.

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

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dilla, Miss Doris Wilson and Miss Margaret McPhail attended the concert of the Toronto Normal School, Glee Club on Friday evening in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hume, Arkell, Ontario, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phoebe Marion, to Private Gordon Percival Cook, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cook, Acton, Ontario, the marriage to take place quietly some time in April.

CARD OF THANKS

For the kindly helpfulness and sympathy of neighbors and friends during the illness and at the time of the passing of the beloved husband, Mrs. Earl F. Price is indeed deeply appreciative. The many kindly acts have indeed been helpful.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. James Grant desire to express their deep appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown by friends and neighbors when the beloved mother and grandmother, passed away. These many kindly deeds will ever be gratefully remembered.

"COOL UNDER FIRE"

Here is Arthur W. Holmes, the CBC engineer who went to war with a suitcase. That was back in December, 1939, when Art and Bob Bowman stepped aboard the flagship which led the First Canadian Division to the battle front of World War II.

Today they share the honor of having been the first Canadians on the scene to cover the war and in the 15 months since they landed in Britain they have shared other honors and many adventures. But because Holmes, who is quiet and unheroic-looking, has gained a reputation for downright, cool-headed, devil-may-care courage, he will occupy the spotlight for the rest of this brief report on the doings of the CBC staff overseas.

Holmes went to France in March, 1940. Since then he has been in a collision, at sea, has stood anti-submarine watch on a liner, completed a year's broadcasting activities which entailed flights with the R.A.F. rides in tanks and may other experiences which supplied CBC networks with news of the Canadian troops in Britain.

Canadian soldiers, armmen, doctors and nurses, Canadians living in London as well as Canadian officials on visits to Britain are his constant companions. He has done the technical work in connection with the production of over a thousand recordings in the past six months, driven the CBC recording van, known as Mobile Unit No. 3 on active service, more than eight thousand miles.

OAKVILLE

In a joint meeting held Wednesday night, the town council and the Water and Light Commission decided that the Commission should pay the town \$5000 from last year's surplus. This amount will be used to reduce the tax rate.

An early closing-by-law, sponsored by Mr. L. Seagrav, to limit the hours of sales of dry goods, ladies' wear, men's wear, small-wares, notions, boots and shoes, bogged down when the first clause was read to the town council on Wednesday night.

One of the worst accidents Oakville has heard of in some time took place at Anderson's bend on the Lake Shore highway just west of Oakville early Sunday morning, when Stanley Doxyl, 26, of Dennison Ave., Toronto was instantly killed. Record-Star.

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Startling drama, Warner Baxter, Alice Faye, Charles Winninger, "Too Busy To Work" the Jones family in their busiest picture, Band, "Listen To Larry."
THURSDAY NIGHT - ONE SHOW ONLY - AT 8 P.M.
Other Nights Two Shows as Usual

Weekly War Commentary

(Continued from Page One)

last week in the central sector of the warfront were repulsed by the lines who were unofficially reported to have taken Tepellin.

In East Africa the British advance continues. Recapture of Harargesa, March 20, virtually completed the occupation of British and Italian Somaliland. The column at Harargesa is expected to join with troops which already have occupied Berbera, British Somaliland capital, 109 miles to the north-east.

Clarebush oasis in the eastern Libyan desert, surrendered to British forces March 21, 800 Italian troops being seized. The oasis has been besieged since last December, but it has been spared direct attack out of respect for the native Senusli, Mohammedan tribesmen who venerate the place.

Serbs Pro-British
Yugoslavia at the week-end resisted efforts to bring the country into the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo military alliance. Bitter opposition to plans for a modified alliance with the Axis was voiced by Serb leaders who represent one-third of the population mult into a nation under the Versailles Treaty.

The intention of Regent Prince Paul and a majority of the members of the government to sign a pact at the resignation of three Serb cabinet ministers. When this became known, pro-British sentiment flared throughout the country, anti-Axis students sang "Tipperary," famous song of the First Great War, and finally the proposed meeting at Vienna was postponed.

Yugoslavs Give In
Germany finally imposed its will on Yugoslavia. The administration of the Balkan nation was patched up and Premier Dragisa Ovetkovic and Foreign Minister Cincar-Markovic formally signed a document linking Yugoslavia with the totalitarian states in a ceremony at Vienna, March 25.

But Yugoslavia joined the Axis on terms more favorable than those given any other Balkan nation. German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop gave assurances that the territorial integrity of the country would be respected and that no troops would march through it.

The signing leaves Greece as the only Balkan power resisting German domination, but announcement that Soviet Russia had given Turkey a pledge of benevolent and helpful neutrality more than outweighed the advantages accruing to the Nazis from Yugoslavia's action. Russia's pledge means that the Turks can now devote all their attention to the German threat without fear of attack by her northern neighbor. Another indication of Russia's changing attitude is seen in the report she has halted all supplies of oil to the Nazis since the beginning of March.

Air Armada Ready
Lord Beaverbrook, British Minister of Aircraft Production, in a radio address March 23 told of records being broken in plane production in the United Kingdom. Warplanes hidden up and down the countryside were ready to swarm to the attack when the Battle of Britain reached its supreme test, he said.

The Canadian-born peer voiced the hope that, as a result of the war, the United States and the British Empire would be drawn closer together. "A union of the United States and Britain," he said, "has been a life work with me. How I long for that day."

Quits in Libya
Marshal Rodolfo Graziani resigned March 25 as commander of the remnant of Italy's army in North Africa and gave up the positions of army chief of staff and governor of Libya. An official announcement at Rome said Gen. Italo Graziboldi, chief of Graziani's staff in Libya, had been promoted to governor with command of troops in Libya.

Italy's Dodecanese Islands in the eastern Mediterranean may be starved into submission. Fascist garrisons on the 12 rocky islands off the Aegean coast of Turkey face serious shortages of food and supplies. Lack of gasoline on the islands is believed to be responsible for the falling off of Italian air attacks upon Allied bases in the past few months.

The Royal Air Force has consistently bombed airdromes and naval bases on the bigger islands of Rhodes, reason for the expected capitulation of Lesbos and Scarpanto. But the chief of the islands is the Royal Navy's blockade which has kept them cut off from Italy for months. Greeks outnumber Italians on the islands by 12 to one.

OFFERED HIS LIVING
Ragoon (CP) Evidence of support for the British cause in remotest Burma is given in the offer of a hill-man of 12 baskets of paddy (dhusked rice) to help win the war. The offer was declined with thanks.

NOW CARROT MARMALADE
London (CP) War-short of the usual Seville oranges, marmalade makers are experimenting with carrots, using the bitter orange oil for flavoring.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

Sunshine - real warm sunshine - isn't it the grandest thing you ever knew? I don't think I ever appreciated it so much before. And what do you think I saw the other day? Snowdrops - that's what. But not in my garden - I haven't got any, worse luck.

And now that the weather is warming up I suppose there will be the usual epidemic of housecleaning. There are people - mostly men - of course, who tell you housecleaning isn't necessary. Well, maybe it is not in some houses but I can tell you it is in ours. If I didn't houseclean there wouldn't be room in the house for us after a while. Oh yes, I certainly do think housecleaning is necessary. But there is housecleaning and housecleaning and in these times we should not go to extremes but limit our work to that which is necessary and leave the frills until after the war. Very soon you and I and other farm women may need all the time we can get to help outside if farm help is going to be as scarce as would seem at present. It may be necessary for us to do things outside that we have never done before. If crops are to be grown and harvested. Of course, I know we are told that the supply of farm produce is far in excess of the demand and that farmers would do well to curtail production. It sounds logical doesn't it, but on the other hand, there's that fickle person Dame Nature to be considered. Supposing we do cut down production on a wholesale scale and it turns out to be a bad year - what then? And after that suppose England says - "Send us more, and more, of your wheat, eggs, cheese, butter and apples!" And then suppose we have to say to England - "Sorry, but we couldn't get help with our work and prices were so low that we cut down on our wheat; we sold our hens, we milked fewer cows and we picked only what apples we could sell. Of course, we did this not knowing it would be a bad year!" Wouldn't that be a terrible answer to give our country, who is fighting to save us just as much as themselves?

I may be wrong but I really do feel that we farm people should be on the safe side - grow all we can and take a chance on finding a market, and on the price that we may get, so that if, and when, England shall say - "Send us food and more food" we shall have the food to send. And after all, if through lack of shipping facilities, England cannot take all our surplus we shall still be no worse off than we were before.

That's how far I got last night when I suddenly realized there was an endless stream of cars going up the road. And then the telephone started ringing. Finally I got up and looked outside. And what did I see? A huge fire, apparently five or six miles away. I called Partner, and together we speculated as to what it could be. Was it a house? Was it a barn - or merely a large stack? It was certainly an awful blaze. However, we did not jump into the car and join the travelling crowd. We thought there must already be enough people at the scene of the fire to get in each other's way. Why is there such a fascination in a fire? Why do people come from miles around to watch a fire, even when they don't know the place or the people who own it? It must be the survival of a primitive instinct, don't you think?

Well, this fire was a barn, a large bank barn, housing grain, hay, straw and forty-six head of cattle. Two poor beasts were burned to death, the others were driven out bellowing with fright, some of them with coats burning. Cause of the fire is, I believe, at present, unknown. Fortunately there was very little wind and the fire did not spread. It must have been a dreadful experience for the owners but how much worse had it been their house and all those precious possessions lost which go towards making a home and can never be replaced.

April 1st will soon be here and I, for one, shall be glad because after that date we shall at least know where we are regarding these new egg regulations which at present are causing so much confusion. Where a grading station has already been set up it isn't so bad but in this district no one seems anxious for the job. April 1 may find us with eggs dressed up and no place to go. You will remember I said I was quite in favor of government grading if it meant that a greater proportion of eggs would be used for export. But now the Ontario A1 Co-operative Egg Producing Association at Queen's Park goes one better. It says "the grade A1 egg is obtained from hens kept carefully caged and fed only upon approved rations, according to scientific dietetic standards. Birds are inspected for health and the premises are under strict

Cupid's Busy Day Is In Vacations

Secretary of Famous Wedding Church of Gotham Has "Happiest" Job

NEW YORK (CP) - Summer romances don't twither with the first frost, says Miss Mary C. Hanlon, who has just completed 25 years as parish secretary of the Little Church Around the Corner.

"September, in running a close second to June as a month of marriages," Miss Hanlon said. "And most of the September marriages are the result of vacation romances."

Young couples, who come from all over the world to be married in the

Gardens Thrive With Tear Gas

Cornell Experts Try It and Find It Good Pick-Me-Up for Flowers

ITHACA, N. Y. (CP) - Cornell University plant doctors - the plant pathologists - are using tear gas in a new way.

They inject it into the soil of flower gardens, where it destroys many of the organisms that cause plant diseases.

The experiments, after three years, have reached a semi-commercial stage. They are conducted in the department of plant pathology by F. L. Stark, Jr., and Dr. A. G. Newhall.

The tear gas is injected in shots of about a good sized thimbleful each, in holes three inches deep and staggered about 10 inches apart.

"This is done before anything is planted, for the tear gas will destroy all growth. It is very effective in killing all weeds. There are no bad after-effects on the fertility of the soil itself, and after three or four weeks the ground is ready for planting."

Nazi War Machine Must Get Setback

LONDON, March 13. (CP) A military defeat is needed to undermine the Nazi morale.

Heinrich Fraenkel, a German, said in his book "Help us Germans to beat the Nazis," written in a British internment camp. "It need not be a very crushing defeat," wrote Fraenkel, recently freed. "It will certainly not require the conquest of huge areas of land and hundreds of thousands of prisoners. Perhaps prolonged and increasing resistance to Nazi attacks on this country will do, if coupled with the beginning of some victorious offensive."

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