

Personals

Mr. John Kenney spent a few days last week visiting in Toronto. Miss Viola Waller is spending a vacation in North Bay and Sudbury. Mr. George Soper of Kitchener, spent the week-end with his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reid have been visiting in Toronto during the past week. Mrs. Alice Macpherson is visiting with Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Lyon at Ulster Pa. Master Ronald Collier of New market is holidaying with his cousin Donna Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Elliott and Douglas of Toronto, visited with Mr. J. W. Barberre. Lorne Masales and Ken Blow spent a few days at Mr. H. N. Farmer's cottage at Lake Simcoe. Miss Dorothy Kitching is holidaying at United Church Young People's camp at Port Elgin. Mr. Elmer McKechnie spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Soper. Mr. and Mrs. Albert McWilliams and Ernest of High River, Alta., called in Acton on Wednesday. Mrs. Arnold Weaver of Hamilton is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fenton of Irlington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie at Milton Heights. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aunil Reid in Stratford over the week-end. Mrs. Freeman Barberre, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Barberre, of Hersey Mich., visited Mr. J. W. Barberre. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McKechnie and Flora Jean are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Soper. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Small of Stamford are visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McDonald. Mrs. Robert Currie of Milton Heights is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Laverty at Rockwood. Mrs. Annie Hamilton of Milton, spent Monday with Mrs. Robt. Currie and Mrs. Edwin Currie at Milton Heights. Miss Nellie Young, Mr. Laurence Wiecek and Mr. Harvey Young spent the week-end in Muskoka and Parry Sound district. Miss Mabel Howie and sister Mrs. Ruth Partridge spent a few days during the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Toronto, visited at the Gamble home, Crescent Villa, on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swain and Mr. and Mrs. E. Adair of Toronto were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gamble. Mrs. G. H. Suttner left on Tuesday for Munich, Indiana, where she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Ramsden. Mrs. Fred Watson of Trenton spent a couple of weeks and also Mrs. Will Simpson of Fergus is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Watson. Mrs. E. F. Collier, Mr. Charles Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson and Donna were visitors on Sunday with Major M. B. Collier at Newmarket Training Centre. Mrs. Norman Smart, Mrs. (Mrs. Wellswood), Mrs. John Matheson, Mrs. Huntsman, all of Toronto, and Mr. John Irvine of Sarnia visited Mr. N. F. Moore during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Mrs. Robt. Currie and Master Bobby McDonald of Milton Heights attended the funeral of the late Mr. David Currie at Campbellville on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. How, Bowser Avenue, will be at home to their friends on Tuesday July 3rd, from 3 until 5:30 in the afternoon and 8 until 10 p.m. in the evening on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson were in Toronto last week attending the graduation exercises of Wellesley Hospital, at which their granddaughters Miss Hazel Pauline Watson of Grand Valley was one of the graduating class. The engagement is announced of Helen Cora, daughter of Mr. Alexander Sinclair and the late Mrs. Sinclair of Alton, to William Henry Wright Hall, son of Mrs. Hall and the late Mr. William Hall, Acton. The marriage will take place on July 12th at Alton. About 35 friends of Mrs. Geo. Platt and her daughter Mrs. A. Bruce of Innisfree Alta., who have been visiting in and around Grand Valley and Acton, for the last few weeks, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Watson, Sunday afternoon to bid them farewell before returning to their home. Mrs. Platt is a sister of Mrs. Watson, where she spent the first part of her visit.

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County Council Fails to Adjust Tax Rate Appeal (Continued from Page One)

when people, looking for a place to settle, decide to go where the assessment is not so high. And so, in Trafalgar we don't feel we are willing to assume even so small a sum as \$440. We feel that Nassagaweya is being a little greedy in pressing this claim at the present time and if we give them what they want our rate-payers will say "you must have been in favor of it all along." Reeve Finney, Nassagaweya: "Our local assessment is very high. It is true we have considerable millage but we have only one mile of paved road. Our council feels that something should be done at that they are not unreasonable in asking it, especially since the matter has been under consideration since 1935." Deputy Reeve Craig, Burlington: Mr. Warden, if we do not make some adjustment and Nassagaweya takes this appeal to Court, it is going to cost the County a great deal of money and I think we should try to avoid such unnecessary expense." Reeve Wilson, Esqueping: "Our council feels that if there is any cut Esqueping should share it but that it would be better if Nassagaweya drop this appeal altogether." Deputy-reeve May, Esqueping: "According to these assessment figures, Nassagaweya, Esqueping and Acton should all be given a reduction." Reeve Cleave: "As far as George-town is concerned, I could not consent to any increase in our assessment. Furthermore I believe that if an appeal is made to the Judge, he would have power to throw it out of court." Reeve Finney: "Perhaps I should point out to you gentlemen that our rate in Nassagaweya is 9.6 mills for county rate." Deputy Reeve Hall: "Our rate in Trafalgar is 14 mills. Farm property is assessed far beyond its actual value and we certainly are not in the position to assume any more assessment." Deputy-reeve May: "There have been a lot of new buildings put up in Trafalgar." Deputy Reeve Hillmer, Oakville: "Our Council is not in favor of this concession to Nassagaweya unless the rest of the county council is in favor of it too. If the vote is unanimous then we are for it too. If there is one vote against it then we are against it. We think it should be shared and share alike. I might also say, Mr. Warden, that at our last meeting we did object to the fact that you did not express an opinion. We went away not knowing what Nelson was prepared to do." Warden: "Mr. Robertson spoke for Nelson." Deputy Reeve Robertson: "We are quite willing to do our share to help Nassagaweya, but we can't do it all." Reeve Blair, Burlington: "Mr. Warden, we came up here today hoping that some arrangement could be arrived at with the least possible expense to the county. According to the way things look now the chances are slim for such a settlement. We in Burlington are quite willing to do our share." Reeve Finney: "I think you gentlemen would have a better understanding of our problems if you could see the condition of some of our buildings; many have depreciated to such an extent as to be practically useless." Deputy Reeve Hillmer: "How much of a reduction would it bring to the ratepayers of Nassagaweya?" Warden: "Not very much." Deputy Reeve Craig: "It would seem that many feel that Nassagaweya should not have made this appeal. The fact remains they have and the appeal is right here for us to deal with. It is here and I don't think we have any right to gamble with the taxpayers' money for the sake of \$400. If it goes to court it will cost a lot more than that." Reeve Finney: "We certainly hope you gentlemen will be able to come to some agreement and, although our council does not think \$100,000 is really enough, they will be content with that for the present, rather than force a revision." Deputy Reeve Hillmer: "I don't like it if we are establishing a precedent." Reeve Gilbert: "Perhaps you don't think Trafalgar is entitled to a cut?" Deputy Reeve Craig: "The point is you haven't asked for a cut. It is the appeal from Nassagaweya we are dealing with today. No other municipality enters into it at all." Deputy Reeve Robertson: "If Trafalgar wanted a drop you should have appealed long ago. It is too late now." Reeve Chalmers, Acton: "I think this thing has been threshed out pretty thoroughly. What we have to do now is either repeal the by-law or leave it as it stands." Reeve Gilbert: "Mr. Warden, if we should agree to Nassagaweya's request, don't you see the folly of it?" Warden: "No, I don't. Why gamble with \$100,000 if we can get away with \$400 (the \$100,000 referred to being the probable cost of an equalization in the result of a court action)." Warden: "Has anyone else anything to say? What about you, Dr. Heslop?" Reeve Heslop, Milton: "I have nothing to say, except that I have heard so much about this assessment I'm disgusted with it." The following resolution brought the discussion to a close: Moved by Deputy Reeve Robertson seconded by Reeve Gilbert that no action be taken on the appeal of Nassagaweya for a reduction in their assessment. The Warden called for a recording of the vote and the yeas and nays were as follows: Yeas, Messrs. Gilbert, Hall, Cleave, May, Wilson, Hillmer, Campbell, Chalmers. Nays, Messrs. Finney, Robertson, Hillmer, Craig, Blair, and the Warden. The motion was passed by eight votes to six. With the motion passed, some members of the council were still casting about for some means of avoiding the issue that had thus been raised and a second motion was passed. Moved by Reeve Cleave, seconded by Deputy Reeve May: That this council write the Council of Nassagaweya with a request that they reconsider their appeal to the judge for an equalization, principally on the ground of these very trying times through which our country is now passing. Council adjourned.

Weekly War Commentary Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by H. M. PETERSON, Canadian Press Staff Writer

lands of the Ukraine and the all fields of the Caucasus was written down for all to read in 1924 by Hitler himself. "Mein Kampf," inscribed in prison by the leader of the then obscure National-Socialist party, says: "But if we can talk about new soil and territory in Europe today, we can think primarily only of Russia and its vast border states." Throughout the book he spurned the idea of an alliance with Russia and called its leaders "common, blood-stained criminals... the scum of humanity." Now in the 56th week of the war Stalin finds himself in bloody conflict with Hitler's massed and armored legions. The nearby countries that a few years ago would have been Stalin's allies—the friendly countries of Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria—he let go into Germany's grasp without firing a shot. On Eastern Front. Conflicting claims from Berlin and Moscow made it difficult to appraise the situation on the Eastern Front at the week end. Definite positions of the German army, evidently attacking Russia on three fronts, were undisclosed in Berlin reports which, however, made extravagant claims of big successes. According to Russian reports June 28 the Germans, although holding much of the buffer territory taken by the Red Army at the time of the conquest of Poland, had failed to cross the old frontiers. The two main German drives were directed through Northeastern Poland toward Minsk, capital of White Russia, and further south near the Polish city of Lwow, also known as Lemberg. At the same time that a report from Istanbul claimed the capture of Minsk by the Germans, it was officially reported in Moscow that the Red Army had routed the German armored column in this area. The Red Army, it was stated, made a lightning onslaught, routing enemy tank units and the headquarters of the 39th tank corps. Russians were reported holding firm in the Lwow sector and in Besarabia attempts of Rumanian, and German forces to cross the Prut River were thrown back, it was said. Spirited Defence After a week of fighting, it appears that a spirited opposition is being provided by the Great Russian army to the German drive. Great efforts will be made by the Soviet commanders to keep their armies intact as only the annihilation of these forces will spell success for the Nazi attempt to control the oil and grain wealth of the country. By holding the Germans at bay until the autumn, Russia can check any plans Hitler may have to resume effectively the Battle of Britain. Sir Stafford Cripps, British ambassador to Russia, returned to Moscow, June 27. With him was a British military mission headed by Lt. Gen. F. N. Mason Macfarlane, regarded as Britain's leading expert on the German army. Before the war he was a military attaché at Berlin and is credited with having realistic and far-sighted views. French resistance in Syria is gradually being overcome and reports indicate the Vichy government is making preparations to get its troops out of the country through Turkey. Free French forces were reported June 28 to have reached a point 45 miles northeast of the Syrian capital of Damascus. These troops evidently hope to encircle Beirut which is the objective of British and Australian troops moving north up the coast of Lebanon. Round the Clock At all hours of the day and night the Royal Air Force is sending its planes, bombers and fighters—to attack military and industrial targets in Nazi-occupied countries—and western Germany. The week-end marked more than two weeks of the offensive in the air which Britain hopes will force Germany to divert planes from Russia in order to hampering production of war materials for invasion. The air offensive has developed into the most severe of the war against Nazi cities and invasion bases. On the other hand the United Kingdom is enjoying the longest respite from heavy attack since a year ago.

Big German Claims As the Russo-German war went into its second week, the German High Command made big claims of Nazi success in the drive on Moscow. A communique summarizing the action of the first seven days stated that 2,233 Russian tanks, 1,297 armored cars and 3,107 planes had been destroyed and 40,000 prisoners taken. Russian claims for the week were more conservative. Moscow listed the figures thus: tanks destroyed, or captured, 2,500 German, up to 900 Russian; planes destroyed, 1,500 German, 840 Russian; prisoners taken—30,000 German, 15,000 Russian. Led by Field-Marshal Mannerheim, the Finns declared war on Russia Sunday, as hostilities flared all along the 600-mile Russo-Finnish front. Turning the conflict a deadly war, Mannerheim appealed to his compatriots to fight once more against their traditional enemies. The advancing Germans claimed the capture of Lwow Sunday, and Minsk the following day. The latter town is 20 miles inside the old U.S.S.R. frontier. It was said the spear-head of the advance had reached a point halfway to the Red capital. These claims were partially admitted by Soviet reports, which claimed, however, that the Red Army was withstanding violent attacks from Murmansk in the north to Minsk in the south. The Russians also claimed that attempts by the Germans and Finns to cross the Karelian Isthmus and to gain a foothold by sea at Viipuri on the Gulf of Finland had been repulsed. Reports July 2 indicated that the activity from the Arctic to the Black Sea continued quiet with both armies having units of considerable size operating behind enemy forward positions. The previously announced capture of Minsk seemed to be in doubt, as official German sources remained silent concerning it. Nazi capture of it, the old Latvian capital, was announced at Berlin. Surprise news in British military circles was the transfer of General Sir Archibald Wavell, Middle Eastern Commander-in-Chief, to India, and his replacement by General Sir Claude Auchinleck, veteran soldier who had been Commander-in-Chief in India since January. Prior to that he directed British operations at Narvik, Norway. The reason why Adolf Hitler turned his treaty partner, Joseph Stalin, and sought to rend from him the wheat

MIDSUMMER PROMOTIONS (Continued from Page One)

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