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

Obituary**DIED**

HOBURN. — At Toronto General Hospital on Thursday Aug. 7th, 1941, Mabel Hoburn, sister of James Hoburn, Everton, Ontario.

ALLEN. — At Niagara Falls, Ontario, on Saturday, August 9th, 1941, Samuel Allen, husband of the late Catharine Campion Jr., his 84th year.

FOSTER. — Suddenly at his residence, 74 Delware Ave., Toronto, Ont., on Monday evening, August 11th, 1941, William Foster, beloved husband of Jennie Sharp, in his 70th year.

McCUTCHEON. — At the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. G. Atken, second line, Erin Township, on Tuesday August 12th, 1941, Margaret and McCullum, widow of the late Hugh Robert McCutcheon in her 84th year.

IN MEMORIAM

REID. — In Loving Memory of our dear mother and wife Roseann Christina Reid who passed away Aug. 10th, 1940.

Two dear brown eyes, a tender smile, A loving heart, that knew no guile, Deep trust in God, that all was right, Her joy, to make some other bright. Her sick, or suffering one sickness do Some gentle act of love, and do No thought of self, but of the other. I know he said, "Well done, dear mother."

HUSBAND and FAMILY.**This and that**

The Canadian National Exhibition opens in a week.

Third instalment of taxes is due tomorrow. Don't pay the penalty.

White frosts have been expected on a couple of nights later, but no damage has been done.

Mr. James R. Dohle of St. Marys has joined the Royal Air Force and is stationed at Valcartier, Quebec.

Acton Fall Fair is just around the corner. The prize lists will be issued the latter part of next week.

Acton Y.M.C.A. girls left last Saturday and are enjoying this week camping at Stoney Lake near Peterborough.

The temperature dropped to within twelve degrees of the freezing point on Tuesday night. Some change!

The roof is on and the interior walls are almost completed on the new building for Acton Creamery on Main Street.

The big new brick addition for the Canadian Wool Combing plant has the roof on and is ready for interior completion.

Capt. E. J. Williams, a former bandmaster of the Lorne Scots Band and under whose leadership the band gave a concert in Acton in aid of the Red Cross, was killed in an aeroplane crash at Moncton, on August 2nd. He was engaged in flying bombers to England and had crossed the Atlantic five times with machines for Britain.

**Winston Churchill
"Best Seller"****Britain's 4,000,000 Gramophone Records**

There is a world demand for Mr. Winston Churchill's speeches now done for the gramophone. They are being bought up in Australia, in Canada, in India, in New Zealand and in South Africa; and again in their own homes American citizens are listening to his "Give us the tools and we will finish the job."

Mr. Churchill has joined the best sellers, among whom to-day are Paul Robeson with his "Tones," Richard Tauber, now a British subject ("Begin the Beguine"), Webster Booth ("I'll Walk Beside You"), Joe Loss ("You Say the Sweetest Things"), Great Britain shipped more than 4,000,000 gramophone records overseas last year, and matrices, the dies from which records are stamped out, are not included in this colossal total.

The most popular records of recent years are Paul Whiteman's "Rhapsody in Blue" which has sold more than \$10,000 to date, Richard Crooks' "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" (\$10,000), and the top score is Ernest Lehgo with 65,000 and still selling. He was a Temple chorboy when he made his lovely "Hear My Prayer." Today he is a stalwart Freeman training a choir from the Auxiliary Fire Service at Harrow-on-the-Hill.

1,000 SWAN SONGS

London (CP) Owing to an unusual migration of swans on the Thames no less than 1,000 cygnets had to be destroyed last year, it was announced.

AUSSIES GROW LINSEED

Melbourne (CP) In an attempt to establish the growing of linseed in Western Australia, the State government this year imported 1,000 bushels of selected seed about 2,000 acres of which have been sown.

**WOMEN "BATTING"
FOR MEN IN T.C.A.**

WINNIPEG When a number of its airport passenger agents were called for military service, Trans-Canada-Air-Lines experimentally engaged girls to replace them. They proved acceptable to both the public and the company with the result T.C.A. now has nineteen young women in service as passenger agents at airports in Canada.

THE ACTON FREE PRESS**Weekly War Commentary**

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During the early part of this week, the whereabouts of Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, rumored to be conferring about the White House yacht Potomac, somewhere off the Atlantic coast, remained a mystery.

The Prime Minister was evidently in London last week when Count Attlee, Lord Portal, Sir Sefton Branwhite, and others were present. The House of Commons of the latest war developments under ordinary circumstances the war-review speech would have been delivered by Mr. Churchill himself.

The fact that Harry Hopkins, special presidential representative who had recently arrived in London from Moscow, had apparently left Britain led observers to assume that he had accompanied Mr. Churchill to a mid-Atlantic meeting.

Later in the week came Washington rumors that Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, had also joined the conference.

Possible Objects

Newspapers were unable to gain either confirmation or denial of these stories. Reports from the yacht, on which Mr. Roosevelt had been sailing, indicated that a "holiday cruise" was vague, possibly deliberately so.

It seemed apparent that whether or not the democratic leaders had met in a discussion of policy they were allowing the Axis to remain in doubt over their whereabouts, in exploitation of the "war of nerves" strategy which the Axis has used so often.

If such a meeting has taken place, it is likely that the conversations concerned United States aid to Russia in her war against Germany. Mr. Roosevelt's personal envoy, Harry Hopkins, would be able to report on his conferences with Joseph Stalin and outline to the president Russia's immediate needs.

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Vichy for Axis

Marshall Petain, chief of state of the Vichy government, committed himself to complete co-operation with Germany in the war on Russia, which he termed a "defence of the east of civilization" in a radio address on Tuesday. His announcement came a few hours after a cabinet shake-up which had concentrated military power in the hands of the pro-Axis Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan.

Petain's announcement left certain questions unsettled. The most important is to what extent France will actively aid Germany in the war. It seems probable that France's military action will be influenced largely by British and United States policy regarding her African bases. Should the democracies attempt to seize her port at Dakar, for example, it is likely that the French will align themselves beside the Germans in defense of the strategic point, just as the French have already pledged themselves to "mutual defense" of Indo-China in co-operation with the Japanese.

The German drive for the Ukraine is threatening to roll up Russia's armies on the southern sector of the 2,000-mile Eastern Front. Spearheads threatening Leningrad and Moscow to the north were apparently stalled at the weekend, but the often severe stalemate of Kiel has developed into a serious menace.

Desperate measures must be resorted to if the Russian command is to save the vast fertile plains watered by the Dnieper and Bug rivers. It is the great cereal-growing region of the USSR and in addition produces oil, iron ore and manganese all vital to the German war effort.

The great industrial centre of Dnepropetrovsk, more familiarly known as Ekatemonovsk, produces a considerable percentage of the iron, steel and agricultural machinery that comes from Russia. Further south the great port of Odessa on the Black Sea with its five harbors is the chief port for all the industries of southern Russia. Open practically all year round Odessa is not the seat of the famous oil wells, many of which are scattered on the southern coast. Sochi is another important naval base.

Casualty Claims

Fighting on the Eastern Front has resulted in extensive claims of compensation to both Germany and Russia as to men involved and casualties suffered. Claims to Hitler's High Command on August 7th, 200,000 Soviet troops had been killed or wounded and 115,000 captured in the battle around Uman, southwest of Kiev. Kiev is being treated with reserve by military authorities in London.

Russia advises the following day were to the effect that losses of approximately 50,000 men were inflicted in recent fighting on the Nodar front.

German claims of staggering Russian losses and brilliant success for the invading army have been made before only to be conveniently forgotten later. Now it appears the German timetable has been put back with Nazi army men predicting victory west of the Caucasus in end of September.

German forces at the weekend were reported advancing down the west bank of the Dnieper River as an encircling movement developed. Russian communiques were optimistic in regard to the situation on the entire front. Referring to the war in the Ukraine, the Red Army reported merely the continuance of fighting in the Bel Tschetin sector.

German boasts of control of the eastern skies were displayed in no uncertain fashion last week when Russian planes raided Berlin. The raids involved a round trip of 1,200 miles for the Red bombers from their nearest bases. At the same time, German raids on Moscow are not proving very effective according to the Soviet report. It has been reported that the multi-engined barrage at the Soviet capital is terrific and new planes have succeeded in getting beyond the suburbs.

Royal Air Force planes continued their attacks on military objective in western Germany and Nazi-occupied France. In addition heavy losses have been inflicted on German controlled ships at sea. Reports indicate that most of the German vessels travel at night and great difficulty is being encountered in getting sailors of the occupied countries to go to sea unless adequate protection is provided.

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These measures are being taken, according to the Board's statement, to conserve materials, power, and labor which can be used more effectively in the national defence program.

On and after Monday last, no bread company or retailer will be permitted to make a special delivery of bread to householders. Double-wrapping and slicing of bread must also cease on that date. Bakers will however, be permitted to use up current supplies of multi-colored single wrappings. Hereafter wrappings must be printed in not more than one color on a single colored paper.

The removal of the wheat price-fixing tax announced late last week and these new economies in manufacture and delivery should, in the opinion of the Board, render unnecessary any increase in the retail price of bread.

**TAX NOTICE--1941**

MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON

Third Instalment Now Due

Attention is drawn to the payment of 1941 Taxes, which are now payable in four installments. Especially attention is drawn to change in the place of payment of taxes which are this year payable at the

Bank of Montreal, Acton

Instalments Are Due As Follows:

THIRD INSTALMENT — AUGUST 15th

FOURTH INSTALMENT — OCTOBER 15th

According to the Tax Collection By-law a penalty of 4% per cent will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the twentieth day of June until Fifteenth day of August, and an additional of four per cent on the Second Instalment remaining unpaid after the Fifteenth day of August. This penalty applies to each individual in a similar manner.

The attention of Ratepayers is directed to the Penalties and other Clauses as printed on the reverse side of every Tax Notice.

Taxes are now due and payable. The Penalty applies to the Third Instalment as soon as or before Saturday August 15th.

MAKE PAYMENT NOW AND TAKE YOUR TAX NOTICE WITH YOU WHEN MAKING PAYMENT

B. H. SPEIGHT, Collector.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL CANADIANS

Sept. 22 and is broken in the CBC production, "Canada Singes," to be heard over the national networks on Monday, August 18, at 9:30 p.m. EST. In the first stanza in verse, John Kinnaird, Prairie Regional Representative of the CBC and veteran network producer above, transports the Canadian radio, that shall see the spiritual issues of today's world-wide struggle and give them adequate expression on the networks. Typical passages in this piece, now given in full, will be set to music by Hugh Bancroft, with organ and piano duos. The work will be produced by Charles P. Wright, senior Prairie Region producer, centre. Albert Fratz, Toronto violinist and conductor, now stationed in Winnipeg, (lower right) is arranging and conducting the musical score, which will be presented by a large concert orchestra and chorus, with Stanley Hoban, baritone, and Victor Klassen, tenor, as soloists. Principal roles in the spoken dialogue will be taken by Beth Lockhart and Helen Nicol.