

Personals

Mr. Geo. Murray was home from Toronto over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bruah visited relatives here over the holiday.

Mr. Jack Reid was home from Hamilton for the week-end holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reed, of Stratford visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, George, Shirley and Jane spent the holiday at Comber.

Miss Margaret Brown visited friends in Port Sydney over the week-end.

Miss Ruby Clarke and Mr. Boyd Clarke of Toronto were home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning of Toronto, visited here during the holiday week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Symon, of Toronto, visited with his mother, over the holiday week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mann, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. John Moffat, in Toronto.

Miss Pat Scott of Galt visited during the week-end at the home of Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Feabury.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vincent, Bill and Barbara, of Toronto, visited Acton friends over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Marks of Detroit, Mich., visited at the home of Mr. George Edwards on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Macdonald and Miss Margaret Macdonald spent the week-end with friends in Sarnia.

Miss Marie Brunelle of St. Hilda's College, University of Toronto, spent the week-end at her home in Acton.

Miss Dorothy Banks visited friends in Acton and Toronto enroute from New-York-to-her home at Saskatoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Butcher and Miss Ina White of Ottawa, spent the week-end with Mrs. Robert Price and Mrs. Angus McEachern, Young Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Macpherson and family of Toronto, spent the holiday week-end at the home of his parents.

Mrs. George Murray has just returned home from Fort William after spending a month with her sister (Bena) Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Battram.

Mrs. M. L. Buck of Owen Sound, Pearl Buck of Toronto and Sgt. K. Buck spent the holiday week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird McDonald, Murray and Kenneth of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Small of Niagara Falls and Mrs. B. Bell of Hensall, visited with Mrs. R. M. McDonald.

Mrs. M. L. Buck of Owen Sound, Miss Pearl Buck of Toronto and Mrs. A. K. Mann and Kenneth attended the graduation at the No. 1 Bombing and Gunnery School at Fingal, when Sgt. K. Buck graduated as a Sergt. Wireless Air Gunner on Saturday.

MISS SHEILA BREEN HONORED AT A MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Last Thursday night Mrs. Stan Nicotras and Mrs. Wm. Waterhouse entertained a number of girls at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Sheila Breen—a bride of this week.

The bride-to-be opened the many lovely and useful gifts which were arranged on the table decorated to suit the occasion.

During the evening games and contests were enjoyed by the guests creating much fun and laughter.

A delightful lunch was served cafeteria style and Miss Dorothy Cordner poured tea. Sheila graciously expressed her appreciation for the gifts and good wishes, assuring her friends that the shower was a grand surprise.

Last Friday afternoon the Employees of the Mason Knitting Company made a presentation to Miss Sheila Breen. Miss Aletina Gibson read the following address:

Dear Sheila:

Once again we hear the joyous tinkle of wedding bells sounding out the "Day" for another member of the Mason Knit Family.

So with this "Special Occasion" in mind, it is a pleasure to carry out the old custom of expressing our good wishes to the bride-to-be.

We ask you to accept these gifts in the hope that they will enlighten your kitchen duties, just as much as your sunny disposition and ready smile have done to make our fellowship with you a pleasant one.

May your married life be blessed with a perpetual shower of Good Luck, Health, and Happiness.

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Sheila thanked her fellow-employees, saying that it was a pleasure to work with them.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
"THE BAD MAN"
Wallace Berry, Lionel Barrymore, Canada Carries On "Soldiers All," Traveltalk "Glimpses of Kentucky," Cartoon "Andy, Panda's Crazy House," Fox News.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
"SIS HOPKINS"
Scatterbrain comedy with Judy Canova, Charles Butterworth. Novelty "Mastery of the Sea," Pete Smith "Water Bugs."

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by
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In the great, developing battle of Moscow indications are that the Nazis are using railroads to a far greater extent than they have in their earlier invasions, such as in France and the Balkans where the advance was almost entirely by highway.

The names that appeared in the news as the Russians were pushed back in the centre were almost all railway towns. Minsk, Smolensk and finally Vyazma all lie in the direct line from Warsaw to Moscow; Bryansk is an important point on the Kiev-Moscow line; and Orel and Tula are on the railway running north to Moscow from Sevastopol and Khar'kov.

Russia built her vast European railway system with Moscow as the hub and the lines as the spokes of a gigantic wheel, a wheel which, in the 11th week of the war, the Nazis have broken on the western side, but which was intact to the east. Should Russian strategy call for a withdrawal of any importance, there are several parallel railways running from Moscow to behind the Volga and the Urals.

Germanized Railjs
Attention was centred on the railway system west of Moscow, now largely in German hands, when the Nazis issued Hitler's order to his troops opening what he called "the last great, decisive battle of this year."

He said that more than 25,500 kilometres of Russian railways are functioning, and that more than 15,000 kilometres of railways have been changed to general European gauge.

As the Russian policy of scorched earth unquestionably has been applied to railways as well as everything else, these figures if even partially correct represent an enormous task accomplished. The Russians, in a deliberate attempt to prevent their railways from being useful to an invader, built them all with tracks three inches wider than the ordinary European gauge—four feet, 1 1/4 inches instead of four feet, 8 1/2.

The advantage of such railway reconstruction to the Nazis now is that the lines along which they are advancing are less subject to winter's hazards than are the highways where snow and ice are a constant threat to mechanized vehicles.

The railways, of course, are subject to attack both by air and by guerrillas, and the Russians undoubtedly are making the invaders pay heavily for the use of the vital steel links.

Moscow Menaced
The German drive on Russia's capital assumed serious proportions at the week-end. The Soviet Army newspaper Red Star admitted that fresh Nazi divisions had been hurled into the battle around Vyazma, little more than 100 miles from Moscow, while other Russian sources said a deep wedge had been driven into defenses in that area.

While there is no reason to underestimate the importance of German gains in the Vyazma-Bryansk-Orel triangle, the well-worn Nazi propaganda reports of "encirclement" and "annihilation" may well be treated with reserve. Communiques issued at the time of previous offensives have been of a similar pattern, but Russian armies, in the main, have been evacuated successfully from encircled areas and continue to oppose the invaders.

How long the Soviet defenders will be able to stand up to the Germans' powerful drives is a matter for speculation. At the week-end it was reported Russian reinforcements were being rushed to stem the advance on Moscow and the fluidity of the situation made it difficult to appraise clearly the Red Army's position.

Russian defenders of Leningrad continued to hold the Germans in this area and at the extreme south of the long battlefield Nazi armies had apparently made little headway in several days of fierce fighting.

Press for Action!
Stirred by the courageous defence of the Russians, demands are springing up in the United Kingdom for British action on the continent. Russian reports recently intimated that reinforcements required for the Eastern Front had cut the German army of occupation in France to approximately 500,000 men. It has been hinted that British military circles believe the number to be much greater, one authority estimating 2,000,000 soldiers remained in France.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a recent broadcast stated the possibility of invasion had never been forgotten by his remarks Oct. 10 when it was disclosed by the War Office that Britain had organized a corps of special shock troops skilled in sea landings and guerrilla warfare.

There was no indication of the size of the corps. Normally a corps is made up of two or more divisions, perhaps 30,000 to 60,000 men. Establishment of the corps may portage a greater number of raids similar to those on the Lofoten Islands and Spitsbergen.

Raid Estimated
Night raids on Germany were reported Oct. 10 after bad weather had prevented attacks in darkness for more than a week. The Ruhr Valley and Rhineland industrial areas provided targets for the renewed offensive.

Scout News

First Acton Troop

Last Saturday was the big day and the folks of Acton put Apple Day over the top. The fellows started out about 9:30 and when the time came to count the receipts we found we had taken in over \$70. \$20 of this being for apples and transportation and a net balance of about \$40.

We want to thank the people of Acton very sincerely for their help in making Apple Day a great success.

Last week-end was the last period that the Scout Reserve at Blue Springs was open for the camping season.

On Monday Scouts Wilson Gordon, Herb Dron, Bill Knight, Don Evans and Dave Dills visited Blue Springs reserve and made some good progress on the signalling tower.

Patrols have been chosen for the winter term. The patrols are the Beavers under George Hollinger and Don Ross; the Owls under Wilson Gordon and Bill Knight and the Lions under Dave Dills and Herb Dron.

Any boys wishing to join the Scouts are invited to come to the meeting at the Legion Hall every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

England's Country Homes

British art dealers did not take their annual holiday this year because they are too busy. Their export business has gone up by half since last year.

Eighty per cent of the precious books, rare bindings and old silver sold at London auctions is now bought by America.

At the June sale of the library of the great surgeon Sir D'Arcy Power, which fetched £2414, no less than £1,388 was spent by a single American buyer. The celebrated Bayley's "Treatise on the eye" went to the States at £145.

In silver, Americans are out for large Georgian sets of silver and meat plates. They prefer a somewhat florid Georgian style; Elizabethan and Cromwellian silver does not attract so many of them.

The main reason for the present migration of old English silver to the States is the high income tax and death duties which are bringing it into the market from England's historic country homes.

Had Little to Say

Prime Minister Winston Churchill believes that a Commons debate on the progress of the war on the Eastern Front and the matter of aid to Russia might prove detrimental at the present time.

In a brief exchange in the House October 14 with Emanuel Shinwell, Labor advocate of British diversion in the west, the Prime Minister said he saw no reason at all for an early debate on the situation in the east.

He declared that any statement on the German offensive "must obviously be left to the Russian High Command who are conducting their great battle."

Orderly Withdrawal
Disclosure that Vyazma and Bryansk as well as Orel were in German hands was made this week by the Russian High Command. At the same time Soviet spokesmen on Oct. 14 declared that Red Armies were being maintained intact and retreating in order to new defence positions.

German reports of encirclement of Russian forces in this area brought a denial from S. A. Lozovsky, official Soviet spokesman who declared that the Nazi advance had been slowed up and even halted in many sectors.

By sheer weight of numbers the Germans appear to be moving slowly toward Moscow. One spearhead has been driven as far as Borodino about 70 miles west of Moscow. On the other hand the Russians are bringing up thousands of reserve troops and the Red Air Force is battering the invaders.

Lozovsky stated that Russia "can send forces of enormous size of which the Germans have no conception."

Thirteen days after the start of the latest drive on Moscow there are many indications that the Nazis will have to fight terrific battles before the Russian capital falls.

Another threat to Moscow developed Tuesday when the Germans started a drive to turn the capital's Volga River defence flank near Kalinin, 95 miles to the northwest. While Red Star, Soviet army newspaper, declared that Russian army's position "was the most critical of the war, it was stated terrific losses were being inflicted on the invading forces."

It was admitted the Germans were making steady but slow progress eastward from Vyazma and Bryansk and that Tula, 100 miles from Moscow had fallen. The German high command claimed Oct. 14 that in the operations west of Moscow 560,000 Russians had been taken prisoners and 888 tanks and 4,135 cannon taken or destroyed.

Asks Vacations For Milch Cows

Bosny Needs Six Weeks "With Pay" These Times, Say the Experts

COLUMBUS, O., (CP)—North America's dairy cows are in the money again—and Ohio State University specialists recommend that they be given six or eight weeks "vacation with pay" annually to keep them in condition for the production campaign, just now speeded up for "food for Britain."

The dairy husbandry experts explain the need for bovine vacations by saying dairy cows are artificial animals created by man from early models which gave only a few hundred pounds of milk each year. Now, dairymen want cows "that average 10,000 pounds of milk annually."

Milk contains a high percentage of water but it also contains minerals and other food constituents that are manufactured within the cow's body. If this manufacture proceeds continuously from one lactation to the next, the ceaseless drain on physique reduces vigor so the milk production over a period of years will be less than if the cow had rest periods each year.

The "vacation with pay" in the form of extra feed—permits the cow to build up reserves for the beginning of the next lactation.

Surprise Treats In School Lunch

Fill Johnny's and Mary's lunch boxes with wholesome taste-teasing foods and an occasional "surprise" treat and watch their interest in the three R's rise.

If milk is not available at the school it should be carried in the lunch box, since milk or cocoa is a children's meal "must."

Here are some lunch "hot spots" that are satisfying, economical and well-stocked with nourishment: Macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and tomato sauce, Spanish rice, vegetable chowder, meat or fish soup, fried beef and creamed eggs and peas.

When the entire lunch is carried from home, part of the main course from dinner the night before may be used.

Sandwiches are important and afford an excellent way of including minerals and vitamins. Cold sliced meat, chicken, chicken or fish salads, sliced eggs and minced celery, sliced or cream cheese, nuts and minced carrots and peanut butter, blended with cream and sliced celery, are splendid fillers for whole wheat or graham-bread or the new enriched bread slices. Cold cuts, mildly seasoned, are also good.

Some youngsters like several kinds of sandwiches for their lunches, so include one or more cream or cottage cheese mixed with nuts and cream, along with a meat, fish or chicken sandwich.

Crisp celery sticks, carrot strings, whole tomatoes, olives or cabbage slices carry well in covered glass jars. Always fill the jars at night and keep them in the refrigerator until lunch making time. Then the jar and the contents keep cool for a long time at school.

Apples, pears, grapes, apricots, oranges and plums are healthful desserts and give a refreshing touch to the lunch. And they can be quickly paired off with plain cookies or simple cake. Raisins, dates, figs, or candy bars can be tucked into the box for extra vim and a special treat.

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