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Notices of Birth, Marriage and Death are inserted in this column without charge in Memorials Notices, see and see for the additional for poetry.

BORN

SURBEY—At the Private Patient's Maternity Home, Guelph Street, on October 28th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Surbey, the gift of a son—George Grant—Daddy—with D.C.O.R. at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Late of British Columbia.

DIED

LAING—At the residence of her nephew, Clarence Laing, 118 Balsam Ave., Toronto, on Friday, October 24th, 1941, Euphemia Laing in her 82nd year.

RICHARDSON—At the home of his son A. E. Richardson, Nassagaweya Township on Wednesday, October 29th, 1941, John Richardson, husband of the late Louisa Freeman, in his 86th year.

Meeting at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home, until Friday noon. Service in St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood, Friday at 2:30 (D.S.T.). Interment at Rockwood Cemetery.

TYLER—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Wednesday, October 29th, 1941, Rose Singleton, widow of the late Edward Tyler in her 87th year.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon with a private service at the home, Queen Street at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

IN MEMORIAM

HODGINS—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Robert George Hodgins who passed away October 28th, 1940.

What would we give his hand to clasp, His patient face to see, To hear his voice, to see his smile, As in the days that used to be. But the car was sudden, the shock severe, We little thought his death so near, So good and kind in heart and mind, So good a memory he left behind. Sadly missed by his

WIFE and FAMILY.

This and that

—Lend all you can. Pledge to your effort in War Savings Certificates.

—Hallowe'en to-morrow night, a time for witches and ghosts and weird fun.

—A bit unusual to not have a flurry of snow in October, but there is a day left yet.

—Almost time next month to start counting the shopping days until Christmas.

—Mr. D. N. McTavish has sold his residence on Main Street to Mr. Elmer Grischow.

—Looks as if the nuisance of the leaves about the streets is almost over for this year.

—Mr. R. Force has purchased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beattie on Wilbur Street.

—Work has commenced on the erection on Mill Street east of a new home for Mr. C. F. Leatherland.

—Thought the gravel was being put on the streets last week when we saw trucks going past but it proved a false alarm.

—Haven't heard any local gossip yet regarding hockey in Acton but after the first freeze-up there'll likely be a thaw-out.

—Those who failed to read and act on a similar item may respond to this repetition "Have you renewed your Pass subscription?"

—Acton Voters List for 1941-42 is published. Now is the time to make sure your name is included. Don't wait and be disappointed on election day.

—With the date of the final payment of taxes in Acton past, collections are reported as good and arrears are being cleared away in a much improved manner.

—Progress of Acton's Drive for War Savings will be seen in the chart on Page 6. Only 18% of the objective is thus far reported to headquarters. It's going to take a lot more to make sure of that naval gun.

—One of five beautiful stained glass windows in Globe United Church, Ottawa dedicated last Sunday morning was a memorial to the late Mrs. Helen-Symon McGill, a former resident of Acton. The set of five depicted the Last Supper.

The Steady Pull Wins

John Wannamaker, founder of the John Wannamaker store, Philadelphia, was the first advertising genius in the retail field. In addition to the novelty of his advertising, he kept persistently at it. He once said: "Continuous advertising like continuous work, is most effective. If there is any enterprise in the world that a quitter should leave alone it is advertising. Advertising does not jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day, year by year, until it exerts an irresistible power. To discontinue your advertising is the same as taking down one's sign. If you want to do business you must let the people know it. I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising."

Four Have Narrow Escape When Car Collides with Truck

Four persons narrowly escaped death or serious injury Wednesday when a car driven by Jack Glendenning, Eramosa Township, collided with a truck owned and driven by Louis Waxman, of Acton. The accident occurred on the northerly outskirts of Rockwood. The car was completely demolished when it came into collision with the rear end of the Acton machine.

Billy and Grace Stewart, sixteen-year-old twins, received severe cuts and bruises while passengers in the Glendenning car. Jean Major also of Eramosa Township and Glendenning, the other occupants of the machine, suffered only from shock and a severe shaking up.

The Stewart twins and Miss Major were on their way home from Rockwood Continuation School and had accepted a ride from Glendenning.

"There was a car and a truck ahead of me," related Jack Glendenning. "The car stopped and a child got out and ran directly in front of the truck. Waxman slammed on his brakes and I put on mine but it was too late. His truck stopped much quicker than our light car and we hit the back of his pack. It's really a miracle that we're alive, the way the car was damaged," he added.

The Stewart twins and Miss Major were taken to the Guelph General Hospital for treatment, but later allowed to go to their homes.

The Glendenning car had the radiator smashed and the entire front and top of the machine were reduced to matchwood. The steering wheel broke off when the steering column was forced back against the driver. Both headlights were broken off as well as front doors on both sides of the light sedan.

MAPLE GROVE LITERARY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Maple Grove Literary Society held its first meeting of the season Friday evening in No. 8 School. Mr. Wm. McNabb acted as chairman, and after some discussion it was decided to continue the meetings the second Thursday evening of each month. Simple refreshments are to be served at each meeting.

The new officers elected were: President, Mrs. George Wallace; first vice, Mr. Wilbert Enterson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Myrtle Maude; press reporter, Reba McNabb. The meeting was then closed by singing the national anthem.

Peach Jam and Gifts for Overseas From Nassagaweya

The October meeting of the Nassagaweya branch of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hefferman. The president Mrs. Edmond Beaverbrook declared that the most important task of Britain and the United States at the present time was to replace tanks and planes lost by Russia.

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Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by H. M. PETERS Canadian Free Staff Writer.

Probably that Gen. de Gaulle will be given further recognition by Britain as the sole leader of the French, with full authority to issue orders to Frenchmen wherever they may be, arose when the Free French Leader broadcast from London orders—directly he called them—to the people of occupied France.

France, the cream of her manhood in Nazi prison camps, her growing young-women unwed, her 1941 sons unborn, her people being butchered under the foul excuse of "reprisals," has two spokesmen in this, the 114th week of the war.

Both spoke to her on the subject of the German murder of 100 Frenchmen because two Nazis had been shot in occupied French cities. (It is typical of Hitler that he first ordered 200 shot, then reprieved 100 of them.) The German propaganda machine sought to fix world attention on his "leniency" with the second hundred and away from the actual hundred-fold magnifying of the biblical "eye for an eye."

Marshal Petain, talking of "honour" and of "collaboration" said to the French that they should stop the "unthinkable crimes" of attacking their persecutors. He appealed to the people to find the culprits and turn them over to the Germans.

De Gaulle's Directive De Gaulle, on the other hand, while directing Frenchmen to stop killing Germans on the ground that it was too easy for the Nazis to retaliate, said:

"It is perfectly normal and justified that Germans should be killed by Frenchmen. If the Germans did not want to receive death from our hands they should have stayed in their own country and not waged war on us. But the war of the French must be conducted by those in charge of it, myself and the National Committee of Free Frenchmen... the directive I give for the occupied territory is not to kill Germans."

House Debates War Demands for military action to aid Russia were made in the British House of Commons, Oct. 23, by labor spokesmen who declared that a blow should be struck in the west while the Red Army still retained enough striking power to hold west German armies on the eastern front.

Suggestions ranged over a wide field and included one from Stephen King-Hall, a retired naval commander, for a thrust at Italy. Such an attack, he said, opened up vital possibilities.

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French Reversed British Tommy

Covered His Grave With Flowers—Till Germans Took Body Away

LONDON, (CP)—Every day fresh flowers were placed on an empty grave in war-battered Lille. It was the grave of "Le Tommy Inconnu" (the unknown British soldier) until the Germans removed his body. But the people of Lille still daily place their floral tributes there in memory of his bravery. The story was told here by Mrs. R. Brooke, French wife of an Englishman, who escaped from a German concentration camp.

It was in May, 1940, during the desperate rearguard action fought by French and British troops against the advancing Germans. The unknown Tommy was alone, protected only by blocks of concrete and some sandbags. But he had a rifle and ammunition.

Germans were all around, flinging hand grenades, spraying lead from Tommy-guns. But he kept picking them off until he was finally shot and killed. The Germans buried him in a plain grave. But the French people who had seen or heard of his exploit determined to honor him. Next day

flowers were there, some with written tribute "A notre cher Tommy." They were removed by the Germans. The following day there were more. As often as the Germans took them away French people brought more. In the end the Germans removed the body. But still the flowers were placed on the grave.

Said Mrs. Brooke: "In Lille they will never forget the unknown Tommy."

WAAPs GET MORE LONDON, (CP)—Outfit allowance to officers of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force has been increased from the equivalent of \$135 to \$180.

SAVED PART OF CARGO BRISTOL, (CP)—When fire broke out on its way across the Atlantic to Britain, the crew battled for four days until the freighter reached port with part of its valuable cargo still intact.

Norway's Bondage LONDON, (CP)—About 150,000 Norwegian workers are employed at German military establishments in Norway or in so-called "war industries," according to recent dispatches from abroad. The men are compelled to take these jobs losing all their former rights as laborers.

BRITAIN READY There is every probability that capture of Rostov would result in British forces being rushed through Iran to line up with their Russian allies for defence of the Caucasian oilfields. Estimates of British armies in the Middle East range from 500,000 to 1,000,000 men.

The Nazi drive into the southern Ukraine appears to be slackening in the face of strong Russian resistance. Marshal Timoshenko has forbidden his troops to retreat in the Donets Basin.

But so much of the great industrial area has fallen to the Nazis that there is little doubt the productive capacity of the territory has been seriously curtailed. This puts increased strain on the now war plants east of the Urals and makes the need for British and United States tanks and planes more urgent than ever.

Before Moscow, strong counter-attacks have been launched by the Red Army in the past few days and Soviet spokesmen claim Hitler's men are on the verge of exhaustion. Berlin gives bad weather as the reason for the slowdown on the central front and the claim is made that the Russians are being given no opportunity to reorganize their battered forces.

Much significance has been attached to reports that Hitler received two Turkish generals at his Eastern Front headquarters after an inspection trip. Possibility that Hitler envisions a smash through Turkey is causing a good deal of speculation.

Roosevelt Speech President Roosevelt, speaking in Washington at a Navy League dinner, Oct. 27, called for full speed ahead in United States efforts to bring about Hitler's downfall. He declared "shoot-ing has started... America has been attacked."

He pledged that military supplies of all kinds would reach Britain and Russia, despite all Nazi sea-war threats.

"Very simply and very bluntly," he said, "we are pledged to pull our own oar in the destruction of Hitlerism."

Controls Black Sea Coincident with a new Nazi drive on the Crimea, an authoritative source in London said Oct. 29 that Soviet Russia's fleet controls the Black Sea and could stop any attempt of German sea competition in connection with the move eastward.

Russia has one battleship with 12-inch guns in the Black Sea. There are also five cruisers, 27 destroyers, about 50 submarines and a similar number of motor torpedo boats. The fleet is larger than those of Bulgaria, Rumania and Turkey combined. Turkey, of course, is following a neutral policy.

Even the loss of Sebastopol, main Russian naval base, would not be fatal, the London authority stated, as some base facilities could be transferred to Soviet ports on the eastern shore of the Black Sea.

Maternity Costs 10 Cents a Baby

But his is in China Where Missions Help Situation

SHANGHAI, (CP)—Babies come cheap at Taiku hospital, an American Board Mission institution at Taiku in Shansi province.

A Chinese mother can bring her baby into the world for the price of a registration fee, which is ten cents (Chinese currency) or a half-cent in Canadian money.

Miss Isabel Hemingway, chief nurse, explained the high infant mortality rate in Shansi caused the mission to open a maternity ward at ten cents per baby for educational purposes.

Cattle Exports Rise Livestock exports from Canada to the United States from January 1 to October 2, 1941, comprised 105,619 head of beef cattle, 14,977 dairy cows, 56,408 calves, and 34,032 hogs, representing an increase of 15,120 beef cattle, 14,977 dairy cows, and 33,853 hogs, and a decrease of 8,033 calves, compared with the corresponding period of 1940.

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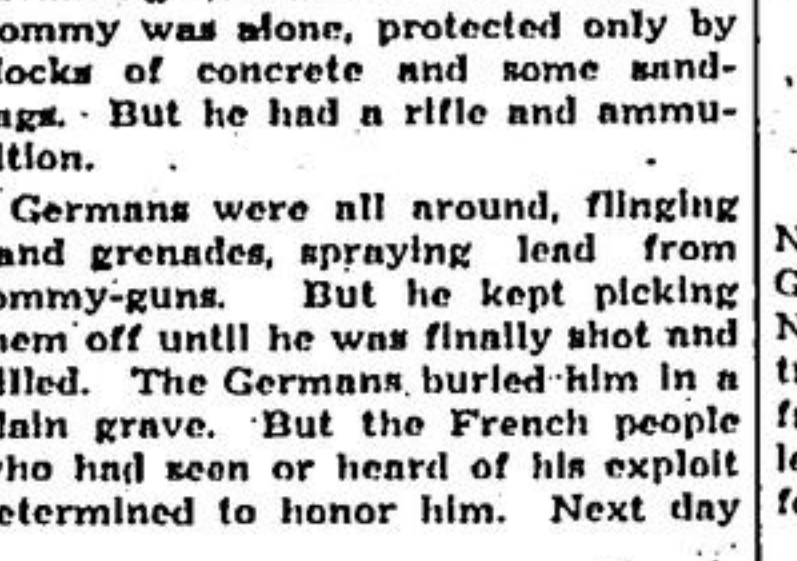
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