

DEATHS

Notice of Birth, Marriage and Death...  
 ALLAN—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel West, 115 Nevee St., Guelph, on Friday, December 5th, 1941, James White, widow of the late William Allan, in her 78th year.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK—In memory of our Mother, Mrs. J. W. Frank, who passed away on December 10th, five years ago.  
 DECLUTE—In ever loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Charles De Clute, who passed away three years ago December 12th.  
 Oh, what could I give to clasp your hand;  
 Your dear, kind face to see;  
 Your loving smile, your welcome voice.  
 That meant so much to me.  
 No one knows the silent heartache,  
 Only those who have such can tell  
 Of the grief that is borne in silence  
 For the one I loved so well.  
 Always remembered by  
 'HUSBAND and FAMILY.

BURLINGTON

Warden Leslie Kerns is leading invitations to the Warden's Dinner to be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th.  
 Several days ago three gentlemen who were passing through town and claimed to represent an English War-tire industry, got in touch with local officials in regard to establishing a war industry here.

HALTON GARAGE OPERATORS ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

On Thursday evening December 4th, another year in the life of Halton Branch of the Ontario Garage Operators' Association came to a close with their regular meeting held in Milton.

It was with great pride the officers were able to report to the members the best year in all departments of the Branch since its inception. A very large number of members and visitors turned out for the meeting and a keen interest was shown during the discussion of the many items of business.

Quite a number of the members of Wentworth Branch were welcome visitors. Mr. Wm. (Bill) Bailey, the Provincial President gave a short but interesting address and was the choice of the meeting to conduct the election of officers for 1942.

Mr. J. L. McKinley of Burlington, the president of the branch who has successfully and harmoniously piloted the affairs of the branch for the past three years declined to stand for another term and retired from that office having served well and faithfully.

The following were elected to hold office for 1942: President, A. C. Patterson, Georgetown; Vice-President, F. Sinclair, Georgetown; Secretary, E. R. Macklin, Burlington; Treasurer, C. Dolby, R. R. 2, Milton; Board of Directors, R. G. McDuffe, Milton; J. L. McKinley, Burlington; H. Cullingham, Trafalgar; Vern Dynes, Oakville; K. Johnston, Bronte; J. Chin, Georgetown.

This and that

Geo. Dawson was re-elected mayor of Milton by acclamation.  
 The road maintainer made quite an improvement on Acton streets last week.  
 Christmas concerts are popular items in some sections most every evening.

Shopping Days and shopping nights to do your Christmas buying in Acton.  
 Acton Volunteer Civil Guard, meet to-night, in Council Chambers, at 9 o'clock.

You'll find hundreds of gift suggestions if you peruse the ads in this Christmas shopping issue.  
 A gift that will be appreciated 52 weeks is a subscription to the home paper, The Acton Free Press.

Looks as if winter finally came this year on December 8th. At least it's the first snowfall that stuck for a few days.  
 The Community Auction Sale arranged for next Wednesday evening in Acton promises to be an unique event.

Invitations have been issued during the week for the annual High School At Home planned for next Thursday evening.  
 To those who are inquiring we are told Acton Arena will be operated this year and ice will be put in just as soon as weather permits.

Mr. Archie Papillon had his left hand rather badly cut when it was caught in a machine he was operating at the Beardmore Co. plant.  
 Acton stores will be open every evening commencing on Monday and continuing until Christmas. It will help in your Christmas shopping.

A truck owned by Jack Hardy, Milton, collided with a hydro pole on Mill Street, near the Station Hotel on Tuesday evening. One broken pole resulted but the truck just halted.  
 Attractive folders for making Christmas gifts of War Savings Stamps or Certificates are now available at the Banks or Post Offices. We have a small supply at The Free Press office, too.

In the report last week of the presentation of badges to the wives of ex-service men by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.G.E. the name of Mrs. J. M. McDonald was inadvertently omitted. We regret this omission.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by  
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World-wide war became a fact Dec. 7 when Japan launched attacks on British and United States bases in the eastern hemisphere. Following closely the pattern set by Hitler and Mussolini in their warfare on the underdeveloped lands of Europe, the Japanese war-makers struck at a moment when Nipponese emissaries were conferring with Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, at Washington.

The British Empire and the Netherlands East Indies immediately ranged themselves on the side of the American republics in declarations of war against Japan, China, in a state of war with Japan since 1937 also made a formal declaration.

The United States was electrified when word was flashed from Honolulu that the great naval base at Pearl Harbor had been subjected to a surprise attack by planes operating from Japanese aircraft-carriers. It was followed by reports from Guam and the Philippines, other United States bases and within 24 hours reports of attacks came from Singapore, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Northern Malaya.

Japanese duplicity was clearly indicated. During the time negotiations were proceeding in Washington, Japanese warships ready for action were bearing down on the Hawaiian Islands.

Early reports indicated some 3,000 casualties in dead and wounded in the attack on Hawaii and the destruction of the old 29,000-ton battleship Oklahoma, a destroyer and an undisclosed number of planes.

A Japanese landing was attempted in Malaya at the same time as Singapore was attacked from the

air. Hong Kong was placed on the defensive and at Shanghai Nipponese soldiers assumed control of the International Settlement and sank the British gunboat Peterel. Japanese troops crossed the border from French Indo-China into Thailand and after a brief resistance the Siamese government announced Dec. 8 that negotiations had been started with the invaders.  
 The surprise attacks gave Japan an initial advantage. But Allied naval strength in the Pacific and her isolated position in the Far East make Japan's hopes for the success of the reckless challenge beyond reason.

GETTING MORE COD

Distinct increase in catches of cod landed by fishermen of Quebec has been a feature of fisheries operations in that province in recent months.

LETTER FROM OLD LAND THANKS INSTITUTE FOR THEIR HELP

The Secretary of Acton Women's Institute, Mrs. J. E. Gamble has recently received the following acknowledgement from England, of articles sent by Acton Branch. It gives insight into some conditions and the appreciation of the motherland for Canada's assistance.  
 Winstleigh, England.  
 Dear Mrs. Gamble:

Thank you and all your fellow members of the Acton Women's Institute for the lovely case of strawberry jam that arrived for us today. I have eighteen small children from 2 to 5 years old in this nursery and they do appreciate this gift from you all, I do assure you.

We also love the clothing, dressing gowns and bedding, we have received through your Red Cross Society. You may also be thinking of us and we in turn think many times of your help to Britain and all that Canada is putting in to help us here. I know Canada a little, having lived three years on Vancouver Island. So, I personally have many memories of your lovely land.

I am, yours faithfully,  
 DORIS CHARLTON,  
 Matron

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Christmas Baking!

CHRISTMAS CAKES—Our usual High Quality Cake. Iced or Plain, per lb. 35c  
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 And for the Finest and Most Wholesome Bread, you cannot Beat MACDONALD'S BREAD—It's Baked in Acton, too

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 Acton, Ontario Phone 100 Regular Delivery

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ROYAL PALACE

Now Playing  
 Three Girls About Town  
 Joan Blondell John Howard

SAT TO TUES, DEC. 13-16  
 One Foot in Heaven  
 Frederic March Martha Scott

WED. TO FRI, DEC. 17-19  
 I Wake up Screaming  
 Betty Grable Victor Mature

THURS. & FRI, DEC. 11 & 12  
 Margaret Sullivan, in  
 "APPOINTMENT FOR LOVE"

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
 EXTRA  
 "CRISIS IN THE PACIFIC"

Saturday, Monday, Tuesday  
 "BLUES IN THE NIGHT"  
 Priscilla Lane Loyd Nolan  
 Betty Flord  
 Jimmie Lunford's Band  
 Will Osborne's band

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 17  
 "UNEXPECTED UNCLE"  
 and  
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For the Christmas Table

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Or Whatever Your Taste Demands in Meats You'll Find It at—

G. W. Benton's  
 Mill Street Acton, Ontario  
 A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

United Missionary Society Feature Christmas Program

The December meeting of the United Woman's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Peter Smith on Tuesday with Mrs. Caldwell presiding. The president had charge of devotional period when a number of old and familiar Christmas hymns were sung.

The meeting was then taken over by Mrs. S. Reid. The first number was "Spirit of Yuletide" with Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. G. A. Dills, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy and Miss E. Hawthorne, each lighting a candle, for the descendants of those who brought the Christian churches to our shores.

Other items were Christmas anthem by Mrs. (Rev.) A. W. Fosbury; Ukrainian Carol by Mrs. G. A. Dills, reading by Miss Bennett, Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. A. T. Brown; "Spirit of Bethlehem. Duet, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy and Mrs. S. Reid; "Silent Night".

The president stressed the great need for assistance of our peoples for our missionaries in the Far East and the very grave danger facing them in the days that are ahead.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. W. A. Fosbury.

Mrs. Smith and Miss Smith assisted by Mrs. R. Arnold entertained the ladies to a Christmas lunch which was very much enjoyed and a social half hour was spent.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Smith for use of her home and hospitality and to those who took part in the program.

The 1942 officers are:  
 Past Pres.—Mrs. B. Mowat.  
 President—Mrs. Caldwell.  
 1st. Vice President—Mrs. S. Reid.  
 2nd. Vice President—Mrs. J. Reid.  
 3rd. Vice President—Mrs. J. R. Kennedy.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. A. Dills.  
 Corr. Secretary—Mrs. A. T. Brown.  
 Rec. Secretary—Mrs. Switzer.  
 Supply Mrs. L. Agar.  
 Community Friendship—Mrs. F. Cleave.  
 Christian Stewardship—Mrs. (Rev.) A. W. Fosbury.

Missionary Monthly—Miss E. Hawthorne, Mrs. T. Watson.  
 Mission Band—Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. R. Arnold.  
 Baby Band—Mrs. J. Gardiner.  
 Official Board—Mrs. S. J. Reid, Mrs. Caldwell.  
 Press—Miss E. Hawthorne.  
 Pianist—Mrs. R. Arnold.  
 Assistant Pianist—Mrs. J. R. Kennedy.  
 Auditors—Miss Nelson, Mrs. J. Symon.  
 Temperance—Mrs. J. Symon.

Gifts All through the Store

Our stock is well assorted, despite the uncertainty of delivery. You will find a large variety of Gift Suggestions on display. We advise early shopping while assortment is complete.

Infants Sweaters, Kimonos, Bunting Bags, Bonnets	HATS, CAPS, BRACES, BELTS
GIRL'S WOOL GLOVES, Pair 39c	GARTERS, ETC., HANDKERCHIEFS
APRONS 29c to 59c	MEN'S SHIRTS \$1.25 to \$2.25
HAND BAGS \$1.19 to \$1.98	BOYS' SHIRT BLOUSES 49c to \$1.00
WOOL BLANKETS \$8.50	BOYS' GOLF SOX 25c to 59c
Several Colors	SOCKS Large Assortment 50c to \$1.00
GIRL'S HOSE 25c to 55c	
TOYS—GAMES—DOLLS, ETC., CHRISTMAS WRAPPING—SEALS DECORATIONS	
CHRISTMAS CARDS 3/5c 2/5c, 5c-10c	
COSTUME JEWELRY, 15c to \$1.50	
PILLOW SLIPS \$1.00 to \$2.35	
TABLE CLOTHS 89c to \$2.50	

Men's Wear

BOYS' TIES 25c	
MEN'S TIES 39c to \$1.00	
Smart Patterns	
Scarves, Wools	
Spun Rayon	
PYJAMAS \$2.00 to \$2.75	
Broadcloth	
PYJAMA FLANNELETTE \$1.95	
SWEATERS AND WINDBREAKERS Large Assortment, Popular Prices	
GLOVES—LINED, UNLINED, WOOL \$1.25 to \$1.95	

LINGERIE 59c to \$2.25  
 Vest, Bloomers, Etc., in Large Variety of Styles and Qualities

HOSIERY  
 Limited supply of Full Fashioned HOSIERY, New Shades 85c to \$1.15

TEA TOWELS 25c to 59c  
 GLOVES 49c to \$1.95  
 BATH TOWELS 35c to 79c  
 HANKIES, BOXED 15c to 69c

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