### Holiday-Visitors and Personals

Many Came to Acton to Spend the Holiday; and Numbers of Actonians Visited at Other Centres

for Christmas.

Miss Nellie Hall is home from Toronto for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Benson spent Christmas at Midland.

Mr. W. K. Graham spent Christmas with Toronto friends.

Miss E. Glendenning, of Ottawa, vis- home here. ited in Acton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Force and Mary Jane spent Christmas In Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning Toronto, spent Christmas here.

onto for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. D. C. Russell and Miss Jessie Russell spent Christmas in Toronto.

Aircraftsman Ivan Kirkness was and Mrs. Geo.-Soper. home from Belleville for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rognovaldson and Marilyn spent Christmas in Tor- Mrs. Ray Gordon and Nancy, Toronto, honor the reputation of their native

Mrs. Adam Stewart spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyd in

mas day with her grandfather in Reid. Puslinch.

Miss Margaret Garvin spent Christmas and a few days with Toronto relatives.

Mrs. R. M. McDonald is visiting with her mother and sister at Redwood, Minn.

his mother.

spent Christmas with his sister. Mrs. Gordon Currie.

ents in Acton. Dr. and Mrs. Jos. Johnston and Miss Laura Scott, of Waterloo spent

Christmas here. Mr. W. H. Speight and Miss Aimee Speight of Toronto visited at Moorecroft this week.

isited Acton friends during the Christmas holidays. Miss Hazel Wilson of the staff of

Miss Barbara Plank of Powassan.

the Western Hospital, Toronto, was home for Christmas. Mrs. (Dr.) Wagner of Elmira is

visiting Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Fosbury at the Parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Small, of Stamford Centre spent Christmas and

the holidays here. Mrs. David Rae and Sandy, of Toronto, visited on Sunday with Mr. and

Mrs. Geo. Soper. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Weaver Hamilton spent Christmas at

home of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McPherson and Miss Dorothy McPherson spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaley and Gloria spent Christmas with their relatives and friends at Christmas.

Miss Annie McPherson of Hamilton, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills.

Mrs. J. McDermie and Miss Isabe McDermid, of Georgetown, visited

Acton friends on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott and Baby Paul, spent Christmas at the parental homes at Comber.

Mrs. Wm. Johnstone is spending the New Year's holiday with Mr. and

Mrs. S. S. Russell at Oakville. Miss Emily Kitching, of Guelph, spont-the Christmas-holiday-with-her

sister, Miss Dorothy Kitching. Mrs. Bill Prior, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell and Joyce of Toronto, had

Christmas with the Perrymans. Mr. and Mrs. R J. Hawkins and family of Guelph, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Mr. Gordon Hayward of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown and other friends Christmas Day.

Col Martin Buck of R.CAF, of Summerside P.E.L. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A K. Mann.

Mr. Joseph Kaley of Hamilton, visited his sisters Mrs. Phillips and il Mrs. McMillan during the holiday.

Mr. Elwood Perryman, Mt. Hope Training School spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Perry-

Corporal Lloyd of the T.T.S., R.C. A.F., St. Thomas, and Mrs. Miller, I spent the holidays at their parental

Mr. and Mrs. John Brush of Hamilton, spent Christmas with her. father, Mr. Archie C. Currie and

family. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ramshaw and

Mr. George Soper of Galt, was home | Billy of Buffalo N.Y., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W.

Nursing Sister J&F. Young, C.W.

Ridge, N.B., spent Christmas at his

Jeffrey of New York visited . K. Gardiner.

Mrs. H. Caldwell had the pleasure of having all of her family and Miss Ruby Clark is home from Tor- grandchildren at her home on Knox Avenue for Christmas.

Mrs. R. J. McKechnie and Miss Flora Jean of Jamestown, spent Churchill's references to the United Christmas and are visiting with Mr. effort being made by Britain and the

Sgn I. G. Chalmers, R.C.C.S. of St Miss. Etta Dills and Master James Thomas, visited at the home of his Dills are visiting this week in Tor- sister, Mrs. A. W. Fosbury, during the Christmas holiday.

> and Miss Marion Miller, Guelph, visit- land. ed at Mr. G. H. Lantz's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. N. Reld, Dorothy and Nancy and Mrs. E. Frank Kennedy of Hamilton, spent Christmas at Miss Dorothy Kitching spent Christ- the home of his mother, Mrs. Robert

> T.T.S., R.C.A.F., St. Thomas, formerly of Regina, Sask., spent the holi-Murray. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sutcliffe

Shirley and Bill of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz and Miss Grace, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, of Wing- and Mrs. Stuart Lantz and Carole ham, spent Christmas at the home of Anne spent Christmas with friends in

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wale o Mr. Herbert Hamilton, of Toronto, Guelph, visited at the home of Mr. Mr. Geo. Jiggins of Aurora spent and Mrs. John Jennings during the the Christmas holidays with his par- Christmas holiday.

> CARD OF THANKS
> The family of the late Mrs. J. Cooney are deeply appreciative of the kindness and sympathy that was shown in so many ways during the illness and at the time of the death of the beloved mother, daughter and sister of the home. The floral tributes has been very helpful.

George Wallace

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MONDAY, JANUARY 5

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## Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by BY IL IL GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

A.A.F., spent the week-end with Mrs. Prime Minister Churchill gave an F. L. Wright and other Acton inspiring message in his address to u distinguished gathering in the Canadian House of Commons Tuesday. He No. 2 Air Navigation School, Penfield declared that the "evil day" when Britain might have been destroyed is

After more than two years of war Mrs. John Jeffrey and Miss Ruth during which the Empire had been her equipping army, navy and air forces, mother, Mrs. Pentland and sister Mrs. of attacks in Europe and Africa, he at the same time bearing the brunt said the day was coming when the enemy powers would be cleansed from the earth. Only then would the

Thunderous applause greeted Mr United States, the valiant defence put up by Russia and the assistance being given by Netherlands forces in the Far East. Referring to the battle for Hong Kong, he said that the Canadians forming part of the garrison anymore. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coy, Mr. and there had crowned with military

#### -Stop-Nazi-Thrusts-

German spearheads thrust forward north and south of Moscow in an attempt to encircle the Russian capital have been badly beaten and this week AC2 Clarence Bell, C.M., of the drive a wedge into the main Nazi Churchill to Washington. The signifi- the limit. But you have to train positions in front of the city. These attacks are being made at Mozhaisk, days with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley 57 miles west of Moscow, and Maloyaro-slavets, 65 miles to the south-

> have been recaptured by Soviet troops in the past few weeks and the tory of the two nations. widening of the counteroffensive threatens the German line of retreat

westward to Smolensk. British troops advancing from the Brampton and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd south fought the retreating Axis tion accorded Mr. Churchill after his Robertson, and Master Alan, of Libyan force in its stand at Agedabia. It was reported Monday that at least part of the enemy was obliged to pull was referred to by the Washington off to the west where British advance units continued to harass tired troops withdrawing into Tripolitania.

In the meantime the Royal Air Force attacked Germans and Italians characteristic of all his addresses in at the home of Mrs. Ed. Davenport. holding Bardin and other points of recent years and his dry humor cap- This meeting took the form of a body. Without aid from the sea the and Mass cards and sympathy of all mopping up of these units appeared to be only a question of time.

Eden and Stalin

The British and Soviet representa- Libya evoked prolonged applause. tives were reported to have reached full agreement on the conduct of the war and it was revealed Washington and Moscow were in constant touch This produced in effect a great unity of policy aiming at the final defeat of Hitlerism and looking toward reconstruction of the post-war world.

Raid on Norway A commando force of the British army, aided by light naval units and the Royal Air Force made another hit-and-run raid on Norway Saturday. Eight enemy ships totalling 15,650 tons, oil tanks, ammunition stores and an industrial plant were destroyed on the little island Vangso, 100 miles north of Bergen. More than 100 Germans were killed and 95 captured and a number of Norwegians returned to England with the raiding party.

The King, in his inspiring Christmas Day message, told the youth of the Empire to prepare not only for the victory but for the peace beyond

Thoughts of the peace are present in the minds of Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt at Washington even though their main concern is winning peace first, and the battles that lie before it. They remember that in the First Great War, after the Versailles Treaty, the United States participated in the setting up of a League of Nations and then turned its back on this international organism.

But now that Washington has become, in a sense, the war capital, standing as it does between the batles of the West and the East, it may a more active sense of participation

aftermath of the war of 1914-18

Brought Home However, Pearl Harbor has demonstrated to the United States the folly of isolationism to such a degree that it may be said the situations of the last war and this one are not comparable. To many Americans the First the general conflict " Great War was a remote affair-



R. A. RENDALL

Richard Anthony Rendall is the London-born director of BBC's Empire Services. Graduate of Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, he went directly to the BBC Allies turn from their task of war, from college, served in n wide variety of assignments, before going out to the Near East in 1935. Since the outbreak of war he has stationed in London, where he has played an important part in developing the present Empire Services.

When peace comes it may be safely predicted their interest in it will be as all-consuming as that of all other nations that have felt the blight of

#### Triumph for Churchill

cement British and United States re- ited pleasures are those of the mind. the Red Army started an offensive to lations than the visit of Winston They have no hangovers-the sky is cance of the presence of Britain's body needs and integrate them and great war leader in the United States immerse them in the whole personcapital has been pressed home by Am- ality. A man is free when he likes erican public men and the press at a to do the things he ought to do. The time when unified action by the quest for happiness may be the chal-Hundrods of towns and villages world's greatest democracies is need lenge of a hard course, but bear to ed more than at any time in the his- mind, "You get what you are willing

> The New York Times said the event willing to pay in effort." Here's to "will be recognized years hence as a landmark in the history of England and America." The remarkable ovamasterly address to a joint session of the United States Congress Dec. 26

Post as "a heart-warming scene." Churchill was blunt, wistful and optimistic. His speech was framed in the picturesque manner that has been not only during the conflict, but the chair would be even more important in the Anthony Eden and Premier Joseph world order following the First Great and China and the British success in ling cigarettes for Christmas.

#### Fall of Hong Kong

The fact that British, Canadian on war policies in Washington at the week-end took some of the sting out of the announcement on Christmas more than a week 2,000 Canadians which a dainty lunch was served by with their British and Indian com- the hostoge ... rades-in-arms had held out against superior Japanese forces after the situation had been described as "hope-

Lack of water made capitulation imperative. There is little doubt that the long stand made by the garrison and the heavy toll of Japanese casunities proved a setback to enemy plans for the quick subjugation of opposition in the South China Sea. Canadian casualties are expected to be

Winston Churchill-warned the Unit ed States Congress that the Allies must be prepared for further punishment in the Pacific and the Far East because of unpreparedness.

warning is borne out by the news At the week-end Manila had been declared an open city and American and Filipino troops had fallen back to new defence lines at several points n-the-Philippines. The Japanese air force meanwhile subjected Manila to a brutal attack. In Malaya the situation was disturbing, although main Japanese attack was being held some 300 miles north of Singapore

#### Pownall in Command

peace is writtens. This is highly to be claimed sharp criticism of the con-, yards to work on ocean-going tondesired, for it might give Americans duct of the Malayan campaign Aus. nage . . . tralin's policy, wrote Prime' Minister. There they are concentrating upon in the peace than they had in the John Curtin in The Melbourne Herald, the well-tried standard "economy" is "shaped toward obtaining Russian; types of vessels which many famous aid and working out with the United British shipbuilders had already States a plan of Pacific strategy along evolved

fought in Europe, and wound up in stiffening on the Eastern Front, but triumphed. Europe, with the League of Nations, the Bussians were making every efset up in distant Switzerland all giv- fort to stop the Nazis from forming ing them the feeling that they were new winter defence lines. Axis forces set apart from the quarrels of the in Libya made a stand at Agedabia. coasts, the United States knows with way across the desert to Tripoli.

# The "Y" Column

A sleigh ride has been arranged for the Senior Girls and Senior Boys class. It will take place Friday night of this week at 7.30 p.m. from the Y.M.C.A. weather permitting-meaning more snow. Saturday-night will be used as the alternative, weather permitting. If the proper quantity of snow has not arrived by this time, the sleigh ride will be postponed until Old Man Winter supplies us with

The first Y's Men's meeting of the New Year will be held on Thursday, January 8th, 1942. The new executive will be in action, they are: President-Dr. W. C. Cullen.

Vice-President-Bill Benson:

Secretary-Ted Gewecke.

Editor-Garnet MacKenzle. The Mary R. Moore Girls Club onoyed a Christmas party held in the Y.M.C.A. Tuesday night, December 30th. The party was arranged and conducted by Mrs. Ritchle and Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Bennie was guest of honor and a very good time was had

by all. The committee thank the

for the use of the building.

Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A.

If the quest of life is to be happy, think it is, let us consider that there are limited and unlimited pleasures. The limited ones are those which leave a hangover. They are pleasures Probably nothing has done more to of diminishing returns. The unlimto go after- to the extent you are

> happiness in the New Year. JOHNNY GRAY.

#### DECEMBER MEETING NASSAGAWEYA INSTITUTE AT MRS. DAYENPORTS

The December meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute was held resistance far to the east of the main | tivated the large audience. In effect, quilting with a short business seshe told Congress, that British and Am- sion. Due to the absence of . the erican collaboration should continue president the vice-president occupied

After the minutes of last meeting While Churchill and Roosevelt con- post-war period. Wistfully he refer- and the correspondence the roll call ferred in Washington it was revealed red to what might have been had was responded to by 11 ladies, by Sunday night that Foreign Secretary the two countries co-operated for giving "What I would like best for Christmas." Boys of our community Stalin of Russia closed conferences War and his references to the re- who were in uniform but still in Canlasting two weeks in the Russian markable defence put up by Russia and were to be remembered by sendhumorous reading entitled "Woma was read by Mrs. Wallace, also reading was given by Mrs. Henry on "A Dutchman speaking on the folly and United States leaders conferred of giving women a vote." A paper

was given by Mrs. Richardson on "The World was Warned." The meeting came to a close Day that Hong Kong had fallen. For singing the National Anthem, after

## Into Atlantic In Six Months

British Shipbuilders Winning Race With U-Boats

Britain's shipbuilders are winning the race with the U-boats. Large steamers and motorships of 10,000 tons are now being completed, from the laying of the keel to the final coat of paint, in just under six months. Indeed, making parts of the hull and so on in distant workshops inland and assembling them at the shipyard, the six months have

been reduced to five and a half. Never before has Great Britain turned out ships at such a speed; and it is speed that has decided the peace-time controversy about whether the hulls of big merchant ships should

be rivetted or welded Welding is not only quicker but it saves steel, so welding has won. Moresteel is being saved by the use of con-Replacement of Air Chief Marshal crete for small craft. Hundreds of Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, in com- ferro-concrete barges have been built. mand of the British forces in the Far releasing hundreds of skilled shipvery well be the capital where the Fast by Cen Sir Henry Pownall builders from the barge building

with British. Chinese and Dutch. The shippards were prepared when forces." He added: "We refuse to ac- war came for an expanding productcept the dictum that the Pacific tion. The Admiralty passed the word struggle is a subordinate segment of to them for so many tankers, refrigerated cargo liners, coasters, deep-sea German resistance was reported, tramps; and standardization hav-

#### INDIAN CHUTISTS

NEW DELHI Indian and Gurkha old country. This time with air raid south of Bengasi, to avoid complete, troops serving in the Indian Army alarms sounding in American cities, disaster. It was believed that only around Singapore underwent training and bombs falling nearby, and sub- remnants of the German and Italian as parachute froops. Instructors from marines preying off the American armies would be able to make their Britain arrived in India some months

#### As We Greet the New Year 1942 स्वावस्वावस्व

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