

Holiday Visitors and Personals

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

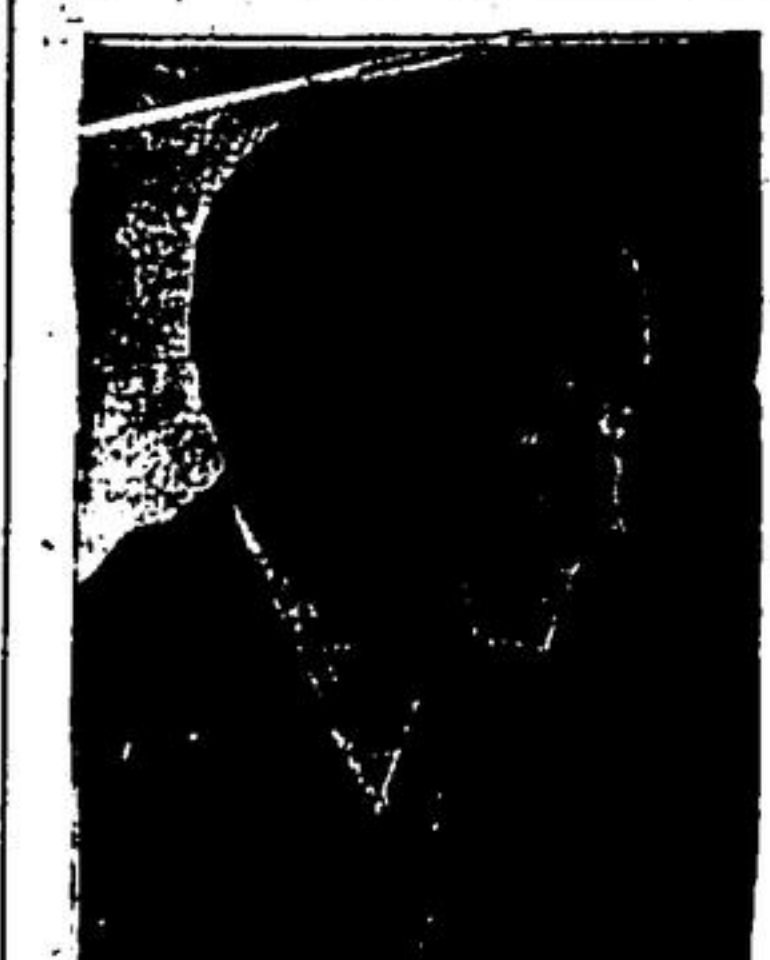
Mr. George Soper of Galt, was home for Christmas. Miss Nellie Hall is home from Toronto for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Benson spent Christmas at Midland. Mr. W. K. Graham spent Christmas with Toronto friends. Miss E. Glendenning, of Ottawa, visited in Acton last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Force and Mary Jane spent Christmas in Galt. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning of Toronto, spent Christmas here. Miss Ruby Clark is home from Toronto for the Christmas vacation. Mrs. D. C. Russell and Miss Jessie Russell spent Christmas in Toronto. Alcraftman Ivan Kirkness was home from Belleville for Christmas. Miss Etta Dills and Master James Dills are visiting this week in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rognovaldson and Marilyn spent Christmas in Toronto. Mrs. Adam Stewart spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyd in Guelph. Miss Dorothy Kitching spent Christmas day with her grandfather in 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. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, of Wingham, spent Christmas at the home of his mother. Mr. Herbert Hamilton, of Toronto, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Gordon Currie. Mr. Geo. Jiggins of Aurora spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in Acton. Dr. and Mrs. Jos. Johnston and Miss Laura Scott, of Waterloo spent Christmas here. Mr. W. H. Speight and Miss Almee Speight of Toronto visited at Moorecroft this week. Miss Barbara Plank of Powassan, visited Acton—friends—during the Christmas holidays. Miss Hazel Wilson of the staff of 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 of Hamilton spent Christmas at the 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. Dilla. Mrs. J. McDermid and Miss Isabel 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, spent 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 Perryman's. 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. Cpl Martin Buck of R.C.A.F., of Summerside, P.E.I., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mann. Mr. Joseph Kaley of Hamilton, visited his sisters Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. McMillan during the holiday. Mr. Elwood Perryman, Mt. Hope Training School spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Perryman. Corporal Lloyd of the T.F.S., R.C.A.F., St. Thomas, and Mrs. Miller, spent the holidays at their parental homes. Mr. and Mrs. John Brush of Hamilton, spent Christmas with her father, Mr. Archie C. Currie and family. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ramshaw and

Billy of Buffalo N.Y., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason. Nursing Sister J.C.F. Young, C.W.A.A.F., spent the week-end with Mrs. F. L. Wright and other Acton friends. AC1 Joe Lasby, Wireless Operator, No. 2 Air Navigation School, Penfield Ridge, N.B., spent Christmas at his home here. Mrs. John Jeffrey and Miss Ruth Jeffrey of New York visited her mother, Mrs. Pentland and sister Mrs. J. K. Gardiner. Mrs. H. Caldwell had the pleasure of having all of her family and grandchildren at her home on Knox Avenue for Christmas. Mrs. R. J. McKechnie and Miss Flora Jean of Jamestown, spent Christmas and are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Soper. Sgt. J. G. Chalmers, R.C.C.S. of St. Thomas, visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. W. Fosbury, during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon and Nancy, Toronto, and Miss Marion Miller, Guelph, visited at Mr. G. H. Lantz's on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. N. Reid, Dorothy and Nancy and Mrs. E. Frank Kennedy of Hamilton, spent Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs. Robert Reid. AC2 Clarence Bell, C.M., of the T.F.S., R.C.A.F., St. Thomas, formerly of Regina, Sask., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Murray. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sutcliffe, Shirley and Bill of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lantz and Miss Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Lantz and Carole Anne spent Christmas with friends in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wale of Brampton and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, and Master Alan, of Guelph, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings during the Christmas holiday. CARD OF THANKS The family of the late Mrs. J. 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 and Mass cards and sympathy of all has been very helpful.

Weekly War Commentary

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

Prime Minister Churchill gave an inspiring message in his address to a distinguished gathering in the Canadian House of Commons Tuesday. He declared that the "evil day" when Britain might have been destroyed is past. After more than two years of war during which the Empire had been equipping army, navy and air forces, of attacks in Europe and Africa, he said at the same time bearing the brunt of the day was coming when the enemy powers would be cleansed from the earth. Only then would the Allies turn from their task of war, he said. Thunderous applause greeted Mr. Churchill's references to the United effort being made by Britain and the 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 there had crowned with military honor the reputation of their native land. 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 the Red Army started an offensive to drive a wedge into the main Nazi positions in front of the city. These attacks are being made at Moshinsk, 57 miles west of Moscow, and Maloyaroslavets, 65 miles to the southwest. Hundreds of towns and villages have been recaptured by Soviet troops in the past few weeks and the widening of the counteroffensive threatens the German line of retreat westward to Smolensk. British troops advancing from the south fought the retreating Axis Libyan force in its stand at Agadabia. It was reported Monday that at least part of the enemy was obliged to pull off to the west where British advance units continued to harass tired troops withdrawing into Tripolitania. In the meantime the Royal Air Force attacked German and Italian holdings Bardia and other points of resistance far to the east of the main body. Without aid from the sea the mopping up of these units appeared to be only a question of time. Eden and Stalin conferred in Washington it was revealed Sunday night that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia closed conferences lasting two weeks in the Russian capital. The British and Soviet representatives 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 of 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 it. 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 battles of the West and the East, it may very well be the capital where the peace is written. This is highly to be desired, for it might give Americans a more active sense of participation in the peace than they had in the 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 Great War was a remote affair—fought in Europe, and wound up in Europe, with the League of Nations set up in distant Switzerland all giving them the feeling that they were set apart from the quarrels of the old country. This time with air raid alarms sounding in American cities, and bombs falling nearby, and submarines preying off the American coasts, the United States knows with



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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 same. 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 Govecke. Editor—Garnet MacKenzie. The Mary R. Moore Girls Club enjoyed a Christmas party held in the Y.M.C.A. Tuesday night, December 30th. The party was arranged and conducted by Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Bennie was guest of honor and a very good time was had by all. The committee thank the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. for the use of the building. If the quest of life is to be happy, I 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 of diminishing returns. The unlimited pleasures are those of the mind. They have no hangovers—the sky is the limit. But you have to train body needs and integrate them and immerse them in the whole personality. A man is free when he likes to do the things he ought to do. The quest for happiness may be the challenge of a hard course, but bear in mind, "You get what you are willing to go after to the extent you are willing to pay in effort." Here's to happiness in the New Year. JOHNNY GRAY. DECEMBER MEETING NASSAGAWAYA INSTITUTE AT MRS. DAVENPORT'S The December meeting of the Nassagawaya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Davenport. This meeting took the form of a quilting with a short business session. Due to the absence of the president the vice-president occupied the chair. After the minutes of last meeting and the correspondence the roll call was responded to by 11 ladies, by giving "What I would like best for Christmas." Boys of our community who were in uniform but still in Canada were to be remembered by sending cigarettes for Christmas. A humorous reading entitled "Woman" was read by Mrs. Wallace, also a reading was given by Mrs. Henry on "A Dutchman speaking on the folly of giving women a vote." A paper was given by Mrs. Richardson on "The World was Warned." The meeting came to a close by singing the National Anthem, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. 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 riveted or welded. Welding is not only quicker but it saves steel, so welding has won. More steel is being saved by the use of concrete for small craft. Hundreds of ferro-concrete barges have been built, releasing hundreds of skilled shipbuilders from the barge building yards to work on ocean-going tonnage. There they are concentrating upon the well-tried standard "economy" types of vessels which many famous British shipbuilders had already evolved. The shipyards were prepared when war came for an expanding production. The Admiralty passed the word to them for so many tankers, refrigerated cargo liners, coasters, deep-sea tramps; and standardization has triumphed. INDIAN CHUTNIS NEW DELHI Indian and Gurkha troops serving in the Indian Army around Singapore underwent training as parachute troops. Instructors from Britain arrived in India some months ago.

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