

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge...

BORN - JONES - At Guelph St., Acton, on Thursday, March 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. G. Jones, Alice Street, a daughter - Ruth June.

DEATH - RUSSELL - At her late residence, Young Street, Acton, Ontario, on Monday, March 16th, 1942, Margaret Butler, widow of the late John Russell, in her 77th year.

DEATH - At the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. Ballantine, Acton, on Monday, March 16th, 1942, Annie Collier, widow of the late Thomas Dearing, in her 87th year.

This and that

- Good Friday, just two weeks from to-morrow.
-Maple syrup should soon be on the market now.
-Brampton suffered from flood conditions as a result of the heavy rain on Monday.
-Spring rains have come in March this year instead of April, the usual month of showers.
-Georgetown Intermediates team won its O.H.A. group by defeating Elmira on Tuesday night.
-New delivery regulations in effect with Elliott Bros. are given in their advertisement on this page.
-March is the month of income tax returns. You have until the end of the month to complete the forms.
-Housewives will need to watch deliveries closely to conform with the new rulings that went into effect to-day.
-Mr. J. K. Mahon of Campbellville has been appointed returning officer for Halton for the forthcoming plebiscite vote.
-Re-decorating and re-finishing of "York House" of the Beardmore Co. is now underway after a few months of non-occupancy.
-A truck belonging to Jack Hardy ran off the highway on No. 25, in Acton and landed in a ditch near the Main Street creek.
-Announcement of delivery to meet the new regulations for Barr's grocery store will be found in the weekly ad on another page.

Final Returns In The Second Victory Loan

(Continued from Page One) three tables. They tell a splendid story. Compare them as you will.

Table with columns: Objective, Amt. Raised, % of Objective. Rows include Milton and District, Georgetown & District, Oakville & District, Acton & District, Campbellville & District, Burlington & District, Halton.

MEDALS FOR ESCAPES

LONDON, (CP) - A party of young Netherlands who tricked the Germans into selling them enough gasoline to escape to Britain in a motor launch were decorated with the special Queen-William medal for their subjects who escape from Holland.

UNGOGLY HITLER!

LONDON, (CP) - A letter which condemned "ungodly Hitler," and expressed thanks for the escape of St. Pauls Cathedral in raids on London has been received by the Church Missionary Society from three African natives.

Obituary

MRS. JOHN RUSSELL

A life-long and esteemed resident of Acton and district, Mrs. John Russell passed away on Monday at her home on Young Street, Acton. She was in her seventy-seventh year and while she has been in failing health for some months her last illness only kept her to the home for a few weeks.

Mrs. Russell was before marriage Margaret Butler and was born in Garafraxa Township, fifty-nine years ago she was joined in wedlock to the late John Russell, who pre-deceased her just four years ago. They spent their early married life farming in Erin Township but retired and came to live in Acton thirty-three years ago, where they have been kind neighbors and respected residents through these years.

The funeral yesterday afternoon at the home on Young Street was largely attended by relatives and friends from this and the former home district in Erin Township. Service was conducted by Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, pastor of Church Hill United Church, to which church Mrs. Russell continued her loyalty.

Among the floral tributes which also bore testimony to the esteem in which Mrs. Russell was held were those from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Knox and family; The Russell Family; Miss Caroline Canning; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Butler and Mrs. Belle Hart; The Neighbors; Mr. John Roszell; The McCutcheon Family; Miss Edna Russell and Mrs. J. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hargrave.

Championships Are Won at Seed Fair Held In Acton

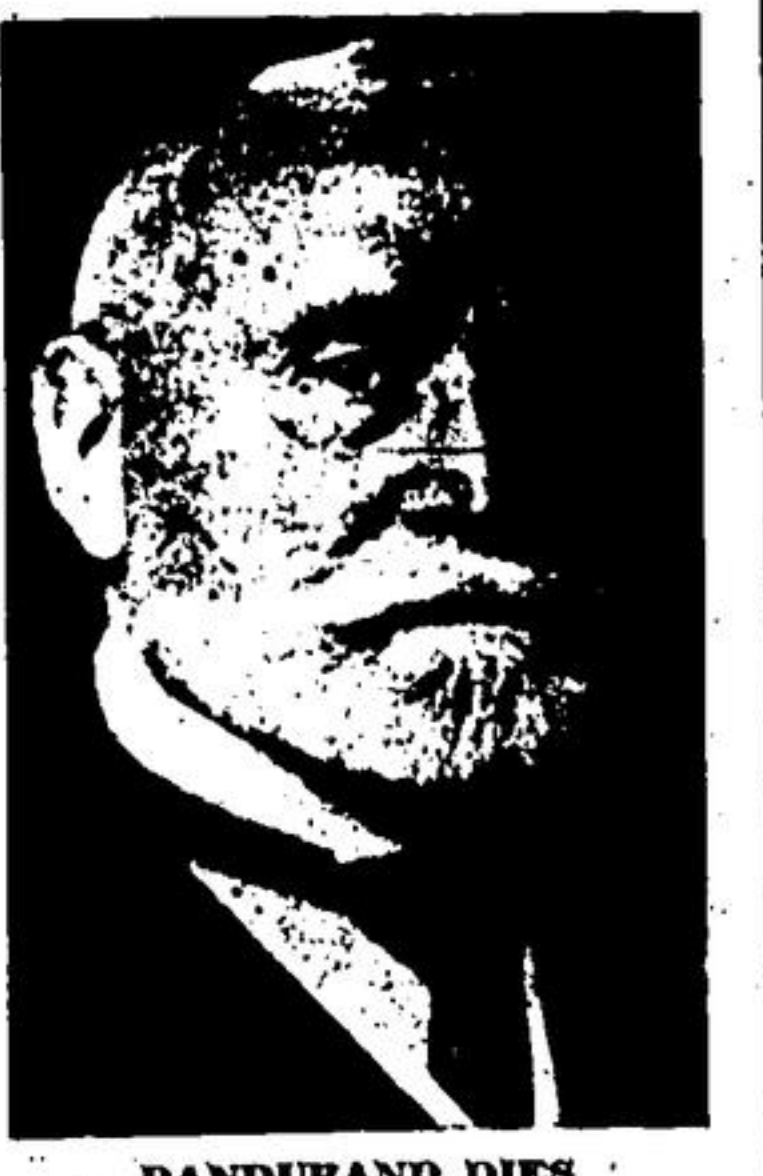
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was won by Miller Bros. of Georgetown.

The annual Junior Farmer Judging Competition in seeds, fruit and vegetables and cream-reading which was held in conjunction with the Seed Fair was as usual keenly contested. The high contestant of the day was Angus McNabb of Georgetown who also received the Halton Cream and Butter Trophy emblematic of the cream grading championship.

Other awards made in connection with the Seed Fair and the Junior Farmers' Judging Competition were as follows:

- LATE OATS - Thos. Douglas, Georgetown; Miller Bros., Georgetown.
MEDIUM OATS - Woodlands Orchards, Bronte; M. T. McNabb & Sons, Georgetown; S. E. Griffin & Son, Acton; J. H. Willmott, Milton; J. E. Pearen, Acton; H. W. Richardson, Milton.
EARLY OATS - J. E. Pearen, Acton; H. W. Richardson, Milton; Hugh M. Reid, Acton; Thos. Bird & Son, Georgetown; W. E. Brockton, Freeman; A. T. Woodley, Milton; Harry I. Lee, Streetsville.
BARLEY, O.A.C. No. 21 - Woodlands Orchards, Bronte; Miller Bros., Georgetown.
BARLEY, SMOOT-LAWNED - S. E. Griffin & Son, Acton; Gerald Graham, Georgetown; M. T. McNabb & Sons, Georgetown; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton.
RED CLOVER - J. H. Willmott, Milton.
ALFALFA - W. O. Brownbridge, Georgetown; Walter N. Brownbridge, Georgetown.
BUSHELS OATS - Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; S. E. Griffin & Son, Acton; Miller Bros., Georgetown; H. W. Richardson, Milton; Thos. Douglas, Georgetown; J. H. Willmott, Milton; W. E. Brockton, Freeman; Woodlands Orchards, Bronte.
BUSHELS BARLEY - M. T. McNabb & Sons, Georgetown; Miller Bros., Georgetown.
SOYBEANS - Hugh Reid, Acton.
LATE POTATOES - S. E. Griffin & Son, Acton; J. E. Pearen, Acton.
EARLY POTATOES - S. E. Griffin & Son, Acton; J. E. Pearen, Acton; Miller Bros., Georgetown.
The prize winners in the Judging Competition were as follows:
GRAIN AND SEEDS JUNIORS - Fred Bell, Dan Hindley, Roy Halcro, Mitch, Clarence Reid, Kerwin McPhail.
SENIORS - Bruce Reid, George Fisher, George Henderson.
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES JUNIORS - Harold Brown, John



DANDURAND DIES

The Rt. Hon. Raoul Dandurand, Government leader in the Senate, and last surviving member of the Senate appointed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who died last Wednesday in Ottawa General Hospital after a brief illness.

The LETTER BOX

February 7th, 1942.

Dear Mr. Dilla: For two years now I have been receiving regularly your paper and with the arrival of every mail I really look for The Acton Free Press. One can hardly realize how much the home town paper is appreciated over here. Some of the fellows in my subsection that have never been in Acton would like to read it with great interest.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Acton Comforts Committee for the cigarettes I have been receiving monthly from them and also the I.O.D.E. for their lovely Christmas parcel. I am, really proud of the way the citizens of Acton have supported the war effort and hospital fund and I can assure you that the people over here more than appreciate your work and without your help they could hardly carry on here, so in this war everybody is in the front line.

In closing, thanks again Mr. Dilla and here's wishing you and all my friends in Acton all the best in everything.

Yours sincerely, "BUS" NICOL.

England, Feb. 8, 42.

Dear Arlof: Just a note to let you know that I am still well and enjoying my life, since it doesn't do us any good not to enjoy it. We don't enjoy it any to well just hanging around doing nothing but I suppose we just have to wait till something turns up. It's pretty quiet around here just now and we haven't been bothered with air raids for months.

It's quite an interesting seeing the different aircraft and they sure have some swell bombers. We are getting to know the planes pretty well and can spot them at a distance. We are also doing pretty stiff training known as battle drill. It's pretty tough work. We go out with all our equipment on and run most of the time. We go through rivers or swamps or anything that gets in our way. If the river is too deep to wade through we have to swim, during this cold weather it's none too pleasant. We are plenty cold when we get home but it sure puts us in shape. We also go out on little schemes it gives you a little idea of what action will be like.

There are quite a bunch of Acton boys over here now but I haven't met very many of them. I met Jack Scriven on Tuesday night at the Division boxing match. Incidentally, the 48th team haven't lost yet. They represent the 1st Division.

I still receive The Free Press regularly and sure look forward to it. It's always nice to hear from the home town. I also receive smokes regularly from the Acton Comforts Committee and get quite a few parcels at Christmas from the different organizations. I would like to express my thanks to all the people who donate to these worthy causes and it's some to express in more words just how much we all appreciate what you are doing for us. Well I must finish now. My regards to all of my Acton friends.

Sincerely, PTE J. McGEACHIE

SHOT FOR ASSISTS

LONDON, (CP) - Two Norwegians were executed in Norway by the Germans for having formed an underground organization to assist escapes to Britain.

Richardson, Fife Somerville, Ralph McKewen.

SENIORS - Gordon Leslie, John McNabb, Herbert Lambert.

CREAM GRADING JUNIORS - Jim McDonald, Reg Smith, Jack Stewart, Cliff McDonald.

SENIORS - Angus McNabb, Elwood Johnston.

Prize winners, Nelson Boys' Grain Club, held in conjunction with Seed Fair John Richardson, Reg. Smith.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by BY LEON EDDEL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The words "offensive" and "defensive" have been limited about considerably during recent weeks. It has been pointed out that the United Nations have been fighting the war in a defensive state of mind and that the offensive has rested with the Axis.

This is undoubtedly true to some extent. All the Axis victories thus far, whether east or west, have been attained through taking the initiative and maintaining the offensive at all cost. There have been no "defensive" victories in this war as there were in the first great war. To be sure, the offensive has been broken, but it is not broken at all cost.

In Russia the Red Army too fought a defensive war in the process yielded great chunks of territory to the enemy. In other words, so long as the Germans were on the offensive they won in Russia. Now the Russians in turn have taken the offensive and the picture has changed.

A German spring offensive is spoken of as inevitable. There seems to be in that the implication that the United Nations must wait for the offensive to start before they will try to stop it. But there are encouraging signs that this is not going to be the case.

Axis Initiative

The Red Army, trained from its inception for offensive warfare, holds the initiative, and Russian strategy calls for maintaining it at all cost. Britain already has taken the initiative in the air and is pounding Germany and German-occupied targets vigorously.

Air pounding alone will not suffice. There is no reason for thinking it should accomplish in the Reich what the Nazis failed to accomplish with it in Britain. But as a tremendously destructive part of a wider campaign, as a harassing factor, and as a spear-point of offensive, its role has been clearly demonstrated time and again. It is to be hoped, and there is every reason for hoping, that this wily campaign is being planned. When it comes the word offensive will have a deeper ring to allied ears than hitherto in this war.

Pound Nazi Targets

Royal Air Force attacks on German industrial cities and ports and on military objectives in Northern France are gaining momentum. Last week the Krupp works at Essen, the docks at Kiel naval base where the battleship Gneisenau lies in drydock and railway communications at Cologne were bombed successfully. In addition, daylight raids were made on the industrial centre of Hazebroek and other targets in occupied France.

In this way Britain is aiding Russia by crippling German production and by forcing Germany to keep air squadrons in Western Europe although there appears to be a real need of air reinforcements to meet the growing Red Army offensive on the Eastern Front.

Hold the Initiative

Many divisions of fresh troops are being thrown into battle by Russian army commanders indicating that no effort is being spared to prevent Hitler from taking the offensive this spring. Soviet military commentators assert that Hitler's armies are worn out from the battering they have received during the long winter months.

The Russians have at least a month to continue their attacks under winter conditions from Leningrad to Moscow. In the southern Ukraine, the Donets Basin and the Crimea, spring arrives a few weeks earlier. Ninety Russian divisions are reported to be smashing toward the Dnieper River to end the threat to the Caucasus. Germans holding Kharkov are said to be almost surrounded and other big drives are being pressed against the arctic and Stalin.

Russian communiques are not specific regarding the progress of the offensive, but it is certain that great numbers of Nazi troops are hemmed in at Staraya Russa south of Leningrad. Further south, a vast Soviet encircling movement, threatens destruction of German forces between Rzhew and Vyazma. The only corridor of retreat for these troops lying along the Vyazma-Smolensk highway was reported March 7 to be cut to a width of 200 yards.

"Australia is the last bastion between the west coast of America and the Japanese," Prime Minister John Curtin declared in a broadcast to the United States from Canberra, March 10. He urged closer cooperation between the two countries in fighting the war of the Pacific, asserting that if Australia falls to the Japanese, the Americas are wide open.

Mr. Curtin announced the Australian 6,800-ton cruiser Perth and the sloop Yarra were missing and presumed lost on a voyage from the Java sea battle area. Their crews totalled 833 men.

The Royal Australian Air Force is hammering relentlessly at Japanese invasion bases on New Guinea and New Britain, meanwhile the Nippon-

ese are reported pushing into the Solomon Islands, sheltering Australia on the east and north.

Lieutenant-General Hubertus van Mook of the Netherlands East Indies has received word from Sumatra that Indian troops are continuing to resist Japanese invaders on the islands of Jayu, Celebes and Sumatra.

Japanese claims of capturing the entire forces operating in the Indies are false and our men are fighting in the hills now," van Mook said March 11, ridiculing reports that the invaders had rounded up 98,000 Indies, Australian, British and United States defenders.

Japanese patrols were reported this week in an area about 100 miles north of Rangoon, along the railroad to Mandalay and Sittoung River, Tokyo authorities claim the Japanese hold air superiority in Burma, but reports from British sources indicate that reinforcements will soon be available for both Royal Air Force fliers and the American Volunteer group.

Java Battle Loses

Announcement was made at the week-end that 13 Allied warships, fighting against great odds, were lost in the sea battle off the Java coast. The combined British, Australian, United States and Netherlands East Indies fleet sank at least seven or eight enemy vessels, probably more.

Admission was made by the Admiralty that the British cruiser Exeter, the Australian cruiser Perth, the United States cruiser Houston and the two Netherlands cruisers Java and De Ruyter were among the Allied warships lost.

The announcement brought criticism from Lord Strabolgi speaking in the House of Lords on Tuesday. The peer, formerly Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Kenworthy, declared he had been informed by Premier P. S. Goorabaya of the Netherlands that Japan's fleet in the battle comprised 14 cruisers, five aircraft carriers, 55 destroyers and 25 submarines.

This was a greater array of force than the official British-United States communique indicated and Lord Strabolgi declared it "erred on the side of reticence in the view of many people."

MacArthur "Down Under"

Announcement that American troops had arrived in Australia was followed March 17 by a United States War Department statement that Gen. Douglas MacArthur had arrived in Australia to take over the supreme United Nations command in the Far Pacific.

Assignment of the hero of the battle of the Philippines to the Australian theatre of war was requested by the Commonwealth government, the War Department said. His command in the southwest Pacific will include the Philippines Islands.

In London MacArthur's appointment was greeted with enthusiasm and regarded as a demonstration of "co-ordination existing between the Empire and the United States."

At the same time, unconfirmed British dispatches reported that a Japanese invasion fleet was moving southward on Australia.

A Japanese invasion force off New Guinea has been smashed, the United States Navy announced Wednesday. Australian and American fliers were credited with the sinking or damaging of 23 enemy vessels including 12 warships.

One of the Allied planes was shot, the communique said. Japanese ships "sunk" and "probably sunk" included two heavy cruisers, a light cruiser, one destroyer, one gunboat and five transports.

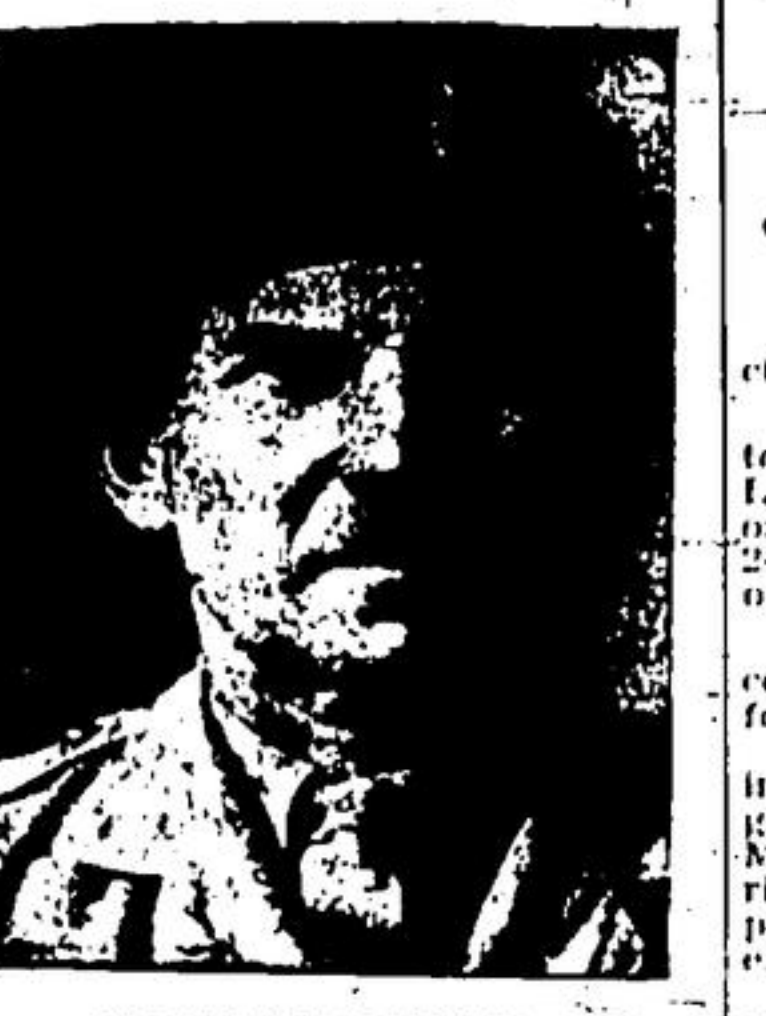
Reporting on United States losses in other areas, the communique listed the submarine Shark as overdue in the Western Pacific and presumed lost. The submarine Sea Lion and the destroyer Stewart were destroyed at Philippines and Netherlands East Indies to prevent their falling into the hands of the Japanese.

CRACKER BARREL IN WARTIME

NEW YORK, (CP) - The old-fashioned "cracker barrel" grocery store will re-appear, fewer and larger ones will be found on the ground shelves and dehydrated and frozen foods will be urged on the housewife, as result of the war, predicts Modern Industry in a recent issue.

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BACK IN CANADA

Commander of a new Armored Division, Maj. Gen. F. F. Worthington has arrived in Canada, claiming he is "just as much in the dark as anybody" about his new duties. A tank man, he is popularly regarded as the designer of the famous Ram.

All-Metal Plane Covering Evenly Distributes Load

In the Lockheed aeroplane, which has established such an outstanding record for stability and all-round effectiveness during the present war and which is standard equipment for Trans-Canada Air Lines, the all-metal covering distributes the aerodynamic and load loads throughout the entire structure. This is much more efficient and gives much greater strength than the tubular steel structure. The metal covering is an aluminum alloy as strong as steel but with only one-third the weight.

BEIGIANS AS 'CHITISTS'

LONDON, (CP) - A number of Belgian soldiers serving in Britain will be trained shortly as parachute troops, according to the Belgium information in London.

ROY HINDLEY, Auctioneer

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Soldiers Prefer Unarm



Campaigning against lack of feminine charms in women's uniforms, soldiers of Post MacArthur have asked designers to pay more attention to the feminine touch. Olivia De Havilland illustrates their contention. In uniform, the soldiers say, she looks like a boy.

Avoid Waste - Save Salvage!