

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam Notices, one and two per line additional for poetry.

IN MEMORIAM
SAVERS—In loving memory of our dear mother and sister, Mrs. Morris Savers, nee Agnes MacLeod, who passed away on May 12th, 1939.

What and that

—Victoria Day just one week from Sunday.
—Mother's Day services in the churches on Sunday were well attended.

—Canadian Red Cross has one sixth of Canada's population in voluntary "active service."

—36,669 blood donors gave their blood in Red Cross Clinics across the Dominion last year.

—Elliott Bros. have a fine window display for the Red Cross that has had much favorable comment.

—Mrs. John Kennedy received a cable on Mother's Day from her grandson, Pte. Jack Cooney in England.

—The housing problem in Acton grows worse. Folks are now occupying former stores where available as dwellings.

—Hinton County Boy Scouts are making preparations for their annual jamboree at the Scout Reserve just west of Acton.

—Rev. Forbes Thomson, the new minister at Knox Church conducted the inaugural services of his pastorate here last Sunday.

—The Salvage Committee and workers are having a steady job to keep ahead of the flow of material collected these days.

—Mother's Day messages from the boys overseas to the mothers at home were particularly appreciated and the cablegram that Mrs. George Woods received from her son Pte. Herb. Woods on Mother's Day was one of these messages, which brought delight.

ERIN

A. J. Horton claims the honor of catching the largest speckled trout in local streams, so far this season. The largest in a beautiful catch was 14 lbs., and measured 15-inches long.

Mrs. Ella Walker has returned to her home here after spending the winter with her daughters in Toronto. Her daughters, Mrs. Thomas Justice, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, accompanied her and will remain for a time.

On Monday morning, from ten to twelve o'clock the teachers and students of Erin Continuation and Public School attended and took part in a tree planting ceremony at the property of H. J. Harris which he recently purchased from the estate of the late Daniel Doherty, formerly owned by Andrew Wilson—Advocate.

MILTON

Kenneth Galloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Galloway, of Milton, is now with the Royal Air Force in Ceylon.

John S. Shanks, of Pettipiece, Man., is visiting friends in Hornby and neighborhood.

Mrs. D. S. Robertson has sold her fine residence on Martin Street to a Toronto gentleman.

George Mitchell, who has resided here for the past five years, celebrated his 90th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Haggerty, Martin Street, Friday.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, J. C. D., presided and dedicated the new Roman Catholic church at Milton Heights last Sunday and the new edifice, Our Lady of Victory, was crowded to capacity during the ceremony. Mass was conducted by the Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, assisted by Rev. Leo M. Brade, Hamilton, Rev. J. G. Diller, present pastor, Rev. V. Grosman, secretary of the apostolic delegate, Ottawa, who preached the sermon "Champion."

War's Sick and Wounded Calls for The Help of All

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citizens these days but none deserves as much consideration and as great giving as this one for the Red Cross and its work of healing.
Acton started well. Let your contribution be an encouragement to the convalescer. Don't tell them of some of the unkind stories you have heard regarding the Red Cross and hide behind this as an excuse for holding back a donation. Make your gift double the last one in 1940 and Acton will meet its appeal and Acton to date has never failed.

Acton Institute Elects Officers At Annual Meeting

The reports at the annual meeting of Acton Women's Institute revealed a most successful year for the branch. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. James Wilds. Some of the money raised for various purchases was by a collection at the meetings. Three euchre socials were held and a quilt was sold and tickets were sold on another quilt. Renting the booth at the park and serving dinners at the Acton Fair also provided some revenue and donations were received. During the year one life membership was taken.
Donations made by the Branch included \$5 to the Red Cross Russian Relief Fund and \$4 to the blanket fund. The branch members did knitting and patching of quilts for the Red Cross and for Acton boys overseas. Donations totalling \$91.44 were made to the Acton and District War Services League; \$5 to the British Children; \$6 for garden seeds for England; \$10 for The Acton Free Press Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital; \$15.24 for jam for overseas and \$2 donation to the school. A wreath was placed on the Red Cross and for Acton boys overseas. Donations totalling \$91.44 were made to the Acton and District War Services League; \$5 to the British Children; \$6 for garden seeds for England; \$10 for The Acton Free Press Fund for the London England Sick Children's Hospital; \$15.24 for jam for overseas and \$2 donation to the school. A wreath was placed on the Red Cross and for Acton boys overseas.

Items on the program at the annual meeting at which Mrs. Wilds presided included the motto "An Emergency and How to Meet it," taken by Mrs. F. Anderson; and current events reviewed by Mrs. Lazenby. Roll-call was answered by telling how many years each had been a member of the Institute. It was planned to entertain Everton Branch at the June meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. H. McCutcheon.

Mrs. G. H. Lantz presided and Mrs. E. Anderson acted as secretary for the annual election of officers which resulted as follows:

Honorary President—Mrs. T. Lappin.
President—Mrs. J. F. Wilds.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Lazenby.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Gamble.

Directors—Mrs. G. Lantz, Mrs. Jas. Wilds, Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. W. Marshment.

District Director—Mrs. J. E. Gamble.

Sick Committee—Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. Lazenby.

Program Committee—Mrs. E. Lambert and Mrs. Jas. Dobbie, and the president and secretary.

Booth Committee—Mrs. J. F. Wilds, Layette Committee—Mrs. E. F. Collier.

Pianist—Mrs. R. L. Davidson.
Assistant Pianist—Mrs. F. Anderson.

Auditors—Mrs. MacArthur and Mrs. Dobbie.

Somewhere in England.
April 13/42

The Acton Free Press
Dear Mr. Dills:
Just a few lines to thank you for sending me The Free Press. It is coming through regularly now and I enjoy reading it, and also news from surrounding country. We are well into spring now, the sunshine is quite warm and the spring flowers are out in bloom. So I guess we can look for some nice weather for a while, but the weather changes quite sudden here. It is liable to rain any minute, and have sunshine the next.

Have not come across any Acton boys since I have been over here. I read with interest H. V. Dron's letters. I knew him quite well.

Again thanks for papers.
PTE. D. A. MACDOUGALL,
England.

Dear Mr. Dills:
Just a few lines to let you know that I receive The Free Press alright and to thank you for it and also for the piece that you put in about my Scotch friend in this unit. I see he has received two letters and a parcel from Acton and I am grateful to those who wrote and sent him the parcel and thank them very much.

Well, Mr. Dills this is a wonderful country. I have seen quite a bit of it and travelled quite a bit by truck and train. We are having some nice weather now, of course with the odd shower of rain and a little dull spell. I was out with the C.S.M. the other day and six men and we travelled forty-five miles into the country and it was just wonderful. We passed a big estate and you talk about deer, well there were quite a number of them, and sheep also. It was a beautiful sight to see them together in the field.

The roads are very nice roads but if we did not do any map reading I am afraid we would get lost as they do not run by highways. They call them major roads. And towns, why it is no time from when you leave an until you are going through another. There are some pretty big towns and very nice ones too.

Well Mr. Dills I will close for this time. Thanking you again for The Free Press, as they sure go around.
Yours,
CPL. R. S. OHARA

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by
BY GUY E. RHODES,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Allies appear to have scored a naval victory that may well have a decisive effect on the course of the war, annihilating and dispersing during an operation that lasted almost a week a major Japanese fleet which Tokyo sent to invade Australia.
The war may end before the complete extent of the Japanese disaster is known outside the councils of Tokyo's military bosses, but the invasion threat to Australia has been ended for the moment at least and the Allies appear to have taken a fearful toll of Japanese military life.

The moment for Japan to attack Australia was as suspicious as any Japanese general or admiral could wish. Major British naval and military forces were tied up in an investment of Madagascar, the fourth largest island in the world which the Vichy government of Marshal Petain and Pierre-Laval seemed likely to turn over to the enemy.

It was not the only triumph of the week for the Allies, however, as the "Demon Squadron" of Canadians in the R.A.F. Coastal Command, accompanied by officers of the Royal Netherlands Air Force, plastered bombs over eight of an enemy convoy of 11 good-sized ships sneaking up the coast of Holland.

There was good news, too, from Russia where the government announced it had smashed a Nazi effort to launch a three-pronged spring offensive in the Leningrad area. Whether this was the full extent of the Nazi offensive remained to be seen, but Moscow dispatches labelled it a costly failure.

In China, Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek's long-suffering forces slashed back at the Japanese advancing up the Burma Road.

There was an interesting item from the mysterious BBC broadcaster, "Col. Britton" who announced that he was going off the air for awhile, but would be back in his talks to Axis-occupied countries when "the moment comes to indicate the particular line of action which is needed."

It was the first break in the weekly talks by "Britton" since he started a year ago. Whether the suspension presaged a European invasion or whether he was merely noodling the Germans could not be guessed.

"Enemy Repulsed"
There was a note of caution in a communique regarding the naval battle in the Coral Sea issued from United Nations headquarters in Australia at the week-end.

"The enemy has been repulsed. Our attacks will continue." These words were used in the report on operations issued May 9. Dispatches left no doubt, however, that the Allied fleet had won at least the first round in the battle and what the invasion Armada had failed to break Australia's sea defences and was in flight. It was officially announced that Japan's losses included the sinking of an aircraft carrier, a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser, two destroyers, four gunboats and two cargo or transport ships. Damaged were an aircraft carrier, a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser, a seaplane tender and two transport or supply ships. On the basis of unofficial reports the second

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aircraft carrier may also have been sunk.

Fantastic Claims
Tokyo claimed that seven Allied ships were sunk or damaged and 89 planes shot down, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters branded the claims as "fantastic."

The enemy version was declared to be "entirely fictional" and has no semblance of a true communique of fact. Our losses compared with its own are relatively light. The only reason they have not been published at this time is because it would reveal to him information of value.

Despite the heavy losses inflicted on the Japanese still have a powerful battlefleet, the main units of which remain presumably in the waters around Japan. They have the advantage of operating from their own bases, but it is believed the Nipponese are unable to build fast enough to replace the major part of their losses.

The battle has more than answered queries regarding the whereabouts of the United States fleet. Its expanding strength in Australian waters, taken with growing British sea power in the Indian Ocean, makes it increasingly difficult for Japan to maintain communications with conquered territories over a vast area.

British Dig In
British forces at the week-end established themselves in the naval base at Diego Suarez, Madagascar. Each force engaged 600 troops to the hills south of the city, but their resistance will probably soon overcome.

While Chinese troops wiped out a Japanese spearhead in Yunnan Province, British and Indian troops in the Chindwin Valley northwest of Mandalay fell back into the mountains, according to week-end reports. At the same time Japanese bombers attacked the Chittagong coast of eastern India, but there was little information regarding casualties.

Early this week Chinese communiques disclosed that Japanese advance columns had suffered severely and were forced to fall back on the frontier town of Wantung. There they were reinforced and it was reported by Chungking May 12 that new attacks had been launched by the invaders in Yunnan Province.

Meanwhile British troops in Burma guarding the approaches to India turned back a Japanese column moving north.

Armada Scattered
Details of the naval battle in the Coral Sea are anxiously awaited, but a communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia issued May 12 stated that Allied aircraft, tracking down, the scattered remnants of the Japanese invasion armada had damaged more ships raising the eight-day total to 23 or 24 enemy vessels crippled or sent to the bottom.

On Eastern Front
Adolf Hitler's field headquarters announced that Nazi troops opened a big drive in the Crimea May 8 and a military spokesman in Berlin declared it was the first great offensive operation since the winter defensive. Rumanian and German troops were said to be supported by strong air force units.

Military advices to London this week said the Germans had been repulsed with heavy losses although enemy infantrymen held an advanced point in one sector where they were being fiercely attacked by the Russians.

Gort in Command
Lord Gort took over command of Malta as the Germans launched large-scale air attacks on the Mediterranean naval base. During raids Saturday, Sunday and Monday on the strongly fortified island approximately 81 Italian and German planes were shot down. The R.A.F. lost eight planes in all the "Middle East" in those three days.

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Eramosa Citizens Discuss Township School Boards

Representatives of School Sections Voice Opposition to the Proposed Plan

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood at 7 p.m. with Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair and Councillors Wm. J. Pinkney, E. H. Benham, Roy I. Leslie and Jos. H. Rutherford, present. The auditor's report for the month of March and April was accepted on motion of Messrs. Benham and Leslie. The clerk was instructed to make inquiry concerning the possibility of refunding the S. S. No. 9 School Department.

Moved by Messrs. Pinkney and Leslie and carried: That the attention of the public be drawn to by-law No. 5, (1922), which forbids the dumping of refuse, etc., on public roads within the municipality and provides for severe penalties for infractions. Co-operation of citizens is requested in reporting infractions so that the roads may be kept clean and neat.

Arrangements were made to inspect the roads on Wednesday, May 13th. \$12 was ordered to be paid for 2 lambs killed by dogs and \$5 for the killing of a dog caught worrying sheep.

Accounts for \$463.69 were passed for payment and council adjourned to June 1st at 7:30 for Court of Revision and general business.

At 8:30 the Reeve was chairman at a meeting of representatives of 11 School Sections and others to discuss township School Boards. Dr. G. G. McNab, Inspector, addressed the meeting, other speakers included Reeve Norman Sinclair of Guelph township, ex-Reeve Geo. Gordon of Nassagaweya Township School Board, Dr. B. D. Young of Brookville and chairman Snyder of Guelph Junction; these all spoke favorably of their knowledge of the operation of township school boards.

The idea met with the usual initial opposition from 90% of the representatives of the school sections in the township, the well attended meeting provided a healthy discussion of the subject and much information was made available for an interested and representative audience.

MUST THRESH WHEAT
LONDON, (CP) The ministry of agriculture has ordered all persons in England and Wales having 1941 unthreshed wheat to thresh it and offer it for sale to an approved buyer before May 31.

House Cleaning Time!

During Spring Cleaning there are always some replacements needed. We have a Large Assortment of Curtains, Draperies, Nests, Etc., to show you.

Table listing various household items and their prices: CURTAINS (Tuscons, Rayons, Etc. \$1.25 to \$2.95), APRONS (Several Styles 25c to 49c), REXOLEUM MATS (19c Each), CRETONNES, HOMESPUNNS, Good Assortment (25c to 69c Yd.), ANKLE SOX (Popular Shades Sizes 6 1/2 to 10 1/2 19c-25c), CURTAIN NETS (Marquisettes—Tuscons 25c to 59c Yard), PRINT DRESSES (Large Range to Choose from \$1.19 to \$2.69), PAPER SHADES (For Replacements 15c Each), PRINTS (Large Range of Patterns and Quantities 25 to 35c Yd.), SIMPLICITY PATTERNS (New Styles 15-20-25), TABLE OIL CLOTH, BED SPREADS, TABLE CLOTHS, TOWELS, TOWELLING Etc. (4 1/2 x 6—\$1.15 - 6 x 9—\$2.29, 9 x 12—\$6.75), UNBORDERED RUGS (4 1/2 x 6—\$1.15 - 6 x 9—\$2.29, 9 x 12—\$6.75).

In the Grocery Department

Table listing grocery items and prices: BROOMS (Good Assortment 49c - 59c - 75c - 98c), BLEACH (5c-10c), JAVEX (17c), WHIZ TOILET FLUSH (21c), SINKO, for clogged Drain (25c), OLD ENGLISH WAX PASTE or LIQUID (49c), P.G. PEARL COMFORT GOLD SOAP (3 CAKES 17c), GILLETTE'S LYE (12c), AMMONIA (7c), WASHING SODA (8c), BON AMI (15c), OLD DUTCH CLEANSER (11c), MOTH DED. (25c), MOTH BLOCKS (10-25c), OXYDOL RINSO (25c Pkg.), CHIPSO (29c), AERO WAX Liquid (49c), PINTS (29c), QUARTS (49c), HAWES LEMON OIL (15c - 25c - 59c).

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Class: Who may buy:
A) Physicians, Visiting nurses, Firefighters, Police, Certain trucks, etc.
B) War Technicians, War supply inspectors, Taxi owners, etc.
C) Food inspectors, Scrap buyers, Travelling repairmen, Rural school teachers, etc.
What may be bought:
New, retreaded, or used tires; new or used tubes; retreading services.
Retreaded or used tires; used tubes; retreading services.
Used tires, used tubes.
How purchases may be made:
To buy new tire or tube, retreaded tire or retreading service, purchaser must apply for Ration Permit to the nearest office of Wartime Prices and Trade Board. (For used tire or used tube, see Class "C").
To buy retreaded tire or retreading services, purchaser must apply for Ration Permit to the nearest office of Wartime Prices and Trade Board. (For used tire or used tube see below).
A vehicle owner in this class may buy only used tires or used tubes. He must prove necessity to any authorized dealer and fill out with the dealer a Purchase Certificate. Classes "A" and "B" may also buy used tires and tubes under the same conditions.
FULL DETAILS OF THE NEW ORDER ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ANY TIRE DEALER
Very severe penalties will be imposed for any infractions of the new regulations. The tire dealers of Canada are co-operating with the Government in the efficient operation of the order, and in its enforcement. It is their patriotic duty to repair and legally resell all usable tires in their possession, and turn over at once to the nearest salvage agency any scrap rubber they have on hand or receive in the future, including all tires and tubes no longer serviceable.
Every person, whether a dealer or not, must report by May 31 to the Tire Rationing Representative at his nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office, all tires and tubes in his possession on May 15, which are not scrap, and which are not on the running wheels and one spare rim of each vehicle he owns.
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