

Personals

Bob Pearson of Toronto is visiting Acton friends this week.

Mrs. J. Welwood, Winnipeg, is visiting Mrs. Geo. Murray this week.

Sigma Frank Jones of Vimy Barracks, Kingston, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. S. J. Reid and her sister Mrs. Hlembecker visited with friends in Guelph on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Johnston and Miss Doris Johnston of Toronto, visited Acton relatives and friends.

Miss Barbara Warren and Mrs. J. L. Warren of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Wood on Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Murray returned home on Saturday after spending a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gurney at Wingham.

Mrs. J. H. Hlembecker who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid for the past two weeks returned to her home in Toronto on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Huffman returned home on Monday from a two week holiday spent in Hamilton accompanied by Miss Gladys Huffman of Toronto who is spending her remaining holidays.

Mrs. Fred Roberts and Miss Evelyn Roberts and Master John Roberts of Sault Ste. Marie and Misses Joan and Donna Terry of Brantford are visitors with Miss M. Z. Bennett.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. S. Corlinder, Dorothy and Mr. R. O. Stapleton wish to thank all those who were so kind during the long illness and death of a loving husband and father. These kindnesses are deeply appreciated and will always be gratefully remembered.

Housing Problem Grows in London

Furnished Flats—and Few at That—Bring High Rents

LONDON, (CP)—Modern five-room furnished apartments in London rent at anywhere from \$150 to \$200 a month—if you can get them. The same goes for unfurnished houses.

Hundreds of tenants who took apartments and houses on short leases more than a year ago when many dwellings were empty because of raids now are being asked to pay more rent or vacate.

Even so, demand for living quarters far exceeds the supply and an even bigger rush is expected. Absence of air raids in London has drawn many evacuees back.

"There are very few flats obtainable today," said an official of the Property Owners' Protection Association.

Under the Rent Restriction Acts, the rent of only unfurnished apartments and houses is controlled. Increases, however, can be made subject to certain conditions such as improvements.

Scientists Work Wartime Wonders

Those in Agricultural Field Make Big Contribution to War Effort.

WASHINGTON, (CP)—Among the heroes of this war give a thought to agricultural scientists.

In peacetime, they lead a comparatively simple life. They try to make something out of what we have too much of and improve production of what we don't have enough of.

Multiply those problems by 1,000 and you'll have what they are up against today.

Some of these days very soon, for example, we may have a cotton-filled "sandbag" cotton plastics for blackout shades; turpentine smoke screens; rosin gas masks for animals.

Staple cotton (instead of lint) may be used for smokeless powder in big guns, for anti-aircraft shells and even rifles.

Forestry products may soon be used in place of aluminum for planes; wood cellulose in explosives; charcoal in gas masks; fire-resistant woods in hundreds of war materials and substitutes for raw cork.

Any time now there may be a new tanning material, something previously undreamed of.

New insecticides to replace those imported may be on the way. New turfs (grasses) are being developed to withstand multiple airplane landings and to keep down dust which is a giveaway to enemy scouting planes.

Agriculture is one of the key agencies in the allocation of ferts, training centres, flying fields, artillery and bombing zones. It has a big hand in locating new war industries, and has been one of the chief forces for decentralization of military production.

Leather is becoming more resistant to wear and water. There are new substitutes for hides, leather and tanning materials.

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Grand comedy, with Wayne Morris, Brenda Marshall, Fox News.

MONDAY, JULY 27
"YOU BELONG TO ME"
Glorious fun with Barbara Stanwyck, Henry Fonda. Comedy "Ready Willing But Unable," "Screen Snapshots."

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of John Robert Watson, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, Deceased.

Parties having claims against the Estate of John Robert Watson, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, who died on or about the Twenty-fourth day of May, 1942, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned solicitor before the Twenty-fifth day of July, 1942, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed as aforesaid, pursuant to Section 51, Chapter 165, R.S.O. 1937.

C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ontario, Solicitor for the Executor, William Butler, R. R. No. 4, Acton, Ontario.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of Harriet Isabella Moore, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Widow, Deceased.

Parties having claims against the Estate of Harriet Isabella Moore, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Widow, who died on or about the Twenty-second day of June, 1942, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned solicitor before the Twenty-fifth day of July, 1942, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed as aforesaid, pursuant to Section 51, Chapter 165, R.S.O. 1937.

C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ontario, Solicitor for the Executor, Edward James Moore, Acton, Ontario.

The LETTER BOX

C/o Forestry Branch, Matchawan, Ont.

Dear Free Press: Having lots of time to-day for reading, writing and radio, due to an all day rain. The first since July 3rd, except light showers only like dew which soon dried off and second since June 11th. So it was badly needed and has been a great blessing for which I feel sure everyone in this part of Ontario are thankful for. Crops and gardens were drying up. Wild fruit beginning to wither, a lot of the wells and small streams drying. And woods becoming a veritable fire menace.

Tower-men and rangers have had to keep close watch and fire permits, necessarily had to be refused. Tower-men were issued permits for travel through the bush over portages from lake to lake or streams, were particularly warned about fire and the care necessary for its control. But fortunately very little fire has occurred. All so far have been in populated sections and were never out of control, particularly in this district of Temiskaming North.

Having company for quite some time now has taken my attention away from writing. I have had to host and to play the part seemed to require all my spare time. After Wife and Shirley went home, Evelyn our oldest girl with her two children 4 and 2 years and Lillian, came and spent seven days. Each day when I got in Mervyn would ask if we were going for a ride fishing. So of course fishing, it would have to be. But we all had fun and got fish each time too. They came here fish hungry, but went away fish satisfied. We had it for some meal every day and sometimes twice. We learned that good huckleberry pancakes and maple syrup first, with a nice piece of fish for a second course made a pretty good breakfast, with a cup of coffee to wash it down.

Having women here relieved me of lots of the duties of house keeping. Washing dishes, clothes, towels, etc., sweeping floors and keeping things tidy. I don't find it hard alone so I suppose they were only cleaning up their own mess and my little in the bargain.

I didn't have any time for reading either, so have made up for it during the intervals of their visits. I have been very fortunate having so many good magazines and all late issues. From these I've made a few notes which seemed to me outstanding and worth keeping. A great many different writers are the authors but I feel sure a great many readers might never see these quotations so I'm going to set them down.

Every man was honest, until temptation got the best of him.

Industry moves so fast these days that if you don't keep on learning you fall behind.

Give an hour a day to your brain (think) and think regularly every day. An open mind is the best beauty parlor.

To mountain or hilly farmers: Most of you wait till it rains to plow and then you wait till it dries off to plant. After farming season is over you cry it's too wet or too dry. When frost comes you are wanting some one who does his plowing deep. And in the fall grows a winter crop like wheat or rye, to give you a bag of flour. Go to work and get off relief. Go to work now.

Nothing can be more useful to a man than a determination not to be hurried.

A nation's thought and influence must be shaped by truth, honesty, fair dealing, initiative, invention and self-reliance.

Dust thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

The only substitute for brains is silence.

If you want your prayers answered get up off your knees and hustle.

The more we work the more we get and the harder we have to work to look after it.

Most of last year's wrecks were caused by hugging the wrong curve.

And now seeing it has rained off and on nearly all day, I'll quote one more fact, seeing I measure rain officially.

An inch of rain falling 70 square mile of territory weighs 70,000 tons. Paint or enamel 68 of an inch has fallen here all ready and still 4 hours from dark. So you can figure the weight yourself.

I feel quite proud to know my letters have encouraged the desire of one of the readers of The Acton Free Press to spend holidays for two weeks with me, commencing July 27th. I feel sure both pleasure and profit will result. And I am looking forward with pleasure to that date. Cordially yours, R. W. JOHNSON

The Week at OTTAWA

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by BY GEORGE KITCHEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

The House of Commons is operating on a basis of three sittings a day in hopes of clearing the decks for adjournment this week-end but political observers are of a couple of minds as to whether the members may make the deadline.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the chamber a meeting of party leaders had set the end of this week as the objective for adjournment. The announcement drew a chorus of desk-thumping approval from the members.

But that was before the "Drew Letter" incident stirred up a heated discussion between party chieftains and threatened to prolong forthcoming debate on the Hong Kong inquiry report. The letter, criticizing the report, was sent to Mr. King by Lt.-Col. George Drew, Ontario Conservative Leader and one of the inquiry counsel.

The objective-setting announcement also came before J. S. Roy (Ind., Gaspé) threw the house into a dither by demanding the secret session to discuss U-boat activities in the St. Lawrence river, which sweeps past the front door of his constituency.

Since then, M. J. Coldwell, C.F. House Leader, has expressed his intention of using the Drew letter, of which he has a copy, as the basis for his remarks during the Hong Kong debate. Others who have access to the document undoubtedly will do the same. In fact, Defence Minister Ralston said in the House he was sure a great many members could use the arguments put forth in the letter to "their hearts' content—make them their own."

May Sit Next Week There are some observers who feel that a prolonged Hong Kong debate will carry the session past the deadline into next week. A few say that if that happens the House may sit another week.

On the other hand, some spectators believe that the debate-weary members will make short work of the business on tap and be ready and willing to rise at the appointed hour. On top of the Hong Kong debate, the House entered the week with civil estimates to be dealt with and with third reading still to be given to the so-called "Conscription" Bill, which amends the National Resources Mobilization Act to make compulsory overseas military service possible by order-in-council.

Discussions over the Drew letter arose when Mr. King refused to table the document in the House after agreeing to do so at the request of Mr. Coldwell, who said he would take the responsibility. Mr. King said he had received legal advice that the 32-page letter was a violation of the order of secrecy under which the inquiry was held.

Two days later Mr. King told the House he had received a second letter from Col. Drew which he also declined to table because it was in the same category as the first. In the second letter, Col. Drew demanded that the Hong Kong report and his own criticism of it be "tested on the basis of the record."

A Secret Session The second major political development of the week was Saturday's secret session. It came after Mr. Roy said information in his possession indicated all was not well in the St. Lawrence area. Supporting his proposal, Mr. Hanson asserted that he, like Mr. Roy, had received reports of a "startling nature."

During the budget discussion, Arthur Slaght (Lib. Parry Sound) trod on Finance Minister Liley's toes when he suggested that Mr. Liley relieve the burden of the taxpayers by issuing \$1,200,000,000 of new Bank of Canada money—a proposal similar to that consistently advanced by New Democracy members.

Declaring that he would rather leave the government than attempt to finance the war in that manner, Mr. Liley said that if we put \$1,000,000,000 of new money into circulation it would blow the price ceiling to kingdom come. He went on: "Any person who thinks we could issue \$1,000,000,000 without the wildest kind of inflation is making a terrible mistake."

Mr. Hanson indicated that he was interested in what Mr. Slaght said, although affirming his "old fashioned" ideas on such matters.

An announcement by Speaker James A. Glen after the secret sitting, which took up all of last Saturday, said the discussion was devoted to "the question of coastal defence." The situation was explained by Defence Minister Ralston, Air Minister Power and Navy Minister Macdonald. Press and public were excluded from the sitting and guards were posted at the entrances to the chamber.

NEST-EGG AFTER WAR

LONDON, (CP)—Full-time Civil Defence workers men and women and auxiliary police are to get higher pay and a nest-egg in the form of post-war credits.



DELIVERS FOURTH SCRIPT

Alan King, for several years a member of the acting contingent in Toronto studios, broke into the writing field this year and has signed his name to several feature scripts which have had network presentation. "Fire On The Home Front" is his latest and will be produced from Toronto for National Network listeners on Monday, July 27 and 9:30 p.m. EDT, 10:30 p.m. ADT.

Birds, Not Books In Novel Library

Kalamazoo Man Believes Warblers Work Wonders for Invalids

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (CP)—A library that moult and -eats bird seed?

One actually exists. The Free Bird Library and to shut-ins it's an institution of cheer, relieving pain and loneliness.

The library is operated by J. Edward Reed, a firm believer in the curative effect of song and that a canary can be almost as successful in restoring health as surgery and medicine.

Reed's trim bungalow resounds from dawn to dusk with the constant twittering and warbling of several hundred canaries awaiting shipment to invalids.

A former decorator, Reed was incapacitated by a fall from a ladder six years ago. The tedium of convalescence was lifted by a canary. Thinking of others like himself gave Reed the idea for the unusual "library."

Reed started with a pair of canaries. Other mating pairs were obtained and soon he had canaries by the dozen. Reed loaned them to invalids in Kalamazoo and before long they were being sent to nearby cities.

"To-day the library has clients in 15 states and wants more. A post-card to Reed brings a canary into the sick room in several days. The recipient merely must be a responsible person, pay express charges, provide the cage and return the bird when its "job" is completed.

Of 500 birds, only one has been lost through carelessness or neglect.

Reed finances the "library" on \$18 a week he receives in workmen's compensation. The chief expense is seed. The canaries eat 50 pounds a week.

"Sure it's a lot of trouble," he says, "but you ought to see the letters I get from people whose lives are made happy by canaries or whose recovery has been aided by them. When one is flat on his back or propped up in a wheel chair, there's nothing like a feathered prescription to drive pain and trouble away."

PROCLAMATION!

CIVIC HOLIDAY In compliance with the custom which has prevailed for many years, MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd

will be observed as a Civic Holiday for 1942, and I hereby proclaim that day as a Civic Holiday for Acton, and respectfully request that all our citizens observe it as such. W. J. O. OAKES, Acting Reeve Reeve's Office, Town Hall, Acton, July 23rd, 1942

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C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ontario, Solicitor for the Executors, ROBERT A. WINTON, Acton, Ontario, WILLIAM R. STALGER, R. R. No. 4, Acton, Ontario.

Iron Man

Is Planting 200 Cabbages a Minute in Britain

One thousand machines which plant young cabbages at the astonishing rate of 200 a minute are now helping the farmers of Britain to speed up food production.

Hitched to a tractor, the robot planter has a travelling chain of iron fingers to which the plants are fed. A broad furrow is opened up in the soil into which the plants are suspended by these grippers, and at the same time as the plant is released, two wheels firmly press down the soil around it. A water tank holding 40 gallons can also be fitted to the machine, and an adjustable quantity of water automatically poured into the furrow at the roots of the plants.

From one to four operators can feed the machine with plants at an average of 3,000 each person per hour, thus making an immense saving in time and labor. The spacing in the row of plants is mechanically accurate and can be controlled and adjusted to the distance required; the depth at which the seedlings are planted is also adjustable.

The robot can also plant potatoes by a simple arrangement of special cups attached to the grippers. It can be used too for lettuce, onions, leeks, swedes, sugar beet, strawberries and tomatoes. Its iron fingers have a rubber covering which enables them to handle the most delicate plants quite gently while placing them firmly and evenly in the furrow.

The machine, which is a British invention, is now being produced at the rate of more than a thousand a year. It is electrically welded and made with great precision. The Ministry of Agriculture have bought a large number for Britain's war Agricultural Committees set up in the different counties.

HER 3RD CHILD

COPENHAGEN, (CP)—Mme. Hansine Jensen, 52, recently gave birth to her 23rd child.

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