

Plane is Forced Down in Field Near Acton

Machine or Occupants Are Not Injured — Pilot Forced to Land on Account of Storm

Saturday evening a training plane from the Brantford Training School made a landing in a field on the farm of Mr. R. N. Brown right at the Third Line. The only damage done in the forced landing was the knocking down of a few rods of wire fence. The machine was not damaged and the two occupants were not scratched.

The landing was made in the heavy rain and electrical storm on Saturday evening and considering the space available and the difficulties it was fortunate that such a landing was safely made and the plane undamaged. It was just a few feet off No. 7 Highway.

Saturday evening and on Sunday crowds of people went out to see the machine and the spot where it had landed. Provincial Constable Ray Mason and Chief Harrop had a busy time keeping traffic clear on the highway and guarding the machine until a guard from the Altford took charge.

Sunday afternoon Mr. Brown used his tractor to haul the machine through the field to a position near the house and barn which was more sheltered and more easily guarded and where the visitors were more easily handled. Here too the guards were served hot coffee from the Brown home which helped in their duty through the long hours.

Residents of this district were quite surprised to hear the radio broadcast and see in the Toronto papers the supposed difficulties regarding the hay crop and getting the machine out. Half the field was in grain which was cut before the plane landed and the growth of hay on the other half is not a foot in length. Mr. Brown had arranged to take down the wire fence required and co-operated with the officials in every way to have the machine removed. Some commentators and writers seem to write a battle into every line these days.

Acton District Has Good Report—Let's Keep It Up

The following letter was received this week regarding the rubber salvage in Acton and district. It tells of a fine effort thus far but in this week of August 24th to September 8th, when there is an opportunity for everyone to make the contribution greater, put every rubber scrap article you can into the salvage. We'll have the letter:

August 19th, 1942.
Mr. G. A. Dills,
Editor, The Acton Free Press,
Acton, Ontario.
Dear Mr. Dills:

You will be glad to know that we have received a most encouraging report from our representative, Mr. Fletcher, who recently visited you community on behalf of the National Campaign for Scrap Rubber.

From reading his splendid report, Mr. Dills, we can readily see that you are obtaining good results in the collection of general salvage. The entire committee is to be congratulated for their patriotic efforts.

We certainly do not want to let this opportunity pass without thanking you for the support that you have given through your paper. It is you who can give leadership to this national appeal for scrap rubber, and in view of the Post Office Campaign August 24th to September 8th, we are satisfied that your committee will assist the Postmaster in every way possible to see that your district will have a fine showing. At the same time, from the sale of the scrap rubber, your local war charities will materially benefit in a monetary way.

Should you feel the need of any assistance from this office please do not hesitate in writing us. Again thanking you for your outstanding support,
Yours very truly,
I. M. BUCKBROUROUGH,
Fairmont Co. Ltd.

MANY WITNESSED ECLIPSE OF MOON ON TUESDAY NIGHT

The second total eclipse of the moon which occurred on Tuesday night was plainly visible here and many watched the phenomena. The moon went into the show at 10 o'clock and the total eclipse started at 11:01. The moon left this shadow about 1:33 a.m. on Wednesday morning. It was visible in most of the western hemisphere.

KILLED IN ACTION



PTE. WILLIAM LYLE TURNER
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner,
first Acton-born boy to give his all in the Second World War.

Weekly War Commentary

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One of the important results of the Canadian-spearheaded attack on the Nazi-held French port of Dieppe was a reduction in German air strength on the western front which apparently gave the United Nations at least temporary control of the North European skies.

Canadian troops and their British, French and American comrades-in-arms by their heroic and successful attack also gained valuable experience regarding tactics to be followed in a real second-front opening. It is probable that before an invasion proper is attempted other attacks of a similar nature, will be made at various points on the long coastline held by the Nazis.

In a comprehensive communique issued by Combined Operations Headquarters the Dieppe attack was described as a "successful demonstration of co-operation of all three services" in which two Nazi shore batteries and a radio location station were destroyed, two small German vessels sunk, a number of prisoners captured and "heavy casualties" inflicted on the enemy.

Canadian losses were severe, but from all quarters came expressions of admiration for the great courage and heroic devotion to duty shown by all ranks.

Enemy Alert
Returning Canadians said the Germans were ready for them and put up a tremendous resistance with great fire power. A German who was taken prisoner told Canadian troops that his forces had been tipped off.

He said they had been warned several days in advance that the raid was coming, but many Canadians thought the tip-off came from German armed trawlers and E-boats which spotted the raid convoy.

It was notable that the air umbrella, which softened up and covered the landing of the commando force attracted Nazi reinforcements from air bases scattered throughout occupied France, Belgium and Holland. That indicates the German-Russian offensive has severely drained the Nazi air strength in the west so that the Luftwaffe's grip on the occupied countries is thinly held.

Another impressive circumstance was the capture of paratroopers and presumably middle-aged and boyish prisoners. One of the prisoners was only 15 and had bad nerves. He cried, his captor said, when he was forced to cross an open area under fire.

Despite the fact the Nazis put up tough resistance the evidence presented by the varying age of the prisoners would indicate the Germans are not doing too well with their manpower problem.

The best resistance apparently came from some men from the Russian front who were on home defence duty while they were being rested, refitted and regrouped. These men, naturally, would be the best soldiers the Germans could use to oppose the commando troops.

The presence of the others, however, suggests that the Nazis are hard pressed for personnel. Elderly officers are hastily military material in combat service nor are boys of 15 whose nerves seldom have hardened to the necessary degree to make soldiers.

In the Far East
Encouraging news came at the weekend from the Far East where United States marines are consolidating their positions in the Solomon

Pretty August Wedding Saturday In United Church

Two flower girls each a niece of the bride and bridegroom respectively, a maid of honor and bridesmaid were attendants at the wedding on Saturday in Acton United Church of Miss Mary Isabel Switzer, Acton, and Mr. Louis Richard McGill, Toronto. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Switzer of Acton, and the late Mr. George Herbert Switzer and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard James McGill, Paisley, Ontario. Tall standards of white and rose gladioli formed a pretty setting for the ceremony which was performed at three-thirty Saturday afternoon by Rev. L. G. Quinn, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Fasbury. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Howard Switzer.

The bride's wedding gown of ivory slipper satin was made in bouffant style with its full skirt ending in a short train. The basque bodice was cut with sweetheart neckline and long sleeves coming to a point over the hand. Her flowers were a cascade bouquet of Johanna Hill roses and white gladioli.

Miss Margaret Arnold as maid of honor wore in rose taffeta, cut on lines similar to that of the bride's dress. White gladioli petals formed her head dress and cascade bouquet. The groom's sister, Miss Edith McGill was bridesmaid in a gown of Fresco pink taffeta with short train. Her head gear and bouquet were also of white gladioli.

Scattering petals from white baskets before the bride were the petite flower girls Lois Ramsden, niece of the bride and Ann McGill, niece of the groom. They were very lovely in their dresses of Fresco pink with the long full skirts, sweetheart necklines and little puff sleeves.

The best man was the groom's brother, A. C. I. Robert McGill, and the ushers were Mr. Jack Logie and Mr. Jack Worthington, cousins of the bride.

Prior to the wedding ceremony Mrs. Jack McMillan, Paisley, played the violin solo, "Adoration," by Borowsky. Wedding music was played by Mrs. Roy Arnold and while the bridal party signed the register Miss Jean Logie, cousin of the bride, sang, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

Receiving at the reception on the spacious lawn of her home the bride's mother wore a navy redingote ensemble, navy felt hat, matching accessories and corsage of Sweetheart roses. She was assisted by the groom's mother in navy sheer with corsage of pink roses and bouvardia. For a wedding trip to the Kawartha Lakes, the bride donned a shaver wool dress of Chinese blue, wore brown accessories, corsage of yellow and bronze mums and carried a brown tweed coat.

Mr. and Mrs. McGill will live in Perth where the former is on the staff of the collegiate. Mr. McGill is a graduate in commerce of Queen's University while his bride is a graduate of the Guelph General Hospital.

WERE USING TOWN CLOCK WHILE THE PRIZE DRAWS INTEREST

The three "Certificates of Merit" won by THE FREE PRESS in this year's newspaper competition have been on view in THE FREE PRESS window along with the Hugh Savage Shield.

Following out the plan to put everything into the war effort and purchase no articles that are not essential, the Printer and Publisher prize which was usually a gold watch was this year a \$25 War Savings Certificate which indeed was a very appropriate prize. We mention this just as explanation of the lack of a gold watch on our arm. We're not Scotch but we can see the town clock for nothing and that prize is drawing us 3 per cent interest and will come in pretty handy when our hair is liable to be more grey in seven and a half years.

MEMBERS KNOX CHOR HONORED AT PICNIC AT EDEN MILLS

Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, was the scene, last Thursday evening of a very enjoyable picnic, held by Knox Church, in honor of Miss Mary McGill, who is leaving to take a position at Burlington and of Miss Wilma Hansen and Mr. Clarence Coles, a prospective bride and groom. After a supper, Dora Hanson, on behalf of the choir members, presented Mr. Orr with a lovely prophetic song and brush set, while a beautiful table was tendered Wilma and Clarence by Mr. Alex Mann.

The recipients of these gifts made appreciative acknowledgments. Miss Orr expressed her regret in severing her connection with the choir and Mr. Coles promising that he and his future bride would make a special effort to carry out the advice for married life which accompanied the gift.

SEAMAN H. DRON ADDRESSES MEETING ON WORLD TRIP

The Bannockburn Women's Institute entertained the Acton Institute at their August meeting which was held on Wednesday August 19th, at the home of Mrs. N. McEachern, Acton, when Mrs. H. Dron was guest speaker.

There was a splendid attendance and an interesting meeting was held. President Miss E. Russell presided. Roll Call was answered by giving "Facts About Canada." The program opened with a humorous reading from Mrs. Wilds, President of Acton Institute and all joined in singing the Institute Italy song with Mrs. Anderson accompanist.

Mr. Dron gave a very interesting talk of his ocean trips around the world, which was much appreciated. Mrs. F. Anderson rendered a vocal solo. The meeting closed with "God Save The King," and a social half hour was spent.

HEAVY FINES MADE FOR VIOLATIONS OF CEILING PRICES

Fines totalling \$597.50 were imposed across Canada last week as a result of 24 violations of Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations. They resulted from violations of the price ceiling, rentals regulations, retail delivery orders and sugar rationing regulations.

Three Ontario wholesale butchers were prosecuted for exceeding maximum prices for beef. They were Archille D'Aoust, Ottawa, fined \$50 and costs; Joseph Weinstein, operating the Ottawa Beef Co., \$100 and costs; Leikin's Abattoir Ltd., Eastview, \$100 and costs. A Quebec City firm was fined \$200 and costs on two charges of breaking the beef price ceiling.

There were three prosecutions for contravention of the sugar rationing regulations, one for making retail deliveries of goods with a total value less than \$1. Eleven prosecutions for violations of the rentals regulations were reported, five in Quebec, two in Ontario and four in British Columbia, with fines ranging from \$10 to \$20. A Quebec City firm was fined \$10 for illegally increasing the price of bicycle tires.

ARMY PREFERRED

INVERARY, Scotland, (CP) — Cpl. "Jimmy" Seton of the Auxiliary Territorial Services was Britain's only pre-war expert woman lumberjack and, on a visit home on leave, she said her life as a mechanic in the army's southern command, was easy compared with her strenuous existence in her uncle's timber business here.

Dieppe Raid Casualty List Hits Acton Homes

Pte. Wm. Lyle Turner Reported Killed in Action — Company Sgt.-Major John Irvine is Reported Missing — Mrs. D. Drysdale Has Brother Reported Wounded.

"Regret deeply B-37486 Private William Lyle Turner officially reported killed in action. Further information follows when received. (Signed) Officer in Charge Records."

That was the message that last Thursday evening brought sorrow to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, Agnes Street. That was the message that told of part of the sacrifice Canadians had made in the first brush with the Germans. Pte. Wm. Turner was the first native-born son of Acton to give his life in the fight for freedom.

Bill Turner was born and raised in Acton. He had spent all his life here. After finishing his school course he was employed with the Beardmore Co. Then came the war and on April 18th, 1940 Bill enlisted with the Hamilton Light Infantry. He went overseas on August 1st of that year and observed his twentieth birthday in the Canadian Army Overseas. If he had lived until August 22nd it would have been his third birthday in overseas service.

Bill Turner was a popular young fellow about town. He liked to hunt and fish and indulge in the pastimes that most boys enjoy. He will be missed not only in the home but about the town and everyone has deep sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Turner. Betty and Flight-Sgt. Fred with the R.C.A.F. overseas in the word that Bill is not coming back home after. He has given his all that the Canadian life, the life he lived, the freedom he enjoyed, may be carried on.

New Executive Elected for the Tennis Club

The first round robin tournament of the season was held at the Tennis Club last Thursday evening. It was so capably arranged by Gord Bentley and Mike Bennett that everyone is saying "Why don't we do this more often." The players were well mixed up with the starting roll that Don Force and Francis Dills emerged victorious from the fray.

After everyone's appetite had been satisfied it was disclosed that the real purpose of the evening was the election of a new executive. This was duly held with the following results:

President Gord Bentley.
Vice-President Bud Jewell.
Secretary Frances Dills.
Treasurer Mike Bennett.
Social Convener Rita McNabb.
Social Committee — Frances Rawlings, Inez McLellan, Florence Salt.
Men's Team Captain Mac Symon.
Women's Team Captain Helen Osterlander.

The club also held a corn roast on Tuesday of this week.

FAIR DATES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR THE 1942 EVENTS

As fall draws near the dates for Fall Fairs are announced and we herewith give a list in which our readers may be interested.

Acton	Sept. 18-19
Brampton	Sept. 5-7
Fergus	Sept. 11-12
Georgetown	Sept. 11-12
Orangeville	Sept. 15-16
Mount Forest	Sept. 17-18
Streetville	Sept. 19
Cooksville	Sept. 29-30
Galt	Sept. 24-26
Grand Valley	Sept. 25-26
Milton	Sept. 25-26
Shelbourne	Sept. 22-23
Arthur	Oct. 1-2
Bolton	Oct. 2-3
Markham	Oct. 1-3
Aberfoyle	Oct. 6-7
Erin	Oct. 12

CRAZY

Two lunatics were busy in a room hanging some pictures. One was endeavoring to drive a nail into the wall headfirst by hitting it on the point. Exasperated at his failure, he turned to his companion. "The man who made these nails was crazy."

"Why," asked the friend, and listened carefully while the hammer explained that the point was on the wrong end.

"It's you who's crazy," declared the second lunatic, "that nail was made for the opposite wall!"

REPORTED MISSING



COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR JOHN IRVINE

Husband of Mrs. John Irvine, Bower Avenue, who has been reported missing following the big raid on Dieppe.

More Than The Old Gray Mare
Ain't What She Used To Be

Wherever the flies have been vacationing they are back full of bite and crawl and general fly awkwardness. But speaking of flies they just aren't what they used to be. Why with half the families in town raising a pig every summer and the swill-barrel that was necessary to bring forth the grunts from every pig that was picked for his end in the fall. I'll say the flies aren't what they used to be. Yes, there were screen doors and screen windows back in those days but only where necessary—never on the porch. Hope flies will never again be what they used to be. There were other spots in other days. That included an unkind number too. James Whitcomb Riley wrote a poem once in which this institution was described.

Turned up the files of THE FREE PRESS of forty years ago to get a text again and noticed that a ball game was played between the Council team and the School Board team. The School Board team won 11-9. The proceeds of \$23 were given to help the Acton Concert Band funds. Gar-Gould was umpire.

The tax rate was struck in August 1902 at 23 mills on the dollar an advance of three mills over the year previous. School expenditures were \$2,500, salaries \$1,333 and county rate was \$905. The total expenditures forty years ago were \$9,933.12 and of that \$1,649.56 was marked "Smallbox expenditures."

Guess that was the year of the epidemic and like many mother did of that day and generation I carry a fine big mark that I suppose part of that \$1,600 went for. It must have been a public enterprise because everybody had those vaccination marks at that time.

Had some funny things to sell back forty years ago. An item we just noted was "Black Underwear" at 50c a garment. That was before the days of electric washing machines and all the new fangled washing powders.

Just noticed an ad for Toronto Exhibition of 1902. It ran from Sept 1st to 13th that year. \$35,000 was offered in premiums and \$30,000 was put up for attractions. A \$20,000 brilliant spectacle was also a feature. Boy those were the days when the Exhibition was big to boys and girls as the Fair we had until last year. But she ain't what she used to be right now.

Those were the days when new cement pavements were replacing the old wooden sidewalks. 22,000 feet of new pavement were laid in 1902 in Acton by Royal Artificial Stone Paving Co. of Guelph.

Back in those days the merchants cleared away their summer goods at bargain prices before the fall. Henderson & Co. advertised all the 25c and 35c muslins for 15c, all the 15c gingham, piques and muslins were to go at 10c. R. B. Scott offered harvest mitts at 15c a pair. All wool pants for men could be bought at Dowlers in Guelph for \$1.25 per pair. The Fall Millinery Opening were being held and according to the illustrations what creations they were. You ladies of over forty will recall

Drainage Work is Postponed by Eramosa Council

Appointment of Percy R. Peavoy as Road Superintendent and Assessor is Confirmed

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met at 7:30 on Monday August 24th, 1942, in the Town Hall, Rockwood. The members were all present with the Reeve in the chair.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a by-law to raise funds under the "Tie Drainage Act," and for general business. Moved by Messrs. Bentley and Pinkney and carried: That the Council, having considered the proposed by-law in connection with loans under the "Tie Drainage Act," decide that no action be taken at present.

Moved by Messrs. Rutherford and Leslie and carried: That the application made to Council for a loan under the "Tie Drainage Act" be placed on file for further consideration, on account of the war situation and the belief that all details in connection with the loan could not be completed in time to have the work done this fall.

By-law No. 6, confirming the appointment of Percy R. Peavoy as assessor, was given the required readings and passed.

It was decided to renew the Road Liability Insurance at a premium of \$142.00.

A letter was read from the Department of Highways, approving the by-law appointing Percy R. Peavoy as Road Superintendent at a salary of 50 cents per hour.

Accounts passed amounted to \$247.15 and council adjourned to Monday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Tea and Sugar Old Ration Coupons Are Still Valid

Although a new ration book is in the mail, the coupons on the temporary ration card issued July 1, are still valid. This was pointed out today by the ration section of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board because of reports that some ration card holders were under the misapprehension that the temporary card coupons expired August 24.

The "A B C D E" coupons for tea or coffee were valid on and after Aug. 3 and can be used any time. The sugar ration coupons were valid on successive dates, the last coupon becoming valid Aug. 24, but any of the coupons can be used at any time after that date, the ration office explained.

The ration office also emphasized that there is no provision for farmers obtaining extra tea and coffee to serve help engaged for threshing. In the case of sugar, there was a special provision, whereby the farmer could obtain extra sugar on a purchase voucher, but no such provision has been made for tea and coffee. If a farmer serves tea or coffee to his threshing hands, it must come out of his own ration, or be supplied from the ration of the individual thresher, the ration office stated.

TROUSSEAU TEA IN HONOR OF BRIDE OF WEEK

Mrs. G. H. Switzer entertained at a trousseau tea last Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter Isabel, Mrs. (Rev. A. Walter) Fasbury and Mrs. Thomas Watson poured tea from a table covered with a linen hand-made lace cloth, centred with sweet peas in a low silver bowl, and flanked with white candles in silver holders. Mrs. Gordon Ramsden, Mrs. Hugh Shaw, Miss Mary Harper, Mrs. Hope Cormie and Miss Alice Carter assisted during the evening.

Coming Events

Big Street Bingo in Acton Saturday Sept. 12th; 3 big lucky prizes, auspices Beardmore Employees' Association.

Those swell ostrich plumes and birds and bits of fur that went to trim up the wire frame that was covered with velvet. The day the new fall hat was selected it was an afternoon job with a couple of more trips to the millinery for adjustments. Women's hats aren't what they used to be. —By GAD.