Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam Notices, 25c and 10c per line additional for poetry.

BORN

JAMES—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd James (nee Rhoda Whitney) wish to announce the birth of their son, (Howard William John), at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Saturday, August 22nd, 1942.

MARRIED

JONES-IVERS — In St. Catherine's, Hatcham, on Saturday, July 11th, 1942, at mid-day by Rev. W. H. J. Fenton, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ivers, to Emlyn, second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones.

McGILL-SWITZER — On Saturday, August 22nd, 1942, in the United Church, Acton, by the Rev. J. L. Guinn, assisted by the Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, Mary Isabel, daughter of Mrs. Switzer and the late George Herbert Switzer, to Louis Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McGill, Paisley, Ontario.

DIED

AGNEW — At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Ontario, on Sunday, August 23rd, 1942, Joseph R. Agnew, husband of the late Ida Mason.

McKELLAR —At Strathroy on August 18th, Isabella Taylor McKellar, widow of Alexander McKellar. Interment in Strathroy Cemetery on August 20th.

GIBBENS—At his home, Second Line, Acton, Ontario, on Monday, August 24th, 1942, James Gibbens, beloved husband of Margaret Sharpe, in his 87th year.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, August 28th, 1942 to St. Joseph's Church, Acton, for Mass at 10.00 a.m. Interment at Dublin Cemetery.

This and that

—Labor Day a week from next Monday.

—Acton Fair is on September 18th and 19th and those dates are a Friday and Saturday.

—Those good old school days start again a week from Tuesday.

—Mrs. Fields has received word that Bill Fields has arrived safely overseas.

—During the summer vacation the exterior of the Public School has been repainted.

—Felt as if it was near the frost line on Monday and Tuesday mornings but it really wasn't.

—Can't see any cause to complain about the weather since we get changes sudden and often.

—The new ration cards started to arrive on Tuesday. Nice little books with a lot of pretty colored pages.

—Postmasters and rural mail carriers have on a special drive for scrap rubber this week and next.

—Acton Continuation School will re-open on September 21st. Public Schools resume on September 8th.

—Murray Goulin and "Baldy" his educated horse, from Windsor, will be one of the features at Acton Fair this year.

—Most every store in Acton sells War Savings Stamps. Get the habit of buying them when you make purchases.

—Mr. Allan Savage of Toronto is in charge of Customs in Acton while Customs Officer Wm. Middleton is on vacation.

—Turn in all your scrap rubber for salvage. It does double duty since the proceeds go for soldiers' boxes and smokes.

—Any Bank or Post Office will sell you War Savings Certificates right over the counter. No need to send away for them now.

—Talent booked for the arena show and second afternoon of the Acton Fair indicate one of the most varied and best programs yet presented.

—There is no provision for extra sugar, tea or coffee for those who serve meals at fall fairs. We hope Acton fair has nice warm weather.

—Mrs R J McPherson is in the Western Hospital Toronto, and many friends will wish for her a prompt recovery and return to good health.

—Mr J W Barberee brought a small branch broken off a plum tree. It had seventy plums on it and is just a sample of most trees this year in the fruit belt.

—Thanks to those who drew attention to errors in the Active Service list published in THE FREE PRESS last week. If you see omissions please tell us about them so it can be kept complete.

—Acton W I held a euchre at Mrs Lazenby's last week and the winners were Mrs G H Lantz and Mrs. W. Footitt and Mrs J. F. Wilds and Geo. Johnson. Acton W I were entertained at the home of Mrs Norman McEachern by Bannockburn W I.

LONDON, (CP) Twenty minutes after the all-clear signal had sounded after a raid on a southeast coast town, one siren started the signal all over again. A small snake had become mixed up with the mechanism.

Obituary

JOSEPH AGNEW

Following a brief illness Joseph Agnew passed away on Sunday at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph, where he had gone for treatment. He had been in failing health for the past two months. A son of the late Robert and Mary Agnew, Joseph was born in Acton and spent his entire life here. He was of quiet disposition and well liked by friends and fellow employees with whom he was associated.

Fifteen years ago his beloved wife and partner passed away, which was a great blow to him. One son, Ray, remains, two brothers, John in Hartney, Man., and George in Toronto and one sister, Mrs. Geo. Hynds in Toronto, also remain and to all of these sympathy of many friends here goes in their bereavement.

Mr. Agnew was a glovecutter by trade and was for years an employee of the Storey Glove Co. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon with a service at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home conducted by Rev. A. W. Fosbury of the United Church.

Pall bearers were Messrs. R. Spellvogel, Frank McIntosh, Geo. Desserault, A. Leishman, Wm. Nawn and Bill Lasby. Flower bearers were Messrs. Fred Hunter, Andy Wilson, Robert Marshall and Harvey Hodgins.

Among the floral tributes were those from the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mason, Storey Glove Co. Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. George Agnew and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason, Mrs. Geo. Hynds and family, Miss Lottie Mason, Joe's Pals at The Storey Glove Co. Plant, Frank McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and family, Mason Knitting Co., Mr. and Mrs. R. Spellvogel and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. McMullen, the Armann Family.

Vaccine for Measles

Discovery of vaccine for measles was recently announced at the Bicennial Conference of the University of Pennsylvania.

The new vaccine is said to be universal, good for both children and adults. If the story is true, and it seems authentic, soldiers will be protected against the fatal attacks of pneumonia that have followed measles outbreaks in military camps.

Measles strikes heavily against young adults who have escaped the affection of childhood. It is particularly heavy in the case of country-bred boys who, because of isolation in childhood have hitherto escaped infection.

The vaccine is the first for this almost universal children's disease, and is the result of years of labor in various laboratories. It was developed by Dr. Joseph Stokes Jr. of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and Dr. Geoffrey Rake of the Squibb Institute, New Brunswick, N.J.

The guinea pigs used in the series of experiments productive of the vaccine were children. This unusual use of children for such a purpose was made possible by a peculiarity of measles, namely that the disease is seldom serious in late Spring. New Jersey and Philadelphia institutes with the consent of parents, permitted the spring tests. Some of the children were vaccinated, others not. All were then exposed to measles. All of the unvaccinated youngsters caught measles, but not one of those protected by vaccine.

It will be a notable advance in public health if, as seems likely, the vaccine should fulfil the claims made for it.

Artificial Daylight

Is Keeping Britain's Output Up

For the last 12 months of war the industries of Britain have used 62 per cent. more electricity than in the last year of peace.

This striking rise in the electricity supplied to British industry as its expands is only one measure of the war service rendered by the country's electrical industry. They have speeded up production through the National Industrial Electric Lighting Service which gives expert advice on factory lighting through a large panel of lighting consultants throughout the country. The work of the panel is of special usefulness to those factories which are always artificially lit because of the total black-out, and here fluorescent lighting has been developed to give the workers something nearer to the daylight which they lack.

During the air raids the electrical industry improvised with rapid ingenuity, turning its washboilers into tea urns and soup warmers, whipping out, through the British Electrical Development Association, radiators suitable for shelters packed with people; mobilizing electric boiling rings for the blitzed streets.

To-day they are sending into thousands of factory canteens and the British Restaurants of the Ministry of Food a steady flow of the equipment needed for commercial catering and cooking.

Bouquets That We Can Appreciate

Kindly Comment on Awards Won by The Free Press from Friends and Other Newspapers.

In addition to the kindly congratulations which Acton citizens have passed on to THE FREE PRESS editor we give some that came through the mail from friends and in neighborhood papers. Thanks for them all from editor, staff and all who assist in getting together Acton's newspaper.

From C. V. Charters, Managing Director of C.W.N.A.

"I want to be the first one to congratulate you and your paper on winning the Savage Shield for the best all-round paper in Class III. Your paper also won "Printer and Publisher" special prize for the best front page in your class—Congrats again."

From E. J. Moore, Toronto.

"Delighted, naturally, to see by THE FREE PRESS this morning that you have grabbed off more honors. You will know, I think, how gratifying it is that the old sheet continues, under your direction, to hold such an honored place among its contemporaries I did thoroughly appreciate, also the kindly and magnanimous word about the former editor and the "Dude Weekly."

From The Georgetown Herald:

"Hearty congratulations to Editor C. Arlof Dills and staff of THE ACTON FREE PRESS for the laurels they have won in the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Competitions. Announcement of the prize-winners was made at the convention held in Saskatoon last week. THE ACTON FREE PRESS won the Hugh Savage Shield for the best all-round paper in class three; the Printer & Publisher Special of an engraved gold wrist watch for the best front page; third place for the John W. Eedy Memorial Trophy for the best editorial page in the 1942 competitions."

From The Milton Champion:

"The Canadian Champion wishes to extend congratulations to THE ACTON FREE PRESS in being successful in winning several valuable awards in newspaper competitions at the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Convention in Saskatoon, Sask."

From the Acton Correspondent of The Guelph Mercury:

"Congratulations to Editor Arlof Dills and his staff for the fine prizes awarded to them at the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Convention in Saskatoon. THE ACTON FREE PRESS won the Hugh Savage Shield for the best all-round paper in class three; the Printer and Publisher Special of an engraved gold wrist watch for the best front page; and third place for the John W. Eedy Memorial Trophy for the best editorial page. We always knew we had an A1 weekly paper, but it is gratifying to have these awards given by experienced judges."

From The Fergus News-Record:

"THE ACTON FREE PRESS, C. A. Dills, editor, won the shield for the best all-round paper, the prize for the best front page, and third place for the best editorial page. That was nearly a clean sweep and should make any editor pleased."

From The Powassan News, J. B. Lake, Editor:

Congratulations to Editor Arlof Dills and the staff of THE ACTON FREE PRESS, for having won the Hugh Savage Shield for the best all-round weekly newspaper in class three; the Printer and Publisher Special of an engraved gold wrist watch for the best front page; and third place for the John W. Eedy Memorial Trophy for the best editorial page in the 1942 competitions. The awards were announced at the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Convention in Saskatoon last Thursday. Two years ago THE FREE PRESS won the M. A. James Memorial Trophy for the best front page and third for the Malcolm McBeth Memorial Shield in the annual competitions.

MOTHER OF MASCOTS

A BRITISH PORT, (CP) Pluto, the mongrel pet of a former Hull trawler attached to a minesweeping group of the Royal Navy, provided the other ships of the flotilla with lucky mascots. Pluto's pups were born during a gale at sea.

Maps For The War

Are Being Made from Britain's Old Rags

Maps and charts vital to sea, land and air warfare are now being produced from linens and cottons which form part of the 39,41 tons of rags salvaged in Britain of a value of £24,705. Rags are also helping to make blankets and clothes, and the jute is salvaged for papermaking or for making roofing felt.

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Weekly War Commentary

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Islands. They are complete masters of at least three islands in the 900-mile long archipelago and details of the fighting indicate they have fought daily skirmishes with surviving Japanese troops who fled into the jungle after the marines landed August 7.

Seven hundred Japanese soldiers were landed on the night of Aug. 19 on one island and attempted a surprise attack. In savage hand-to-hand fighting that continued throughout the night and until late the following afternoon the Americans killed all but 30 of the enemy.

In another action an enemy force of 92 officers and men were wiped out. Total American losses in the two actions were 34 killed and 85 wounded.

Makin Island in the Gilbert Islands, 1,580 miles to the northeast, was the scene of a bold raid by United States marines and blue jackets. The Americans withdrew after wrecking the enemy base and killing at least 80 Japanese troops.

Chinese Confident

Reports from Chinese sources indicate that Japanese plans to knock China out of the war are going awry. Checked on other fronts, the invaders have campaigned on a large scale recently in east-central China. A few weeks ago they announced that Nipponese forces controlled the whole of the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway along with several key cities.

It was reported August 22 that Chinese counter-attacks had deprived the Japanese of the use of about 75 miles of the railway. At the same time some cities where the enemy has established air bases are being threatened.

Undoubtedly arrival of American air forces has had a good deal to do with China's revived hopes. Chinese ground forces have been given considerable support and new attacks have been undertaken with renewed vigor.

Deeper in Caucasus

While German spearheads are moving deeper into the Central Caucasus, reports at the week-end told of increasing Russian resistance. Southeast of Pyatigorsk, German vanguards in the hills were routed.

Russian advices have made no attempt to underestimate the strength of the German threat against Stalingrad, but the eighth week of the big Nazi push ended with Red Army lines intact. Sustained Nazi attacks were being made southeast of Kletskaya, to the northwest of Stalingrad, and northwest of Kotelnikovski which lies 95 miles south of the big Russian city.

The gravity of the situation in southern Russia increased early this week as masses of German troops concentrated on the east bank of the Don for a tremendous drive on Stalingrad. Over the week-end the Nazis pushed the Red Army back and on Aug. 24 reached positions 40 miles from the great armament centre.

Loss of Stalingrad would be a severe blow to the Russians. In their hands it stands as a real threat to the German armies steadily encroaching on Caucasian territory. Nazi columns on Tuesday were reported within 85 miles of the Grozny oil fields in the central Caucasus.

From German sources came the claim that Nazi troops had reached Mount Elborus, highest peak in Europe and 50 miles southeast of Pyatigorsk. This area has been the scene of heavy fighting for several days. The Germans also claimed the capture of Temryuk on the Sea of Azov, 40 miles northwest of Novorossisk.

Churchill Returns

Return of Prime Minister Winston Churchill from his visits to Russia and the Middle East is causing speculation in the United Kingdom over the possibility of quick Allied action to relieve Russia. Mr. Churchill conferred with the war cabinet Tuesday.

His visit to the Middle East was followed by the establishment of a separate military command for the Iraq-Iran area and the appointment of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander to replace Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck as commander-in-chief in the Middle East.

These territories are becoming increasingly important as the Hitler pincers movement from the Caucasus and Egypt becomes more sharply defined.

Brazil Declares War

Declaration of war by Brazil on Germany and Italy on Saturday leaves Argentina and Chile as the only South American countries maintaining relations with the Axis. These countries, together with Peru, Paraguay and Bolivia, granted their warring neighbors the status of a non-belligerent as Brazil seized 17 Axis ships and closed three Axis-owned banks with assets of nearly $35,000,000.

Japanese forces have made big counter-attacks against American forces in the Solomon Islands, the United States Navy announced Tuesday. A great sea and air battle has developed and U. S. airmen have effectively bombed two Japanese aircraft-carriers, one battleship, one transport and a number of cruisers.

The Japanese striking force approached the southeastern group of the Solomons from a northeasterly direction and found the Americans waiting for them.

Meagre information received from the battle area told of intense fighting which may decide the vital question of naval supremacy in the Pacific.

News of the death of the Duke of Kent in an airplane crash came as a shock Tuesday. But while the Empire mourned the loss of the King's youngest brother there was a feeling of pride that he had died while on active service for his country.

He was on a wartime mission to Iceland when the Sunderland flying boat in which he was travelling crashed in northern Scotland. An authoritative source said the crash was in no way due to enemy action. There were 15 persons in the plane, but all were killed except the rear gunner.

St. Pierre And Miquelon

To Have New Postage Stamps from London

A new postage stamp for St. Pierre and Miquelon showing a fishing boat and a sextant is the latest in the series issued for the Free French Colonies.

Only a few weeks after General de Gaulle's troops landed on the islands, orders for the new issue were placed with London printers of stamps for Britain and her colonies. They had already printed the stamps for all the other Free French Colonies, and most of these are now in use.

Designed by Edmund Dulac, famous illustrator of French and English books, who was also responsible for Britain's Coronation stamp, there are separate issues in 14 different colors for each colony. All of them embody the traditional "R.F." and the Cross of Lorraine, emblem of Free French, as well as the words "France Libre," but there the similarity ends.

The Cameroons stamp bears a shield similar to those of thick leather borne by the native huntsmen of the Mandate; French Equatorial Africa's stamps depict the Phoenix, symbol of France's re-birth; while that of the French Establishments in India features the lotus flour. For Oceania, the Tahitian Tipairua, or double canoe, is an emblem of local significance, as in New Caledonia's unique kagu bird. The air mail stamp shows an aeroplane of such recent type that it was not even under production when the stamp was designed.

A new "fugitive" ink for cheques and other documents which spreads when tampered with by forgers will be developed by these London printers when peace returns. Successful experiments had been made when war broke out, but since then they have been too busy on war work to develop their discovery.

Women Will Learn Household Repairs

More Than Ever, Place Is In the Home; British Women Taught Men's Jobs

LONDON, (CP) Women throughout Britain are to be taught how to do odd jobs in the home, hitherto the almost exclusive duty of the man of the house.

A national school for the training of women as teachers is being opened in Bradford and selected members of the National Federation of Women's Institutes will take instruction there. They will be chosen from all parts of the country and after passing the course will return to their home areas to pass on their knowledge to the women of their home towns.

Instruction includes how to read gas and electric meters, wallpapering, painting, tap mending, simple plumbing, door bell fixing and kindred small things which need doing around any household.

The original teachers have been supplied by the Bradford Education Committee.

RATION POULTRY FOOD

LONDON, (CP) Persons keeping backyard hens now are allowed to purchase only sufficient poultry food to support one hen per ration book in each household.

FREAKISH WEATHER

LONDON, (CP) A freak snow and hail storm after a warm spell in June swept across North Essex and destroyed thousands of acres of crops. Scores of houses were flooded and many roofs were blown away.

Breeding Mink In Varieties

Manitoba Has Many Farms Raising Furry Animals on Business Basis

WINNIPEG, (CP) Mink farming nets the province of Manitoba about $1,500,000 annually, Morley B. Pirt, manager of Assiniboine fur ranch, at Charleswood, Man., told a service club here. Since 1925, the number of mink farms in the province has jumped from 15 to more than 1,000, with a capital valuation of about $3,000,000. Manitoba now breeds silver, platinum, piebald and black-and-white cross types of mink, as well as new, pure-white fur, still in experimental stages and not yet available for market, Mr. Pirt said.

CARRY ANOTHER TON

MANCHESTER, (CP) One hundred thousand British railway freight cars have been strengthened to carry another ton in addition to their normal load of 12 tons, to help speed up vital war transport.

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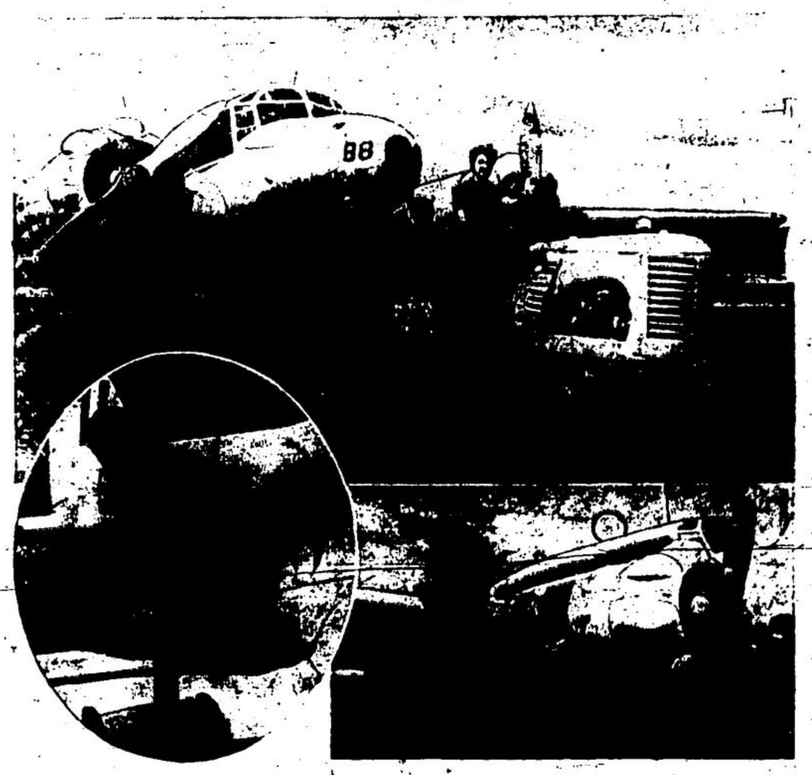
Canadian Women Serving in Ground Crews



A BRIGHT yellow tractor, skilfully guided by a driver in blue overalls, hooks on to a two-engined Avro Anson aircraft in a flight hangar. It rolls it out and swings it into line on the tarmac. Meanwhile overalled figures swarm around the plane to the broad wings. A fuel truck stands alongside and gallons of petrol are in the wing tanks. The plane is then moved by hand to pre-flight checks.

There is nothing unusual in this—at any airport, military or civilian, except that in this case, the overalled attendants are not brawny, grease-stained men, but attractive, capable young women, who somehow manage to retain their natural measure of daintiness despite the grease-smears that go with working as a ground-crew.

These photos were taken at No. 8 Aircraft Service School, Ancienne Lorette, P.Q., which is operated by Quebec Airways (Observers) Ltd., for the Royal Canadian Air Force under a contract with the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Seven other Canadian-conducted flying schools are Canadian-owned and operated on behalf of the Royal Canadian Air Force, but this one is operated on a non-profit basis.

The young ladies in these pictures are from Quebec City. In the oval at the left is Miss Jeannine Beauchamp, gassing the wing tanks.

Upper photo (left to right) shows Miss Beauchamp, Miss Alice Parry, Miss Cecile Noel and Miss Mabel Roberts, on tractor. Lower right (left to right) shows Miss Beauchamp fueling the aircraft, Miss Robertson, at the tractor and Miss Noel checking, and Miss Parry attaching a ground wire.

More and more women are being recruited for this kind of work, and still more are being sought for it. It's another phase of the war effort being shouldered by the fair sex—in addition to those on active service with the auxiliary services, working in office jobs or in war industries, in order to release more men for the armed forces.