

Personals

Pts. Geoffrey Boulton is home on two weeks' furlough.

Mr. Herbert Hamilton, of Toronto, holidayed last week in Acton and Hillsburg.

Miss Coy of Truro N.S., is visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton Centre Inn spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hume, Embro.

Miss Mary Sibbett of Toronto, is visiting this week with Mrs. Peter Smith and Miss Pearl Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Gunton, Marguerite Anne, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, visited friends in Acton this week.

Mrs. Edith Hamilton visited in St. Thomas last week, accompanied by Miss Lillian Watson of Georgetown.

Mr. Richard McDonald of Sarnia spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Alex Macdonald, Church Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lambert, Joyce, Betty-May and Marie, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. R. Campbell, Embro.

Mr. Wilbur Patchell of Owen Sound was a visitor at the home of Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Fosbury last Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn of Kirkland Lake have returned home after spending a pleasant two weeks at the home of his father and mother.

Speeding Up Radiolocation

Czech Invention Smuggled Past the Nazis

By the last train to leave free Czechoslovakia there came to Britain the drawings for a new type of soldering iron which has beaten everything else for speed in Britain's aircraft, radiolocation and tank factories.

It is the invention of a Czech manufacturer who, with very little money and only two cases of personal luggage, passed the German Army of Occupation as they were crossing the frontier.

When he arrived in London, he concentrated his whole attention on his new "quick" soldering iron, realizing how vital a part so simple a tool plays in war production and maintenance.

Put to its first speed test a radio control and transmitting stations, the tool is now supplied from a South Wales factory at the rate of three to four thousand a week to radiolocation centres, aerodromes, shipyard's ordnance factories, telephone exchanges and in a wide range of general factories.

Feature of the new soldering iron is that it is equally effective when used with the new soldering alloys with lower tin content introduced in Britain to save stocks of tin.

KEPT 40 DEAD CATS

BRISTOL, England. (CP)—Forty dead cats were found in a house occupied by a 38-year-old woman. They were entombed in boxes, trunks, portmanteaus and wardrobe drawers, all packed in quicklime and each in a separate box which bore the name of the cat.

One Ton of Rose Spray

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Prepared either as a brilliantine or cream, and given an attractive scent, it is rubbed with the fingers into the roots of the hair. A single application will remain effective from seven to ten days. The substances used are either dextrin, a spray well-known to rose-growers, or a spray of the same nature as the special.

The new preparation, one ton of which will treat 1,000,000 people, is expected to be made available to the general public by pharmaceutical manufacturers and also by local medical authorities, factory schools, and so on, in their welfare and clinical work.

Women, whose longer hair makes them more liable to infection than men, will be grateful for the discovery, for previously they have had to endure a two-hour soaking of the head in paraffin, followed by a shampoo.

STAYS WITH HIS MEN

LONDON, (CP)—Lt.-Col. A. C. Newton, Commando leader taken prisoner in the St. Nazaire raid, has advised his wife that he refused to be transferred to an officers' camp preferring to stay with the 123 men captured with him.

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"THIS GUN FOR HIRE"

Thrilling with Veronica Lake, Robert Preston.

"MOONLIGHT IN HAWAII"

Novel comedy with Johnny Downs, Jane Frazee, Fox Neva.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21

"SUSPICION"

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock with Joan Fontaine, Cary Grant. Novelties "Heida Hopper," "Keepers of the Light."

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War Risk Insurance Scheme

We have complete information on the Government War Risk Insurance Scheme, and will be pleased to give complete information to anyone interested.

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Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by

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Occupation of the entire island of Madagascar by British forces, now in progress, reflects the vital part the Middle East holds in allied war strategy.

Control of the island is necessary to safeguard allied sea communications with Egypt, the Levant-Caspien area and India. In enemy hands, the island would mean to the United Nations loss of supremacy of the Indian ocean.

If the Japanese could send their ships at will into the Indian ocean to harass allied supplies bound for the Middle East, Russia and India, the Axis goal of meeting of east and west—that is of Germans pushing east and Japanese pushing west—would become not merely a possibility but a probability.

With the Japanese on the frontiers of India and the Germans pushing down through the Caucasian mountains in the general direction of India's other frontier, the danger in any weakness in allied defence of territory remaining in between is apparent.

Large supply bases are being built up by the Allies in the Middle East, representing huge investment of manpower and material, and it is important that no step should be left undone to protect communications with these tremendous military establishments. Occupation of Madagascar is in line with this policy.

Seize Western Ports

Landings were made Sept. 10 at Ambaja, Hujung and Morondava, the three principal ports on the west coast of Madagascar. At the week-end reports indicated three columns were pushing across country toward Tananarive and other key points in the Vichy colony.

Defence garrisons on the island are small and even radio reports from Vichy admit that occupation of the entire colony is only a matter of time. Broadcasts from French authorities at the Madagascar capital were described as "curiously impartial and restrained," but in contrast some Axis collaborationists in France demanded blow for blow reprisals.

Defend Port Moresby

Chief interest in the Far Eastern situation at the week-end was focused on New Guinea where the Japanese are seeking to end Allied domination of the 300-mile stretch of sea off northern Australia. Port Moresby, capital of New Guinea, is being staunchly defended by forces of the United Nations as the chief base for operations in the area.

A Japanese force based on the small port of Buna is attempting to drive through the Owen Stanley Mountains and at the week-end was stalled 41 miles from Port Moresby. It was reported the Japanese were using seasoned jungle fighters, but in addition to the opposition put up by land defenders the invaders were being strafed by Allied airmen.

It was reported Sept. 12 that both sides were regrouping for a showdown battle.

Other dispatches told of all attacks on Japanese land and sea communications in the New Guinea area by flying fortresses and other Allied bombers. One enemy destroyer was left afloat and sinking and a damaging "near miss" was scored on another destroyer.

Commenting on operations in New Guinea, Australian Navy Minister N. J. O'Hara said the United Nations had sufficient power at Port Moresby to resist enemy threats, but warned they were facing a crafty and courageous foe.

The European Front

The crescendo of Allied air attacks on continental Europe is increasing as hours of darkness lengthen. The heavy attack on Düsseldorf in which thousands of fire bombs were dropped brought threats of reprisals from Germany.

British authorities believe the raids are causing tremendous havoc to industrial plants and railway communications throughout the Reich, while there can be little doubt that morale is being slowly undermined.

The first snows were reported from the high Caucasus at the week-end as Russian forces battled with grim determination to halt the Nazi drive on the Ciscaucasian fields. In the northwest Caucasus Soviet authorities admitted the loss of the Black Sea naval base at Novorossick. There were indications another stand would be made before the port of Tuapse, 75 miles down the coast.

Fight for Stalingrad

Meanwhile the battle for Stalingrad on the Volga showed signs of developing into one of the greatest encounters of the war on the Eastern Front. Stalin ordered a "do-or-die" stand by the Russians at the city name after him, at the same time directing the destruction of all bridges across the Volga.

Hemmed in north and south of the city, the Russians were reported to have beaten off attack after attack by the German army command by Field Marshal Fedor von Bolk. Sev-

Engagements

The engagement is announced of Helen Lorraine Ostrander, daughter of Mr. James Chester Matthews, of Acton, Ontario, and the late Reverend Joseph Thomas Clement Ostrander, to John Wesley Wolfe, son of Mr. Albert Edward Wolfe, of Streetville, Ontario, and the late Mrs. Wolfe, the marriage to take place on October 9th, in Acton United Church at seven-thirty o'clock.

Successful in wiping out small wedges driven into the city's main defences. The Russians made no attempt to minimize the danger as Hitler is reported to have ordered the capture of Stalingrad at all costs. But observers gain confidence as the weeks slip by, bringing October rains and floods and November snows that much nearer.

Early this week Red Army communiques reported that German attacks on Stalingrad were being checked on all sides of the city. On the other hand German military quarters claimed that heavy street fighting was taking place and the battle for the industrial centre was approaching "its final phase."

On the central or Moscow front Russian dispatches announced the capture of a fortified town after a three-day battle in which 4,000 Germans were killed.

Raid On Tobruk

British forces in the Middle East are giving the invading Axis armies no rest. Sea-borne troops struck a blow at the key supply base of Tobruk Sunday night.

Reporting the attack the Admiralty said: "Our force landed in the face of strong opposition and inflicted casualties and damage on the enemy before retiring. The withdrawal was not carried out without losses; which, in view of the strength of the defence, were to be expected."

British headquarters in Cairo declared formations of Axis bombers attempted to intercept British warships returning from Tobruk, but were attacked by R.A.F. long-range fighters and obliged to jettison their bombs.

Italian headquarters claimed that 576 prisoners, including 34 officers were taken. It was also asserted three destroyers, a cruiser and a submarine were sunk, but there was no confirmation of this claim from British sources.

Patrol Vessel Lost

Naval service headquarters at Ottawa announced Monday that the Canadian patrol vessel Raccoon was presumed lost and its entire complement of four officers and 34 ratings listed as "missing, believed lost at sea." The Raccoon was one of a number of vessels escorting a convoy, but neither the place nor details of the sinking were given.

The loss of four merchant ships with 10 members of their crews was also reported.

Canadian casualties in the Dieppe attack aggregated 3,350 dead, wounded and missing, the Department of National Defence announced Tuesday. The announcement was made along with a list of the men officially reported missing whose names have been held from publication until now for security reasons.

Together with casualties previously reported, the list brings the total number dead to 170, including 40 officers. Wounded number 633, including 41 officers, and missing total 2,547, including 130 officers.

Allied Naval Losses

A United States navy communiqué disclosed Wednesday that the 19,900-ton aircraft carrier Yorktown, crippled in the Battle of Midway on June 4, sank three days later after an enemy submarine scored two more torpedo hits.

British naval losses in the raid on Tobruk last Sunday were two destroyers of the Tribal class, the Zulu and the Sikh. In its announcement the Admiralty stated a majority of the officers and men of the Zulu were saved. The Sikh was in close proximity to Tobruk when sunk and it is hoped many survivors reached land.

Solve Problems By Self-Action

Fisheries Department Reports Organization of Folk in Coastal Areas

OTTAWA, (CP)—More than 16,000 persons attended 956 meetings held during 1940-41 by lecturer-organizers in coastal areas of the Maritime provinces, the Magdalen Islands, Quebec and British Columbia, the Fisheries Department reports. The organizers also set up 285 study clubs, held 684 conferences with directors and committees of co-operative associations and had 3,111 personal interviews with interested individuals in a widespread educational program designed, the department said, to help fishermen solve "their own" difficulties through their own action.

LONDON, (CP)—Police were puzzled over the disappearance of three tons of shaving cream and toothpaste until they discovered a big truck was missing too.

OSPRINGE

Friends of Mr. James Struthers

are sorry to learn he is confined to the Guelph General Hospital, suffering from infection in his arm. All wish for him a speedy recovery.

James Scanton of Camp Borden was home on leave over the week-end.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alf Winter on the arrival of a young son last week at the Guelph hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart and family spent Sunday at Bronte.

Miss Rita Stanfield and Mr. E. Williams of Weston were visitors on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jackson.

Mrs. G. G. Robertson, Everton, spent Sunday with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stubbington (nee Anna Jackson) returned on Wednesday from their honeymoon and are residing on the farm on the Second Line.

Mr. K. Kalthoff of Toronto is enjoying a couple of weeks' holidays at his home here.

Mrs. W. McKenzie, Dorothy and Norman visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stewart, Eramosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Webb, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jackson and Elvona Winter spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart at Fonthill.

The Ladies Aid held their annual "September Tea" at the Church on Wednesday evening with over forty present. Mrs. R. S. McCutcheon presided and Miss Blanche McKinnon called the roll.

The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. McLellan after which Mrs. Alvin Fisher and Mrs. Gordon Aitken played a piano duet. The Study Book was taken by Mrs. Alvin White, the chapter dealing with the Burma Road. A vocal number by the ladies' sextette was given after which the benediction was pronounced. All went to the basement where some musical contests were enjoyed under the leadership of Mrs. Gordon Aitken and Miss Blanche McKinnon. A dainty tea of bread and butter, salad and cake was served by the lunch-committee.

The sacred, all request program, held on Sunday night in the church, sponsored by the Women's Institute, to aid in providing Christmas boxes for the boys in the services, was a decided success and proved a rare musical treat for the large crowd present. Rev. McLellan presided and Mrs. E. N. Sunter gave a 15 minute organ recital preceding the following program: hymn, "Eternal Father"; solo, "The Lord's Prayer." Miss Blanche McKinnon, reading, "The Evening." Mrs. Alvin White, vocal duet, "Under His Wings," Lambert Twins, Rockwood, piano solo, "Sweet Bye and Bye," Mrs. Gordon Aitken, solo, "The Stranger of Gallilee," Mr. Donald Robertson, Hillsburg, vocal solo, "In the Shadow of His Wing," Mrs. D. N. Root, A.T.C.M., Stratford, vocal duet, "Jesus Wondrous Saviour," Mrs. C. Justice, Mrs. W. McGill, Erin, violin solo, "Whispering Hope," Mr. Harvey Fisher, Antrim, "Singing Through the Shadows," by the choir; reading "In the Land of Beginning Again," Mrs. R. D. Graham, Erin; vocal duet, "Hold Thou My Hand," Misses Blanche McKinnon, Dorothy McKinnon, vocal solo, "The Good Shepherd," Mrs. Archie Kerr, Churchill, vocal duet, "God's Presence," Lambert Twins, address, Rev. McLellan; vocal solo, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," Mrs. D. N. Root, A.T.C.M.

A generous offering of nearly twenty dollars was given which will be used for Christmas cheer for the boys in service. Accompanists for the evening were Mrs. Gordon Aitken, Mrs. Alvin Fisher, Mrs. Ayles and Mrs. E. N. Sunter.

Handles Dynamite Like Stock Candy

Said to be Only Woman Blaster in World, She Knows Her Job

Kenner, La. (CP)—Mrs. Melba Bergeron Mince, 21, probably the only woman blaster in the world who plays with dynamite professionally, has one ambition to teach children how to handle explosives safely. Part and parcel, she handles dynamite like stock candy, earns a 40¢ an hour blasting tree stumps, but says she some day plans a school to teach the knack of dynamiting.

The Auburn-haired girl first became interested in explosives when she began "going steady" two years ago with Albert Mince, now her husband, who has been a blaster for six years. Mrs. Mince is licensed by the United States government to buy and use explosives and does her own estimating and contracting.

"She can mix her own explosives something I can't do myself, and when she begins to spout off technical names of various explosives I hardly know what she is talking about," her husband says.

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