

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths to be inserted in this column at 50 cents per line...

Obituary

BOEN FISHER—Mr. and Mrs. H. Fisher, (nee Frances Kelly), are happy to announce the birth of their son, David Michael, at the maternity home, Guelph Street, Acton, on Friday, September 18th, 1942. Both doing well.

MARRIED CORLESS-MACPHERSON—At Knox Church, Mansa, on Wednesday evening, September 22nd, 1942, Dorothy Jean, daughter of Mrs. and the late Robert J. Macpherson, to Miss Alfred Gordon Corless, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Corless, of Clinton, Ontario.

DIED DRAPER—At Ingersoll General Hospital, on Saturday, September 19th, 1942, Rev. Charles D. Draper, beloved husband of Mrs. Jessie Draper and father of Sgt. Charles Draper, R.C.A.F., Bramford and Mrs. John Prudhomme, Beamsville.

CAMPBELL—At Guelph, on Tuesday, September 22nd, 1942, Jennie Brydon, widow of the late William John Campbell, in her 73rd year. The funeral was held this afternoon with interment at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

IN MEMORIAM THOMPSON—In loving memory of a dear husband, George W. Thompson, who passed away Sept. 28th, 1937. Remembrance keeps him near.

HIS WIFE BARR—In loving memory of John W. Barr, who passed away September 22nd, 1938. To have, to love and then to part, is the greatest sorrow of one's heart. Farewell, dear father, thy work is done.

Ever remembered by LOVING WIFE AND FAMILY. McLEOD—In loving memory of our dear father, Henry A. McLeod, who passed away Sept. 29th, 1941. One year has passed since that sad day.

When one who loved was called away, God took him home, it was his will, Within our hearts he liveth still. Ever remembered by SON BILL, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW HELENE, GRANDDAUGHTER ISABELLE.

This and that

The weather is a mighty important factor in any out-of-doors event.

Not a single case of pickpocketing was reported to the police at Acton Fair.

Pretty fortunate that part of the new roof had been applied on the arena before Saturday's tester.

The water tower at the Beardmore Co. plant is being re-painted and has now donned the khaki color.

Save electricity and with your lower light account put the amount in War Savings Stamps to be used when light is restored.

A group of gypsies who established themselves at Acton Fair were ordered off the grounds and their concession closed on Friday night.

The local bowling tournament with proceeds in aid of War Charities is planned to be run this (Thursday) evening if the weather is favorable.

Please send in any changes or additions for the lists of those on Active Service from Acton and district. It will be re-published again very soon.

The roar of a low flying plane over town about three o'clock Tuesday morning brought many folks from their beds fearing their homes were being crashed.

A little school girl going to the Fair Day parade on Saturday evening, was seriously injured by a miracle when she darted in front of a car on Mill Street. Quick action by the driver resulted in not a scratch and she took part in the parade even if the motorist was shaken up.

In the account published last week of the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhammer, three items were inadvertently omitted from the program published. These included well-rendered duets by Miss Margaret Thompson, and Miss Lila Spires and guitar solos by Mr. Sidney Spires.

90-YEAR-OLD WARDEN

IPSWICH, (CP) After a lifetime of service, 90-year-old Thomas Pettit is still serving his country as a senior warden. He joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1904 and fought in the Zulu War and in 1914-18.

Here Are Women Who Kept Secret

STAMFORD, (CP) Britain's young women know how to keep a secret, too.

For weeks before the story of the new mass-produced SS Sten sub-machine gun was made public, Auxiliary Territorial Service Privates Margaret Richings and Violet Clark, both 19, were engaged in packing the guns at an ordnance depot. They handled thousands of them. They were told they were engaged in secret work. They never babbled.

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The penalty the Canadians paid for their experiment was a large one. The cost, however, is considered to have been balanced by the information which was gained on the strength of the German continental defences.

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Have you ever thought of varying the toppings on your favorite desserts as various holidays arrive and holiday dishes are in order? Perhaps you lean toward rennet-fustards on account of the children or merely because you all like these healthful dainties and appreciate the fact that light, cold desserts seem to be ideal after a heavy holiday meal as well as for a light hot-weather luncheon or dinner.

When Thanksgiving arrives, your lemon flavored dessert may be centered with a star shaped with a raisin in the middle.

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Other variations may be worked out for Easter. Fourth of July or any holiday, birthday or special event. Your family and your guests will appreciate the slight effort necessary to please such occasions before them and you will find that eye appeal is an important item in the preparation of desserts.

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The LETTER BOX

H. V. Dron, A.B., A.A.L.G. A-2016, R.C.N.R., C/o D.E.M.S., H.M.C. Dockyards, Halifax, N.S. Wed., Sept. 16/42.

Mr. A. Dills, Editor & Publisher, THE ACTON FREE PRESS, DON'T SAY:

No stories this time of, or from a foreign port, haven't got out to sea as yet, in fact I am spending at least the month of September in the hospital. I just went through an operation, and I choose to face the sub and raiders any time rather than my several weeks in bed.

I have also received a bit of bad news, but as yet am not paying much attention to it. You see the doctors have discovered that I have what they know as "Narcoclyptus," in fact that night they attack me on a stretcher and rolled me out to a monthly doctors' meeting, as "Exhibit A," where a lecture was given on my case and its rarity, and seemingly there is no known cure for it. It is not dangerous, and it does not affect one's health. Where and how I got it I don't know, but they say it means "unfit; medically, for sea service." But when I get ready for sea again I may be able to talk them into seeing that I am O.K.

I did not sign up to set in the back lines in this war, and after two years of strange lands and plenty of excitement and thrills, and scares, why I don't know how I would stand too much of the same life ashore.

Of course my operation is going to keep me ashore for a few months anyway, so I'll just say nothing until I am clear of that, but after that well I don't know.

Just a few more days until Acton Fair. Guess I shall have to miss that again this year. Well I wish the fair a good day, and a large crowd, with good wishes to its directors and president for a very successful year.

I am in a government hospital, operated by the Department of National Health and Pensions. Our patients are mostly Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Navy, at least in my ward they are. There are three English lads who have been here for some time. They belong to the Merchant Navy and their ship was torpedoed during winter weather.

Well of the three lads they have one big time between them, but I wish you people could see and hear them, happy as the day is long seemingly not a worry or a care in the world. It would do a lot of you "flinders" good to see the spirit of British in "All" the services. They would be surprised, I am enclosing a couple of items from the Halifax paper for you. And now I must close for now saying "Good Luck, Acton Fair."

Yours sincerely, H. V. DRON, A.B., A.A.L.G.

Mother Proud Of Sailor Son

Germans Made Shield of His Pyjamas but John Came Through With B. E. Medal

BY WILLIAM STEWART, Canadian Press Staff Writer. TEKNMOUTH, England, (CP) Mrs. Dobson is awfully proud of her boy, John who left school to get into the war. He's only 19 but the King has given him the British Empire Medal.

"It seems," says Mrs. Dobson, "that John was in his pyjamas..." But Mrs. Dobson is ahead of the story.

When John left Shrewsbury School he joined the Merchant Navy. Then he was attached to the Royal Navy as a cadet and was sent to Crete. John was taken with appendicitis and sent to a Cretan hospital. The Nazis came and captured the hospital. They used John and other patients as a shield against advancing Australians.

"If you lie down or signal the Australians we'll shoot you," said the Germans. That's where John's pyjamas come in, says Mrs. Dobson. John was still in pyjamas when the Nazis turned him out of the hospital. He still wore them when the Germans were hiding behind him. John escaped during a bayonet charge and joined a party of New Zealanders.

Got Some Khaki. "John picked up some khaki from the battlefield and left his pyjamas behind," says Mrs. Dobson. He had worn them for part of the journey to the coast with the New Zealanders, but they made him scrub 'em good 'n' get 'em clean.

"They spotted an abandoned naval barge off the coast and John, appendicitis and all, swam out and towed it back."

John and the 80 New Zealanders rigged up sails with blankets they had found and they set sail across the Mediterranean. The only sailor in the party, Mrs. Dobson's John took charge. Had starved and exhausted, they arrived at Sid Barrani, then garrisoned by British troops.

John's ship was affected by the influenza he suffered and he's been discharged by the Navy. But, says Mrs. Dobson, there's no other boy like her son John.

County Council Asks What Does Donald Gordon Know

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square deal. When prices are set in any other business everything is taken into consideration. What sense is there in farmers trying to carry on production at a loss? It isn't reasonable to expect it. I heard a professor at Guelph once say that every time a farmer ships milk he loses money. I say the farmer would be better off if he would stand up and fight for his rights. What does Donald Gordon know of what it costs to raise farm produce. Mr. Gordon has a banker's background—not a farmer's—and what has banking been but to keep down the farmer.

Mr. Hillmer: "I quite agree. What does Donald Gordon or any of those lawyers down at Ottawa know about what it costs to raise cattle, and I say if the farmer can't get his price then he isn't going to raise the goods. And I don't blame him!"

Mr. Conway: "I think it is the packers and dealers that are to blame for the present shortage."

The discussion finally wound up by the following resolution being passed unanimously by the council: Moved by Mr. Hillmer, seconded by Mr. Alex. Near: "That this council go on record as condemning the action of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board on setting a ceiling too low a level on beef cattle to the primary producer and that the voice of agriculture be taken into consideration in preference to that of Canadian packers if the Board wants to encourage the increased production of beef cattle and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Donald Gordon, Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Carried. Council adjourned."

WASHINGTON, (CP) Thousands of useful milk adders are killed by farmers annually owing to a mistaken belief that they suck milk from cows, authorities here say.

Dr. Goebbles Major Headache

A sailor recently escaped from France to join the Fighting French under the leadership of General de Gaulle told how rewards as high as 5,000 francs have been offered to informers who will reveal names of people who carry tracts in their possession. The R.A.F. deliver "Le Courier de l'Air" in French regularly over France and the newest recruit to the Fighting French navy declared that when these tracts reach you they are almost worn out, or patched and re-copied, so often have they been read and passed on.

One story circulating was that a Frenchman in Paris went to the German military headquarters to inform and collect his reward.

When asked how he saw reading one, he said "A German soldier in the underground."

Further details describe the little air newspaper as being well-informed and well-illustrated. It is set in good clear type, there are 34 pages of printed material—10,000 words of news on a tiny sheet which, rolled in a cylinder measuring four by three inches, fits in a five-column tube on one page.

This paper, distributed in different languages is described as Dr. Goebbles' major headache.

TOO TIRED TO SHOP

MANCHESTER, (CP) Home Secretary Morrison says never mind extending shopping hours for working women, rather give them time off to shop because mostly they're too tired to shop when their work day is done.

Anna-Motion

Shoes for Ladies—Comfortable and Reasonably Priced—\$4.00 B. D. RACHLIN, Acton

ROYAL PALACE GUELPH'S LEADING THEATRES. TO-DAY 'TIL SATURDAY Errol Flynn Ronald Reagan, in "DANGEROUSLY WE LIVE" MONDAY AND TUESDAY Ann Miller, in "PRIORITIES ON PARADE" Also Chester Morris, in "I LIVE ON DANGER" TO-DAY 'TIL SATURDAY "TALES OF MANHATTAN" with Ginger Rogers Rita Hayworth Chas. Boyer MONDAY TO THURSDAY Ruddy MacDowell Monty Woolley In "The Pied Piper"

LT.-COL. HARVEY STREIGHT



Commissioner of International Operations was born at Grenville, Ontario, January 2, 1897, and was educated at Manitoba University and Manitoba University Law School. He enlisted in Winnipeg in July, 1915, and went overseas a private. He was commissioned lieutenant in 1918. On demobilization he was transferred to the reserve of officers. He was promoted major in 1922 and lieutenant colonel in 1928. In September, 1941, he was appointed Assistant Judge Advocate General, Military District No. 10, Winnipeg, with the rank of captain in the Canadian Active Service Force and shortly afterwards was promoted major. He held this appointment until he was appointed commissioner of international operations. In peacetime he is a lawyer with an extensive practice in Winnipeg and lectures in the University of Manitoba Law School.