

Personals

Sgt. Carney Byrne is home from Sussex, N.B., for a brief leave. Mr. C. H. Harrison of Toronto, visited Acton friends on Saturday. Miss Wanelta Smith, of Toronto, spent the week-end at her home here. Corp. J. Van Norman was home on leave from the military camp at Sussex, N.B. Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough is spending a few days at Rockwood with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Day. Pte. Ross Swackhammer spent a few days' leave' before reporting for duty again at Debert, N.S. Mrs. Gertrude Wallace of Chicago is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ted Gewecke and Mr. Gewecke. Tommy Clairmont, R.C.N.V.R., of Toronto, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith. Seaman Len Lambert of the R. C. N., is home on leave for a few days from duty on the Pacific Coast. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mason, Main St., Acton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 8th. Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, Roy, Beatrice and John, visited at Trenton over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bowes. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbons and Delaine and Mrs. Herb Woods visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Bradshaw in Toronto. Mrs. Percy L. French and her daughter, Miss Beverly French of Vernon, B.C., are the guests of Mrs. French's sister, Mrs. Frank Beattie and Mr. Beattie. Petty Officer Geo. Seltzer who has been stationed at Esquimaux naval centre for the past four months has been selected to follow a course in electrical engineering at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Mrs. G. A. Dills returned home this week from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Alice MacPherson, who has been seriously ill at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Lyon in Ulster Pa., where she has been visiting for some months.

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Letters to the Editor

The Editor, THE ACTON FREE PRESS, Acton, Ontario. Dear Sir: First, I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for sending me so regularly THE ACTON FREE PRESS. It is always a source of interest to keep in touch with local affairs, and industrial developments, which have been considerable since the outbreak of the present conflict, and will, I hope, remain a permanent structure for the continued development of Acton after the war. Second, I wish you, to convey, through your valued columns, my grateful thanks to the Acton and Vicinity War Service League, the I.O. D.E., the Red Cross, etc., who have been so kind in sending me cigarettes, clothing comforts and food stuffs. To all those engaged in this great work, my sincere thanks. I have now been at Iqra's for just over four months, previous to which I had been pushed around the country in many cockshouses, being detached practically from my arrival in this country, from the Lorne Scots of whom I only get a glimpse now and again. However, things generally are going well although at times we get that "fed up feeling" and do a bit of grumbling, but I always remember what a Padre said to me in France. He said this, "When you feel that way, don't go grumbling to the other boys, it might be their happy day and you'd spoil it for them." This Iqra, with its many departments is distributed over an area of approximately a three-mile radius. Here there are lovely gardens, lawns, tennis courts and an open air swimming pool, a very desirable residence, but it would take £20,000 a year or more, to maintain this rather exclusive country home, which is the property of a well known London banking family. In this beautiful district there are so many old country lanes and paths through the bush, where one can walk for miles without the annoyance of road transport and enjoy the beauty of the countryside. That old thatched cottage with roses round the door and a wealth of bloom in the garden; I was strolling through a churchyard the other day and came across these lines on a headstone. The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden Than anywhere else on earth. I am at present about two miles from the main body, billeted in a large house and cook for over 50 men of the Ordnance branch. There is a very large garden, lots of fruit, apples, pears, plums, which help out a lot in the kitchen. Earlier in the season we had lots of black and red currants, raspberries and a variety of gooseberries and there is still lots of vegetable produce which will last until the end of the year, so consider ourselves rather fortunate. Out in the army you are liable to be moved at a moment's notice, as I know too well, so here's hoping I'm here for some time yet. So far as ants are concerned we have little to complain of and there is the possibility it will be worse before it gets better. I hope not. For myself I am in good health and getting along nicely and I don't like army doctors anyway. Wishing you all the best, thanks a lot. Yours Faithfully, JOHNNY MOORE.

Notice to Creditors In the Matter of the Estate of John H. Bennett, late of the Township of Nassagaweya, County of Halton, Farmer, deceased. Parties having claims against the Estate of John H. Bennett, late of the Township of Nassagaweya, County of Halton, Farmer, who died on or about the thirteenth day of August, 1942, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned Solicitor before the seventeenth day of October, 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. Dated this first day of October, A.D. 1942. C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ontario, Solicitor for the Administrators, William Beavers, R. H. T. Georgetown, Ontario; Fred Goy, 26 Toronto Street, Guelph, Ontario. 14-3.

Township of Nassagaweya SALE OF LANDS OF ARREARS OF TAXES To Wit: Notice is hereby given that the list of lands for sale or redemption of taxes in the Township of Nassagaweya in the year 1942 has been prepared and copies thereof may be had at the office of the Township Treasurer; that such list has been published in the Ontario Gazette on the 25th day of July, 1942, and unless the arrears of taxes and costs as shown on such list are paid on or before 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday November 5th, 1942, the Treasurer of the Township of Nassagaweya will proceed to sell by Public Auction the said lands or such portion thereof as may be necessary at the said hour of 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon on the said 5th day of November, 1942 at the Council Chamber in the Township Hall at Brookville in the said Township of Nassagaweya. Dated at the office of the Treasurer of the Township of Nassagaweya this 30th day of July, 1942. JAMES W. MOFFAT, Treasurer, Township of Nassagaweya, 5-13

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

That first trip down street after Charlie Wilson and his assistants had changed the street lights was quite a shock, but the second shock came on open nights in the stores when none of the window lighting was on and none of the signs were lighted. Acton never had a lot of electric signs on the main thoroughfare but when they went out, boy what a difference and it brought back a lot of recollections of the days before Hydro about thirty years ago. It doesn't require any old folks to recall the days before, the present efficient lighting by Hydro. Why goodness me I can recall myself when Acton streets were lighted with the old coal oil lamps. There was one on most of the corners sort of a signal when to change direction I guess, but certainly not very efficient lighting for the old board sidewalks. There were extra fancy lights for Mill Street on which the thousands of those days had made a work of art. But on the other streets they were just plain lantern type set on top of a pole at the corner. I can recall yet the late Dan Graham making his rounds every morning, cleaning and filling the lamps and in the evening lighting them. During the high winds the chimneys got pretty well smoked up and the lights went out. Didn't matter much after nine o'clock anyway as most folks were in bed by that time in those days. Then along came the municipal plant and electric lighting for the streets, stores and homes. Can't be sure of my dates but it must have been forty years ago that Acton first had this system. Most of you can recall those lights on the main street swinging across the street at intersections and one in between each block. Pretty good illumination too, only when the winter winds got them swinging and sometimes they turned upside down and remained that way. Of course it had its disadvantages too. The plant was just run at night and supplied with coal. Can't be sure of my dates but it must have been many a day in the winter or early fall when it became dark earlier and the type case got more difficult to see and we wished for those lights to come on. Used to sell the bulbs by either eight or sixteen candlepower size but they were away ahead of the coal oil lamps. Store windows seldom had over a couple of lights in them. Midnight came and the lights went out. Had its inconveniences and inconveniences I can't tell. But the town was sure put to bed at midnight every night. Seems to me there was an arrangement for dances to carry on but then the old chandeliers in the town hall had coal oil lamps in them as well as electric lights. Think it was 1912 when Hydro was first turned on in Acton. Lot of folks didn't like it at first. The lamps flickered as they didn't in the municipal system. Think I've heard that the load at the start was under 75 horsepower. Only a few homes had electric lights, but not much. Had not many could afford it. Electric irons were about the only household appliances used in the homes. Some changes in those thirty years to Acton's present load of between 1600 and 1700 horsepower. We kept getting more light everywhere all through the decades. Niagara had unlimited resources, but new plants kept being added. Thirty years or more and cheaper lighting. Thirty years, putting more and more appliances to work by electric power. Why when I left The Free Press for new fields in 1913, we still cranked up the gasoline engine twice a week to get the weekly edition off. Platen press were run by foot power. (It was more work to start the gas engine than run the press by foot). Last week we slipped back. For the first time in my recollection we reduced our illumination in Acton. True, a lot of it was perhaps unnecessary. At any rate it's more essential in winning the war than in being well lighted. Most of us had become used to it sort of taken it for granted. The restrictions sort of pitched us back with a jolt. Even yet illumination ain't what it used to be and we hope it never will be again. Had a note from a reader whose opinion is valued and our attention is called to the signature on this column. It seems that long before, I was named George Arlof Dills some one used the vulgar expression "By Gad," as an oath and the history of the phrase suggests that the perverted usage came from someone in a British pub who was a bit too lewdly mentally to use the usual oath. I have written under different names and when this column was started my initials were used for the want of a better signature. Have no objection to slang, but do not like oaths either in print or in a pub or any other way. So to clear up any

misunderstanding we have put the period this week in the signature on this column. The signature stands for a name and nothing else. If any perverted idea is taken from the signature after this explanation it's an individual distortion for which I can not be accountable. My name was given to me without any consultation in which I took part and I haven't the time or inclination to change it at this date in life. By G.A.D.

A DELIBERATE QUESTION An Irishman about to be married was asked his name. He replied "Murphy." "But I mean your Christian name," explained the clergyman. "I dunno," said the Irishman. "Ye see, yer rivoorance, it's lak this. I was a twin, an' on comin' back from the christenin' wan av us died; an' if Pat died then I'm Mick; and if Mick died then I'm Pat, but, begorra, I dunno who died."

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