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The "Y" Column

At the "Y" open house October 8th the ten children on the winning relay team at the Fall Fair were each presented with a beautiful five-inch blue and white crest...

The junior boys' class made use of the beautiful Thanksgiving holiday by going for a hike and picnic. Everyone enjoyed the day and all that worried them on the way home was "how soon they could have another one."

Attention Mothers!—The classes for the pre-school age children will be starting Monday morning October 19th at 10.30 and will be continued every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Few people realize the extent of the work which is behind the Canadian Y.M.C.A.'s service to the troops in Britain. The following will give you some idea.

During the month of June, Y.M.C.A. Field Headquarters issued eleven thousand, seven hundred and forty pieces of equipment. In September thirty thousand, five hundred pieces were distributed.

After Dieppe Seven Y.M.C.A. tea cars served hundreds of gallons of tea and innumerable biscuits and sandwiches to Canadian and British troops returning from the great raid on Dieppe.

MRS. JOHNNY GRAY.

Big Circus to Play for Benefit Crippled Children

TORONTO, Oct. 15th.—Clowns and equestriennes, lion tamers and high wire artists, they're all going to entertain children and adults alike at the 10th annual indoor circus sponsored by Ramsey Shrine Temple of Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens from Oct. 19th to Oct. 24th inclusive.

Thousands of crippled and under-privileged children will see the show free and the proceeds will all go to the aid of crippled children and benevolence. Reports show that over sixty thousand crippled children have been cured by the efforts of this organization.

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Weekly War Commentary

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The Nazi radio has given the German people a foretaste of things to come by the admission for the first time that American-manufactured aircraft are sharing with the R.A.F. and the R.C.A.F. the task of attacking objectives in the lands which the Germans have seized.

The admission came after last Thursday's bombing of the railway yards and locomotive works at Lille by 100 four-engine American bombers, escorted by 500 allied fighter planes, most of them belonging to the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F.

The raid was important in that it inflicted heavy damage on the facilities with which the Nazis can move troops and supplies to its fighting fronts and Gestapo police to rebellious occupied lands—but it was more important as handwriting on the wall.

The battles over Malta may indicate that the Germans are attempting to send big supplies to the Axis armies in western Egypt or that the United Nations are sending supplies to the strategic naval base. In any case Axis airmen would attack British aircraft to prevent their use far out over the Mediterranean.

U. S. Naval Losses—Announcement was made at Washington Monday that three American heavy cruisers—Quincy, Vincennes and Astoria—had been lost in the early stages of the occupation of the Solomon Islands two months ago.

Churchill in Commons—Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons Tuesday that the Germans had violated the Geneva convention by chaining prisoners taken at the Canadian-led Dieppe raid Aug. 19.

Shackling Prisoners—Proof that German leaders are jittery over the trend of military events is seen in the hysterical assertions regarding the alleged shackling of Axis prisoners. There are many indications that Berlin propagandists are playing up the claims to divert attention from Germany's population from the stalemate that has developed before Stalingrad and the growing military strength of the United Nations.

At the week-end the matter had developed to a point where thousands of prisoners held by both sides were affected. The Germans held more than 100,000 British and Canadian prisoners compared to 23,000 Germans held by the British. On the other hand some 262,000 Italians are held captive by the British.

Strengthen Chinese Tie—Bonds of friendship between China and Britain and the United States were tightened last week with the announcement that the two great western nations were willing to renounce all extra-territorial rights in China.

Abolition of the system of special rights under which foreign governments have maintained their own courts in China and elsewhere, other privileges such as extrajurisdictional treaties on Chinese soil has been one of the principal aims of nationalist China since the 1911 revolution.

The gesture will not go unnoticed in India where Britain has offered self-government after the war and in other countries seeking political freedom.

On Russian Front There was no indication at the week-end that German attacking forces were being withdrawn from the Stalingrad area. Nazi sources had said previously that the assault on the great Volga city had achieved its objective and the dive bombers and heavy artillery would be left to batter the defenders into submission.

On his audience. He was at his best at the opening of the Y on Thursday and his message of encouragement to young folks will long be remembered. Mr. Charles Kirkness, on behalf of the audience, expressed appreciation of his visit to Acton.

Rev. Capt. Rawson Guest Speaker at Y Opening Friday

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President E. S. Force in addressing the audience at the opening of the Y.M.C.A. work in Acton this year for the first the Y program had carried right through the middle twelve months. There was a need, for the Y in wartime to fill that need, would do its utmost to fill that need. He complimented Mrs. Gray who was so efficiently carrying on the program during the absence of her husband.

There was however a regret in connection with activities. Mr. G. G. Gecwcke who had done such splendid work as chairman of the Special Features group was leaving Acton. Everyone regretted his removal but wished he and Mrs. Gecwcke continued success in the new home at Glenview, Ill.

Mr. Gecwcke who had charge of the evening told of the joy he had in living in Acton and the regret he felt in removing. He conducted the program and very happily introduced Rev. Capt. Rawson as the Victory Loan speaker who had overshaded the play sponsored by the Y's Men's Club last season.

Another interesting feature of the evening was the presentation by Mrs. Gray of crests and prizes won by the Junior boys and girls at the arena performance of the Acton Fair.

Mr. W. J. Beatty, Chairman of the membership committee briefly addressed the meeting and outlined the various age groups and activities that were provided. The support of every citizen was needed in the Y and there was a place in the program for everyone.

In closing the program Mr. T. Gecwcke stressed the privilege that folk in Acton have in their Y.M.C.A. He was sorry to be leaving the community and thanked the friends who had made their stay in Acton so pleasant. Cards and dancing were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening and the membership committee received a number of applications from new and old members.

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Obituary ROBERT B. JOHNSTONE Delaware, Ont. Robert Bruce Johnstone, retired Delaware school teacher, dropped dead from a heart attack while playing checkers with a friend at Hyman Hall Saturday night.

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