

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

Obituary

DECEASED
PATTERSON—At Guelph General Hospital on Monday, October 19th, 1942, Beatrice McLod Bowman, beloved wife of Ernest Patterson, and mother of Mrs. Dorothy Abel, of Toronto, in her 57th year.

McLEAN—at the home of her son, Donald McLean, Erin Township, on Wednesday, October 21st, 1942, Mrs. Jennie, widow of the late Donald McLean, in her 95th year.

The late Mrs. McLean is resting at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, where service will be held on Friday afternoon at four o'clock. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Please omit flowers.

MACPHERSON—At the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Lyon, Uxeter, Pa., Tuesday, October 20th, 1942, Alice May Johnstone, widow of the late William Macpherson and beloved mother of (Mrs.) Mrs. G. A. Ellis, Acton, Ont., and (Mrs.) Mrs. A. B. Lyon, Uxeter, Pa.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late home, Frederick Street, Acton, at two o'clock. Interment at Strabane Cemetery.

This and that

—Word has been received that Tpr. A. Gamble has arrived safely overseas with an Armored Brigade.

—Your early subscription to the Victory Loan will help Acton to be among the first to reach the objective.

—A carrot with a bottle-neck for a centre was dug the other day in the garden of Mr. C. Woodhall. It is on view in *The Free Press* window.

—That Victory Loan flag on the Town Hall signifies that Acton District has pledged to meet its objective of \$150,000 in the Third Victory Loan.

—Letters of appreciation have been received from G. H. Hayes and S. Gishby for parcels received from the Acton and Vicinity War Service League.

—Harold Ball, 17 years old, of 266 St. Germain Ave., Toronto, escaped from the Ontario Reformatory Tuesday morning while pulling carrots with a gang in a field.

—Pupils of Acton and Esqueping schools in this district made a fine bunch of entries in the Victory Bond Limerick Contest. Winners and prize limericks will be published later.

—The Juvenile Band needs the instruments that have strayed from the band collection. If you know where any of them are or any of the bugles of a former bugle band, please advise Mr. C. W. Mason. They should be put to use and are needed if Acton is to have a band.

County Council Endorses the Victory Loan

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good many hard years. Now they are beginning to pick up a bit. They are paying off their debts and that is about all some of them can do."

The following resolution was passed. Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Craig, that this council unanimously endorse and support the third Victory Loan and do pledge their fullest help to the Loan canvassers.

Mr. McDonald took the chair in Committee of the Whole but there was very little business arising from the Committee reports, other than the passing of accounts and endorsement of a resolution from Perth County Council re drafting of farm help. This resolution petitioned the Dominion Government "to make such arrangements as may be necessary to assure farmers eligible for a year or longer postponement from military service, to receive this assurance without the uncertainty of the present short period postponements."

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Finance	\$897.43
Printing	12.77
County Buildings	422.91
Agricultural	27.37
Hospital Accounts	309.25

Mr. Near informed Council that no better train service had yet been made available at Campbellville nor any communication received. As a result it was moved by Mr. Near, seconded by Mr. May, that the clerk be instructed to write the Railway Board at Toronto.

The subject of a salvage collection was next brought before the council. The Warden announced that at a meeting of the Wardens of the Province they were specifically asked to set in motion some system of salvage collection throughout their respective counties. As to how and when this could be done took up considerable time in discussion and no definite decision was reached other than that a copy of a letter received by the county regarding collection and prices of salvage should be sent out by the clerk to the Reeve of each municipality for further consideration. The letter particularly emphasized that no attempt should be made to disrupt any plans already in progress for collection of salvage in any locality.

JAMES WEIR
 Eramosa

In failing health since the summer, James Weir, widely known resident of Eramosa Township, died at his home on Sunday.

Born in Nassagaweya Township in 1856, James Weir was the son of Irish-Scottish parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James Weir, Sr. who settled in Nassagaweya Township in 1883, and resided there since that time. He was widely known in rural circles, and recognized as a competent farmer. He was a staunch supporter of Liberal party politics. Mr. Weir was a member of Barrie Hill United Church, and was held in high regard by a wide circle of friends and neighbors.

Predeceased by his wife, the former Janet McRobbie, in 1916, and by one daughter in 1934, he leaves to mourn his loss, two sons, Pte. James Weir, Montfort, Ontario; John Weir, Eramosa; and three daughters, Mrs. Isabella Swanston, Eramosa Township; Mrs. Albert Lush, Eramosa Township, and Mrs. Matthias Kirby, Guelph Township.

MRS. A. H. BISHOP

Although in poor health, for some time, death came suddenly to Mrs. A. H. Bishop on Wednesday morning of last week. She suffered a heart seizure and passed away at her home on Ransom Avenue.

Mrs. Bishop was before marriage, Miss Clara Harris, a daughter of the late Charles Harris and was born in Bedfordshire, England. Following her marriage to Alfred H. Bishop, the couple lived in Hastings, England, but in 1913 came to Canada and to Acton with their two sons, George and Alfred. Here they have resided since and been among the esteemed residents of the community.

Mrs. Bishop was an active woman. Besides her home duties she was deeply interested in the affairs of church and community. She was an active member of Acton Institute, St. Alban's Women's Auxiliary and Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. In any activity for community betterment Mrs. Bishop always lent a willing hand. Not only in the home but in all these circles her passing will be mourned.

Besides her husband the two sons George of Manitowaning and Alfred of Toronto, remain. Two brothers, Arthur and Walter and three sisters, Lizzie, Annie and Florrie, all of England and a sister Rose in British Columbia also remain. To all of the bereaved sympathy of many friends here goes at this time.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon with service at St. Alban's Church of which she was a member, conducted by Rev. E. A. Brooks. Here many friends gathered in tribute to her life. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. The pall bearers were Messrs. Gordon Smith, Jek Chapman, Gordon Currie, R. W. Lowrie, R. Spillvogel and Geo. Hollingsworth.

Among the floral tributes, which also bore testimony to the esteem in which Mrs. Bishop was held included those from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currie and Mrs. Hamilton; Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Musselle; the family; Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Rumley; Dale Estate Ltd.; Mrs. Emerson and Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe; Cheerio Club; St. Alban's Choir; Mr. and Mrs. E. Rookes and Olive; Acton Women's Institute; Isabel and Betty Emberson; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fenley and Mr. T. G. Davis; Major and Mrs. Wilber; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Farquhar, M.P.; Mrs. C. Harris and family.

JOHN M. TAYLOR
 Nassagaweya

At the ripe old age of ninety-seven years and ill only a few days before his death John M. Taylor passed away on Friday at the home, lot 26, Concession 3, Nassagaweya Township, born in that township March 2nd, 1845 he had spent most of his life in Nassagaweya. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Taylor. January 1st, 1870 he was married to Janet Rennie. Eight children blessed the home of whom seven remain to revere his memory. They are: Thomas R. of Hamburg, N.Y.; Herbert M. of Eden Mills; Mrs. R. Borthwick of Nassagaweya; William of Kildonan, Man.; Melvin of Jasper Park, Alta.; and John of Flint, Mich. One brother Benjamin of Hillsboro, N.D., and one sister Mrs. Hannah Hampson of Eden Mills, also remain.

Mr. Taylor was a blacksmith and woodworker during early years and was well-known throughout the district. In politics he was a staunch Conservative. He was a member of Eden Mills United Church.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon with service conducted by Rev. Dr. Melvor. Interment was made in Eden Mills Cemetery. Pall bearers were Messrs. J. Y. Norris, Robert W. Wilson, John McAlpine, Andrew McAlpine, Edward Thomas and George T. Wilson and flower bearers were grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Among the floral tributes which also bore testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held were from Mr. and Mrs. R. Borthwick and T. R. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. H. M.

Weekly War Commentary

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press by RY GUY RHOADES Canadian Press Staff Writer

Pierre Laval, whose ambitions have carried him in and out of most of France's major political parties, has struck a big snag in his plan to conscript French labor for Germany and there is a suggestion the Germans may be considering throwing him overboard as their French quelling.

Laval's efforts to speed up the "voluntary" migration of workers to Germany drove the hungry men and women of occupied France into a rage manifested in acts of violence, burning of crops, halting of trains, illegal strikes and the like.

The strike appeared from reports in neutral countries to have reached its greatest violence around Lille. Lille for years was loyal to Edouard Herriot, the antithesis of all Laval represents, whom it elected mayor for term after term. Herriot now is reported under surveillance by Vichy authorities for complaining at their supine attitude towards the Germans.

Pétain's Troubles

The military figurehead of the puppet Vichy government, Marshal Pétain, would appear to be having his troubles, too. Pétain has been trying since the fall of France to steer a course which will ease the impact of the Nazis on the country.

Now, however, with German propaganda repeating endlessly that the allies are about to attack French West Africa, he is under new pressure, reportedly to allow the Germans to send troops to the French colony to help "protect" it.

Gen. Maxime Weygand, commander of the French forces in West Africa, is reported to have advised the aged marshal not to yield to the Germans on that point.

One of his reasons for offering such advice was said to have been his conviction that the troops would not stand for German "co-operation" but would mutiny rather than become comrades in arms of men who ravaged their homeland.

The Balkan Situation

Defiance of Axis rule is growing rapidly in all occupied countries, but particularly in the Balkans. In Yugoslavia, insurgent forces under Gen. Draza Mihailovic have harassed Italian troops of occupation continuously. Last week followers of Dr. Vladimir Macek, Croatian peasant leader, were reported to have revolted against the Nazi-controlled government of Dr. Ante Pavelic.

Four thousand Croatians were said to be attacking Pavelic's Fascist-armed militia and Yugoslav circles in Switzerland declared that German soldiers were guarding the entire length of the important Zagreb-Belgrade railway.

Possibility of a thrust through the Balkans by the United Nations is not as remote as some people think. Undoubtedly it depends on success in this winter's campaign in Western Egypt.

Activity in Africa

Reports persist of the expanding strength of the Allies in Africa and their activities in Central Africa are causing Marshal Erwin Rommel, a good deal of concern over protection for the rear of his armies operating on the northern fringe of the great continent.

Raiding forces operating from Chad, territory immediately south of Libya held by the Fighting French, have already made attacks on Axis bases and British forces have raided Barca, the Ghab Oasis and other points. The Italians believe these troops operated from the Kufara Oasis, 500 miles inland from Bengasi.

There seems little doubt that United Nations forces in the Western Desert will make a tremendous effort to destroy Axis armies in North Africa.

Taylor, Alvin, Nan, Wilma and Cecil, Melvin Taylor and family; Harold and Clarence Taylor, Jasper Park; Mr. Atcheson and son Jack; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and Mrs. T. R. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stead; Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Early; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and family; Presbyterian Ladies' Aid; Eden Mills United Church.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, Mrs. Thos. R. Taylor, all of Hamburg, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mr. Harold Taylor, Jasper Park, Alta.; Mrs. W. Hichok, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. Atcheson and son Jack of Syracuse, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, Kildonan, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hardie and family of Toronto; Mrs. Robson, Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. M. Newblight, Toronto and many from the surrounding district.

rica this winter. If the attempt succeeds an invasion of the Balkans by way of the Mediterranean would probably be undertaken.

Speculation hinges on the number of troops and planes Hitler would be able to spare to frustrate such a move. Diversion of many divisions from the Russian front would have to be made and the revolt of the Balkan population met. Mihailovic's present forces would be joined by thousands in the event of an allied invasion.

Russia and Far East

Russian defenders of Stalingrad made four withdrawals in three days last week and their position was regarded as critical at the week-end. The Germans were throwing masses of reserves into an all-out offensive to take the city, but Soviet dispatches declared the Red Army retreats were orderly with no suggestion of panic.

In the Caucasus, heavy fighting continued along the Black Sea coast and north of the Grozny oil fields without any major change.

The struggle for control of the Solomon Islands, and the Guadalcanal air base in particular, had grown so intensely at the week-end, but there was a lack of specific details. Washington naval quarters expected a big sea battle between United States and Japanese naval forces to develop.

The Japanese landed troop reinforcements in the Solomons and a bitter fight was believed to be progressing in the jungles of Guadalcanal. The enemy brought guns ashore and these were reported to be shelling American positions.

The United States Navy accepted the challenge and it was announced by the Navy Department Monday that heavy warships on Oct. 17 had bombed Japanese positions on the northwest section of Guadalcanal. Ammunition dumps were blown up and the American units withdrew without encountering enemy naval units.

Navy Secretary Frank Knox told newsmen that he believed the Japanese had by no means exercised their maximum force, in the Solomons campaign and "a good, stiff, hard fight" lay ahead.

Retaliating for the bombardment, Japanese ships shelled United States positions on the northern coast of Guadalcanal some hours later. The Navy Department said that no Japanese attempt to reinforce their troops on the island had been observed since October 15.

Although there is no indication of

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GENERAL MEETING OF THE Conservative Association of the County of Halton
 Will Be Held in the TOWN HALL, MILTON, on THURSDAY EVENING, October 29th, 1942, at 8:00 o'clock (D.S.T.).

Special Business
 Electing Delegates to attend the Conservative Convention at Winnipeg

All persons interested in good Government, all-out prosecution of the war, and a British Canada are urged to attend this meeting.

Light, Col. S. B. Pepler, Pres.
 Lloyd D. Dingle, Secretary

a large-scale naval battle between United States and Japanese naval forces in the Solomons. Tomakazu Hori, Japanese foreign office spokesman, in a broadcast warned of growing American strength in the Far East.

He said the conflict is gradually assuming the phase of a long-term war, adding that the Pacific area and Africa as well as Europe, are under consideration by United Nations authorities for the creation of a second front.

Weather Aids Russians

Cold autumn rains grounded German planes in the battle for Stalingrad early this week. During this time the opposing armies resorted to artillery bombardments and infantry attacks. The Russian defenders of the ruined city holding their lines unbroken.

German dive-bombers and fighters resumed aerial attacks Tuesday. Soviet reports stated that supplies and troop reinforcements continued to reach the hard-pressed defenders. German guns, however, shelled the Volga River in an effort to interrupt the crossing of troop-carrying vessels.

News of the battle against the submarine menace was given Tuesday by First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander. He declared that more than 530 Axis submarines had been sunk or damaged since the start of the war. He explained this total included some attacks by United States forces, but did not include those either by the Russians or by France before 1940.

Field Marshal J. C. Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, told a joint meeting of the Houses of Commons and Lords Wednesday that the Allies have arrived at "the offensive phase of the war." The German army is "bleeding to death" in Russia, he said, at the same time urging that whatever help the United Nations can give Russia should be extended in the fullest measure and with the utmost speed.

Premier Smuts' speech was broadcast. Never before in the 647-year history of the British parliament had microphones been installed to give the outside world direct hearing of its proceedings.

Announcement by the admiralty that two new 35,000-ton battleships, the Anson and the Howe, are now in commission means that the fleet has now reached its pre-war strength of 15 battleships and battle-cruisers. At least four more battleships are under construction, including the Lion and the Temeraire, rated at 40,000 tons.

NEW GROUP PLANS ENCOURAGEMENT OF CANADIAN HANDICRAFTS

A meeting for the forming of an organization to be called "Arts and Crafts Co-Operative" was held at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Dann, Edith Street, Georgetown, on Tuesday afternoon, October 13th. Previous meetings have been held during the summer at the home of Mrs. Moyer, Mrs. Beer, Mrs. A. Lawson and Mrs. Bruyns of Georgetown, mostly social and preliminary. This was the first business meeting with aims and procedure well defined and plans laid for an exhibit of hand made articles to be held in Georgetown in the near future.

The aim of the organization is to revive and encourage our Canadian handicrafts, to replace those articles which the emergencies of war have separated us from. The advancement of creative arts should serve as an important part of the war effort and it is hoped that this organization will be of interest to town and country people.

There is already a growing membership with Mrs. Moyer as President; Mrs. Bruyns, Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Beer; Mrs. A. Thompson, executives. Special notice of the coming exhibition will be given in your local paper when all who are interested will be welcome.

15 Cents a Day To Run Tractor

Farm Worker's Earnings—but He Has Lots of Time for an Increase

OMAHA, Neb., (CP) Donald Glesmann is a farm tractor operator. Although he had a 50 per cent raise in the last month he wants still more.

Maybe there isn't much news in that, but... He works for his father, Chris Glesmann, who farms about 300 Sarpay county acres besides operating two crews which haul a tenth of the county's hay.

Want to listen to some more? This Donald Glesmann learned to operate a tractor about six weeks ago, after three of his brothers left for the war or on war work. The father found it hard to get new hands.

Donald works hard, usually from 9 a.m. until dark. He gets down from his tractor seat only to eat. He's brown as a nut and hard as steel. He loves his work. "Most fun I ever had," he says.

But how about the pay question. How much does he earn? Well, he was getting 10 cents a day but he's been raised to 15 cents a day. You might be interested in his angle. He was eight last July.

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