

## Personals

Miss E. Pridham visited in Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Gladys Huffman of Toronto, was home for the week-end.

Aircraftman Tom Watson is home on furlough from Newfoundland.

Sgt. C. W. Howe spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Harry Murray.

Mrs. Harry Norton and David have arrived in Villavieco, Columbia, South America.

Mrs. E. H. Vincent, Bill and Barbara of Toronto visited Acton friends over the week-end.

Mrs. F. Wilds and Mrs. I. MacDonald attended the Bakers' Convention in Toronto yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Anderson attended the Women's Institute area annual convention held in Kitchener last week.

Pte. Ivan G. Chalmers, R.C.A.C., of St. Thomas and Mr. Laurie Chalmers of Toronto, were week-end visitors at the home of their sister, Mrs. A. W. Fosbury.

Mrs. A. Macdonald, Miss Margaret J. Macdonald and Mrs. J. C. Dennis spent the week-end with Sarnia friends. Mrs. Macdonald is remaining for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby of Milton Heights, spent Sunday with Mrs. Angus McDonald and family at Dolly Varden. Mrs. Angus McDonald and Murray, Joe and Archie McDonald and Mrs. Edwin Currie also attended the funeral of the late Mr. A. J. Smethurst at Limehouse.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Alex. McDonald wishes to express her appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy, and condolence extended by friends and neighbors during the recent illness and death of her beloved husband. These will always be cherished memories.

**VARIED PROGRAM AT OCTOBER MEETING OF DUBLIN INSTITUTE**

The Dublin Women's Institute held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Storey with the President, Mrs. van Goozen in the chair. The roll call was, "Plan a menu for a Fall or Winter day with Vitamin C." Current events were given by Miss M. Semorville.

The branch forwarded the resolution to Ottawa regarding health. Mrs. Storey was appointed convener of the Quilt Committee as there are a number in the making.

Members were asked to bring a block to next meeting.

The topic was "Home Economics," with Mrs. McIntyre as convener. She read a paper which dealt with the subject very well. Mrs. Storey read a poem "Just Folks Do This," sent to her by her son overseas.

A flower romance contest was also a feature with Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin winning first prize and Mrs. G. Watson, second. A vote of thanks was tendered to those who helped with the program and also to the hostess for the use of her home. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

**MRS. JENNINGS IS HOSTESS FOR MEETING WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The regular monthly business meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. E. Jennings on Tuesday with Mrs. W. Evans presiding. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. J. Symon.

After the business was disposed of Mrs. Jennings assisted by Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. I. Harris, Mrs. D. Richardson and little Betty Mae Fosbury served lunch and a social time was spent.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Jennings for use of her home, also to her assistants.

**ARMY AND THE BABY**

LONDON, (CP) Carrying banners bearing the slogan "You want arms - we want a nursery" and pushing their perambulators mothers in a London suburb marched to the Town Hall to demand use of premises as a nursery again so they may work in war factories.

**Mannequin Gives Bombers Advice**

Now Officer in British Women's Air Force She Helps on Raid Plans

LONDON, (CP) - A girl who before the war was a mannequin in a West End store now is giving bombing instruction to R.A.F. crews as they set out for raids on Germany. She is an Assistant Section Officer named Roma, aged 24, just one of the many W.A.A.F.s working on operational bombing stations who help make R. A. F. raids a success.

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
"KATHLEEN"  
Shirley Temple, Herbert Marshall, Laraine Day. World in Action "Fighting China." Disney "Lend a Paw." Sport "Better Bowling." Chapter 14 "Dick Tracy vs. Crifone."

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
Matinee at 3:00  
"JOAN OF THE OZARKS"  
Joe E. Brown, Judy Canova.  
"MERCY ISLAND"  
Ray Middleton, Gloria Dickson. "Fox News."

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
"WINGS FOR THE EAGLE"  
Ann Sheridan, Dennis Morgan. Musical "Calling All Girls." "Traveltalk "Minnesota." "Information Please."

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
"FEATHER YOUR NEST"  
George Formby. Novelties. "Mr. Blabbermouth." "Hunting Dogs at Work." "Rookie Review."

## Weekly War Commentary

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press by  
**BY H. H. GORDON**  
Canadian Free Staff Writer

Indications were not lacking—this week that the United Nations, having passed through the long defensive stage given over to parrying the ceaseless thrusts of a well-prepared enemy and to making good losses incurred in three years of retreat, have opened the great offensive in the global war. The first cautious steps were taken toward the distant goal of victory.

The great Offensive was not spectacular. It did not capture the public imagination as would the electrifying news of a landing in force on the Axis stronghold that is continental Europe. The only official word that the Allies had begun to thrust forward throughout the world came from Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. He said in Glasgow, "We are now passing from the defensive."

In the western desert of North Africa Britain's 8th Army beat doggedly at the Axis forces of Marshal Erwin Rommel, destruction of his Africa Corps its goal. The Allied air forces hammered ceaselessly at the vitals of Germany and Italy. The United States air force in China hit hard at Japan's tender spots.

Talk was heard of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, bolstered by a strong British naval force in the Indian Ocean, launching an attempt to recapture Burma. American forces beat back Japanese attacks on Guadalcanal, capture of which was itself an allied offensive move.

Enemy Still Strong

But all the free world knew the going would not be easy in this offensive phase upon which the United Nations now are embarked. The enemy no longer confronts weak and disunited opponents but he himself is strong and wily.

Ground taken in the Allied drive through the minefields protecting Rommel's main forces in the Western Desert was still being held at the week-end. British headquarters stated that the 8th Army's opening offensive had won and held all objectives set for it and that the situation was developing favorably.

It seems evident that Lt. Gen. B. L. Montgomery and his commanders are proceeding warily and the excessive enthusiasm that brought disaster in midsummer when British forces fell into a trap in the area south of Tobruk will be avoided. Axis defences are deep and well-planned and a process of gradual attrition will probably be followed by the British forces.

Montgomery has a big advantage over his German opponent in the matter of supplies. The British are close to sources of supply, but Rommel's lines of communication are spread out over a great desert area, constantly attacked by Allied planes. Matruh, Tobruk and other ports used by the Axis command to bring in troops and equipment are under attack from the air while supply ships in the Mediterranean are being harassed by submarines of the Royal Navy.

**Rear in Danger**

Rommel also has an eye on southern Libya. It is quite probable that if the invaders are forced from their positions on the narrow El Alamein battlefield Allied forces based in French Equatorial Africa will be brought into play. An expedition advancing along desert trails from this vast area could cause trouble to the German rear provided difficulties of supply were surmounted.

Russian forces in the central Caucasus were reported at the week-end to be holding new lines of defence on the Nakhchivan plateau after three successive withdrawals. Fierce fighting continues in this area as well as northeast of Tuapse on the Black Sea coast in the western Caucasus.

Strong assaults by German forces were turned aside at the week-end by the outnumbered defenders of Stalingrad. All Axis attempts to reach the Volga have failed and the approach of winter makes the position of the invaders anything but a happy one. Soviet authorities took note of colder weather last week by ordering troops at Moscow and on the northern sector of the front into winter uniforms.

**Easter in Solomons**

Announcement Oct. 31 by Navy Secretary Frank Knox that Japanese naval forces in the Solomons Island area had withdrawn revived hopes for the success of Allied plans in the Pacific.

It declared that the Japanese had failed to eject United States forces from any of the ground seized on Guadalcanal Island. Presumably the ships returned to their bases in the northern Solomons and other places, but it was made clear there was no telling when they might return for further attacks.

In the meantime the Americans are strengthening their hold on the Guadalcanal air base and reinforcements are being rushed to the island. Encouraging news also came from New Guinea where Australian forces, operating across the Owen Stanley Mountains from Port Moresby, were

reported to have reached a point seven miles from Kokoda, the enemy's inland base.

The drive continued this week. Australian troops captured Kokoda and were reported pushing toward Buna, Japanese coastal base. At the same time Allied bombers were reported to have scattered a Japanese convoy heading for Buna. Near hits were scored on two enemy transports loaded with troops, one being left burning off Gasmata, New Britain.

On Guadalcanal, United States Marines and regulars started an offensive to drive the Japanese into the sea. They were supported by flying fortresses, dive bombers and fighter planes.

Navy Secretary Knox stated at a press conference Tuesday that two additional enemy cruisers had been sunk in the battle off Savo Island on the night of Oct. 11-12. It is now clear that three Japanese cruisers and five destroyers were destroyed in the engagement. At the same time Mr. Knox warned against over-optimism regarding the progress of events in the Solomons area.

**On Russian Front**

Red Army reports this week were a mixture of good and bad news. Fresh Soviet gains were reported in the 10-week-old battle of Stalingrad, but a further withdrawal occurred in the Nakhchivan sector in the central Caucasus.

While Russian sources declared the severe check suffered at Stalingrad would prevent any general German offensive in the Caucasus, it was admitted that strong enemy armored forces had made gains between Nakhchik and Ordzhonikidze, 60 miles to the south.

Northeast of Tuapse, naval base on the Black Sea coast, the Russians reported they had captured several heights. In the fighting at this point 250 Germans were killed.

**Cut Axis Lines**

New 8th Army drives along the El Alamein battlefield in the Western Desert have imperilled Rommel's armies and resulted in the capture of many prisoners. It was reported from Cairo that the Axis flank in the coastal area had been badly cut up and approximately 2,500 troops caught in a pocket some 16 miles west of El Alamein.

German sources admitted that a British thrust in the centre had breached the Axis line. Gen. Montgomery drove his tanks through the holes in enemy positions and these are engaging Rommel's armored forces.

British troops were reported to have advanced as much as 18 miles along the coast west of El Alamein, the starting point of the offensive.

Dispatches from Cairo Wednesday indicated that the 8th Army had advanced along the entire battlefield from the northern coastal region to the anchor positions on the edge of the Quattara salt marshes.

In the north Australian troops still encircled some 2,500 trapped Axis troops. In the centre Axis armored forces were routed in a six-hour tank battle and Rommel threw in artillery in an effort to protect his retreating troops.

"For the past 24 hours, the full force of the Allied Air striking power has been concentrated on enemy units withdrawing along the coastal road," British headquarters said in describing fighting in that area.

Germans and Italians have also been hurled back from Dier El Anzar, Munsabb and Himeimat, two strong points on the southern end of the 35-mile front.

**THE BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE MET AT MRS. N. McEACHERN'S**

Bannockburn W. I. held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. N. McEachern, Acton, with a good attendance and the president was in the chair.

Splendid donations were received from the members for the ditty bags for sailors. The branch also donated money to buy Christmas cakes for the Acton boys, through the Acton and District War Service League. The report of the booth at Mr. J. Cree's auction sale was very satisfactory to the members.

Miss Edna Russell went to Kitchener as a delegate from Bannockburn W. I. The meeting closed by singing God Save the King and a social half hour spent.

**Junior Choir Travels Over 6,000 Miles**

The Elgar Junior Choir of Vancouver, have completed a round trip to Eastern Canada, during which they travelled over six thousand miles. Their home was an air-conditioned tourist sleeping car attached to regular trains of the Canadian National Railways. Each member paid his or her expenses. The choir gave concerts in all the principal cities, the proceeds going to various war efforts.

**CHARGED SNOBBISHNESS**

LONDON, (CP) Claiming certain bars were "out of bounds" to officers, too, army authorities denied the charge of Joseph Henderson, Labor M.P., of "snobbishness in higher ranks" following naming of five public houses out of bounds to N.C.O.'s and men.

## The "Y" Column

Loud cheers went up in the "Y" last Monday when it was announced that the aeroplane club for the boys would be starting Saturday afternoon November 15th under the capable leadership of Herb Dron, well known "Y" member. The class will start sharp at 1:30 in the "Y's" Men's Room of the "Y" Sol miffers and fathers, if something flies by you some time when you are baking or reading, the paper, don't get alarmed, it will only be your young son trying out his latest model.

Witches, clowns, pirates, Spanish ladies and mother's dresses, not to speak of father's coat, all made their appearance at the junior girls' Halloween party at the "Y" last Friday. Two big pumpkins decorated the table plus food, food and more food (that part of the decoration soon disappeared) although some of it had to be taken home via a paper bag. Four of the senior girls made perfect hostesses and saw to it that every girl got all she could eat. The four girls were Helen Holmes, Annetta Evans, Eleanor Allen and Ena Van der Grin-ten and I want to extend my thanks to these girls for doing such a good job.

The senior boys and girls will be glad to know that Saturday night, November 14th, has been set aside for them to hold their second dance of the season. All "Y" members of high school age are welcome. It is going to be run again entirely by our younger set and if its anything like their first one it is sure to be a success.

—MAY GRAY.

## RED CROSS MAKES SHIPMENT—WOOL IS READY FOR KNITTERS

The latest shipment of goods from Red Cross headquarters here included 25 bed jackets, 10 bed gowns, 60 T bandages, 50 surgical towels, 20 boys' shorts, 40 boys' shirts and 25 boys' underpants. The season for more knitting is here and the wool is on hand at Red Cross headquarters for 100 pair of seaman's socks.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darby of Acton, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Muriel Evelyn to Pte. Teiford George Reidt, youngest son of Mrs. Katherine Reidt and the late Mr. George Reidt of Toronto. The marriage is to take place November 28th, at 3:00 p.m., in Acton United Church.

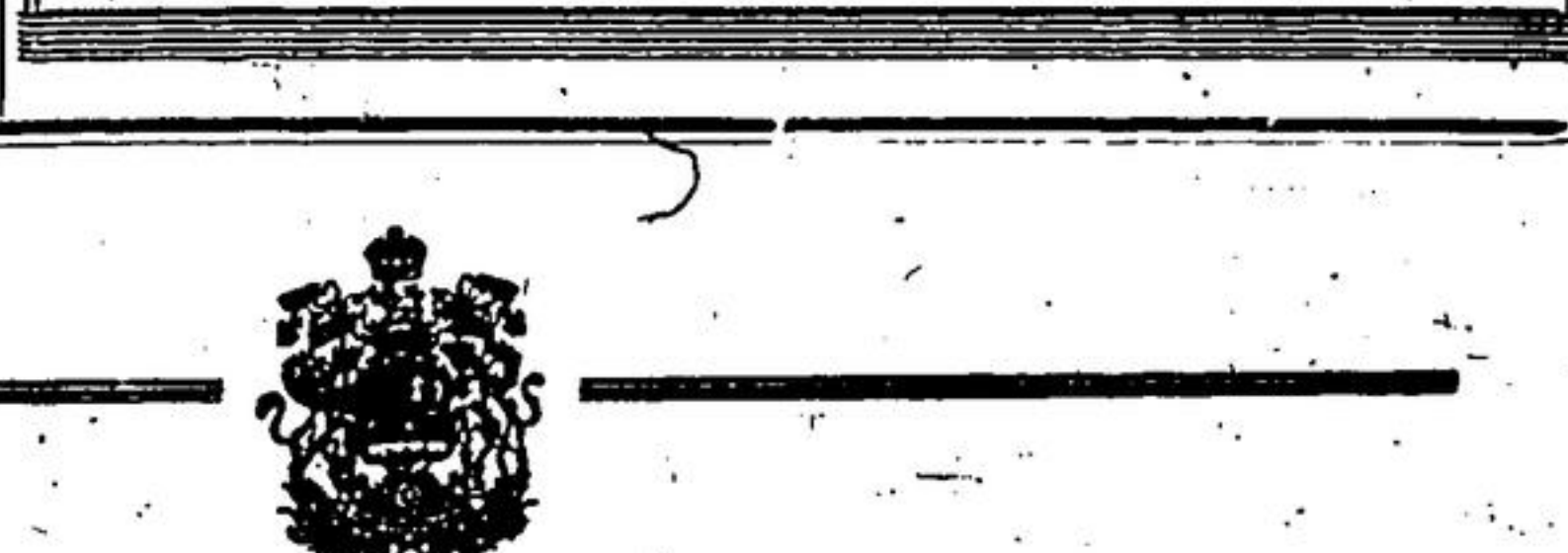
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Effective on and after Nov. 9th, in compliance with a government request for conservation of electric power and reduced hours in retail stores, the following will be the closing hours in all stores in Acton:

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