

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

**DEED**  
**COOK**—Suddenly at Guelph General Hospital on Saturday, November 14th, 1942, George Edward Cook, beloved husband of Mabel Garryn, in his 60th year.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**MANN**—In loving memory of Jennie Moore-Mann, beloved wife of Edward Mann, who passed away November 19th, 1941.

In our hearts your memory lingers, Sweetly tender, fond and true. There is not a day, dear mother, That we do not think of you. Ever remembered by  
**HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER JEAN.**



—Friday night is just another night in town now, since stores are all closed on that night.

—Acton Voters' lists for 1943 are out. Look now to see that your name is properly listed.

—Next week is Navy League Week. Acton Branch has planned for several events to mark it.

—New store hours in Acton are meeting with a good reception by customers. It just means shopping a little earlier.

—Yes, Christmas is just five weeks from to-morrow and we're mighty thankful that on this continent it can still be held.

—Remember how in the days of hockey teams in Acton we used to be wishing about now for cold weather to make ice at the arena?

—Mr. J. C. Currie has purchased one of the duplex houses on Bower Avenue from Mr. L. Veldhuis and moved to the new home this week.

—First touch of winter didn't last long in this district and was followed by some delightful autumn weather—must have been Indian Summer again.

—Friends are pleased to see Pte. Charlie Waterhouse able to be home again on leave and that he is recovering following his accident while in training at Sussex, N.B.

—The purchasing committee of Acton Library Board have made a new purchase of books for Acton Library that are now being catalogued and made ready for distribution.

—Donald Ross, who attended Acton Continuation School last year has also been granted a graduation certificate for Form IV which was received this week by Secretary W. Middleton.

### Storage of Ice Will Preserve Food

Storage of ice on the farm is a valuable aid to the preservation of food. The storage of a few blocks of ice presents little difficulty. A rough enclosure, 10 feet square and eight feet high erected in an unoccupied corner of a shed will hold enough ice to furnish 50 pounds per day for 130 days, after allowing for a reasonable amount of wastage. The bottom of the enclosure should be covered with about one foot of sawdust. If sawdust or planer-mill shavings are not available for packing and covering, marsh or "slough" hay or any fine wild hay which grows in low places may be used.

Even if it is necessary to erect a special ice-house, the roughest kind of a shed that will keep out the weather is all that is required. Poles may be driven into the ground and lined up on the inside with rough lumber or slats, leaving a space of about three-eighths of an inch between each board, and the whole covered with a roof to keep out the rain.

Ice wells are used in some parts of the Western Provinces for making ice during the cold weather and then utilizing the space over the ice for cooling purposes during the summer months. Specifications for erecting an ordinary storage enclosure for an insulated ice-house, and for ice-wells will be found with other information in Publication No. 548 "Simple Methods for the Storage of Ice," which may be obtained free by writing to Poultry and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

### FOR ABSENTEES

An American firm has adopted a rather fierce way of combatting absenteeism. Aeronautical Products, Inc. of Detroit, got hold of some German million-mark notes of the inflation period and put one of them into each of the absentee's wage envelopes with the explanation: "The extra pay enclosed is for failure to report for work one day last week. This money comes from a country that is glad to pay you not to make supplies for our soldiers. When you don't work, you work for the enemy."—Quote.

## Obituary

### MISS LORENA MABEL AKINS

Following a period of ill health that has been suffered over the past two or three years, Miss Lorena Mabel Akins passed away on Monday, November 9th, in Hamilton.

—Miss Akins was a daughter of the late Hugh and Margaret Akins and was born in Nassagaweya Township. Over thirty years ago she came to Acton to reside with her mother for whom she cared tenderly until her death and has since resided in Acton continuously.

She was a member of the Knox Presbyterian Church and for many years a valued member of the choir where her full contralto voice added joy on many an occasion to the service of worship. She took a keen interest when health permitted in the affairs of her church and community.

Of the family of nine just two brothers remain, Hugh and Isadore and to all who are bereaved by her passing sympathy of many friends here goes out.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon with a service at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home conducted by her minister, Rev. Forbes Thomson. Here many friends gathered in tribute to Miss Akins and many floral offerings also bore testimony of esteem. Interment was made at Ebenezer Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thos. Story, Harry Park, Alex. Orr, John Bruce, Geo. Somerville and Robert Allen.

### JOHN HERBERT HILLIARD PRICE

Death came with startling suddenness to Mr. John H. H. Price at his home on Sunday, November 8th. That afternoon he had walked out to visit his brother on the highway a couple of miles east of Acton and while there suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was given attention and brought to the home in Acton where a second attack followed a few hours later and he passed away. He was in his sixty-fourth year.

Born in Equeusing Township, John Herbert Hilliard Price was a son of the late James and Abigail Price. He had spent his entire life in Acton and the district. He has resided in Acton for thirty-five years. For many years he has been a trustworthy and reliable employee of the Beardmore Co. His wife died about twelve years ago, but a family of four sons and two daughters remain to reverberate his memory and mourn his loss. Three of the sons are serving in the armed forces with two of them overseas. The surviving children are Hilliard in Acton; Pte. Herbert Price at Camp Borden, and Gunner Norman and Pte. Douglas Price, with the Canadian Army overseas; Mrs. Swain (Margaret) of Brantford and Mrs. Fisher (Abbie) of Acton. One sister, Mrs. J. Williamson and a brother Howard both of Acton also remain. To all of these the sympathy of many friends is extended.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, November 11th, with service at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home, conducted by his Pastor, Rev. E. A. Brooks. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. D. F. Williamson, Earl Davidson, Fred Harding, Alex. Currie, James Price and Harding Price. Flower bearers were Messrs. Alex. Mann, B. Pargeter, Robert Marshall, R. Batty, B. Veldhuis, Harvey Hodgson and Vic Harding.

Among the floral tributes which bore testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held were those from the family, Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. David Williamson, Howard Price and family; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Raehlin; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davidson and family; the Making and Finishing Departments of Storey Glove Co.; Mr. J. Taylor, Brantford Forestry Service; Directors of Beardmore and Co.; employees of Beardmore and Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hall and family, and the grandchildren.

### Use Sheep's Wool For Bomb-Proofing

**SYDNEY, N.S.W. (CP)**—From a New South Wales sheep station comes a new design for a bomb shelter, using wool.

Its inventor claims that bullets cannot penetrate more than one and a half inches into a bale of wool and his idea is to pack wool between double skins of steel to form the shelter's roof.

Wool, and there is such a lot of it in Australia, could be used to make bullet-proof vests for soldiers, he says, and he is working on a design for a mattress to protect fighter pilots.

"Properly used, wool will revolutionize Australia's defence," he claims. "It could make aircraft practically bullet-proof."

### NO BAYONETS FOR WOMEN

**NOTTINGHAM, Eng. (CP)**—After a see-saw debate Auxiliary Territorial Service officers agreed that women should not be expected to use bayonets in warfare but should be shown how to use light weapons, in event of invasion.

## Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by  
**GUY RHODES**  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Two possible victims of Nazi Germany's next territorial expansion have emerged from the British-American pincer movement against Axis forces in North Africa—Turkey and Spain.

It was considered significant that while Spain repelled gratefully to President Roosevelt's assurance that the United Nations intended to respect Spain's neutrality, the Spanish foreign office issued a denial of a published dispatch from Madrid saying the German ambassador had given like assurance.

A threat against Turkey—a possible base for an Axis flanking move against Russia—was seen in Axis broadcasts evincing anxiety lest the Allies launch an attack against the Italian-occupied Dodecanese islands from Cyprus, a British colonial possession in the Mediterranean populated largely by Greek descendants.

Cyprus, 100 miles long and 30 to 60 miles wide is only about 40 miles from the nearest Asia Minor point of land and 60 miles from Latakia in Allied-occupied Syria. It has an area of 3,572 square miles and a peacetime population of about 350,000. The size of its garrison is a military secret. It is about 300 miles east of Rhodes, the nearest island of the Dodecanese group.

It was considered problematical whether any major push against Axis Mediterranean possessions could be launched from the island, but expressions of anxiety by the Axis, it was noted, frequently point to expansionist intentions.

### In Line of Attack

While it was considered that an assault against Turkey would be of doubtful value to the Axis, there was no doubt in the minds of observers that an attack on Spain would be of considerable potential value.

Spain, it was believed, could scarcely put up much defence by herself, weakened as she has been since the end of her costly civil war. Should Spain elect to fight an Axis attack she would have to depend on support of the British-American allies. The allies would surely go to her aid, but such an operation would weaken them in Africa where they appear close to eliminating the Axis in a great 1,000-mile pincer movement.

Should a campaign against Spain prove successful the Axis would be in a position to attack Gibraltar from the north and rear—from Spanish Morocco across Gibraltar Strait and from continental Spain.

An attack on Gibraltar would almost certainly handicap the continued allied African offensive by tying up forces at that base which otherwise might be shipped into the offensive.

### Drive Develops Rapidly

Complete Allied control of the south coast of the Mediterranean from French Morocco to the Middle East is likely to be achieved in the near future. At the week-end the triumphant 8th Army had swept 40 miles beyond Tobruk in Cirencia and probably less than 1,000 miles separated these veteran desert fighters from the Allied expeditionary force moving into Tunisia from Algeria.

Rapid developments followed the landing of the Allied expedition in French Africa last week. Within a few days opposition to the move had changed with French troops cooperating at most points. Admiral Jean Darlan and French colonial military and administrative leaders swung over to the Allied cause and Darlan urged the French fleet to steam away from its base at Toulon.

As a powerful Anglo-American force, reported to number 150,000 men, under command of Lt-Gen. Kenneth Anderson, a veteran of Dunkerque, drove across the Algerian-Tunisian frontier, French troops battled with Axis invaders in the streets of Tunis. Tunisia was believed to be the scene of widespread rioting with the French fiercely resisting Nazi parachute troops at various strategic points in addition to Tunis.

While the position of the French fleet in the western Mediterranean was obscure, the commander of the immobilized French warships at Alexandria, according to the German-controlled Paris radio, announced he would take orders only from Marshal Petain.

According to Vichy sources, Darlan's conversion to the Allied cause and his announced decision to assume responsibility for French interests in Africa was against Petain's orders. How Darlan's switched allegiance is viewed by Gen. Charles de Gaulle and the Fighting French and Gen. Henri Giraud, who escaped from a German prison camp to join the Allied cause.

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### Girls at Work On Coal Mines

They Sort Rock from Coal in N.S. It's Not Hard Job, Say Pioneers in This Kind of Work for Women

**FLORENCE, N.S. (CP)**—Those rough, tough coal miners just can't get over it, but there really are women helping work the pits here.

Lending glamor to the grime are six girls at the pit head of the Bras d'Or Coal Company here, and they proudly claim they are pioneers in this field in Canada.

Most girls would probably say they are welcome to that distinction. For actually their job is not one for a lady who pays attention to smudged make-up and dainty hands.

What they do is stand at the top of the mine, beside a belt bearing the coal out, and separate the slate and other useless rock that becomes mixed with the black gold. It is not hard work, but it does take a quick eye and good judgment to heave out the trash and keep the good. But they are doing well, and David Burgess, general manager of the mine, claims there are other jobs here girls could do.

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### Choosey Parents Are Given Hope

Science May Give Aid to Determination of Sex, Says British Expert

**LONDON, (CP)**—Prediction that parents soon may be able to choose whether their children shall be boys or girls was made at a scientific conference here.

"It is very likely that in our near future chemical substances will be produced which will allow only males or females; as the case may be, to be conceived," said W. L. Summer, lecturer at University College, Nottingham. "We have already gone a long way towards this in the animal kingdom. The practical effect of this is not only one which would prove interesting to the scientific worker, but it would probably have far-reaching social effects."

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### Neutral Sweden's Booming Birthrate

STOCKHOLM, (C. P.)—Births throughout Sweden during the second quarter of 1942 numbered 30,551, the highest figure since 1922, it was reported to-day. The increase over the 1941 figure for the same period was 30,003. There were also 4,697 more births than during the same period in 1940.

**TAUGHT ROYALTY TO FLY**  
**LONDON, (CP)**—Capt. Valentine Henry Baker, 54, who gave flying lessons to the Duke of Windsor, the late Duke of Kent and Amy Johnson, has been killed in a test flight. One of the first British airmen to win the D.F.C., Capt. Baker demanded implicit obedience when instructing. "I don't care how hot," he once said, "whether they are titled folk or merely Tom, Dick or Mary."

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