

Personals

Signin. L. A. Cripps visited at his home here last week.

Mr. Lewis Chalmers visited during the week-end at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. W. Fosbury.

Miss Mary Black, of McMaster University, Hamilton, visited Acton relatives and friends over the week-end.

Miss Thelma Ashton, of Toronto, visited over the week-end at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rogvaldsen.

Sgt. M. J. Sullivan of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, Dorval Quebec, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz.

Miss Velma Pearson, of Dundalk, is visiting this week at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hufnagel.

Miss Elizabeth Moore observed her eight-ninth birthday on Saturday and we join with other friends of this fine elderly resident of Acton in extending birthday congratulations and more years of useful life in the community.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Locker and family indeed appreciate the kindness of friends and neighbors that was shown in so many ways at the time of their recent bereavement when their little son Wayne was called from them. These many kindly acts and sympathetic expressions have indeed helped to lighten the burden.

BRIDE AND GROOM HONORED AT SHOWING IN ACTON HOME

Last Thursday evening friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blonche gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Landsborough where a miscellaneous shower was tendered this couple and the following address told of the place they held in their friendship: Dear Vera and Bill:

Hearing of your recent marriage, we, your friends and neighbors are gathered here to extend to you our best wishes for your future happiness.

You are young people who have grown up in Acton in whose welfare we are very interested, and we hope that the future holds much of good in store for you both. You, Bill, have joined the forces of those who are doing their share in this mighty struggle to maintain the best and finest things of life. You will need faith and courage to carry you through the uncertain days ahead.

We honor you for taking your part in this gigantic task.

You, Vera, have become the helpmate of one of the many to whom we are looking to save this world from disaster. You will have a big part to play and we trust will be a tower of strength to your husband in the hardships as well as the joys of life.

When this conflict is over we shall look forward to seeing you both together founding one of the many happy homes upon which the stability and prosperity of our nation depends.

Realizing as the poet tells us that there is nothing half so sweet as love's sweet dream, we join with you in your happiness, hopes and aspirations and express to you our sincerest desires that you will have a long prosperous and happy life together.

Signed on behalf of those assembled here by:

MRS. W.M. THOMPSON,
MRS. W. HALL,
MINNIE Z. BENNETT

How to Reduce Farm Production Costs

Unless production costs are carefully controlled the present increase in farm revenue may result in no increase in profits, says H. D. Mitchell, Field Husbandry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Farm operations will have to be thoroughly planned in view of the current shortage of farm labor and new farm machinery.

Labor is going to be the most important factor in the cost of producing farm crops, and every possible means should be adopted to overcome the present shortage, and keep down the cost. Neighboring co-operation will have to be exercised to an extent unknown since the pioneer days. Family labor will have to assume a greater share of the work. Machinery on hand will have to have its use prolonged by timely overhaul and repair. Tractors and other equipment may be of increased service if used co-operatively or hired out to neighbors.

Production costs may be lowered through an increase in yields per acre, brought about by the use of improved varieties and cleaner seed. Weeds and plant disease control will increase yields. Producing the greatest possible volume of home grown feed will reduce feed costs, insure an adequate supply, and save time and expense in purchasing feeds. Improvement of pastures by reseeding and fertilization will lower costs, increase production during the summer season, and put cattle in better condition for winter season.

George Wallace

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Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of Lorena Mabel Atkins, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Spinster, deceased, otherwise known as Laura Atkins.

PARTIES having claims against the estate of Lorena Mabel Atkins, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Spinster, otherwise known as Laura Atkins, who died on or about the Ninth day of November, 1942, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned Solicitor before the Fifth day of December, 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 Nineteenth day of November, A.D. 1942.

G. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ontario, Solicitor for the Executors, James Dunton Lawrie, R. R. No. 1, Campbellville, Ontario, William Ehrly, R. R. No. 1, Campbellville, Ontario.

Insurance

Fire, Farm, Auto, Liability,
Bicycle, Plate Glass, Government
War Damage and all general
lines of Insurance.

Real Estate

DWELLINGS

We have the following bargains:

Semi-Detached brick, Flower Avenue, belonging to the estate of the late Miss L. Atkins, immediate occupation.

Brick, double house, Main Street, belonging to the estate of the late Bert McDowell.

These must be sold to wind up estates.

Stone Double House on Main Street.

FARMS

Now is the time to buy a farm. We have a number of improved farms in Halton, Peel and Wellington Counties, most of them prize winners in the Farm and Home Improvement competitions of recent years.

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GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

"HOLIDAY INN"

Irving Berlin musical with Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Cartoon "Bats in the Belfry", "Picture People", Chapter 3 "Spy Smasher"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Matinee at 3

"THEY ALL KISSED THE BRIDE"

Melvin Douglas, Joan Crawford, "Atlantic Convoy" Thrilling with John Neal, Virginia Field, "Fox News"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

"THE FIRST COMMANDO"

British, real adventures with Constance Cummings, Comics "Loving Trouble", Traveltalk "Land of Quantuleps", Cartoon "Porky's Midnight Matinee"

Weekly War Commentary

Specialist Written for The Acton Free Press by
By H. H. GORDON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The scuttling of the French home fleet in the harbor of the great naval base at Toulon, coupled with the resistance of forces ashore to German occupation, must have come as a severe blow to Hitler, confronted as he is with the task of reinforcing and supplying his forces in Northwest Africa.

The neutralization of the fleet of 60-odd vessels which he is believed always to have hoped he could get himself was had enough, but the destruction by the French ashore of harbor installations, stores and munitions, added to the reverse.

The Axis supply problem already had been made difficult by the allied aerial bombardments of the principal north Italian port of Genoa, where extensive damage was caused. He had been forced to use the facilities of the minor Italian ports, and the aerial route to get men to reinforce the comparatively small Italian garrisons in Tunisia where already the allies were pressing hard upon the colonial capital of Tunis. The cluttering of Toulon with wrecks almost certainly ruled it out as an alternative.

On All Fronts

The enemy took a beating last week on all fronts. The Russians turned on the Nazis at numerous points along the freezing and sprawling eastern front, especially around Stalingrad where they were seeking to close a huge pincer against hundreds of thousands of Germans in that area, forces on which they had already inflicted almost 150,000 casualties.

In far off New Guinea the Japs were pressed hard back upon their original bases of Buna and Coma while the American army and marine forces on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons forced slowly ahead in their effort to force the evacuation of the Japanese.

The Toulon action was a military and political blow to Hitler. He had clearly hoped that his storage of the French, in nominally complete control of the French, would be able in time to overcome the French reluctance that made Toulon hold out, an island of potential danger in a conquered land.

Laval's failure was indicated in Hitler's statement that his step against which he once again had pledged his word was necessitated by French unwillingness to yield.

What effect it had on the position of Admiral Darlan, now working with the allies in North Africa, remained to be seen. But it was noted that it brought back onto the BBC's French service the chief of the fighting, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle, just after the fighting French had cancelled their broadcasts.

It raised the question: Was Darlan really the traitor he has been called, or was he playing possum through the long dark days that succeeded France's fall? He himself said he joined the allies at the will of his chief, Marshal Petain, and that the Marshal was in a position where he dared not express this will.

Closing the Trap

At the week-end the Russians continued to thrust northeast and southwest of Stalingrad with German forces being driven back on the Volga city, Kletskaya, a city on the west bank of the Don River, 80 miles northwest of Stalingrad held by the Nazis since August, was reported captured and a large enemy force was encircled at Kalach to the southwest.

Some days may elapse before the magnitude of the Russian operation becomes clear. The forces now virtually trapped before Stalingrad probably have sufficient supplies to last for some time and, in the case of the army at Stavra, Russia a year ago, may be reinforced from the air.

Further to the northwest somewhat similar strategy is being followed in the vast area known as the Kalinin sector while in the Caucasus the Red Army is attacking vigorously at various points.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth Anderson's veteran fighters, in Tunisia, together with American and Fighting French forces were reported to have opened an offensive against the German bases of Bizerte and Tunis on Nov. 27. This would indicate that troops of the British first Army had been deployed very rapidly following the landings in French North Africa on Nov. 9.

According to the week-end dispatches Anderson's strategy called for a wedge between the enemy forces based on Bizerte and Tunis. In the meantime the Germans have rushed formidable air strength to the central Mediterranean area where not only the forces in Tunisia, but also the remnants of Marshal Rommel's Afrika-Korps, urgently need support.

German forces in the Libyan desert were believed to be making all ready for a stand in the narrow area between El Agheila and the sea, with Lt. Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's troops manoeuvring for a decisive attack.

The Japanese in New Guinea are

Reports Received County Salvage Collection Program

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In continuation of a resolution asking that a plan be worked out by the Department of National War Services, whereby postwar plans for men on farms will correspond with the crop year and that applicants be told definitely what is to be expected of them the next year.

Dr. Heslop—"I don't think it will do any good. If a man is doing a good job on a farm they'll leave him there. If he isn't they'll take him."

Reeve MacDonald—"The farmer is just like any other business man—he needs to know what is ahead of him so that he can plan accordingly."

Deputy-Reeve Robertson—"I think this thing needs looking into more thoroughly. There are too many farm boys more interested in getting \$4 or \$5 a day when they are in production. I believe I am right in saying that more boys have gone from the farm into industry than into the army and that naturally tends to aggravate the farm labor shortage."

Deputy-Reeve Hillmer—"It also works the other way. Some boys who had left the farm to work in industry have gone back to the farm in order to get exemption."

The resolution was finally endorsed. Notification was received from Peel County Council, at their last meeting council had agreed to pay half cost of additional help to be secured by the Children's Aid Society of the Counties of Halton and Peel.

The following resolutions were passed: Moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Hillmer, that the following accounts be paid: printing \$103.99; agricultural \$32; finance, \$826.51; county buildings, \$79.72; hospital accounts, \$933.57. Total \$1,995.79.

Moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Hillmer, that this county council agree to pay half of the expense incurred by the hiring of extra help for the Children's Aid Society.

The meeting adjourned.

planned to a coastal area of about 40 miles in the Buna area and recently were reinforced at a cost of five warships. A sortie from these positions was thrown back by Australian and American soldiers and heavy losses inflicted. It appears only a question of time before the Japanese are mopped up completely.

Churchill Warns Italy

Broadcasting to the world Sunday on the eve of his 68th birthday Prime Minister Churchill, bluntly warned Italy to sue for peace before the country is "brought under prolonged, scientific and shattering air attack."

"It is for the Italian people 40,000,000 of them, to say whether they want this terrible thing to happen to them or not," he said.

Mr. Churchill was confident about the outcome of the campaign for control of the whole of North Africa. He said that British and American forces would expel Axis forces from their bases in Tunisia before long and the war carried to Italy.

Early this week reports from Tunisia indicated that the Allies had driven a wedge to a point near the last highway linking Bizerte and Tunis. French troops had also gained ground in a drive to block the enemy's corridor to Tripoli. A tank battle was reported Tuesday in Tunisia, while the Allies threw more planes into the skies to maintain air superiority.

On the eastern flank the British 8th Army was being made ready for an assault on Field Marshal Rommel's forces now strongly entrenched between El Agheila and the Mediterranean.

New Russian Assaults

A new Russian offensive, indicated for some days on the basis of German reports, was admitted this week by Moscow. The drive in the Rzhev-Vyazma-Velike Luga triangle, west of the Soviet capital, has assumed large proportions and is a distinct threat to important Nazi positions. At the same time German military quarters said a Red army was being concentrated for still another offensive in the Voronezh sector midway between Moscow and Stalingrad.

If the attacks in these areas are successful the Germans may be forced to order a general withdrawal all along the Eastern Front. In the meantime the invaders are still battling in the Stalingrad sector despite the fact that two months ago Hitler boasted that the fall of the Volga city was certain.

German planes are said to be bringing troops and supplies into the area and apparently no attempts are being made to get the partially-encircled army out of the dangerous salient. Severe fighting is likely to continue before Stalingrad for some time.

Attempting to whip up a spirit of resistance in the Italian people, Proclamation of Marshal Benito Mussolini declared in a broadcast Wednesday that if the Italian nation gave up it "would renounce forever its dream of becoming a great nation."

He advised Italians to learn to hate and said that although the country's armed forces might not be equal to the tremendous tasks now being shouldered Germany would reinforce

The "Y" Column

Needles were flying and scissors were clipping last Saturday morning at the "Y" and gay prints of every color were shaped into aprons by the Junior girls during their sewing period. The children were as busy as bees all morning and so it has been decided to call the club the "Busy Bees."

Last year the children didn't get a sleighing party due to the fact that the weather man didn't co-operate, so this year we decided to take him by surprise and have an impromptu party while there was snow.

The Junior boys met at the Y at 6:30 and had a grand time on the sleigh. The team of horses owned by Mr. Marshall were very promptly handled by Fred Dunn. When the boys arrived back at the Y there was hot soup waiting for them. Thanks to our cook of the evening, Mrs. J. A. Cameron, I might add yours truly enjoyed the ride very much and I want to thank Mr. Masters for his assistance with the children.

The boys' aerophone club has now been named and from now on will be called the "Airmando Club," and as you probably have guessed it, has been taken from the word "Commando," but that word didn't exactly fit so after some considerable thought the word "Airmando" was brought to life, and by the looks of the enthusiasm of the boys it will be kept very much alive.

Last night the Volleyball League had another league tournament. There was a good attendance. The team led by Bob MacArthur took it in the neck and did not win any games last night, while the team led by Chris Heard won all their games.

Here are the scores:

Heard 21, Croighton 16
Croighton 21, MacArthur 2
Heard 21, MacArthur 4
Croighton 21, MacArthur 16
Heard 21, MacArthur 5

Here is the league standing:

Croighton	W	3
Heard	L	1
MacArthur	2	6

MAY GRAY.

Italy with "powerful contributions"

Mussolini said that in the first 30 months of war 172 naval ships totaling 227,000 tons had been lost, and army, navy and air force casualties totalled 94,182 dead and 232,700 prisoners. R.A.F. bombings and naval bombardments of coastal areas had killed 1,876 and injured 3,332, and in Genoa alone 2,003 houses had been destroyed.

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J. Cadesky

OPTOMETRIST
WILL BE IN ACTON ON
Monday, December 7
Anyone suffering from Eye-strain, Defective Vision or Headache should not miss the opportunity of consulting this eye-sight specialist. Appointments may be made with Mr. A. T. Brown, Druggist.
Office Hours: 10:30 a.m. till 4:15 p.m. (D.M.T.)

Christmas Lighting

By order of the Power Controller it is permissible to have Christmas Decorative Lighting and Lighting for Christmas trees in the homes from
DECEMBER 24th TO JANUARY 1st ONLY
Churches and Parish Halls are permitted to light trees on Christmas Day and Christmas Eve, only.
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To Stores, Etc.
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GIFTS

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You like to receive

YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING is no doubt a real problem with the difficulty retailers have in securing merchandise, due to wartime restrictions. However, we have a lovely assortment of Useful, yet Beautiful Gifts for Christmas.

Bedspreads, Comforters, Cushions

Just arrived! A smart line of Chenille Bed Spreads in the new colors and designs.
COMFORTERS Beautiful Silk, assorted colors, large and comfy.
A Nice Assortment of CUSHIONS in assorted covers and designs.

Tables — Tea Wagons

Tables, Magazine Stands, Smokers in Walnut and Metal. Tea Wagons, a lovely assortment and at very popular prices!

LAMPS

TRI-LITE, TABLE, RADIO LAMPS, a nice range to choose from. Also Boudoir Set in the new designs and colors.

SPECIAL — PAINTINGS

We have been very fortunate in securing a limited supply of Paintings by the eminent Danish artist Tygesen. These paintings were painted by Tygesen in Vancouver this summer and the scenes and colors are beautiful. All in hand-carved frames. Everyone loves a lovely painting in their home and we are proud and fortunate in being able to secure a limited supply only. We invite you to drop in and you be the judge.

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