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EDITORIAL

Now and at Home

The Christmas shopping season is here in full swing and those who are wise will not defer that important item until the last minute. Stocks now are just as complete as they will be and in most cases cannot be replenished. Gone are the days when a wholesaler can be called upon to fill in a broken line because the shelves of the wholesaler do not carry the ready stock.

Acton stores offer as good a variety, and in many cases better, than will be found elsewhere. Your local merchant knows the community demand best and has done his best in early ordering to have the goods that you want. You will also find that his prices compare favorably with those obtainable anywhere. Quite often your local store can supply goods that is now not procurable in the larger centres.

In this issue Acton merchants offer you a host of gift suggestions to make your shopping as easy as possible. You will save yourself a lot of time, expense, and disappointment if you visit Acton stores now and make your purchases. Again we urge shop now and shop in Acton.

Don't Lose the Christmas Spirit

About the finest Christmas gift that could come to the world right now would be peace but for this Christmas that will be the impossible gift. This is the fourth yuletide that has been observed under the war clouds and each one has seen a people more determined that only in victory and the conclusion of a peace that will free the people who have been oppressed will they be content. To-day, Canadians are more serious in their effort to win than at any other time.

At this Christmas time of 1942 we have more cause for hopefulness, more reason for optimism than at any of the other four Christmases that have been held in four years. Therefore we say enjoy the Christmas season as best you can. The places of loved ones away from home can never be filled only by those loved ones but this Christmas we have more cause to hope that the time will not be nearly so distant when they can be filled. Make it a happy Christmas for those who are here and above all for the children.

After all Christmas and what it stands for is one of the big things for which the battles rage. In the struggle don't lose the object, but rather make it a Christmas with practical and useful gifts, but don't lose the spirit of giving and of Christmas.

It's Skating Time

This is the time of year when young people become very anxious about the opening of the Arena. True it is impossible to put in a hockey team that will make an attraction for the gate returns of other years. With so many young men and women in the armed forces it is likewise true that there are not the number to patronize skating events.

The one thing however that must not be lost sight of is the fact that we have a considerable group from ten to nineteen years, who require the exercise and play that is provided by the arena during the winter season. We have confidence that if the arena is used for other more essential purposes of these war times, the council will give recognition and make provision for the needs of these young people at home. The arena serves a great place in the community. In the twelve years of its operation it has been one of the means that keep Acton young folks contented in their own community. It provides good recreation and good sport. On the municipal bal-

ance sheet it may show more expenditure than revenue. But so do the schools. And like the schools it also provides a very necessary side to the life of the young people of the community. We personally hope the arena will operate this year, but if a greater need of the war arises, we know young people will gladly forego this pleasure knowing it is only temporary.

A Changing Time

Announcement in another column tells of the decrease in the cost of several commodities that affect the pocketbook of every householder. True these items directly attacked do not cover all the spots where increases have occurred, but they do make a start. We have had a year of Price Control. Everyone knows that every price hasn't been brought under control—that the plan hasn't been perfect. But everyone knows that without this control wages and prices would have reached a stage where the wage-earner would have suffered most.

It is interesting to see by this announcement that Price Control after a year of experience is flexible enough to adopt the measures which will keep the cost of living within bounds. All these measures are disturbing to the normal conduct of business. We find some of them so beneficial that many hope that after the war they will continue. It is well however, that those not found beneficial can also be discarded at any time. Such are the benefits of a democratic way, that when the need arises for the greatest number that need of the majority is retained and expanded.

To-day we hear a great deal of talk about the ideal conditions that are planned in the days after the war. It would indeed be a calamity if a better world did not emerge after the fierce ordeal through which humanity as a whole is passing. That better way of life will mean sacrifices to many that the greatest need may be served. It too, will have controls necessary to bring it about and no doubt the ideals of the post-war period will have their beginning in the controls now in effect. Mistakes and corrections will occur from time to time and during this and the future period of re-adjustment we are likely to have many changes.

A Good Town

If you hear people talking about the places they have lived in or visited, they will often say that such and such a place is "a good town," and they will say that certain places are not so good.

Reputation as a good town is created by several factors, prominent among which are business enterprise, willingness to try out new ideas, and high standards of maintenance. The good town does not like to be surpassed by competing cities. If it learns of some new improvement introduced elsewhere, it is likely to investigate the scheme and try it out. It holds the ideal of a "Spotless town." It is considered up to everybody to make his place shine, and create an impression of refinement and progress. It is a mighty paying proposition to create the reputation that a place is a "good town."

EDITORIAL NOTES

In 1941, it cost .127 of one per cent. to float the Victory Loan. This year it cost .104 of one per cent. That is shaving it down pretty fine.

"But Africa is no halting place. It is not a seat, but a springboard. We shall use Africa to come to closer grips."—Prime Minister Churchill.

"The best answer to communism is a living, vibrant, fearless Democracy—economic and social and political."—Wendell Willkie at Toronto.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 passengers and freight trains enter and leave Chicago every day. That gives some idea of what the British accomplish when they bomb vital rail centres in Germany.

Now wasn't it nice to not have the bother of an election at this time of year. Acton was fortunate that the men who had filled the positions so capably consented to continue their work for another year.

Wonder what became of that plan to curtail the consumption of intoxicating beverages. Perhaps the flap who placed the liquor interests high among those who guide us, had some knowledge not known to the average man.

Queer how the first snowfall shows up the citizens who believe in taking their part in the community and those who are willing to let the other fellow plow through unaided. And they never change from year to year either.

Looking back over the years it is some time since the County Wardenship has been held by a representative from Acton and in Reeve J. M. McDonald, no municipality will send a representative to County Council better qualified by ability and experience to conduct Halton's affairs in a business-like way.

This year marks the 125th Anniversary of Elora, the 90th birthday of Elora's newspaper and the first year of the guidance of The Express under the present editor. We join in congratulations and the wish that the community and its newspaper may have continued growth and prosperous years.

Swift Lifeboat Guarding Coast To Save Airmen

Well-Equipped Rescue Craft Ready for Fast Run on Sea—Crew Has First Aid and Other Special Training

BY STUART UNDERHILL
Canadian Press Staff Writer
A WEST COAST CANADIAN AIR STATION, (CP)—Speed can save lives and there's plenty of it packed in the powerful engines of R.C.A.F. Montagnais, a 70-foot high-speed

rescue boat that can rocket out of this station at nearly 50 miles an hour to bring help to airmen whose planes have been forced down within a radius of 700 miles.


Commanded by FO. Roy Barry of Vancouver, the Montagnais is equipped with a compact operating room and life-saving gear. All her crew have had a smattering of first aid training and one of them, Cpl. W. L. Schofield of Vancouver, is a full-fledged nursing orderly.

THE low-lying Montagnais is built along the lines of the motor torpedo boats used by the United States navy and a ride in her across Pacific waters is more exciting than most flights in

the aircraft to whose assistance she goes. When the craft smacks down into the trough of a wave there's a spine-shaking jolt and the tops of all doorways are padded to prevent cracked skulls.

FO. Barry is a veteran coastal seaman. At the outbreak of the First Great War, when he was 14 years of age, he was stationed on the west coast aboard a Canadian government patrol ship. His son Roy, 18, has spent two years at sea in this war.

MOSCOW, (CP)—Pleading for her cow, a mother of four children finally denounced an invading German officer as a "bigand" at which he drew his pistol and killed her.



It Is Always A Merry Christmas

To Those Who Own Their Own House and Keep It Insured

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TO ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

— COOPER BLOCK — ACTON, ONTARIO

Only a Few Days Left

Until Christmas for 1942 will be here and passed, but we have a large display of Lovely Gifts to Choose from and new shipments are arriving daily.

SHOP EARLY

PICTURES
A lovely range to choose from, all sizes and a host of different mounts from
35c to \$10.95

WASTE PAPER BASKETS
Strong and of Assorted Colors
69c

COMFORTERS
A limited quantity only. Wonderful value at
\$7.95

OCCASIONAL CHAIRS
In a nice array of colors including the famous "Lazy Boy."
\$10.50 to \$35.00

TABLES
End Tables, Centre Tables, Smoking Stands, all in birch and walnut. Useful in any home.
\$3.25 to \$12.95

MAGAZINE STANDS
In different designs from
\$2.10 to \$7.95

CUSHIONS
In a large range of designs and colors.
\$1.75 to \$2.50

LAMPS
Three-Piece Vanity, Sets, Table Lamps, Radio Lamps, and Tri-Lite. A lovely gift for anyone from
\$1.20 to \$18.50

JUST ARRIVED
A nice line of Hossacks—just the gift for Dad or mother.
\$4.25 to \$5.25

—Also—
High Chairs, Kiddies Rockers, Ferneries, Metal Smoking Stands, Card Tables, Etc. All at very reasonable prices.

MIRRORS
Are always useful in any home. A nice assortment of designs and shapes from
\$1.98 to \$7.50

Johnstone & Rumley
MILL STREET PHONE 30 ACTON, ONT.

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Physician and Surgeon
(Successor to Dr. J. A. McNeven)
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Physician and Surgeon
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Frederick Street—PHONE 10
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Sundays by Appointment Only

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Physician and Surgeon
Office Hours—2-4 and 7-9 p.m.
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Telephone 128

DRS. STEVENSON & WAGNER
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ACTON—Over T. Seynuck's Cafe
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TIME TABLES

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Going East

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| Daily, except Sunday | 6:19 a.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 6:24 p.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 9:19 a.m. |
| Sunday, only | 8:11 p.m. |
| Flyer, at Georgetown | 9:24 p.m. |
| Flyer, at Guelph | 8:55 p.m. |

Going West

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| Daily, except Sunday | 1:06 a.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 8:50 a.m. |
| Saturday, only | 2:29 p.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 7:24 p.m. |
| Sunday, Only | 11:54 p.m. |

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Westbound

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| 7:10 a.m. | 8:13 a.m. | 2:34 p.m. |
| 8:50 a.m. | 9:53 a.m. | 6:33 p.m. |
| 10:30 a.m. | 11:33 a.m. | 8:13 p.m. |
| 12:10 p.m. | 1:13 p.m. | 9:53 p.m. |

Eastbound

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| 6:16 a.m. | 9:16 a.m. | 11:51 a.m. |
| 2:06 p.m. | 3:06 p.m. | 6:16 p.m. |
| 8:01 p.m. | 9:01 p.m. | |

a Daily except Sunday
b Sunday and Holidays
c Daily except Sunday and Holidays
d Sat., Sun. and Hol.
e To Kitchener Only
y To Stratford Only