

Holiday Visitors and Personals

Many Came to Acton to Spend the Holiday and Numbers of Actonians Visited at Other Centres

Miss Ruby Clark is home from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dobbie were at Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Huffnagel were at Dundalk.

Mr. Boyd Clark of Toronto, was home for the holiday.

Pat and Mrs. Ben Corless spent Christmas at Clinton.

Miss Myrtle Brunelle is home from Toronto for the holidays.

Miss Frances Hurst is home from Creemore for the holidays.

Mr. Harold Kennedy was home from Detroit for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Gardiner spent Christmas visiting in Dundalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning of Toronto, spent Christmas here.

Lieut. Jack Graham is home from Debert, N.S., for the holiday leave.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brush of Hamilton spent Christmas holidays here.

Sgt. Norman B. Wright was home from British Columbia for Christmas.

Miss Viola Waller is spending the holiday week visiting in Winnipeg, Man.

Miss Waretta Smith was home from Toronto for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Wm. Small and Mr. Robert Weir of Kiltbride visited Acton relatives.

Gen. James Ford of Newmarket, spent Christmas leave at his home in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McCallan spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Frowe of Bracebridge and Nancy spent Christmas at Mr. J. McClure's.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Lantz and Carol Anne visited friends in Hamilton over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Rognavaldson and Marilyn and Mr. John Rognavaldson, were at Toronto.

Miss Joan Cudden of Georgetown, spent Christmas at the home of Gen. and Mrs. James Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Overholt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, George, Shirley and Jane, spent Christmas at the parental home at Comber.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Stewart, Toronto, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood during the week-end.

Mr. D. C. Russell and Miss Jessie Russell spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilks, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilks of Vineland over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vincent, Billie and Barbara of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston.

Mr. J. R. Kennedy and Miss M. E. Nelson are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Russell, Unionville.

Nursing Sister Nora Kenney of the Military Hospital Staff at Niagara-on-the-Lake was home for Christmas holidays.

Mrs. H. Caldwell and all her family and her grandchildren spent Christmas with Mrs. (Dr.) Gordon Agnew, in Toronto.

Mr. Herbert Hamilton of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currie and his mother, Mrs. E. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton of Toronto, and Miss Maud Watkins, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Watkins and family.

Mr. Anne Kelly of Trinity Barracks, Toronto spent Christmas week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell and Wilva and Mr. Clinton McKinnon of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Masales.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McKinnon of Bracebridge spent the Christmas holidays at the home of their daughter, Mrs. G. W. Masales.

Maureen and Kathleen McCrystal are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly.

LAC. Warf and Mrs. Bruce of Trenton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sayers of Oshawa, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Reid, Dorothy and Nancy and Mrs. E. Frank Kennedy of Hamilton, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Robert Reid.

Visitors at the home of Rev. A. W. and Mrs. P. O'Rourke, Christmas Eve. Pte. Ivan G. Chalmers of St. Thomas and Mr. Lowrie Chalmers of Toronto.

Mrs. C. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Johnston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otlio Clark of Hamilton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O. Oakes and Dr. and Mrs. F. G. O. Oakes and family spent Christmas with the former's daughter, Mrs. Gordon Swanson at Rockwood.

M. P. and Mrs. Robert Currie, Marlon and Donald of Peru, spent Saturday with Mrs. Robert Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby of Milton Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Carrigan and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton of Milton Heights, spent Sunday with Mrs. Robert Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reid of Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reid of Winona, Miss Bernice Reid of Cuthbert, spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid.

AC2 Ronald L. Graham and AC2 A. W. Garland, R.C.A.F., of Vancouver, B.C., now stationed at St. Thomas T.T.S., spent Christmas with Archie C. Currie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sutcliffe, Shirley and Bill of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz and Miss Grace Lantz spent Christmas with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Angus McDonald and Messrs. Shady, Joe, Kenneth, Russell and Archie of Dolly Varden, spent Christmas with Mrs. Robert Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights.

Sub-Lieut. J. M. Small, R.C.N.V.R., of London, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sterling of Bracebridge; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Small of Toronto were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. R. M. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gamble and Miss M. Johnston of Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Brignall, Douglas and Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed and Wallace of Toronto, were Christmas visitors at Mr. James H. Reid's.

Mrs. Wm. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood and Miss La. Vorne Smith of Toronto; Pte. Earl Ryder of Hamilton; and Mr. A. Williams of Georgetown, were visitors during Christmas tide at the home of Miss E. Hawthorne.

Mrs. C. F. Leatherland, who has been at the parental home in Deseronto, since the death of her mother, Mrs. Edgar Irwin, this month, returned home after Christmas. Her father, Mr. Edgar Irwin, returned with her and will spend the winter months with Mr. and Mrs. Leatherland.

Mr. August Anderson and family are deeply appreciative of the kindness and helpfulness shown by doctors, nurses and neighbors during the illness of the beloved husband and father. The sympathy shown in so many ways in the bereavement has also been most comforting.

The family of the late Rachel Gregory wish to thank everyone who was kind to her while she was in the hospital, and for the messages of sympathy and the flowers sent during their recent bereavement. These kindnesses will always be gratefully remembered.

Gas From Turf Of Irish Bogs

Not in War, but Feeling the Pinch. Eire Talks of Farmlands and Hogs

DUBLIN, (CP). Eire, though not engaged in war, is nevertheless feeling the effect to such an extent that extensive plans for post-war reconstruction, hinging mainly on greater use of the land, are being undertaken.

Premier Eamon de Valera outlined the plans in an address to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and spoke of agriculture as being the basis of the scheme and mentioned among possible developments a survey and classification of soils and the piping to towns of gas from turf of the Irish bogs.

Because of the likelihood that Eire for many years after the war may be forced to depend almost exclusively on her own resources, as the country is being forested to do now to a large extent, Mr. de Valera said, much greater use must be made of agriculture. Full use of agricultural scientific knowledge should be made and the pig and bacon industry should be re-organized with a view to cutting transport and distribution costs.

In the matter of fuel the prime minister declared Eire's best bet will be more fully developed and wind-power should be utilized at least for the lighting of isolated farms.

George Wallace

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GREGORY THEATRE

MIDNITE SHOW NEW YEAR'S EVE AT 11.45

"WEEKEND IN HAVANA"

Allice Faye, John Payne. Selected shorts and Community Sing reels.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st "KEEP FIT"

George Formby, Comedy "Divide and Conquer," Pete Smith "Melody Villed," Chapter 7 Spy Smasher.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd Matinee at 3.00

"SHEPHERD OF THE OZARKS"

Outdoor action picture with Weaver Bros. and Betty.

"PACIFIC RENDEZVOUS" Spy-thriller with Lee Bow-man, Jean Rogers. "Fox News."

MONDAY, JANUARY 4th

"EAGLE SQUADRON"

Diann Barrymore, Robert Stack, Band "Richard Himber & Orchestra" Miniature "A.T.C.A."

WAR

25 Years Ago

Christmas Holiday Season Found The Canadian Corps in Familiar Positions Around Vimy and Lens

BY H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Canadian soldiers celebrated Christmas and New Year's Day 25 years ago in winter quarters amid familiar positions on the Arras front.

After the swamps of Passchendaele and Vimy silent, the well-kept trenches and commodious dug-outs around Vimy Ridge and Lens merited a "luxury" rating.

During the year 1917 the Dominion troops had maintained their reputation as first-class fighting men with outstanding victories at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70 and Passchendaele. They had earned their "rest," but were aware that the Germans, freed from the Russian campaign, were preparing for an all-out offensive on the Western Front in 1918.

But that was to come. Their holiday season was a "luxury" indeed. Christmas mail and parcels from home and a respite from heavy fighting. Back of the lines, battalions at rest played football and other games and revelled in the recreational and entertainment facilities provided by the Y.M.C.A. and other organizations. Concert parties, with clever entertainers recruited from the ranks put on splendid performances in battered buildings.

The Canadians had been brought back from Vimy area soon after the Passchendaele victory stabilized the Flanders front for the winter. They found the Germans still holding the coal-mining city of Lens as well as Fresnoy which they had recaptured after the sharp battles of the summer.

The new Canadian positions ran south and east from Hill 70 toward Lens which was partly encircled. Just north of Lens the Canadians held Cite St. Emile and Cite St. Elizabeth, but to the south Cite St. Austine was in German hands. Vimy was behind the Canadian lines and further south No Man's Land widened and the front ran forward from the eastern slopes of Vimy Ridge, with Merincourt and Acheville in enemy territory.

At Fresnoy the lines narrowed considerably. Sir Arthur Currie's troops were on the outskirts of Oppy and in control of "Arleux-en-Gohelle." The Canadian front ended in the vicinity of Gavrelle, further to the south.

Weekly War Commentary

(Continued from Page One)

210 miles east of Tripoli, on Dec. 25. This marked a 190-mile advance since El Agheila. The Germans were expected to make a determined stand at Tripoli.

Swift motor parties of the Allied troops had advanced Dec. 26 to within 12 miles of Tunis, despite winter rains and muddy ground.

At the week-end the Germans were retreating in half-dozen key sectors of the Russian front. The Russians had scored at several advances, some of fifteen miles. German losses were very heavy.

The Pacific area a mixed force of Australians and Americans were closing in on the Japanese fortifications in the Buna Misaki area of New Guinea.

Succeeds Darlan

Gen. Giraud early this week was the unanimous choice of the French Imperial-Council to succeed Darlan as High Commissioner of French Africa. Unification of the De Gaulle and Giraud groups is now a distinct probability.

De Gaulle in London subsequently paid tribute to Giraud and said "the union of the whole Empire in the war" probably soon can be realized.

It is possible as an outcome of further negotiations that a temporary French government will direct a unified French war effort in many parts of the world.

Germans Isolated

The Russians have brought about the complete isolation of a German army, estimated to number 300,000 before Stalingrad. While the wedge driven behind the force is being widened daily, the Nazis are attempting to supply the trapped army from the air and their efforts are proving costly. Russian advances warned however that the Germans in the Volga city area showed no signs of weakening and were capable of strong resistance.

Driving down the Moscow-Rostov railway, Russians in the Middle Don area reported to be less than 50 miles away from another Soviet force attacking Kotelnikovski south of Stalingrad. Spearheads of the former army were reported Tuesday to be only 100 miles from Rostov.

Soviet headquarters said Hitler was throwing reinforcements in the Middle Don region in a desperate attempt to check the Russian offensive, "but under the blows of our men they are suffering heavy losses."

Gains in Burma

Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's drive southward into Burma is officially reported to have reached Rathedaung, only 25 miles north of the Japanese base at Akyab. At the same time roundabout reports from Thailand indicate that another British column is operating in the Chindwin River valley to the north, after driving the enemy from the Chin Hills.

Although British military authorities still refuse to make any big claims for Wavell's moves in Burma it would appear that the Japanese are retreating rapidly. This suggests either a strong British force of inadequate Japanese garrisoning of the conquered territory. There is every reason to believe that the British general's preparations in the past six months have been based on a large-scale offensive.

Key Point Falls

Recapture of Kotelnikovski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, was announced by the Russian High Command on Tuesday. Following their success in retaking the city, the forces pushed on toward Zimovniki, 42 miles to the southwest. Kotelnikovski fell in a night attack after the Russians had closed in from three sides.

The German-held rail city has served as a main base of supplies for the German 6th Army at the gates of Stalingrad and its capture is regarded as the first big prize of the Russian winter offensive. London military quarters believe that the extermination of the 6th Army now is possible.

Completely surrounded, the Germans only contact with their main forces is maintained by air.

Farming Paper Will Run Farm

To Rubish Such Paper One Must Have Mud on His Boots. Editor Declares

LONDON, (CP). "Some of this arm-chair farming for the Farmer's Weekly, well-known British agricultural paper. It is in the margin for a farm."

"We believe that to run a good farming paper you must have mud on your boots," the paper said.

The move was "a deliberate, unhesitant, matter-of-fact step in the natural order of the paper's development." It didn't mark a sudden conversion because individual members of the staff (have been encouraged to farm on their own account).

"What is new is the determination of the Farmer's Weekly to farm, as it were, publicly. We propose to tell the people everything that goes on at the farm, our ups and downs, our successes and failures, our losses and gains. Our idea is to farm in sight of the road and the gate will be always open to the interested."

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN THE GLORY OF THE SON OF GOD

Golden Text—And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth. Jno. 1:14.

Lesson Text—Jno. 1:1-14.

Time—A. D. 95.

Place—Ephesus.

Exposition—World 1:1. The Eternally Existing Word.

John's gospel is the deepest book in the Bible, and this is the deepest portion of the book. Any exposition of these words, seem incomplete and inadequate. They should be long and deeply pondered by each individual for himself. John carries us back to the dawn not merely of human history, but of the history of the universe, and ages ago we behold a Being who then already "was" (Gen. 1:1).

The name of this eternally existing Being is "the Word." He is called "the Word" because it is in Him that God fully expressed Himself (or revealed Himself). The Bible is the written word of God because in it God speaks and reveals Himself. God has revealed Himself, not only in a book but in a Person. The Person is the eternal Word who became incarnate in our Lord Jesus (Joh. 1:1; 1 Jno. 1:2; Jno. 1:14; "14:9").

This person "was" in His presence, in His presence, in His presence. This person "was" God. From all eternity that person who became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth was God (Phil. 2:6). There could not be a more definite and explicit statement of the true deity of Him who tabernacled among us in the person of Jesus Christ: He "was God" (Jas. 9:6; Rom. 9:5; Titus 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:1; Heb. 1:6, 8; 1 Jno. 5:20).

The entire gospel of John is devoted to a proof of this statement. Every thing revolves about this center (Jno. 20:31). This verse brings out the fact that there were at least two persons in the God-head. "The Word was with God"; there is one Divine person in company with whom the Word was; and the Word Himself was God, i.e., also a Divine person. Having learned His eternal Divine nature, we turn next to His divine work. He is the one through whom all things came to be; God has executed all His creative plans through Him. He who by His incarnation, became our Saviour, was first our creator and the creator of all things. Apart from Him came not one thing into existence (Joh. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; Ps.-23:6; Heb. 11:3). There was life in Him before His incarnation; He is the eternal source of life. All life has come forth from Him. Eternal life is in Him (1 Jno. 5:11). The only way to get eternal life is by taking Him in whom it is (1 Jno. 5:12). Not only was life in Him, but He was Him (Jno. 1:1; 1 Jno. 1:3). He who was the life was also "the light of men" (Jno. 1:9; 1:12; 1:9; 1:12; 1:9; 1:12). "The Word" did not become "the light of men" by His incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth; He was ever "the light of men." No ray of light has ever shone upon man except from Him. The light that shone in Old Testament times shone from Him, even the glimpses of light the heathen have had are from Him.

When sin came, night came. The condition of the whole world since the fall, has been one of night, spiritual darkness. In the midst of this universal darkness there has ever been a light shining. The light shone, but the world did not indeed, would not, lay hold of it (1 Cor. 2:14; Jno. 3:19, 20). "That is why the world would not lay hold of the light in His incarnation; for, so God gives the Word in a form more easily apprehensible, an incarnate form."

If John the Witness to the Light.

God's condescension to man's infirmity does not stop even at that. He sends a witness to this incarnate light. To men who can see, light needs no witness but itself; but men are blind and so need one who can see to bear witness to the light. God sent such a witness in John the Baptist. "A man sent from God." That is a glorious title. But mark the clear line of demarcation between John and Jesus. John is a "man sent from God"; Jesus was a man whom God deified. In honor, but he was a man. Jesus was God become flesh. John came to be a witness and the purpose of his testimony was that "all men might believe through him."

III The Word Became Flesh. 10:1-14

Here the hostility of man to the light and to God appears in its darkest aspect. Not only did the darkness not apprehend the light (15), not only did the world in which He was and which was made by Him, not know Him (10), but His own home and people (or household servants, i.e., Israel), even they "received Him not" to themselves. How complete is the alienation of man from God and light. While the world, and even His own, as a whole, rejected, there were an elect few who "received Him," and to every one of them the door of His Father's house was opened and they entered as "children." They who received the Son of God by that act themselves "become

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Mary Isabel, to L.A.C. Dirk, Curtis vanGoozen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. vanGoozen, Acton. The marriage is to take place on January 16th, at Maple Hill Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parkinson, Eragnosa, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Margaret Jean, to Franklin Royce Campbell, son of Mrs. A. Campbell, Acton, the marriage to take place the middle of January.

Aussies Strong On Dried Fruits

CANBERRA, (CP). The Australian Commonwealth government has approved the expenditure of £200,000 (\$740,000) on the dehydration of fruit and vegetables, twice the amount approved at the beginning of the year.

Negotiations to expand dried apple production have been carried on with firms in Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia, and more than 30,000 tons of fresh apples—about 1,650,000 cases will be used to produce 4,000 tons of dried apples each year.

At present the production of canned apples represents £500,000 tons of fresh fruit, of which 50 per cent. is retained for needs of the services, the remainder being for civilian consumption.

BOYS KILLED

LONDON, (CP). Two boys, one 10 years old and the other 11, were killed when a grenade they found in a field exploded. The grenade was one of two which had been found by a Home Guard officer and moved by persons unknown.

Wedding Astride The County Line

SKIATOOK, Okla., (CP). Pte. Fred Sutton of Sheppard Field, Tex., bought a license to wed Helen Hadlock of Collingsville, Okla. Then he learned his sister, Gertrude, was going to marry Pte. Wayne Case of Fort Sill, Okla. They planned a double wedding but a hitch developed. Sutton had obtained his license in Tulsa County. Case had purchased one in adjoining Osage County.

Then Gertrude remembered that a street in Skiatook, where she lives, is the dividing line between the two counties. The minister stood in the middle of the street. Case and Gertrude took up their stansions on the sidewalk on the Osage County side, Sutton and Helen on the Tulsa County side, and the double ceremony was performed.

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