

Obituary

BORN MacPHERSON—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. MacPherson of 54 Banff Road, Toronto, are very happy to announce the birth of their daughter, a sister for Bobby, Gary and Glenn, on Saturday, February 6th, at St. Michael's Hospital.

DECEASED DRYSDALE—In Weyburn Hospital, 52 Wednesday, February 10th, Thomas William Drysdale, in his 17th year, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Drysdale.

LAMB—At his residence, Knox Avenue, Acton, on Friday, February 5th, 1943, Walter Lamb, husband of the late Katherine Orr, in his 81st year.

MCDUGALL—At Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., February 7th, 1943, Gordon F. McDougall, Port Wayne, Ind., in his 43rd year, beloved husband of Hazel Miner, son of Mrs. Mary McDougall and the late Leonard McDougall, Rockwood.

MARSHALL—At her late residence, Elin Street, Acton, Ontario, on Tuesday, February 9th, 1943, Elizabeth Dobbin, beloved wife of Thomas Marshall, in her 81st year. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon with a private service at the home at 2:30 o'clock, interment at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

CRAWSHAW—In loving memory of a dear husband, John Crawshaw, who passed away February 14th, 1941. His charming ways and smiling face are a pleasure to recall. He had a kindly word for each and died beloved of all. Lovingly remembered. WIFE and FAMILY.

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WALTER SCOTT LAMB On Friday, February 5th, 1943, at his home on Knox Avenue, death peacefully released from weakness one of Acton's oldest and most honored residents, in the person of Walter Scott Lamb.

Mr. Lamb, named for the distinctive member of his family tree, the famous novelist, Sir Walter Scott, was the son of the late John Lamb. Of Scottish origin, he was born on lot thirty-one, concession one, Nassau-Township, and was in his eighty-first year. Forty-nine years ago, he married Katharine Orr, who predeceased him nearly five years ago and he and his bride built up a fine home on lot one, concession seven, Erasmos Township. One son, Orr, who, at his mother's death, moved with his wife and family to the parental home, and has devotedly carried out his responsibility of caring for his aged father, blessed this union.

Twenty-four years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb retired from country life and took up residence on Knox Avenue. While on the farm, Mr. Lamb was a faithful and efficient steward of the Methodist Church at Crosswain's Corners and later he was a staunch member of Acton United Church, which he consistently attended until failing health denied him the privilege. He was a man of sterling Christian character and kind congeniality of disposition, which greatly endeared him to a great host of friends. Mr. Lamb was a lover of music and a fine violinist.

The passing of Mr. Lamb marked the last of his family, which consisted of three sisters, the late Mrs. Henry McGorman of Winnipeg, Manitoba, the late Mrs. William Dennis of Rockwood, and the late Mrs. William Leishman of Acton, who predeceased him one, two and ten years ago, respectively; and two brothers, Robert and George, who were called home fifteen and twenty-three years ago, respectively.

The private funeral at the home on Monday afternoon was fittingly conducted by Rev. A. W. Fosbury, B.A., B.D., of the United Church, and a much appreciated solo "Some Day I'll Understand," was rendered by Miss Dorothy Simmonds. The pallbearers were Dr. F. G. Oakes, Mr. G. Clifford, Mr. E. Cripps, Mr. G. Graham, Mr. Robert Patterson and Mr. Nelson Lambert. The flowers were carried by the five youngest grandchildren, Frances, Thomas, Richard, Donald, Joyce and Christine. Miss Helen, the eldest grandchild, is teaching near Bracebridge, while Walter and James are serving their country overseas.

Floral tributes were the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Orr Lamb; the grandchildren; the Dennis family; Mrs. H. A. Alkenas; the Leishman Nieces and Nephews; Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis; Mrs. Emily Murray; Mrs. A. Orr and family and Dr. Oakes and neighbors. Interment was made in the family plot, Fairview Cemetery, Acton, where, several years ago, Mr. Lamb had erected a unique and artistic monument of stone.

The beautiful stone posts at the entrance to the park are another worthy enduring memorial.

Weekly War Commentary

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

Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia appears to have had good reason behind him when he sent a message to President Roosevelt forecasting that "joint military operations of the armed forces of the United States of America, Great Britain and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics in the near future will bring about victory over our common enemy."

Certainly the performance of Stalin's own troops justified confidence, for they had attained such momentum in their counter-offensive against the Germans and their satellites that it appeared unlikely the enemy would be able to gain a stance from which to conduct successful resistance.

While the Russians were rolling westward the Allies were stiffening their blows all over the world. In North Africa the British Eighth Army was consolidating itself for a new assault on the combined German army from Libya and the Italian and German reinforcements sent into Tunisia across the narrows of the Mediterranean. The Allies also showed growing strength in the air, a strength which military experts believed would lead soon to a critical condition in the Axis fighter aircraft command in Africa.

Italy's Move Whether as a direct result of African reverses or from some other cause, Mussolini sacked his son-in-law Count Ciano from the position of foreign minister in Italy and took over the job himself. He had previously assigned Crown Prince Umberto to command Italian forces on the Russian front. These moves were interpreted in some quarters as signs that the Fascist state is nearing a crackup and that the Duce is striving desperately to hang onto his regime by re-mobilizing possibly opposition elements in his own person.

The impact of the Italian moves was felt as far away as Tokyo where a radio commentator described Italy as being located in a "very pathetic geographical situation." The announcer also felt it necessary to deny that Italy is about to drop out of the Axis.

Italy's fervor for the war was not increased by the mounting tempo of Allied air raids which previously were reported to have had a thoroughly demoralizing effect on the people. Germany, too, took on a sombre note, calling for mourning for its lost Stalingrad army and taking a greater and greater beating from Allied air forces which hammered almost incessantly at heavy-industries cities and points engaged in building, equipping and commissioning the submarines with which Germany hopes to open another spring offensive.

Poled in Britain, further to worry the Nazis, were great British-Canadian and American forces, waiting for the signal to strike across the narrow northern seas at the heart of the Axis.

Nazi's Precarious Position As the Russian offensive along the southern end of the long Eastern Front rolls forward there are many grounds for the belief that the southern-Asian Ukraine may soon be wrested from the German invader. Only a comparatively small area of the Caucasus remains in Nazi hands and the speed of the retreat from this quarter to Rostov and the Crimea is growing rapidly with the Germans suffering heavy losses.

At the week-end, dispatches indicated that Russian forces were converging on Rostov from the north, west and south and there is a distinct possibility the Germans will evacuate to prevent a repetition of the Stalingrad disaster.

Red armies attacking along the Donets River are menacing the northern flank of German forces in the southeastern Ukraine. The attackers have captured several bridgeheads along the Upper Donets and unless counter-attacks are successful the estimated 250,000 Germans in the area will be in a precarious position.

Kharkov and Kursk, two cities vital to the Germans, are in grave danger and their fall would result in the Nazi high command ordering a retreat. It is possible such a withdrawal is already in progress.

The success of Stalin's winter offensive has been remarkable. The Russian armies attacked with a strength in manpower and armament far superior to that of the previous winter and overcame German "hedgehog" positions in a manner that surprised even Moscow military authorities. Since the winter drive began at Stalingrad in mid-November the Russian claim Germany and the satellite nations have lost more than 1,000,000 men.

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Accounts were passed for payment as follows: E. E. Harrop, selecting jurors \$ 1.00 C. F. Leatherland, selecting jurors 1.00 J. M. McDonald, selecting jurors 1.00 Acton Public Utilities, street lights and other electric and water services 168.42 Acton Public Utilities, adding machine rolls 45 Acrow Fax Pass, printing, advertising, etc. 24.66 Bell Telephone Co., services 9.10 Acton Public Utilities, street lights and services 168.53 W. D. Talbot, supplies 2.84 W. Fryer, wood 5.00 Whittier & Co., supplies 21.61 E. Stewart, labor 2.80 L. Waxman, trucking and team 7.20 E. Cox, labor re snow 2.80 J. Kerr, labor, re snow 2.80 Donald Brown, trucking and labor 10.80 R. Brooks, labor, re snow 1.40 E. Griffin, labor re snow 2.38 D. Brown, labor re snow 3.85 Douglas McEachern, labor re snow 2.80 Thomas Cutting, labor re snow 4.55 E. Kerr, labor re snow 4.20 E. Cox, labor re snow 4.20 W. Gardiner, labor re snow 7.35 Chas. Gardner, labor re snow 8.78 F. Burgess, labor re snow 2.45 L. Robinson, labor re snow 2.45 Acton Cemetery Board, service of employee 70.50 Welfare Account, January 44.98 Welfare Account, February 44.98 Peter Hiltz, removing snow 1.40 F. Burgess, removing snow 1.05 L. Robinson, removing snow 1.05 Municipal World, subscriptions The Salvation Army, Rescue Home, grant 15.00 L. W. Waxman, team and sleigh 3.15 J. Kerr, removing snow 2.23 D. Brown, trucking 5.40 W. Gardiner, removing snow 2.23 Charles Gardner, removing snow 4.90 E. Jennings, trucking 4.05 J. W. Williamson removing snow 3.00 J. Ruff, removing snow 2.70 H. Gordon, removing snow 1.70 Acton Free Library Board, on account 250.00 H. Switzer, rolling at rink 1.00 \$944.13

Churchill at Tripoli Soldiers of the British 8th Army were heartened last week by the unexpected appearance of Prime Minister Churchill at Tripoli. "The occupation of Tripolitania has altered the whole character of the war," he told Gen. Sir Harold Alex-

ander, Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery and thousands of troops. Montgomery's forces are still jabbing at Axis positions along the Tunisian frontier, but one force was reported last week to have swung around to the west to link up with Allied troops in central Tunisia.

The great battle in the small coastal area in northern Tunisia may come sometime this month. Each day sees more Axis troops and equipment arriving in North Africa. Land fighting so far has been comparatively insignificant, but in the air, battles continue daily with the Allies reported to be maintaining air superiority.

Admits Jap Defeat The Berlin Jag Defeat Japanese dispatches, this week announced Japanese invasion forces had evacuated Guadalcanal and the Buna area of New Guinea. The admission regarding Guadalcanal means that United States forces have won their six months' battle to drive the enemy from the strategic island in the southern Solomon. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced some time ago that Australian and American forces had driven the enemy from Buna in northern New Guinea.

The cord of Kuno Japanese, they suffered 16,734 casualties in the two campaigns, but General MacArthur placed enemy casualties at Buna alone as a full army of 15,000 men. Allied advances have stated that the Japanese on Guadalcanal had been whittled down from an estimated 15,000 men to barely 4,000.

The first contingent of fully-trained operational bomber crews ever sent from Canada to the United Kingdom has landed at British port. The convoy also carried overseas other R.C.A.F. personnel, including members of the Women's Division and fighting men of the Canadian Navy, the R.A.F., F.R.A.A.F., R.N.A.F., the Fleet Air Arm, the Army and girls of the 1st British Contingent of the Canadian Red Cross, Corps.

The fall of Kurak was announced Monday by the Russians. Held by the Germans since November, 1941, the city had been one of the key defence positions on the Eastern Front. It was captured after an encircling operation and the Russians are expected to follow the same tactics in a drive on Kharkov and centres in that area.

Further south the drive against Rostov has been intensified. Should the Russians prove successful at Rostov and Kharkov, the German defence lines over the entire southern sector will in all probability collapse. Kursk ranked with Orel, Bryansk, Kharkov and Rostov as pivots of the German 1941-42 winter line.

Moscow reports Wednesday gave further indications of German inability to defend strategic positions south of Orel and withdrawal of the enemy to the Dnieper River now appears probable. Belograd, another German base, 50 miles northeast of Kharkov, has been recaptured and Russian forces are reported only 40 miles from Kharkov itself.

The great industrial city of the Ukraine is threatened from three sides following the capture of Kursk and Belograd. North of Kursk, Russian columns are threatening Orel, hinge point of the southern and central fronts. Still other Russian forces are pushing southward from Kramatorskaya toward the Sea of Azov.

ROYAL PALACE

GUELPH'S LEADING THEATRES TO-DAY AND FRIDAY "JOURNEY FOR MARGARET" With Robert Young Laraine Day SATURDAY TO TUESDAY Johnny Weismuller In "TARZAN TRIUMPHS" COMING SOON! "YOUNG & WILLING" With William Holden TO-DAY AND FRIDAY "DR. GILLISPIE'S NEW ASSISTANT" With Lionel Barrymore • Plus • "THE MCGUIRENS FROM BROOKLYN" With William Bendix SATURDAY TO TUESDAY Ray Milland Paulette Goddard In "THE CRYSTAL BALL"

March to Berlin 25¢ February Food Stamp Sale

We are pleased to co-operate this month with other food stores in Canada in the drive to sell More War Savings Stamps. We have the New Stamp booklets and a stock of stamps at all times. Take Your Change in War Savings Stamps.

MAPLE LEAF CAKE FLOUR 27c Pkg. RED RIVER CEREAL Lge. 25c Pkg. PLUFFO SHORTENING 19c lb. MINCE MEAT Bulk 2 lbs. 27c COFFEY 1/2 Pound Pkg. 18c 1 Pound Pkg. 35c No Coupons Required. IVORY SOAP 3 MED. BARS 15c Neilson's Cocoa 1/2 lb. 19c - 1 lb. 29c

FLORIDA JUICE ORANGES 25c and 30c Dozen ELLIOTT BROS. MILL STREET - ACTON

Extra Special 25¢ WAR STAMPS WORTH 31c IN 7 YEARS

Cruise Ship Now War Cruiser



The "Princess Robert" is one of a number of ships of the Dominion fleet which were taken over for active war duty. These included the "Lady Somers," formerly in the West India service, which was sunk by enemy action in the Mediterranean in July, 1941. Another ship of the Company's fleet returned to her home base with more than a half-hundred bomb holes, or bomb splinters, in her hull. She had been bombed out of Penang and Singapore but at each beleaguered port had saved precious supplies from capture by the Japanese. After a job of temporary patching was done on her hull, she sailed for Africa with yet another war cargo, and, eventually, steamed northward to Canadian waters. The Canadian National Steamships also acts as agent for the Dominion Government in the operation of Axis ships seized as prize of war.

Save Waste for Victory

This and that — You get your new ration book for this district in Acton. — The Junior Band Concert planned for last night was postponed. — Garbage collection day is either one day or the other since the change of days. — Sunday is Valentine Day. Time to send nice messages to those you care about. — As a war-time valentine this year just plan to write one or more letters to the boys overseas. — It's called the Victory Minstrels who are arranging the big show for the first week in March. — The Municipality of Georgetown has purchased the Bank of Montreal building for \$11,000. It will be used for municipal offices. — Your grocery store has War Savings Stamps for sale. Help in the Drive to Berlin by buying them regularly from him during February. — The thunderstorms and heavy rains have been a bit unusual for mid-February but then this winter has provided many unusual things. — Canada's food industry is out to sell a million dollars worth of War Savings Stamps in February. Buy them this month from your local merchant. — The Murray House in Oakville was badly damaged by fire the other night. This makes three Oakville Hotels to suffer from fire damage in the past few years. — The tender of the Georgetown Herald for printing the Minutes, By-Laws and Editors' Report of the County Council was \$135 per page and not \$125 as given in County Council report last week.

The "Y" Column

Saturday afternoon March 6th has been set aside for the Ping Pong tournament for "Y" members seventeen and under. There are two silver trophies to be given, one to the best girl and one to the best boy, the winners will be determined by elimination. Now is the time to get in some practice for the big day, it won't take long to roll around. The ping pong tables are all fixed up and nicely painted, thank to the hard work of Don Evans and Bill Knight.

Bad weather didn't stop the junior boys from having a good party last night although the tobogganing had to be cancelled. Games on the gym floor was a good substitute and it didn't take the boys long to work up an appetite and when the first call for supper was heard they were down in the "Y's" Men's Room in a flash. The menu for the party was hot soup with crackers, sandwiches, cookies and hot chocolate. All in all it was a big success and everyone went home full and happy.

Well Saturday is the big night for the senior boys' and girls' dance here at the "Y". Don't forget it starts at 8 o'clock, so come early.

The junior girls' party that was scheduled for Thursday afternoon, has been postponed until Saturday morning, February 13th, at 10:30 o'clock. MAY GRAY.

DOLLS AID RUSSIA LONDON, (CP)—An exhibition of 200 dolls, beautifully dressed in Russian national costume, was held here, and 40 were auctioned off. The proceeds going to the Anglo-Soviet Aid Fund.

Pool Clothes For Children

Fair Exchange Will Find Billy Smith Wearing Johnny Jones' Pants in Old Britain

LONDON, (CP)—A national pool of children's clothing in which outgrown garments will be exchanged for others, is being planned by the British Board of Trade. Plans call for the pool to cover every garment needed from infancy to adolescence and each garment will be valued on the points system, the basis of clothing rationing in wartime Britain.

This means that if a mother finds her son has outgrown his pants—rated at, say five points—she takes them to a clothing centre, exchanges them for a voucher, and in return is allotted another larger pair, laundered and cleaned before being pooled.

ASCOT, England, (CP)—Falth-Coll, actress-wife of Col. A. G. Murray, former M.P. and creator of the bobbed-hair style in Britain, died at 52 years of age.

School By Mail Vacations Out

Scholars of All Ages in Hinterlands of Prairie Provinces Studies as Usual

EDMONTON, (CP)—There were no Christmas holidays for hundreds of ambitious children, youths and adults in remote parts of Alberta who get "schooling-by-mail" through the provincial Department of Education. Mails that carry study questions and answers are slower than classroom methods, so time is a precious factor to the province's 3,742 students of the correspondence branch of the department.

Enrollees included persons of all ages, who by reason of location, duties or age, are unable to attend public or high school. Of the total enrollees this year, 500 are adults who want to catch up on their general education or on some specific subject. Quite a number—the records fail to reveal how many—have enrolled because of "neglected opportunities" at high school.

The total enrollment is down about 700 from last year and officials believe service enlistments are responsible. About 500 children are taking elementary courses. Intermediate courses total 584; high school courses 2,399.

George Bruce, a former missionary in Manchuria is director of the correspondence courses. Pupils young and old get their lessons by plane, train, truck and horse and return them the same way to different teachers who handle the various subjects offered in the course.

DROPS DEAD WITH C.B.E.

SYDNEY, Australia, (C.P.)—Good news killed Capt. John C. Tuckett, master of a British freighter who had many narrow escapes from bombs torpedoes and mines. He dropped dead when he was told that he had won the C.B.E.