

# Personals

Mr. George Higgins of Acton, was home on Sunday.

Mr. Howard Martin is home from Gungahlin, Brindley, South America.

Mr. W. L. Armstrong of the Veterans' Club, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. Gordon McKay of Toronto spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. R. H. Woodhouse here.

Miss Gladys Slator (Mrs. Kennedy) is home for a visit from the Military Hospital at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Mr. W. H. Watson of Grand Valley and Mrs. D. G. McDonald of Chesapeake visited last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Watson.

Miss Margaret Carlin was in Toronto Saturday attending the wedding of her niece Miss Dorothy Carlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carlin.

Mr. Fred Day, teacher at the O. A. C., Galt, was in Acton, also his son, Fred Day of Rockwood, visited with Mrs. R. H. Woodhouse here.

The many friends of Mr. Anne Kelly of Moncton, will be sorry to hear she is home on a week's sick leave. All hope she will soon be able to resume her duties.

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# Anna-Motion

Shows for Ladies - Comfortable and Economical - Tickets - 50c

R. B. RACHLIN, Actor

## Notice to Creditors

AND OTHERS

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Practise having claims against the Estate of Edward J. Leary, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Ontario, deceased, who died on the 15th day of August, 1933, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned Solicitor, before the 15th day of March, 1937, when the same will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereunto, having regard only to the claims which have been filed as aforesaid pursuant to Section 51, Chapter 165, R.S.O. 1937.

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## Overseas Mail

Letters from the Local Boys' Serving in the Cause of Freedom

January 26th, 1943

Canadian Army Overseas.

Dear Sir:

I hope you will forgive me for not writing to you sooner. The reason for the delay was that I had been in the hospital with Staphylococcus which was a very miserable thing to have. I went in the hospital December 22 which was three days before Christmas and didn't get out until January 13th, so I didn't spend a very good Christmas or New Year's. But sometimes these things can't be helped, especially when you are in the hospital where you are bound to pick something up in a country like this.

But I suppose there are a lot of places worse off than here. I had quite a bit of weight and I was quite as a soldier when I came out of the hospital as I had no appetite to eat. They had a lovely Christmas dinner for us, but I was too sick to eat. I had a very high temperature of 104 degrees and I had to have three needles in order to bring my temperature down. I don't think I had been so sick like this before in my life. When I came out of the hospital they gave me a week's sick leave which helped me to get back in shape.

So I am very thankful to say that I am 100% better and able to carry on with my work which I am so interested in.

So I hope that will clear up your point to the persons who I am writing to for my delay in not writing to them sooner. I want to send my sincere thanks to Col. A. O. T. Beaudry and Mr. S. G. Bennett who are responsible for me to get the Free Press. I received four editions of the paper while in the hospital, which I was very glad to get. They certainly helped to pass the time in reading them, especially when they were papers of my home town. I also want to thank them for the cartoons of cigarettes which they sent me. I certainly appreciate this very much indeed and also for what you both have done for me since I have been in this country.

Well I think this is about all for now, hoping to see you all real soon. Yours truly,

JOHN GIBBONS.

## Gregory Theatre

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

"PANAMA HATTE"

Alan Sutherland, Red Sutherland, March of Time "Fighting French" "Daisy" "Milkery's Birthday Party" "Gang comedy" "Surgaris" "Panties" Chapter 9 "Perils of Nyctala"

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

"I LIVE ON DANCE"

John Fisher, Chester Morris.

"PERFECT SNOW"

Guy comedy with Charles Huggins, Lynn Bari, "Pec Newt"

MONDAY, MARCH 8

"CROSSROADS"

Dramatic with William Powell, Betty Hutton, Special "A Ship is Born" "Travelogue" "Madam Mexico City" Band "Leo Ritzman Oath"

## Insurance

AND

Real Estate

Now is the time to review your Fire and other lines of Insurance. Are you sufficiently covered? Through rates have dropped considerably, values have increased. Many benefits have been added by the Underwriters, on general and specific lines. Let us advise you.

AUTO INSURANCE

Due to wartime conditions and anticipating further improvement in claims experience as a result in curtailed drive and reduced speeds, the insurance companies have voluntarily reduced auto insurance rates up to 35 per cent., according to gasoline ration category. Do not drive unless you are insured. These new low rates make it possible.

BECK DOUBLE DWELLING FOR SALE

The brick double dwelling situated on Main Street, belonging to the Estate of the Late Bert McDowell, both sections, have bath, and good cellars, splendid location, good rent, one section ready for occupancy April 1st. Must be sold to wind up estate.

F. L. Wright

Insurance and Real Estate (Registered)

# Minstrel Show

Parks Hall for Three Performances

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The curtain went up and the lights came on and the orchestra, drum, cymbals, and big and low brass and wood. There are twenty-three in the orchestra.

And then we have Charles Wilson, Charles Kirkness, Jack Coles and Joe Whitman and the intermission in the middle of the show, who is the special guest of the whole show, is none other than Mr. R. R. Parker. Since we don't introduce himself in any way we'll tell you that in that case, if you had any doubt he was the one designated as often as "that good looking gentleman."

The dialogue of the intermission and end men is bright with the real old type minstrel brought up to date with plenty of modern jokes. There is nothing that hurts but plenty of good local characters worked into the dialogue. We could say a lot about the effort these end men and intermission men put into the show but the production shows their work and interest and ability.

The same goes for the chorus, quite a good article under the guidance of Mr. Fred Salt with Mr. H. O. Rogers as his assistant accompanist. The quartette sing that ragtime favourite "Class Humbug" and in the middle the end men brought up a little burlesque on the number. Jack Coles' song and shuffle is that old favourite "Campfire Blues" and it does us to give a warm picture. Jack and his own successful individuality in his song. He hasn't had any of it in this song - in fact he has added to it. It's a number everyone remembers because Jack puts everything he has in it.

Edie Moore and Jack Kirkness make their first public appearance as an accordion and clarinet team. It doesn't need us to say they do an appreciated number, the audience was wonderful in applause. The Odetta News, Alex. Mann, Charles Kirkness, Scotty Burton, Bill Benson, Fred Salt, Fred Coles, Geneville Kirkness and George Muselle, contribute perhaps the choicest musical number in that fine male number "Canadian Song of Hope." It's just a little above the average numbers found in Minstrel shows.

For a big dance number it's built off to the ladies. Dressed as a cute little pickin'ing Mrs. Jeannie Gray does one of the numbers that really captivates the show. In fact popular demand puts it into a double number. The chorus "Dance on the Minstrel Show" gives fine parts for all the singers. It is another of the fine group numbers with scope for good part work.

Mr. Gen. Flaminia of Toronto kindly came along and gave a monologue "A Little Bit of Army Life." He has his own style, and it goes over well with the crowd, especially those who know something of the army life.

As Shamba, Joe Whitman, one of the end men does that rag-time old-time favourite "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and does it mightily well, even to the audience. The chorus and orchestra swing in with him to make it a headliner number. Descriptive words fail in doing it justice. Joe had to be seen gliding across the stage to really be appreciated.

The chorus "Canadian Melodies" introduces a lot of those southern favourites. Leader Fred Salt brings out of his group some mighty fine harmony in this number. Banjos played by Charles Kirkness puts a riot of song, pathos, dance and breath-taking action in his number when he sings to and with his beautiful doll, "George Muselle" that favourite "Oh, You Beautiful Doll." Words will never be able to record this number as they cannot back and forth across the stage. The young folks of today will recall it when they tell of minstrel shows to their grandchildren.

The final solo is that rousing Irish song "Harrigan" done by none other than our Scotty Burton. Like every song Scotty has ever done, he puts his whole effort in it and does it well even to the Irish tongue, the Scotch way and impressing the audience that none were ever better than Harrigan.

The closing chorus is another local song concocted by the rhymer Fred Coles as was the opening chorus. The words tell what it's all about, why they did it and what they hope the audience will do. The chorus swings right from this number to the National Anthem.

Having had a part in the Minstrel Shows of the past twenty-five years in Acton we unhesitatingly say that this presentation of the Victory Minstrel is Acton's Best.

Members of the Chorus are Gordon Smith, Ab. Robinson, Sid Lorne, Greenhill, Madley, Geo. Muselle, Fred Coles, B. Morgan Morris, H. O. Boyer, Alex. Mann, H. Hewig, Cam. Leitch, H. Youngblood, Ed. Hinfangel, Bill Benson, Bert Maitland, Scotty Burton, A. Mason, E. Speilvogel and of course the four end men.

The orchestra is in charge of Mr. A. Mason and the chorus and other group singing numbers are under the direction of Mr. F. Salt. The Minstrel dialogue, solos and dance numbers are under the very capable direction of Mr. R. R. Parker, who is also the intermission. Mrs. J. C. Matthews trained and had charge of the play production and the general directing committee of the whole show were G. Arlof Dills, R. E. Parker, M. M. Leitch and R. F. Bean. In charge of property and stage arrangements were J. E. MacArthur and G. Rogvaldson. Mr. Lockie McVie was in charge of make-up and costumes. Finances, seat sales, etc., were under the direction of W. H. Clayton and W. J. Graham and advertising by W. Coles and B. D. Rachlin. Boy Scouts of First Acton Troop were the ushers.

We know we tread dangerous ground when we attempt to enumerate those who had a part in making the show successful. We know they are not all listed above, because every one who had a part in that was truly wonderful. It was a community show and as such a community success.

# The "Y" Column

Saturday afternoon is the big day for the boys and girls of the "Y" Column.

The entry list on the bulletin board and any number of the "Y" Column are under waiting to enter the competition. It is asked to put his name on the entry list. There is a silver trophy for the winning girl and one for the winning boy. The tournament starts at 2 o'clock sharp and the winners will be determined by elimination.

Congratulations are extended to our newly crowned champion champion - Florence Salt and Gordon Beatty. The tournament that was run off last Friday proved to be a very good one with some stiff competition all round. The final round was played between Florence Salt and George Beatty against the ultimate winners Florence Salt and Gordon Beatty. It was an excellent game and earned a great deal of excitement. Refreshments were served about 10:30 after the tournament.

The smaller boys and girls of the "Y" are reminded to leave their names with me in the physical office at the "Y" if they want to go to the swimming party at the Galt "Y" tomorrow night. Everyone is asked to meet at the "Y" at 6:30. Swimming will be until 9 o'clock. The "Y" Men's Club have been kind enough to offer their cars to take the boys and girls to Galt.

When you think of our soldiers fighting on the many battlefields of the world, think of the Red Cross and the good work they are doing for those soldiers.

We as individuals can't get out and reach those men personally, but by giving generously to the Red Cross, it will enable them to do it for us.

MAY GRAY.

## "Old Bill" Writes To The Editor From England

Spent fans, boys overseas and a host of friends will be glad to read with us the letter below from Bill Blackhall, now in England. Bill is still a regular Free Press reader and is just as anxious as the rest of us to see the day when we'll have our own hockey and sports can again be put to rest. You boys overseas take note of the address on the letter when you get The Free Press. We'll have the letter:

W. S. Blackhall, 71 Southampton Rd., Abingdon, Berkshire, England.

Dear Ahtef:

Here we are again after a long time. I hope these few lines will find you and your family enjoying good health. The wife and myself are fit and well. Bill, our son, who was only a boy when we left Acton, is now a Sergeant Air Gunner in the R.A.F. He has now left this country for active service overseas. He has been in the forces about two years.

We have not seen any of the Acton boys lately. Willie Hall formerly of Acton, has been here on leave, a few times. We had a letter from Norm Gibson a few weeks ago, and I believe he intends to visit us shortly. I see in The Free Press a Jack Scriven is over here, if it is the same that was in my top-of-war team, will you please send me his address. I am still actively interested in tug-of-war, and have the best team around here, and have won another cup for my collection. I have forwarded subscription for The Free Press, but owing to these regulations the Post Office should notify of its arrival. We miss the hockey very much this year, but sincerely hope it will not be long before Acton has another champion team. Please give kindest regards to all old friends in Acton from the wife and myself.

I remain, Yours sincerely,

OLD BILL

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# Douglas Friends Honor Bride and Groom, MAKE PRESENTATION

On Thursday evening February 23rd, the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne L. Mullin, gathered at the home to honor their daughter Gladys upon her recent marriage.

David Lee ably acted as chairman for the following program: selection by the orchestra; speech by Clarence McCaffrey; piano solo by Mrs. G. Robertson; a vocal from Norman Thomas; reading by Mrs. W. Linscott; a few well chosen words from Alex. Lee; solo by Norma Webster; speech by Martin Sheela.

Duane Sheela was then called upon to read the following address:

Acton, Ontario, February 23rd, 1943.

The Mrs. and Mr. A. B. Karamit, Dear Gladys and Bert:

It is with feelings of joy and pleasure that we your neighbors and friends have met here tonight, for the purpose of expressing our congratulations to you upon hearing of your recent marriage. Gladys, you have grown up and always been in our community and we will miss you among our young people and at our social affairs. So first, we extend a heart of welcome to our child.

As a token of our esteem we ask you to accept these gifts and hope as you use them, they will recall happy memories. May the years you are facing together be filled with joy and happiness.

Signed, MR. AND MRS. D. JOE, MR. AND MRS. M. STURGE, MR. AND MRS. S. HILLOTT.

John Frank and Kathleen Mitchell presented them with a well laden basket of beautiful gifts.

Gladys made a very fitting reply on behalf of her husband and herself. Mr. Mullin also spoke a few well chosen words. After the gathering song "For they are jelly good fellows," lunch was served, clearing up a social time was spent.

BRIDGE, England, (CP) - It has been decided to organize Volunteer Land Clubs to help farmers grow more food in every British town.

# Odds and Ends To Fight Nazis

KIDNAPING, B.C. (CP) - Variety of salvage that goes to make the tank and materials of war dismantled in a recent 30,000 pound shipment from the salvage depot here. Included were 20,000 bottles; 3,000 pounds of broken glass; 100 pounds of brass light sockets; 50 pounds of brass shells; 2,500 pounds of bags; 700 pounds of mattresses and lin