

Personals

Cpt. Allan Robinson is home from Sussex, N.B., for a few days' leave.

Cpt. G. T. Simpson, from C.A.T.S., Hamilton, spent the week-end at his home here.

Miss Frances E. Gills visited over the week-end with friends in Toronto and Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall, spent the week-end in Acton with his mother Mrs. W. J. Hall.

Capt. and Mrs. W. Ward Bruce of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. Bayers.

Mrs. Robert Currie Sr., of Milton Heights is still very ill and her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner have returned after spending a week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Webb and family at Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fisk of Windsor spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Currie Sr. and Mrs. Robert Currie Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights.

Pte. and Mrs. A. W. Anderson of Ottawa spent Saturday with Pte. and Mrs. Robert Currie and Mrs. Robert Currie Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights.

Pte. Robert Currie of Espanola is spending his furlough with his wife, Mrs. Robert Currie Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Robert Currie Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby of Milton Heights.

Flying from Vulcan, Alberta, to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, via Trans Canada Airways, Flight Pilot, Frank Jessop and Mrs. Jessop stepped off last week to visit his mother at Acton. Flight Lieutenant Jessop has been assisting to set up a training centre at Vulcan. Mrs. Jessop will remain with her parents in Kitchener for the next few weeks.

Shaming Mr. Aberhart

It is a notable feature of the Alberta financial situation that many individuals and groups within the province, are showing by their actions how directly they differ with the Aberhart theorists. While the provincial administration continues to dodge its debts, debts incidentally which it is fully able to service—many Albertans are going ahead and paying their obligations; a procedure that must seem outrageously old-fashioned to the Social Creditors.

One example is provided by the records that Edmonton and Calgary are making in their debt positions. Both of these municipalities reorganized their financial setups some five years ago and since have been steadily reducing their debt. In 1937, Edmonton redeemed \$693,700 of its bonds, while Calgary cancelled \$472,000 of its bonds. During the past five years Edmonton has redeemed over \$3.2 millions and Calgary over \$2.4 millions of their respective funded debts. Reflecting improvement in the underlying financial position of both these Alberta cities is the fact that their bonds are currently quoted at close to par, an appreciation of some \$130 per \$1,000 bond over the five-year period.

Edmonton and Calgary to-day are reaping the benefits of holding to a policy of financial honesty rather than wasting their substance by following a mirage projected by monetary dreamers.—Financial Post.

Please Don't Be A Wrong Number!

Common Courtesy Gives Some Hints for Wartime—Or Anytime—Telephone User

Have you checked up on your telephone technique lately? asks Grace Martin writing on common courtesy. You use it more than ever in wartime and it might be a good idea to find out how you are doing. Do you have your number clearly in mind? Or do you waste your time and the operator's with several false starts? Do you talk directly into the transmitter—32 degrees north-east? Are your words clearly spoken or do you mumble-jumble, so that the listener has to waste time saying: "I didn't hear what you said."

How is your voice? Clear and courteous? Or sharp with impatience whenever you don't get just what you want when you want it? Do you think of the operator as a human being, who suffers fatigue, headache and hunger, just like you. Or can your idea of her (if you think of her at all) be summed up in one word: robot?

When others want to use the telephone, does your talk run on forever like Niagara? Or do you transmit your business quickly and release the telephone to somebody else? These are difficult times. You may not realize it, but you can do a lot to make them easier for a great many people by giving just a little care to your telephone technique.

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Matinee at 2:00

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Monty Woolley, Ida Lupino.

"SOUTH OF SANTE FE"

Roy Rogers, "Fox News"

MONDAY, MARCH 15

"I MARRIED AN ANGEL"

Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy, Canada Carries On

"Pinner On Axis Europe" Novelty "Portrait of a Genius" Cartoon "School Days"

Insurance AND Real Estate

Now is the time to review your Fire and other lines of insurance. Are you sufficiently covered? Though 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 anticipated further improvement in claims experience as a result in curtailed driving and reduced speeds, the insurance companies have voluntarily reduced auto insurance rates up to 25 per cent, according to existing ration category. Do not drive unless you are insured. These new low rates make it possible.

BRICK DOUBLE DWELLING FOR SALE

The brick double dwelling situated on Main Street, belonging to the Estate of the Late Bert McEwen, 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.

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TROOP-MADE BILLIARDS

MELBOURNE, (CP)—Troops in Northern Australia make their own billiard tables out of packing cases, using grey military blankets for cloth and scraps of rubber and calico to fashion the pockets.

100 AND UNTAKABLE

LIVERPOOL, (CP)—At the age of 108, Thomas Pope is the oldest Freeman in this city and that means he can live tax-free. A bachelor and oldest "old boy" of Oswestry Grammar School, he began a business career here in 1849.

Over 1,000 Persons At Performances Of Victory Minstrels

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over a thousand persons paid admission to attend the three performances. Here is the statement:

Receipts	
Revenue from program advertising	\$ 33.00
Reserved seat sale	184.00
Sale tickets by concessionaires	35.25
Cash at door, children's night	35.60
Cash at door, second night	44.55
Cash at door, third night	46.99
Total	\$389.40

Expenditures

Mullabar's, rental of costumes, make-up material	\$2.70
James H. Paine, printing programs, posters, tickets, etc.	25.81
Compton Lumber Co., four platforms	3.40
Cloth for alterations, postage and express	2.39
E. J. Hassard, make-up material	1.64
Mullabar's for additional make-up material	1.05
Total	\$40.79

Net Proceeds \$348.61

While this statement is complete as to date other items of laundry will have to be added to the expense account which will lower the net proceeds by a small amount.

The group also decided that they would keep the organization intact and that from it possibly other presentations of a different type would be presented throughout the year to aid in supplying funds for war work.

We have had several requests for the opening and closing performances which were written for the performers by Mr. W. Coles. Many of the audience did not get the words and we are pleased to reprint them.

Opening Number

We are glad to meet you people one and all
We are pleased to greet you here at the Town Hall
We shall hope to cause some laughter
Not just now but sometime after
We are mighty glad that you have made this haul.

We look like a bunch of niggers you'll agree
But we're just as white as you where you can't see
Many thanks to you first nighters
Coming to support our fighters
Training now to lick the foe for you and me.

Brudder Parker is our leader just for now

And we'll ask him please just now to take a bow
After which we shall be bringing
Some joking and some singing
Which will cause you folk to smile from chin to brow.

Closing Number

The show is over people and we hope you've had some fun
We've tried to entertain you—hope your favor we have won
We've only doing this because the man behind the gun
Depends on us for aid.

We have to keep on plugging, backing up this shield chap
Getting right behind him scattered right across the map
Until he puts the finish to the Nazi Wop and Jap
In a top notch victory.

The road might be quite lengthy and the grade be plenty steep
The sky above be lofty and the sea be fathomless deep
As long as they are fighting our fight we must keep
With cigarettes and socks.

We rarely take a licking and don't want to start it now
If won't be easy picking but we'll rise and take this vow
Our boys will do their very best to win this war—AND HOW
If we do our share too.

So send your friends to-morrow night to see this victory show
Our boys are needing comforts and we have to raise the dough
So neighbors let's be working! Get On The Mark! Let's Go!
And send them lots of cheer.

Chorus:

You and I will have to do it
You shall never, never rue it
And shall come victorious through it
And the boys come home again.

How to Reckon Canning Sugar

1.—Decide how many sealers you will use for canned fruit and how many for jam and jelly.

2.—Write the number of quarts of canned fruit and number of quarts of jam and jelly on your application for canning sugar.

3.—Multiply the number of quarts of canned fruit by 1/4 lb. of sugar.

4.—Multiply number of quarts of jam and jelly by 1 1/2 lb. of sugar.

5.—Add the answers together and you have the total number of pounds of sugar you will need.

Write this number on your application for canning sugar.

More Than The Old Gray Mare



Ain't What She Used To Be

Perhaps readers will say I've had a rest for a week or two. It's a fact this column hasn't appeared for two weeks but the most didn't develop. It was merely a transfer of interest.

Like forty-nine other folk I was mixed up in the Minstrel Show presentation and that meant enough rest during that time to write this column.

Minstrel shows were popular long before my day. In referring to, our encyclopedia we find the Minstrels introduced minstrelsy into England in the middle ages, and a minstrel is defined as a musician, especially one who sings or recites to the accompaniment of a musical instrument.

The old Anglo Saxon name for a minstrel was wop while the wandering minstrel was called a gleeman. The wopps called them bands and the Scandinavians used the word skalds. The minstrels declined gradually in England.

The present version, it, we believe of southern United States and a product of the colored folk. At least it seems very essential that they all appear with their faces well blackened. In my recollection such a group make their appearance about once every ten years and perhaps the reason is to be found in the fact that a minstrel show comprises such a large group that it is difficult to hold the organization together. Perhaps it's only casual presentation in the way that it grows so popular. We cannot recall a minstrel show that did not last the capacity of the hall for at least two nights.

Many of the younger folk are not always conversant with their operation. That may be the reason they are not invited more often. Matter of fact there isn't any set plan. They are something like Topay, they just grow up from the talent that is available.

Minstrel shows are not what they used to be. No, they are better. There is more attention to the dialogue and musical numbers. The costumes are more elaborate and the presentation is better put together.

These that's what happened to the two weeks' vacation. Charlie Wilson is as good as the used to be and some of us thought better. Of course those younger nightingales are really right in their prime.

While the present winter isn't exactly a record for snow it's a long time since I've seen as much of it in one season and continued cold weather. Folks are even resorting to that old fashioned pastime of consulting the almanac and selecting their favorite almanac. Most any of them will have said "snow and continued cold" since late in December, are at least seventy-five per cent correct. The prognostication that most of us are looking for is the one that reads "fine spring days and warmer." It always has come and not likely this year will be any exception.

Getting back in the files of 1933—fifty years ago—I find that in March of that year a freight train was snow-bound between Guelph and Rockwood.

Another item in 1933 noted that "as a general thing a cold steady winter such as we have had so far, is an advantage to the general business of the country. Cattle come in better—there is nothing that insures such a good crop of winter wheat, etc." Let them have it.

By G. A. D.

NEW ZEALAND "OSTRICHES"

Probably the largest and most spectacular of all birds were the Moas which once flourished in New Zealand. They became extinct during recent times. Moas were flightless and somewhat resembled ostriches in general form—long neck, small head, and thick body. Some of these birds were no larger than turkeys but other varieties reached a height of ten feet. An excellent fossilized skeleton five feet high is on exhibit in the Royal Ontario Museum.

Stories of New Zealand natives describe a "monstrous human-headed creature" that lived on the mountain-sides of the island interior. It is quite possible that this tradition refers to Moas and that the Maories hunted them in comparatively recent times and thus, unfortunately, contributed to their extermination. Naturalists who have searched for a living example have been rewarded only by skin remains as bones and bits of skin with stringy brown feathers attached, buried in swamps, in old lake beds, or hidden in caves.

Two Interesting Letters From Acton Boys Now Overseas

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I hope you'll excuse me for writing to you on this letter card but it takes so long for ordinary mail to go I thought it better to use this. Thinking you are and all again for the lovely parcel, I'll close for now.

CLIFTON HESLEY.

And Gordon Cook writes from someplace in England and the too has had a letter and has been exploring the country.

You know folks I am becoming quite absent-minded, don't recollect rightly whether or not I have written you about the end of January. I do know for certain though, that I did write you then and am most thankful. They mean an awful lot to me and certainly not not neglect to write to you all. Please convey my appreciation and thanks to everyone concerned. You are doing a wonderful job. News as usual is scarce, but have a few items to tell you.

I returned from my second leave since being in England and had an enjoyable time. Met Leo Close of Acton in the "Beaver Club" and we had a short "chin chat."

This afternoon I visited the Canadian soldiers' cemetery in England and the only name I recognized was that of Sgt. F. H. Todd. I took a snap of his grave and will send it on to Acton Hills when the film is developed.

From all reports, I hear you have had quite some winter around Acton. Never you mind, the Canadian winter is OK and personally speaking I think it more healthy weather than that over here.

Give my best wishes to all in your organization and thank them again for their thoughtfulness.

Yours sincerely,

"COOCHIE"

SCOT POTATO KING

GLASGOW, (C. P.)—Throughout Scotland they call Donald Macdonald of Lamalloch "The Uncrowned King of the Isle of Arran." He is the man who has lived and raised more successful new varieties of potatoes, than any other man or group of men in the world, for which he was awarded an O.B.E. in the New Year's honors list.



Add to Allies is one of the most important functions performed by the Canadian Red Cross. Goods and services to the value of millions of dollars have been shipped to Russia, China, Poland, Greece and other countries. Above were shown why Canadian Red Cross food and other comforts are so necessary in Greece to-day.

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NOTICE!

Change of Time Table for Garbage Collection

It has been found impossible to make collections in one day. Therefore the following time table for garbage collection is now effective:

ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

8:00 A.M.—Mill Street, on Both sides, then North of Mill between the railway tracks and Main Street, but not Main Street.

1:00 P.M.—East of Railway Track.

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

8:00 A.M.—West of Main Street and Main Street.

1:00 P.M.—South of Mill Street and East of Main Street.

IMPORTANT!

Stipulations are that containers with contents must not weigh over 60 lbs. and that all garbage must be in proper containers with covers, so that contents may empty freely and not be frozen. Failure to observe these rules may result in non-collection.



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