

Deaths of Mrs. H. H. Gardner and Mrs. G. J. Miller...

DEED WALKER—At Joseph General Hospital, Saturday, March 6, 1943, Jane (Jennie) Walker, beloved wife of Harry S. Walker...

GARDNER—At his residence, Rockwood, Ontario, Tuesday, March 9th, 1943, William Gardner, beloved husband of Christine Clark and dear father of Leonard and Bessie, in his 82nd year...

CLARKE—Suddenly, at Acton, Ontario, on Friday, March 5th, Ernest Samuel Clarke, beloved husband of Clara Murray, dear father of Mrs. H. R. Hughes (Winnifred), Toronto; Mrs. G. J. Miller (Jessie), Rockwood, Ontario; H. S. A. and Murray, R.C.O.C., Kingston.

DEARING—In loving memory of a dear dad who passed away January 19th, 1944, another dear one, passed away March 16th, 1942. Come to the light that shines so fair, Come from this land of sorrow and care, Resting those hands that did their best, Come, dear parents, gone to rest.

MR and MRS. FRED McCUTCHEN and FAMILY.

It's said that

A safe weather prediction for any day would be "Snow and Cold."

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season.

Yes, the storm on the week-end was another heavy one and had another tie-up of traffic.

This is Red Cross' month. If Acton district is to meet its quota every man, woman and child will have to carry a share.

Paper rationing requires that your Ration Book label be marked paid in advance. Attend to it now and do not miss a single copy.

The piles of snow after Saturday's storm looked almost as formidable as the many that have been cleared away before this winter.

On Saturday a bus bound for Acton from Toronto, had to take to the ditch to avoid hitting a car on the highway that had been disabled.

The chairman of the Oakville Red Cross says nearly all the employees of Oakville's industries will contribute a full day's pay to the campaign.

The salvage collected in Acton has now reached over the \$2,000 mark it was reported this week. That means 182 tons of material handled, or 364,000 pounds.

Abie Seaman, F. W. Cleave of Georgetown is listed as one of the survivors of the Canadian Corvette Weyburn, which was announced sunk this week. He has cabled home that he is safe and well.

Mrs. Stewart McDonald was the lucky winner of the quilt on which tickets were sold by the Victory Club. The draw was made at the Minstrel Show last week and Mrs. McDonald was present to receive the award.

In the obituary of Mr. Joseph Flayer, the name of Mr. Harry Woods, Campbellville, a half-brother, was omitted and Mr. Percy Woods is of Flamboro Station and not Campbellville as stated. The errors are regretted.

With a shipment of goods last week Mr. A. T. Brown had one packing case that had been made in India, sent to England with goods; there used again to ship goods to Montreal and now used again to send goods to Acton. It was a wooden case and still in excellent condition in spite of its many travels.

Old-Fashioned Fad For Modern Misses

NEW YORK, (CP)—She fascinates 'em—the girl who understands the full possibilities of that well-named "fascinator" shawl, of Grandmother's day.

It's another old-fashioned fad that's sweeping the country, and modern Misses who may drive a truck or rivet a plane all day manage to look appealingly frail and feminine at night by the simple expedient of the fascinator.

Even more irresistible to the sturdy made is the girl who crochets her own. The sight of dainty feminine fingers demurely engaged in ladylike needlework invariably invokes a proud protective spirit in the masculine breast, even though he knows the little woman is perfectly capable of swapping her crochet work for a monkey wrench.

Right now smart girls are wearing warm woolly shawls as a protection against wintry winds. But the style looks like a sure bet to carry over into summer, in lacier versions, for wear with frivolous dance frocks.

Needlework departments in practically all department stores are equipped with materials and instructions for crocheting your own fascinators. Try one out on your trusty crochet hook, and prove to yourself that Grandmother had the right idea.

Obituary

MRS. HOMER DENNY, Brampton

The death occurred at her home, 4 West Street, Brampton, on Monday evening of Mrs. Homer Denny, one of this town's highly-esteemed residents who was born in Brampton and had been a lifelong resident of this town. Mrs. Denny was Miss Ida Jane Harrison before her marriage, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison, early residents of Brampton. She was a member of Fearless Rebekah, L.O.O.F., her husband being Noble Grand of Golden Star Lodge, L.O.O.F. this year. Mrs. Denny was a lifelong member of St. Paul's United Church and was active in her affiliation with the Women's Association. Her death resulted from pneumonia and followed a lengthy illness. Mrs. Denny had been in ill-repent health for many years.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, a private service at the home and public service in St. Paul's Church being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Amos Thomas. During the church service Mr. William O'Hearn sang "The City Four Square." The pallbearers were: H. G. Heatley, E. L. Vokes, Thomas Hoole, Norman Hunter, John Budd and Donald Jordan. Interment was in Brampton Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, two sisters, Mrs. George E. Grimshaw and Mrs. Wilber Coates, and two brothers, W. E. and A. F. Harrison, all of Brampton.

Another Chance To Get Ration Book If You Failed

Special arrangements have been made to assure that everyone eligible for a new ration book is able to secure it. Anyone in that predicament may now obtain a new book by mail, the Ration Administration announces.

Due to blocked roads, sickness or other unavoidable circumstances, many ration book holders failed to obtain their new No. 2 Ration Book during the eight-day distribution period, February 19th, to March 1st, the administration finds.

Those who have not yet received Ration Book No. 2 should fill in the application card at the back of Book No. 1, taking care to write in the name and address and serial number, including both the letters and numerals. Don't forget the prefix and serial number because they are your's for the duration.

Mail the card to the nearest ration office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It is not necessary to send in the No. 1 Book with the card as coupons for tea, coffee and sugar in the No. 1 Book are valid until used, and butter coupon No. 9 is valid until March 14. Your new book will be mailed to you.

For the convenience of residents in rural areas, who do their shopping on Saturdays, the coupons in Ration Book No. 1 become good on Saturdays, instead of Mondays, as was the case with Ration Book No. 1.

REAP THE WILD WIND COMES TO GREGORY FOR TWO DAYS

Take a lusty yarn of the roaring, roiling days when America was fighting for freedom of the seas and give Cecil B. DeMille the starting gun to make a super-epic of it and what have you got? "Reap the Wild Wind" no less, and it's due on Thursday and Friday at the Gregory Theatre, in Acton.

This broad and sweeping tale, told in Technicolor, of Charleston and Key West in the 1840's of the relentless hurricanes of the Caribbean and lawless captains who wrecked tall ships for gold, has Pauline Goddard as its spiffy heroine. Ray Milland is the hero and John Wayne is the sea-faring man who loves and loses. City stars like that, plus such supporting players as Raymond Massey, Lynn Overman, Robert Preston, Susan Hayward, Charles Bleckford, Martha O'Driscoll, Louise Beavers, Janet Beecher and Walter Hampden, all under the inspired direction of DeMille, the picture cannot help being the biggest event of the cinema season.

RAILWAY REFRIGERATOR CARS HEAVILY LOADED

Peace-time loading in end bunker refrigerator cars was about 35,000 pounds, but the Canadian National Railway has a large number of reefers which carry the refrigerant consisting of ice or ice and salt, in containers along the ceiling of the car and such cars possess far greater capacity and are proving of great value in the transport of war-time food requirements. British Columbia apples carried to the East weighed 57,600 pounds but that load was greatly exceeded by loads of fish, bacon and frozen meats. The record load reached 89,900 pounds consisting of frozen livers hauled from Winnipeg to an Eastern seaport. Loads of Wiltshire sides have been registered as weighing from 82,340 pounds to 85,940 pounds per car.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press BY GUY BROADBENT Canadian Press Staff Writer

The bulk of heavy German warships, holed in at Trondheim on the Norwegian Atlantic coast for months, has been reported in naval circles since a shuffly at the end of January in the German naval command.

The report stirred immediate speculation in London that the Nazis might be planning to break out into the North Atlantic sea to harass the Allied transport lanes to Russia through Murmansk and Archangel. Reported in the Trondheim area were the battleship Tirpitz and Scharnhorst, two cruisers of the Hipper class, the aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin and a number of fast destroyers. Should they escape, it was conceded, they could constitute a serious menace until they were tracked down and destroyed.

A change of attitude was reported to have accompanied staff switches in the German naval command which saw Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz succeed Grand Admiral Erich Raeder as supreme commander of the German navy. Doenitz and 10 newly-placed Nazi admirals under his command were said to hold to Hitler's line of reasoning that the value of the German navy could not be determined until it came out and fought, regardless of the consequences.

Change of Ideas Raeder was reported to have held the fleet fulfilled its function in hiding by tying up a sizable British home fleet to guard against surprise actions. The reported exercise, it was assumed, sprang from this changed attitude on the part of the German command.

However, there is another possibility. As spring and summer advance, Trondheim will be increasingly vulnerable to accurate air attack. The visibility improves not only with the lengthening of daylight hours, but also with a general improvement in the weather. At midsummer Trondheim has almost continuous daylight while in the depth of winter it is almost continuously dark.

Weather along the Norwegian coast is generally spotty — so much so that natives of the interior are those of the Atlantic seaboard are born wearing raincoats and rubber boots — and the spotlight provides many days on which broken clouds can afford excellent cover for raiding aircraft.

The Germans may intend to use the warships concentrated at Trondheim for a new Atlantic offensive, but it is also on the cards that they are fearful of an Allied invasion of Norway, as one move, at least, in the proposed 1943 offensive in Western Europe. There is no question that the long, indented coastline of Norway will be extremely hard to defend compared with that of France, Belgium and the Netherlands and a powerful Nazi fleet would constitute a real obstacle for the United Nations.

Invasion Imminent Continuous aerial hammering of industrial and military targets in Germany and coastal defences, airbases and railway communications in France and the Low Countries provide good ground for the belief that the Allied thrust in the west will not be long delayed. Retaliatory attacks by the Luftwaffe against the British Isles have been few and of the nuisance variety.

Aerial reconnaissance reveals that German coastal defences from the Netherlands to the French Mediterranean coast are extremely strong. Land and sea mines protect harbors and ports and strong barbed wire barriers have been erected on all beaches and vulnerable shore points. Behind these are strong machine gun emplacements supported by trench mortar batteries. In addition there are pools of heavy artillery that can be rushed to menaced points in quick time and rail-mounted guns.

German troops are concentrated in various centres behind the lines and the main job of Allied armies at the time of the invasion will be to prevent these soldiers from reaching the points of attack. This will be a huge task, but will be rendered that much easier by the round-the-clock bombing of rail and highway communications now under way.

German on Defensive German attacks in central Tunisia have been frustrated, but in the north the Allies have been forced to cede a little ground. Forced back to Flad Pass, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's troops have given up virtually all of the ground gained in last month's drive. They suffered losses they could ill afford and now must meet the British 8th Army's attack at the Mareth Line.

In the north, British and American troops have fallen back to higher ground in the area about Sedjenane. Hard fighting was going on in this northern sector at the week-end, all Russian armies continue to throw back the German invaders on the northern and central sectors of the Eastern Front. Staraya Russa, strong German base on the southern shore of Lake Ilmen, was under attack from the north and south at

Earthquake Noted By Many Citizens On Monday Night

Quite a number of citizens in Acton reported noticing the earthquake on Monday night, although no damage was reported. Many thought it was through a train passing through. It occurred about 11:27 p.m. and lasted for about ten seconds. The disturbance was felt in Western Ontario towns and cities and at Brantford the office of The Expositor is reported to have swayed for approximately 30 seconds.

The last earth disturbances felt here were in 1939. But, as on that occasion, last night's tremors were mild compared with the shocks of 1935 which swept across all of Eastern Canada. The 1935 quake caused only minor damage in Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes but in the isolated country in Northern Quebec it tore up a quarter-mile stretch of railway track and opened a huge hole in the ground.

HOLSTEIN AND MILK PRODUCER GROUPS PLAN SPECIAL FEATURE Annually for many years, the Halton Holstein Breeders and the Halton Milk Producers' Associations have staged an outstanding banquet and program. The event has grown in popularity to the extent that it has been necessary for the past three or four years to limit the number of tickets sold owing to lack of adequate accommodation for all who would have liked to attend. This year, owing to present conditions for rationing, etc., it has been decided to dispense with the banquet. Plans are completed however, to hold an annual "Get-Together." The event will be held in the Princess Theatre, Milton, on Thursday, March 25th, at 8:00 p.m.

Rev. W. J. Johnston of Eglinton United Church, Toronto, has been secured as the guest speaker. Others on the program include Jeanne Pengelly, outstanding Toronto radio and concert singer; Al and Bob Harvey, Toronto's greatest fun-makers; and the Lovells, who at the present time constitute the Queen City's top balance act.

In brief, it would appear as if our rural friends are going to have the finest all round, general program which Milton and district has seen for many a year. While the event is primarily for the members and families of the two associations, we understand that a limited number of tickets will be available for urbanites as well.

Some distance north of the Mareth Line French forces have occupied the important junction of Tozeur, 50 miles south of Gafsa. Allied patrols were said to be operating on the outskirts of Gafsa. In Northern Tunisia, the Germans have been forced to withdraw before the strong pressure of the British 1st Army and Allied forces.

On the Eastern Front, Russian forces are based on the heels of the German forces retreating in the Rzhev area of the central sector. The railway town of Sychevka was captured after a two-day battle, in which the enemy suffered 8,000 casualties. The town is only 130 miles from Smolensk, the German base feeding the central, northwestern and Leningrad fronts.

German counter-attacks in the Donets region to the south continue to hold up the Russians, but German claims that their forces had stormed to within 12 miles of Khar'kov are open to question. Battles in this area have undoubtedly resulted in heavy casualties on both sides.

The Moscow communique issued at midnight Tuesday dealt with the Nazi counter-offensive in the Donets region. It stated that late in February the enemy threw 25 divisions, including 12 rushed from Western Europe, into the fighting and these captured eight towns south and east of Khar'kov.

The Russians admitted withdrawing to the northern bank of the Upper Donets River at some points, but indicated the Germans were still 50 miles from Khar'kov, their main objective. Soviet military authorities estimated the Germans had lost about 20,000 troops in the new drive.

In the central sector, the Russians continue to gain ground and Vyznina was outflanked by a column which captured Bely, 60 miles to the northwest. It was reported Wednesday that Vyznina was also being attacked from three other directions.

Garbage Collection To Go Back To Former Schedule

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neal School. This was accepted as given.

Quotations and samples were received from local merchants for a policeman's uniform. The quotation of W. M. Cooper was accepted.

The council by resolution agreed to renew the contract with the Imperial Tobacco Co. for the time clock and score board in the arena for a term of five years.

Messrs. Jenkins and Hardy, auditors submitted five copies of the auditors' report which had been completed. The fee of \$300 and disbursements of \$101 was authorized to be paid the auditors and the Clerk was instructed to have the usual number of copies printed.

A price on water metres was secured and council recommended that 12 water metres be purchased and installed and further lots would be secured as they could be used. Council discussed informally the purchase of a truck with snow plow equipment and had secured some information regarding prices. The matter will be discussed later.

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