Personals

Lieut. Frank Terry is home for a furlough from the East Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, George, Shirley and Rose visited in Goderich during the week.

LAW. Kathleen Scadchamer of Barrie, Ont., visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scadchamer last week.

Mrs. Gordon Swanston and her son Walter of Rockwood visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. G. Oakes over the week-end.

Pte. Allan and Elwood Ferryman of Camp Borden spent a short week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ferryman.

Mrs. John Hall of Doncaster is visiting with her sister Mrs. Robert Currie at Milton Heights and with Mrs. Robert Currie Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns and Miss Dorothy Simmons spent Sunday with Mrs. William Burns, "Maple Heights," Rockwood.

Miss Beatrice Lambert and Miss Betty Ferryman of Acton spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ferryman.

Cpl. Clarence J. Henderson has been visiting with his parents in Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Henderson, before leaving for Lethbridge, Alberta, where he is stationed.

LAC. William Mallin of Clinton, Miss Frances Mallin of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rennick of Georgetown, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Mallin.

Mrs. H. Autrey, who had the misfortune to fall on the sidewalk on Sunday morning has been taken to the hospital in Guelph for treatment. All wish her a speedy recovery from her injuries.

The following attended a Board meeting of the Women's Institute in Milton on Monday: Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Acton; Miss Edna Russell, Bannockburn; Mrs. Geo. Somerville, Dublin; Mrs. Alex. Near, Vice-President of the district.

Friends who visited during the week with Mrs. George Murray, who has been ill, were Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Mrs. H. L. McKinney, and Mrs. Richardson of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carney.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warne wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Edith Louisa, to Sgt. Peter Binnie of Woodstock, son of Mr. Frank and the late Mrs. Binnie of Earl Grey, Saskatchewan. The marriage is to take place the latter part of April in Ballinafad United Church.

MICA FOR MUNITIONS

Before the war, Canada worried very little about producing mica. A little was mined in this country, but India, Madagascar and Ceylon supplied most of Canada's needs. Then, the source of supply was cut off, and we looked to our own rocks for this urgent war material.

Justin Purdy stumbled on a large crystal of mica in the bush near the village of Eau Claire, Ontario, late in 1941. He and some friends decided to mine it. They received the phenomenal sum of $13,000 for the mica which came from one ten foot hole. This discovery inaugurated a veritable "mica rush" with the staking of dozens of claims surrounding Purdy's property. The Inspiration Mining and Development Company later consolidated several different interests to form the Purdy Mica Mines Limited.

White mica, muscovite, occurs in the rock as "books" varying in size from less than one inch to over six feet across. This find has been invaluable to Canada and the United States. Muscovite, an excellent electrical and heat insulator, is in great demand now for use in all manner of radio parts and in the manufacture of airplane spark plugs. Great quantities of the best kind are needed.

Mattawa, a French-Canadian town about 40 miles east of North Bay, is the grading and shipping centre for the Eau Claire deposits, Canada's chief source of strategic mica. The Royal Ontario Museum has been fortunate in securing a sheet from one of the very large "books" in the district. It is perhaps the largest sheet of mica on display in any museum.

Thought Calf Easy To Milk

LONDON, (CP) — Lady Denman, head of the Women's Land Army in Britain tells this story: 'A Land Girl recruit reported at a training centre, and was asked if she would like to train as a milker. The girl replied: "Yes, but if you don't mind, I should like to start on a calf."

AUCTION SALE

Farm Implements and Household Furniture

HAROLD SCHERMERHORN

Will hold an Auction Sale of his Farm Implements and Household Furniture on

SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd

at 1.30 o'clock at the farm, lot 12, con. 3, Esquesing Township. No reserve as the farm is sold.

J. A. GILBERT, Auctioneer.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS AND FEED

The undersigned has been instructed by

ROY GARROW

to sell by Public Auction at the premises, Lot 4, 5th Line, Esquesing, on

THURSDAY, APRIL 8th, 1943

at one o'clock. Fine Horses, Grade Holsteins and Durham Cattle, Pigs, Feed, Grain and Hay, and Implements, will be on the block.

FRANK SWICK, Auctioneer.

Notice to Creditors

In The Matter of the Estate of Mary Clara Maudes, late of the Village of Acton, Retired School Teacher, deceased.

All parties having claims against the Estate of Mary Clara Maudes, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, retired school teacher, who died on or about the Sixteenth day of March, 1943, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned before the Thirtieth day of April, 1943, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed as aforesaid, pursuant to Section 53, Chapter 105, R. S. O. 1937.

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C. F. LEATHERLAND, Executor, Acton, Ontario.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3
Matinee at 3.00

"LADY GANGSTER"

Action-packed with Fay Emerson, Roland Drew.

"MOSCOW STRIKES BACK"

Russian feature. "Fox News."

MONDAY, APRIL 5

"THEY FLEW ALONE"

Based on the aviation exploits of Amy Johnson and Jim Mollison with Anna Neagle, Robert Newton. Musical "A Nation Dances." Passing Parade "Incredible Stranger.

RECALL PREDICTION

To reach Berlin, the British aeroplanes had to fly several hundred miles over Axis territory in broad daylight. Why were they not annihilated en route by the German air force? Was not the whole world told, with the Germans nodding approval, that the German air force was so strong in numbers, so highly trained, so superbly equipped, that it would completely dominate Europe in the event of war, and could maintain this pre-eminence even against the joint production of the United States and the British countries? This information came from a great authority, whose word was not to be questioned. Let's see—what was his name? Ah, yes — Lindbergh. — Winnipeg Free Press.

FARMERS UNION CHIEF

LONDON, (CP)—New president of the National Farmers' Union in Britain is Capt. J. Templeton of Radyr, Cardiff, Wales. His wife will manage his 200-acre farm in his absence.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th, 1943

At 1 p.m. 35 Head of Choice T.B. and Blood Tested Grade and Pure Bred Guernsey Cattle and Heifers and bred by Allan B. Shoemaker, Warriner, 2 years old. Also Dr. Lund Milker used 1 year, property of

F. F. LOVE,

Lot 1, Con. 2, Township of Esquesing, 1 mile north of Milton.

J. A. GILBERT, Auctioneer.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

In Erin Township

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

GEORGE B. MARSH

to sell by Public Auction on the premises, Lot 9, Concession 5, Erin Township, situated on the Fifth Line, about 2½ miles south of No. 24 Highway, on

THURSDAY, APRIL 8th, 1943

commencing at 1 o'clock sharp the following:

HORSES — Grey Gelding Rising 7 years; Black Percheron Rising 6 years; Chestnut Percheron Mare Rising 10 years; Bay Percheron Gelding Rising 4 years; Bay Percheron Mare Rising 3 Years; Chestnut Belgian Gelding, rising 1 year.

COWS—Roan Durham Grade, rising 4, due April 24; Roan Durham Grade, rising 5 years; Red Cow, rising 4 years, due in June; Roan Durham Grade, rising 4, due April 24; Brindle Cow, fresh, rising 6 years; Brindle Heifer, fresh rising 3 years; Jersey Cow, fresh, rising 7 years; Jersey Cow, milking well, rising 6 years.

YOUNG CATTLE — 3 Red Heifer Yearlings; 3 Red Heifer Calves; Bull Calf.

PIGS—Sow, due April 10; 14 Fat Pigs, if not previously sold.

SHEEP—3 Oxford Sheep.

POULTRY — Goose and Gander; Pekin Drake; 2 Ducks.

IMPLEMENTS — Massey - Harris Binder, 7 ft. Cut; Massey-Harris Hay Loader; Deering Mower; Hay Rake; Cultivator; Steam Outfit; Heavy Plow; Kangaroo Mild 2-Furrow Plow; 4-Section Harrow; 2000 lb. Scales; Canadian Fanning Mill, with Bagger; Set of Sleighs; Cutter; Wagon; Flat Hay Rack; Metallic Cream Separator; Brooder Stove, 500 Chick Size; Feeder; Hoes; Chains; Rags; Whiffletrees, etc.

HARNESS—2 Sets of Double Harness; Collars.

HAY—Quantity of Alfalfa Hay.

TERMS—CASH

Positively no reserve as the proprietor is giving up farming and the farm is rented. No article to be removed until settled for.

ROY HINDLEY, Auctioneer.
R. R. No. 3, Acton, Phone Erin 15 r 6.
W. F. McENERY, Clerk.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

In Township of Erin

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

RICK McKINNON

to sell by Public Auction at Lot 17, Con. 3, Erin Township, situated on the 5th Line, Coningsby, on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th, 1943

commencing at 12 o'clock sharp the following:

HORSES—Percheron Gelding, rising 6 years, a real good horse; Grey Percheron Mare, good in all harness; Black Percheron Mare, by Jupiter, rising 4 years, about 1800 lbs.; Gray Percheron Mare, 9 years old; Bay Mare, aged.

COWS—Red Cow, Fall Angus, calf at foot; Grey Cow, bred Dec. 21; Red Cow, dry; Red Cow, due April 17; Holstein Cow, due July 23; 2 Jersey Cows, due time of sale; 2 Jersey Cows, both fresh; Jersey Cow, due May 3; Red and White Heifer, due June 4.

YOUNG CATTLE—3 Angus Cattle, rising 2 years old; 2 Herefords, rising 1 year old; 6 Spring and Summer Calves; 2 Veal Calves; Young Grade Hereford Bull.

PIGS—White Sow, with litter of nine pigs; White Sow, with litter of 5 pigs; White Sow, with litter of 5 pigs; Pigs are already to wean at time of sale; 15 Big Chunks; 14 Shoats.

SHEEP—10 Oxford Ewes, supposed to be in lamb; 6 Ewe Lambs; Suffolk Ram Lamb.

POULTRY. — 2 Geese and Gander, 60 Plymouth Rock Hens, 15 Hampshire Hens.

HAY and GRAIN—10 Ton of Hay; a Few Bushels of Turnips; about 125 bushels of Fall Wheat; 15 or 20 bushels of Durham Wheat; a Quantity of Timothy and Clover Seed.

IMPLEMENTS— McCormick-Deering Binder, 6 ft. cut, new; McCormick Mower; J. I. Case Drum Drop Head Hay Loader; Massey-Harris Side Delivery Rake; Dump Rake, 10 ft.; Cockshutt Manure Spreader; Massey-Harris Disc Out Throw; Massey-Harris Cultivator, 13-Tooth; Peter Hamilton Seed Drill, 12 Spout, with Cultivator teeth; Steel Roller; Hoover Potato Digger; 2 Horse Potato Moulder; Barrel Sprayer, Massey-Harris 2 Row Corn Cultivator; 2 Sets of Harrows; Scuffler; McCormick-Deering No. 12 Walking Plough, Cockshutt No. 21 Plough; Drill Plough; Templin Fanning Mill with Bagger Attachment; 2 Turnip Pulpers; Bag Truck; Bagger; Platform Scales; 2 Sap Pans; Steel Drum; Brooder Stove; Blacksmith's Vise; Anvil, Tongs; Clover Table for Mower; Pump-Jack; 2 Power Jacks; Turnip Sower; Aspinwall Potato Planter, with fertilizer attachment; Chatham Wagon; Truck Wagon; Hay Rack; Stock Rack; Set of Sloop Sleighs; Set of Bench Sleighs; Democrat, Buggy; Cutter; Forks; Hoes; Shovels; Grain Bags; Viking Separator.

HARNESS—Set of Team Harness with Breechings; 2 Sets of Back Band Harness; Set of Single Harness; Set of Harness for 3rd Horse; Collars, Blankets, Robes, Etc.

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS — Small Quantity of Household Effects, chairs, Etc.

TERMS—CASH

Positively no reserve as the proprietor is giving up farming. No article to be removed until settled for. Refreshment booth on grounds.

ROY HINDLEY, Auctioneer.
R. R. No. 3, Acton, Phone 15 r 6, Erin.
RICHARD BRYAN,
R. R. McCONNELL, Clerks.

Weekly War Commentary

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apparently continue to hold the ground gained. Reports Saturday said British planes were strafing enemy forces in the area. In northern Tunisia south of the British 1st Army were engaged in reconnaissance in force west of Bizerte.

For French Unity

Conferences in Algiers between Gen. Charles de Gaulle, Gen. Henri Giraud, and Gen. Georges Catroux are expected to materialize shortly and with them the union of all Frenchmen fighting the Axis will be brought a step closer to realization.

Meanwhile 15 French diplomatic and consular officials at Madrid have broken away from Vichy to join Giraud. Pierre Laval's government has been shaken up and the Germans are trying to strengthen their control. Generally, however, the situation inside France is extremely confused.

Berlin Bombed

In devastating air attacks, R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. bombers dropped hundreds of tons of bombs on Berlin Saturday, returning again Monday night to hammer the German capital and the Ruhr Valley. On Sunday night the great Nazi submarine base at St. Nazaire was the objective for a "heavy and concentrated" attack that left huge fires raging.

In the two raids over Berlin 30 planes were reported lost while two failed to return from the attack on St. Nazaire. Twelve planes were reported missing after the Ruhr Valley raid in which the town, steel and coal centre of Bochum was one of the principal targets. Ten Canadian planes were lost in all operations.

The pounding might of Allied air power must be staggering to Berliners who had been led to believe earlier in the war that the capital's air defences could not be mastered. With the Monday night raid attacks on Berlin now to 60. Retaliatory raids by the Luftwaffe on the British Isles early this week were feeble. One attack, on a British southern coast town was made by four planes and a few enemy raiders were also reported over the East Anglian coast.

Rommel In Flight

The climax to the heavy fighting about the Mareth Line and the attacks on the rear and the right flank of the Axis forces came Monday when Rommel started his troops on a rapid retreat along the coastal corridor to northern Tunisia. A twisting dust storm helped the withdrawal through the 15-mile Gabes gap.

Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons Tuesday that Gabes was in Allied hands and it was also learned that El Hamma had fallen to the column that made a daring outflanking move around the western end of the Mareth Line. Announcement was made that the number of Axis prisoners taken since the start of the offensive had increased to 6,000.

Mr. Churchill warned once again against "underrating the task which confronts the Allied forces in Tunisia," but he admitted his satisfaction with the progress made. As Rommel leads his men north in an effort to effect a junction with Axis forces at Bizerte and Tunis he has to deal with American and French forces lying in wait to the northwest, the Royal Navy controls the coastal waters and Allied air forces are blasting the roads which troops, tanks, guns and supplies must travel.

New gains on every sector of the Tunisian front were reported Wednesday. The 8th Army's pursuit of retreating Axis forces was reported to be progressing steadily and units have occupied Oudref 12 miles north of Gabes. Metouia, a town eight miles north of Gabes, has also been taken.

In the central region, American forces are driving eastward from Gafsa and violent fighting is reported a little to the north at Ousseltia and Faid. In the extreme north, the British 1st Army has driven the Germans back 15 miles and recaptured Sedjenane. Capture of this town puts the 1st Army within 35 miles of Bizerte, the big Axis naval base.

81-YEAR OLD SMITH SWINGS BUSY HAMMER

Many railwaymen on retirement take to hobbies but Tom Tibbetts, formerly a blacksmith in the Canadian Railways roundhouse here, clings to hammer and anvil for leisure occupation and maintains a backyard workshop. Recently he filled an order for a set of bobsleds for use in lumbering operations doing all the work including the iron strips which shoe the runners, the set weighing 700 pounds. Well, what of it? Only that Mr. Tibbetts is 84 years of age. Now and then he visits the roundhouse to keep in touch with the smithy.

HOW THEY'VE GROWN

LONDON, (CP)—London boys and girls are taller than they were five years ago. This was shown when the post office authorities examined 14-year-olds for employment. The average now for boys is one inch taller than in 1938 and ½ inch taller for girls.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

The mountains have almost disappeared and now where the snow had been, are the first yellow-green shoots of daffodils, two of these lovely flowers adorn the ground. Overhead robins are chirping, and high in the sky Old Sol is shedding beams of sunshine that grow warmer with each succeeding day. But there is also a cold, raw wind most of the time which warns us not to take liberties with the weather just yet. There is also a little mud here and there. I found that out to my sorrow last week when I was transferring skin clothes commencing for the Red Cross. The first day and the farm I visited had muddy about knees and it was no handicap to lower my car off the road and walk to each house in turn. The second day—I really thought all the longest lanes in the country were in my district. I would stop at the road and look at the lanes—to drive or walk, that was the question. There were some where I could have driven in and I knew that I was well aware that the appearance of a lane at one end is no guarantee of what one may find at the other. So I played safe and walked—or it might be more correct to say I slithered along, wending my tortuous at least once in every lane, for the mud was at that nice sticky stage when it clings to the soles of a rubber lighter than your shoe does to the handle.

However, worse things than that are suffered every day for the Red Cross so grumbling about walking through a little mud would have shown a very poor spirit on my part, especially when the result of my visits was particularly gratifying. No, I didn't grumble but oh dear, was I ever tired!

Another day I was one of a group of Brantford members packing boxes for overseas and that was another job that anyone would be glad to do. Friday and Saturday I stayed home and did my usual work. And that, I found, was really a rest. In between while Partner needed a little help with a sick cow. At least she wasn't exactly sick enough that she took a notion every now and again to blow up like an over-inflated balloon. She has now recovered. Most of Partner's spare time—and by spare time I mean when he isn't doing chores—is taken up digging ditches to let the water drain away from the buildings. There is more water than usual this year because of the snowbanks thawing a little every day.

I don't like the look of the trees and shrubs around here. Apparently the rabbits have been having a royal time all winter. Huge snowdrifts made it possible for the rabbits to reach higher up the trees than usual, stripping the branches and generally enjoying themselves at the expense of the trees.

How is the state of your coal-bin—or your wood-pile, as the case may be? Are you wondering how and when you can use less fuel? Have you got a coal-oil stove? If so it may well solve your problem. These bright sunny days it is possible to do with very little fire in the cookstove and yet you often have to open up the drafts to cook the meals. And that's where your oil-stove can help. Meal can be started and vegetables brought to the boil on the oil-stove and then removed to the kitchen stove where there will probably be enough heat to keep them cooking. At least that is what I find. Oil stoves, of course, to be both safe and satisfactory, must be kept clean, that is, the burners and pipeline. Some people realize this and some don't. Cleaning an oil-stove is a horrid job and one that I can put off with the greatest of ease. But last Friday the low look of our fuel supply made me take to the job in real earnest. And I really did make a job of it—and of myself too. It's a wonder someone didn't come to call before I was through. Generally it's the minister who arrives on the scene at such a time.

Well, they have started work on the Milton mines—at least there has been a lot of machinery and equipment travelling the road and there will be plenty of work to do setting it up before actual operations can begin. Local men have been called in to help with the job but as far as I can gather they cannot make much headway because of the mud. One of these times we will make a visit over there and then maybe I shall be able to tell you more.

HAS 16 LIONS AT 16

LONDON, (C. P.)—Sixteen-year-old Leonard Yaxley has 16 lions and tigers under his care at the London Zoo. He is one of 12 boy keepers, aged 14, to 18, now employed to release men for war tasks.

BERMUDA CONSERVATION

HAMILTON, Bermuda, (CP) — A ban has been placed on the sale of canned vegetables in Bermuda so as to encourage consumption of locally produced supplies.

Avoid Week Ends

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HAROLD WILEN PHONE 38

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