

Personals

Miss Marjorie Nelson visited friends in Acton on Sunday.

Cpl. Jeff Boulton was home from camp over the week-end.

Mr. Charles Henderson left this week for Iloilo, Mindanao, P.I.

Mr. Ted Russell of Toronto visited with friends and relatives in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Symon of Toronto visited his mother Mrs. Jas. Symon over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sewardhamer are spending their fortnight at the parental home with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sewardhamer.

Mrs. Dr. Cullen, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Mairpiche, Miss Alice McCallum, Mrs. D. Gordon attended the annual I.O. D.E. dinner at Hamilton.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Howard Lambert is making satisfactory progress at Glushko General Hospital, following a recent operation. All wish him a prompt recovery.

Anna-Melina

Shows for Ladies—Contestants and Community Prizes—\$1.00

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TENDERS FOR COAL AND COKE

Federal Buildings—Provinciale of Ontario

SEALED Tenders addressed to the undersigned and enclosed "Tender for Coal" will be received until 5 P.M. (EST.), Thursday, April 22, 1943, for the supply of coal and coke for the Dominion Buildings throughout the Province of Ontario.

Forms of tender with specifications and conditions attached can be obtained from the Purchasing Agent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and the Superintending Architect, 26 Adelaide St. East, Toronto, Ont.

Tenders should be made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with departmental specifications and conditions attached thereto. Coal dealers' license numbers must be given when tendering.

The Department reserves the right to demand from any successful tenderer, before awarding the order, a security deposit in the form of a certified cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender, or Honourable the Minister of the Dominion of Canada or of the Canadian National Railway Company and its constituent companies unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Dominion of Canada, or the equivalent of such tender and a certified cheque, if required to make up an odd amount.

The tenderer will warrant a guarantee for the proper fulfillment of the contract.

By order,
J. M. SUDBURYVILLE,
Secretary,
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, April 15, 1943.

Weekly War Commentary

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

With the war in Tunisia apparently reaching a climax, feasible to the Allies, attention has been turned by a series of events to the situation in the Pacific, where, both in the southeast and the north-west, there is growing evidence of danger from the Japanese enemy.

The evidence of American bomber crews is that the Japanese defenses of the islands they are building on the Islands of Iwojima and Iwojima in the Aleutian chain are increasing in strength. There is also evidence in the number of raids carried out by the Americans in fair weather that they are not having much luck in neutralizing the airports which now have been provided with shelters for aircraft.

There has been little offensive action by the Japanese planes at Iwojima and Iwojima, most of which hitherto have been unopposed. However, completion of the airports and their essential installations would enable the Japanese to fly in wheel unopposed aircraft of long range which could be flown from Japan via the chain of Japanese islands that runs in a southeasterly direction from Hokkaido almost to the southernmost tip of Hawaii's Kermadec peninsula.

Had the Allies got the jump on the Japanese in other words, had they been the aggressors—these two chains of islands, the Aleutians and the Japanese, would have been stepping stones to Japan itself. However, the reverse is the case and now the islands are possible aerial stepping stones from Japan to Alaska and the northwestern parts of Canada.

Members of the Washington Council on Japanese Affairs, a committee highly alarmed about the situation last week and even went so far as to suggest that the island air bases constituted a menace to United States cities.

That is hardly the case as the nearest city in the Aleutian chain is roughly 4,000 miles. It is a shorter trip, of course, to the Aleutian, Yukon and Northern British Columbia cities and urban centers. The appearance of long, long-range bombers of the Aleutian bases would constitute a menace for them.

However, as far as information goes, none have arrived, and if the aircraft can be kept in a sufficient state of disrepair it is not likely that many will.

The Japanese might try to bring some in by sea and assemble them at the islands. But their own commerce in the islands have been heavy and it is not likely they could get many in during the long daylight season of the sub-arctic summer.

Is Southeast Pacific

The Japanese threat in the Far East is causing growing concern in Australia. The enemy maintains strong forces in the islands north of the Island Continent and while the main purpose may be to protect the lands acquired last year they constitute a real menace.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has stated that air strength is the prime requirement of the United Nations in the Pacific. More and more planes are needed for the job of smashing any major aggressive moves by the Japanese who maintain strong fleets in the Carolines and in the region of Borneo.

Australia's needs were voiced by Prime Minister John Curtin as well as Gen. MacArthur and were quickly met by a statement by U. S. War Secretary Stimson. He gave the assurance that the situation was under constant study and that an increasing flow of supplies, including airplanes, would go to the Far East.

Big Raids on Berlin

The steady hammering of targets in Germany by Allied air forces was climaxed at the week-end by raids on the great Skoda armament works at Pilsen, former Czechoslovakia, and the two southwestern German towns of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen.

Six hundred R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. bombers took part in what was the heaviest attack of the war. Thirty-seven planes failed to return from Pilsen and 18 from the raids on the Rhineland cities. Ten Canadian bombers were included among the missing.

Preliminary reports indicated that both attacks were concentrated and successful. It was the largest number of British and Canadian bombers ever lost in a single night's operation. The previous high mark was 52 lost in the 1,000-plane raid on Bremen, June 25, 1942.

Meanwhile the Allied air forces in the Mediterranean area continues its attacks on Axis airbases and supply bases in North Africa and the island of Sicily.

Attack in Eastern

Moscow advices at the week-end indicated that the Russians are slowly advancing in the Kuban Valley in an attempt to drive Axis forces from the narrow strip around Novorossiisk, important Black Sea base, where enemy troops maintain a precarious foothold in the Caucasus.

While Allied planes bombard Axis



Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Gen. Watson, of Acton, announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Alma Helen, to William Russell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. MacDonald, of Eiben Mills. The marriage is to take place quietly the latter part of April.

ERIN

Mr. Donald Cryderman who has been teaching school at Eiben, Ont., has joined the R.C.A.F. and is stationed at Toronto.

Letters of appreciation to the Erin Dramatic Club and Shroped Hour Chorus Artists, were received by Mrs. Bert Welch, Director from local men courses during the past two weeks.

For thirty-two consecutive years the Kelly Burns Trophy emblematic of the champion curlers of Wellington County, remained in Guelph; but this year will remain in Erin.

The auction of estate, the property of James McQuibbin, held at his farm, last Saturday, was declared by many to be the best sale they ever attended. The total proceeds was \$5,500 and sometime Ray Hinchley found no trouble in disposing of everything in three and a half hours.—Advertiser.

OAKVILLE

It was a busy week-end for the fire brigade. Seven fires in 48 hours kept the men on the move.

Mrs. "Mama" Spurling and small daughter are in Acton where Mrs. Spurling is residing in the Victory Loan.

Gruberman's Travel office was completely gutted by fire about 1 a.m. Saturday morning and the roof of Otto Johnson's shop was badly damaged.

Mrs. S. F. Crosby, 85, was notified when fire broke out in her Dunn Street home about 4:30 Friday afternoon and fled in the arms of her rescuers as they tried to revive her.

Charles Cox, 65, prominent Oakville resident and proprietor of the London, England, and Toronto Printing and Publishing firm of Stone & Cox, died suddenly at his residence, Lakeshore Highway East, on Monday night.—Record-Star.

GEORGETOWN

A capacity turnout of members of the Georgetown Bowling Club met at the home of E. C. Thompson on Wednesday last for their annual meeting and election of officers for 1943. The chair was occupied by President S. T. Farrant.

A smallpox vaccination clinic was held at the public school last week, when a large number of school children and pre-school children received the immunization. The clinic was in charge of Dr. C. V. Williams, M.O.H., and Miss Winifred Walker, R.N., the new public health nurse serving Georgetown, Acton and Milton schools.

The Fire Department was called out on Sunday afternoon when the grass in the pasture back of S. W. Orr's caught fire, and a high wind fanned it dramatically in the direction of the house. It had been brought fairly well under control by the time they reached the scene. A stump fence which caught fire made quite a blaze.

The food crash heard about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, by residents near the C.N.R. tracks is explained by the fact that two freight cars collided west of the station. A moving freight rammed a stationary one, knocking off the steps where the cars were locked together, and damaging its own engine. No one was injured. The accident caused a delay of a couple of hours, but the regular traffic was unaffected.—Herald.

RETURN THE PIN

Turning in his pinned-together examination papers in a recent Patrol Leader's Training Course in Hamilton, Ont., a British ex-serviceman Scout attached this note: "Return the pin. There's a war on." The pin was promptly returned.

NEWSPAPER WARTIME SERVICE

The newspapers of Canada have made a wonderful record on their various forms of aid to the government. They have lavishly given publicity to the war program. They have told the people what they had to do to conform to the rationing systems. They have given an enormous amount of information about collection of old rubber, metals, etc. The success of these measures owes a great deal to the loyal support of the press.

The newspapers have done their best to promote public co-operation. They have counseled calmness, self-sacrifice, and willingness to support the war effort. This has aided immeasurably to promote public morale and get things done.

The newspapers have shown remarkable loyalty to the censorship laws. They have kept secret many vital things they knew, in conformity to government policy. When the story of the war is completed, a splendid chapter will tell what the newspapers did for victory.

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It is Everybody's Patriotic Duty to Conserve Coal

The minimum reduction of each household should be at least one ton less than their normal supply.

Those who have used wood wholly or in part should make every effort to obtain their usual wood supply as it is very unlikely we can obtain as large a tonnage of coal this coming season as normal.

As we have to take coal in at shippers' convenience it will be necessary for our customers to take delivery of their coal when we are able to send it.

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New brick bungalow, built-in bath, pool cellar. Owner on Active Service. Possession to be arranged.

A Number of Other Homes For Sale

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British Airwomen's Vital Task with R.A.F.

Members of the British Women's Auxiliary Air Force at work "plotting" in the Operations Room of a Royal Air Force Fighter Command Station. The Plotters receive information on the position of all aircraft, whose course they plot on table maps. R.A.F. Controllers are then able to see at a glance the exact position of air operations.

More Production In Varied Lines On Quebec Farms

Quebec Farmers to Attain New Heights in Products of Field, Dairy and Poultry This Victory Year

BY HARRY OROCKELL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

QUEBEC, (C.P.)—Quebec farmers will set a food production record for the province this year if they meet the demands of the provincial Department of Agriculture.

Premier Godbout, who holds the portfolio of agriculture, has asked farmers and colonists in new areas to boost their production and only to food the armed forces and the people at home but also the furnished nations of Europe when they are freed by Allied armies.

The premier has asked farmers to supply 500,000 more ducks than in 1942, 3,500,000 more pounds of butter, 4,000,000 dozens of eggs, 4,000,000 pounds of feed and to sow 30,000 more acres in potatoes.

The demands, set during an inter-provincial agricultural production conference in Ottawa, must be met, Premier Godbout said, to furnish 25 per cent more bacon, 10 per cent more butter, 15 per cent more eggs and feed and 20 per cent more potatoes. "This will be a serious program to carry out," he said, "in view of the scarcity of farm labor, the rationing of farm implements, the overtaxed railways and the relative limitation of fertilizer and cattle feed."

But still we are asking you to meet the demands.

"We remember that it is not since yesterday that the courage and ingenious spirit of our farmers learned to meet and overcome difficulties. Unlike the pioneers of New France, our farmers have to battle on only one front—the agricultural front—and the lone battlefield is their farm. They have a great advantage, they can cultivate in peace and in time of war."

Winds Parish Committee

The premier suggested that in each parish of the province an agricultural production committee be set up to serve as a connecting link between the farmer and the department of agriculture. The committee, he said, could help farmers solve their labor, transportation or production problems. "It seems to me that this could be the best way to encourage on each farm an increase of the products for which it is best suited and to overcome possible inconveniences from too uniform a program. I should like to stress the necessity of setting up these local organizations so that our common aim may be reached."

In this appeal to colonists in isolated districts of the province, the Premier asked that they sow 100 per cent of their cleared land. This is expected to mean that 1,000 more acres than last year will be under cultivation in colonization areas.

Even the man who plants a small garden plot was not forgotten in the appeals for increased production. The department has asked that the numbers of "victory" gardens be greatly increased and that every lack of garden ground be well used in the growing of vegetables for home consumption.

Nutrition in War Time!

Will Be The Subject of An Address BY MRS. GORDON AGNEW

Acton Town Hall April 22th—8:15 pm.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this important meeting and hear the discussion on this subject now so vital in every home. You are invited to place your questions regarding nutrition in a box in the Post Office.

This meeting is sponsored by the Ladies' Chapter of the I.O. D.E. and a collection will be taken in aid of the Canadian and British War Service League.

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