

Members of Erins, Managers and Deaths are invited to this afternoon session at the additional fee poetry.

BOEN REED—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reid of Wisconsin are happy to announce the birth of their son, Barrett John, at Chas. Martin Hospital, Hamilton, on Sunday, April 18th, 1943.

MARRIED BINNIE-WARNE—At the United Church, Ballinacraig, Ontario, on Saturday, April 24th, 1943, by Rev. O. W. Foreman, Edith Louise, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodcock, Ontario, esp. of Mr. Frank Binnie and the late Mrs. Binnie of Espt Grey, Saskatchewan.

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—Mrs. Bruce Fargoter has had a cable from Pte. Jerry Fargoter saying he arrived safely overseas.

—Thanks to regular garbage collection, spring cleaning time isn't nearly so heavy as it used to be.

—A Victory Loan poem by a former resident of this district will be found on another page in this issue.

—The municipal officials are making a fine job of clearing away the sand from the highway through town.

—A picture show arranged by the local garage operators last Thursday added a fine lot of scrap to the local pile.

—Every week is salvage collection week in Acton. Just put the salvage card in the window and the collector will call.

—The weather on Good Friday was certainly ideal for spring and the week-end favored the display of Easter togethery.

—When will the Victory Bombs go off in Acton. Purchasers of bonds have an opportunity to win \$25 each time one explodes.

—Those flags on Mill Street are pledges that citizens on the home front will do their utmost in the Fourth Victory Loan.

—Early purchasers of Victory Bonds get two estimates in the Acton and District Blitz Bomb Contest. See page one for particulars.

—With extra salvage in springtime more workers are needed at the salvage rooms. Mr. R. W. Lowrie will be glad of some more assistance.

—Those bells and whistles on Monday morning are only the first of the noises in connection with the Fourth Victory Loan. The question is now—when will the blitz bombs explode.

COMMANDOS PLAY SELVES

Although a score of noted Hollywood actors and actresses played in support of Paul Muni in "Commandos Strike at Dawn," featured at the Gregory Theatre here on Monday, only 2 per cent. of the cast of over a thousand were professional screen players. The others were Canadian soldiers, sailors or flyers, loaned by Dominion defense authorities to insure the pictures authenticity.

ERIN

Rev. J. A. Grant, of Alton, formerly of Erin, has accepted a call to a pastorate charge in Nova Scotia, not far from Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eagles and family have moved to the McMillan farm on the ninth line, Erin, which they purchased some time ago.

Rev. A. D. MacLellan, pastor of Burns Church has accepted a call to Haddock and Middle River, N.S., pastorate charge, and will be taking up his duties there, early in May.

Last July while employed by Clarence Stewart drawing in hay Lawrence Rowbotham, Maple Valley district farm, had a five-dollar bill. Stewart found the bill in the barnyard the other day.

GEORGETOWN

A Scout Troop has already been formed and now the Lions Club have undertaken to sponsor the formation of Cubs. Mr. Albert Tost and Mr. Jack Armstrong will be in charge.

Fifty members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge assembled in the Lodge rooms Tuesday night for their "Unknown Friend Banquet."

A letter was read at the meeting of Strathmore Chapter I.O.D.E. from the Department of National Defence, Naval Division, asking the chapter to adopt a ship; the motion was carried and an initial outlay of \$25 was made. Driving home from Guelph about 4.30 yesterday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Goldham and niece, Mrs. M. Holmes of Acton, had the misfortune to skid on the slippery highway, causing the car to slew around and turn over. None of the occupants were seriously injured, although Mrs. Goldham, who was sitting in the middle, was severely bruised and received some nasty cuts. All were badly shaken up. Traffic Officer Mason investigated.—Herald.

CHURCHILL FRIENDS HONOR BRIDE AND GROOM OF THIS WEEK

Neighbors and friends in Churchill community gathered on Wednesday, April 21st, to honor Miss Edith Warne and Mr. Peter Binnie with a miscellaneous shower on the eve of their marriage.

A program presided over by Mr. A. Swackhamer consisted of community singing; reading by Mrs. Linham; solo by Miss Audrey McArthur accompanied by Mrs. W. McDonald; two solos by Mr. Sidney Spear with guitar accompaniment. The following address of congratulation and appreciation was read by Mrs. Robert Kerr: Acton, April 21st, 1943. Dear Edith and Peter:

It is with feelings of joy and pleasure that we your friends and neighbors "round you in this hour of your happiness to extend to you our heartfelt congratulations on your approaching marriage and to express our best wishes for your future happiness.

You, Edith, are one of our own girls, born and grown up in our midst, and we are proud of you. Your happy smile and cheerful disposition have won you many friends. You have proved yourself a worthy daughter, industrious, faithful and painstaking in your home life, giving an example worthy of emulation. This community has no need to be told your true worth for you have always been willing to do everything to advance its interests. You will indeed be missed, most especially in your home but also in the community.

You, Peter, coming from East Gray Saskatchewan, not so well known to many of us, but we know you belong to an honorable and respectable family. However we take this opportunity of congratulating you on your choice of a life partner knowing that our loss is your gain.

You have responded to your country's call joining the forces of those who are doing their share in this war to help maintain the best and finest things in life. We honor you for taking your part in this gigantic task when the conflict is over we hope to see you both together founding a happy home in our midst. We join with you in your happiness, hopes and aspirations and express to you our best wishes for a long, prosperous and happy life together.

As a token of our good will and esteem we ask you to accept these gifts and trust that they will remind you of the happy time when the memories of this occasion have faded in the distance of time.

Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbors,

LYDIA KERR, EDNA RUSSELL, ISABEL VAN GOOZEN.

After singing "For they are jolly good fellows," a well laden basket of gifts was brought in by Audrey McArthur and Anna Graff. Peter and Edith thanked their friends for their good wishes and gifts. Speeches were given by Messrs. Bert Davidson, C. Swackhamer, W. Linham, R. Kerr, F. McArthur and Ross Swackhamer. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social time and with games.

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NOTICE

RE DOGS AT LARGE

Paragraph (5) of by-law No. 738 of the Village of Acton provides that between the fifteenth day of May and the fifteenth day of September, in any year, dogs within the municipal city of Acton, will not be permitted to run at large.

Persons permitting dogs to run at large during the above period are liable to a fine of \$10.00.

E. E. HARROP, Municipal Officer.

TREASURER'S SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

Municipality of Acton, County of Halton, Province of Ontario

To Wit: By Virtue of a Warrant issued by the Reeve under Seal of the Corporation of the Village of Acton to me directed, having date the fifth day of January, 1943, commanding me to levy upon and sell the lands mentioned in the following list for arrears of taxes and costs due thereon, I hereby give notice that unless such arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid I shall proceed to sell by public auction the said lands, or as much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of the said taxes and costs, at the Council Chambers in the Town Hall in the Village of Acton on the eighth day of July A.D., 1943, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

Acton, Ontario, March 11th, 1943.

B. H. SPEIGHT, Treasurer. Parcel No. 1; Owner—George Wilds Estate; Description of land and if Patented—Lot 143, Plan 227, Main Street—Patented. Years in Arrears Taxes Costs Total 1939 to 1942 incl. 242.53 35.16 \$277.69 41-13.

Weekly War Commentary

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press BY H. E. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Allies Gain Ground

Dispatches early this week from Allied Headquarters in North Africa and other sources all reported further successes by British, American and French forces in their co-ordinated drives to cut through the Axis defences in northern Tunisia.

The British 1st Army was stated Tuesday to be near Tebourba, holding positions about 25 miles west of Tunis. The advance in this sector was made after four days of ceaseless attacks. To the north, between Medjer-el-Bah and the Mediterranean, American forces are pushing their way through difficult country and at one point advanced so rapidly that German rear-guards were unable to bury their dead.

French forces have moved forward to overrun a hill overlooking Pant du Fahs, 35 miles south and slightly west of Tunis, while in the south the British 8th Army has made gains near the coast, north of Enfidaville.

In all the areas where fighting is going on the Germans are putting up fierce resistance and are leaving heavy minefields to cover their retreat.

Russian military authorities are enthusiastic over the success of aerial attacks made on the German airfields and defence positions in the Kuban Valley sector of the Eastern Front. The Soviet airmen inflicted heavy losses on the enemy this week.

Russian observers believe that Hitler's plan of air support for the forces attempting to advance in the Novorossisk area has collapsed, at least for the present. They asserted that hundreds of German planes have been destroyed. Fighting has again broken out on

the front south of Leningrad. A Russian communique stated that the Germans attacked and the Red Army troops were forced back, but in an ensuing counter-attack they regained the lost ground and wiped out a battalion of German infantry. The Germans admitted Tuesday that Soviet troops hold all of Lake Ilmen on the northern front together with the town of Novgorod, German strong point for nearly two years.

Russian-Polish Break

Russia has broken off diplomatic relations with the Polish government in London, accusing it of co-operating with Germany in charging that the Soviet Union was responsible for the deaths of 10,000 Polish officers. The British government is expected to take immediate steps to bring the governments together again.

The Russian newspaper Izvestia stated Tuesday that the Poles had made an impossible request when they asked the International Red Cross to investigate German claims that the Russians had slaughtered thousands of Polish officers in the Smolensk area west of Moscow. Smolensk has been held by the Nazis nearly two years.

The official Russian position is that the Germans made the charge to cover up their own atrocities in the district and the dispute is regarded in London as a temporary victory for German propaganda.

Conferences between Prime Minister Winston Churchill and members of the Polish government were held Tuesday and Wednesday in an effort to smooth over the Russian-Polish differences. Premier Sikorski and Acting Foreign Minister Raczynski saw the Prime Minister who also conferred separately with United States Ambassador J. G. Winant.

Both Russian and Polish quarters in London say that the word "suspension" may be the most accurate description of the rift in relations between the two countries, instead of a definite break. In the meantime, attacks on the Polish government have appeared in two Soviet newspapers, Izvestia and Pravda.

MILTON

Miss F. M. Harrison, who has been spending the winter months at the home of her sister, Mrs. Newton, in Chicago, returned home last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cook have received word that their son, Pilot Officer Robert Cook, of the R.C.A.F., was seriously injured while on active service. His many friends hope he will soon recover.

Although several districts have not yet sent in complete reports the Red Cross Campaign returns to date show that we have exceeded our objective by nearly one thousand dollars. Complete campaign reports will be published shortly.

"Thank you, we'll come again." These words, written with chalk on the blackboard of Tansey rural school in Nelson township, met the startled gaze of caretaker Edward Dix on Monday morning when he opened the door of the school house. Their interpretation came when he found that the teacher's desk had been ransacked, and 50 cups and saucers of glass, together with two dozen plates, missing. Constable Harvey Hunt is investigating.—Champion.

BURLINGTON

Car thieves went on the rampage on Saturday night last in this area, and police were kept busy investigating the thefts and rounding up cars.

It was reported at the regular meeting of the council on Friday evening that ten properties were liable for tax sale. Council later passed a resolution authorizing the signing of a warrant by the Mayor for a tax sale.

It was revealed at the regular meeting of the council Friday evening last that the town had been paying all relief costs, and had been doing so for 1942, the 73% rebate by the provincial government having been held up because of no settlement yet in the relief frauds which occurred in 1941.

Latest reports from the hospital state that Postmaster Ghent, who underwent a serious operation at the General Hospital, Hamilton, last Friday, is progressing as well as can be expected.

While driving along East street in Dundas last Friday, a truck swerved on the slippery pavement and collided with a car driven by E. H. Marklin, well-known resident of our town. Mr. Marklin luckily escaped serious injury.—Gazette.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

OSLO, Norway, (CP)—With funds contributed by citizens of Stockholm, Sweden, doctors of that city are planning a Swedish hospital in this capital of German-held Norway, to be staffed by Swedish doctors.

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We must face these facts in '43

THE COST OF WINNING THE WAR is something we can neither escape nor avoid. Victory has to be paid for... let us face the price squarely. Canada MUST have Five Billion, Five Hundred Million Dollars for this fourth year of war. Where is this huge sum to come from?

(2) There must be participation by many more Canadians in every walk of life. In order to reach even our minimum objective, MORE people must buy MORE bonds.

Taxes will yield part of it, but when all taxes are paid we shall still need Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty-eight Millions. And, as a first step towards meeting that need, the minimum cash objective of the Fourth Victory Loan will be One Billion, One Hundred Million Dollars.

I realize that it will call for a supreme effort on the part of every Canadian to meet this demand, that the Fourth Victory Loan will be the greatest financial challenge we have ever faced. Yet we dare not falter now. Unswervingly and relentlessly, we must work and save together. For the results of this Fourth Victory Loan will be the inescapable measure of our determination, our unity of purpose, to achieve complete and overwhelming victory.

True, leading financial and industrial concerns will take up a large portion of this sum. But the amount left to be met by individual purchasers will be very greatly increased. Two things will be necessary:

I know the strength, the discipline, and the united purpose of my fellow-Canadians. I am confident that we, can, and will, meet this challenge.

(1) The amount purchased by each individual will need to be much greater than in the last Victory Loan, and...

J. R. Daley MINISTER OF FINANCE