Personals

Dick Shingler visited in Fergus over the week-end.

Mr. Reg Greenwood of Elmvale, Ont., is visiting with his cousin Mr. Fred Anderson and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mills, Miss Frances Mills and Basil and Barnes visited in Toronto last week.

Mrs. R. M. McDonald who has been visiting in Detroit for the past two months returned home on Monday.

Mrs. W. E. McCallum of North Bay spent two weeks' holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Arnott of Elmira were visitors at the home of Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Trahey on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Clark of Oshawa spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Robertson and family.

Mrs. E. M. Bone, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brignall, Douglas and Robert of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. James H. Reed.

Major R. B. and Mrs. Collier, Lieut. W. R. Collier, Cpl. E. L. Collier, Cpl. Frank Elliott and Master Ronald Collier of Simcoe, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. E. E. Collier and family. Lieut. W. R. Collier who was on leave from Sussex, N.B., returned on Sunday to his duties.

The Letter Box

R. R. No. 1, Thornlea.

Dear Free Press:

Spring weather is here, its come at last,
It's making water run real fast.
There's lots of snow banks still around,
But that spring sun soon shows ground
We wonder why spring comes so late
But the Easter season seems to regulate
So we keep on trusting in God's plan
And do our duty as best we can.

We're urged this year to plant more seeds,
Grow a Victory Garden and have no weeds.
To have success, plans must be made
And work is needed, with hoe and spade
Then make it fine, make real straight rows
It's best for working and also hoes.
When plant the onions, lots of peas, and beans
But in lots of everything from corn to greens.

Not just more garden, more eggs are needed;
This means more grain crop must be seeded,
More bacon, butter, cheese, and beef,
To feed more people, and give relief.
To plan this increase and raise it all
Will make lots of work from spring 'til fall,
But we're given fair warning the need is there,
All will be needed with none to spare.

The northlands job, just like the rest,
Is a job so big it's not a jest
Its mining, lumber, logs, or farms,
Needs mighty men, strong backs and arms.
Great tracts of forest, and timberland,
Some on good ground, and some on sand.
Requires lots of horses, men and mills
To reap all the harvest from the hills.

All men and women both young and old
Are working hard to keep the fold,
So when our soldier boys home return,
They'll find the effort to fight and learn.
Has not been wasted, our land is good
It has been kept intact and will raise good food.
We're free to worship and work and play
And live clean lives both night and day.

The fourth great Victory Loan is to the fore
The war still needs more than a billion more
Some say the money is foolishly spent.
But to save our land it must be lent
Were only urged to lend it now,
So soldiers and sailors can keep their vow.
With aid of airmen in the skies,
Can rid the earth of tyrants and spies.

So come on Canada, dig down deep.
Roll up the dollars high and steep.
So food and guns, and boats and stores
Will say along all battle shores
The boys out there depend on us.
Don't let them down or make a fuss.
But do our best to work and give
So all will have a good place to live.

Cordially yours,
R. W. JOHNSON.

STOCKHOLM, (CP)—The Swedish motorship Tamara is sailing from Gothenburg for Canada to take on grain and other supplies for Greece under auspices of the Red Cross.

Notice
Re Public Health

(Commencing on the fifteenth day of May, a thorough inspection of all premises, cellars, etc., within the municipality of Acton will be made.

Special attention will be given to assure outside toilets are properly cleaned. These must be cleaned prior to the above date and thoroughly disinfected. For this purpose chloride of lime is recommended. It is effective and inexpensive.

Leaves or other rubbish from lawns should not be left on the streets. Any rubbish and humus should be placed in suitable containers for removal by the Garbage Collector. Boxes if burned the ashes should be placed in containers for removal by the collector.

E. E. BOOTH,
Municipal Officer.
Acton, April 29th, 1943. 21-3

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, bearing 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 16th, 1943.

E. E. BOOTH, Treasurer.

Parcel No. 1; Owner—George Willis Estate; Description of land; Lot 10, Extended—Lot 115, Plan 227, Main Street—Palmerd;

Years in Arrears	Costs	Total Amount
1939 to 1942 Incl.	$42.53	$35.16 $277.69

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GREGORY THEATRE

ACTON, ONT.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

"ALIAS IN THE NIGHT"

Edward Arnold, Ann Harding, Comedy "Elwyn As I Did!" Gang "Doin' Their Bit!" Sport "Flat-footed Flankers." Chapter 12 "Perils of Nyoka."

SATURDAY, MAY 8
Matinee at 2.00

"TORNADO WALSH"

Jack Buchanan, Kay Walsh.

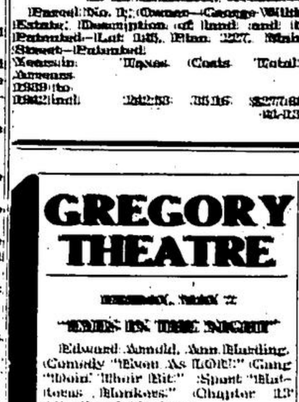
"TIME FOR BENNY"

Ken Murray, Harriet Hilliard. "Fox News."

MONDAY, MAY 10

"HATTER'S CASTLE"

Enid Stamp-Taylor, Robert Newton. "The Postman Didn't Ring" Richard Travis, Brenda Joyce. "Pete Smith" Hollywood Daredevils."



ORDER NOW FOR SUMMER

WITH huge British and home requirements underpropping the egg market the year round, and rationing of other meats turning attention to poultry, it's both good business and good patriotism to start a batch of Summer chicks.

After hawks, etc., have taken their toll on range, and you have done some Fall culling, most laying houses are not filled right up to full working capacity. Plan now to have some replacements coming along to use that wasted space.

Bray Chicks, noted for "spic-earthritum," fast growth, early laying, steady laying, make real replacements — the kind you want. The Bray Hatcheries will be turning them out, on into the Summer. Plan ahead. Place your order now, for later shipment.

GEO. BROWN, Agent
for Acton, Rockwood, Milverton, and Brooklyn Bray

C. THATCHER, Redwood
J. C. CLUES, R. 5, Milton
Agents.

More Than The Old Gray Mare

Ain't What She Used To Be

While remodelling the house on Beaver Avenue of Mrs. S. Hurst, a number of old papers were found in some of the partitions and were kindly handed to me by Mr. John McClure. This house was erected by the Stafford family and the dates on the papers and tidbits we back in 1862 to 1864.

There are old writing books, lectures and a catalogue on fruit and ornamental trees in the papers and I hardly know where to start to tell you about the days revealed by these papers, many years before. It was then.

Let's look at the old copy book first. Among the first items there is a list and history of the sovereigns of England from the conquest in 1060 and it is given in verse form. Perhaps some readers may recall the old lines if I give you a verse just as it is in the old school book.

William the 1st as a conqueror came
And he was the first of the Norman name.

His son William rufus the next did reign.

But he at the channel by an arrow was slain.

And so on until the last, first of which runs:

Then God looked kindly down on England and sent
Victoria, the daughter of Edward of Ghent
To inherit the throne where she now sits in glory
Here I will finish this very long story.

When there were lines in the copy book written many times we suppose, on the theory that practise makes perfect. Here are some of the lines: "Fraud is most commonly detected;" "Generous minds forgive injuries;" "Humility accompanies genius;" "Ignorance preduces confidence;" "Temperance preserves the health;" etc. Old sayings but truths that will stand down through the ages. I find that this copy book belonged to Peter Stafford. The last few pages gave a variety of note and receipt forms as used in those days. Let's look at some of them.

"For value received I promise to pay E. C. or bearer Eighty dollars in Merchantable Neat stock to be delivered at Ray's Hotel in Drayton on the first day of June next with interest."

"Mr. Chas. Day. Please to give E. C. a credit of ten dollars and the same shall apply on your note of May 5, 1826."

"Received of E. C. twelve bushels of rye at fifty cents a bushel to apply on accounts."

Another copy book in the same collection seems to run along the same sort of items.

Some paragraphs from some of the letters tell an interesting story of the illness and treatment and the hardships encountered in those early days. Here is one.

"He has not been well since a week ago on Monday he raised Walters shed and took a heavy cold, but he worked for a few days, after till he took the chills. When he went to the Doctor and he got better so that he went to work again on Monday, but only worked a few hours when he got worse and yesterday he was very bad, but he is a great deal better this morning. The doctor bled him yesterday and it helped him," and so on.

And in another letter we read that "... is better he says. Chamberlain calls it a heart disease what ails him but he says he don't think he will be able to work again. He wrote that James ——— had hung himself and that J. ——— had been in jail for forging a note. . . . I wish you were here now so we could have our likeness taken together. There is a car in the village. I had mine taken alone. . . . We have the thrashing machine to-day and I have not time to write any more."

And there is another typical of that day: "Sir by request of my son George ——I write these few lines to ask you whether you have got disposed of a horsepower which the understood that you owned some time ago, and if you have not sold it the wishes you to write your lowest price and best terms for payment you can give and write in answer to this immediately."

When we in these days may complain of hard work with small returns read this item from a letter written back in 1863.

"I have been very much drove this summer with carpenter work and farming too. I have got up three barns and finished them up and I have got all the work I can do till snow flies. I have got three hands. I don't know what else to write you at present only hard times for money. I have not received one York shilling since I saw you on last year's work or this year, but the time is most up for me to see some I think."

But I must stop for this week. I still have the catalogue sheet of trees and shrubs to tell you about. These old documents and letters reveal that the days of other years had their hardships. Looking at them may at least make us uncomplaining in this day and generation.

—By C. A. D.

CHURCHILL GATHERING HONOR BRIDE AND GROOM WITH PRESENTATION

The Churchill friends and neighbors gathered on Monday evening, April 26th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Swackhamer to honor Mrs. and Mrs. Russ Swackhamer on their recent marriage.

Mr. R. L. Davidson acted as chairman for a short program which consisted of reading by Anna Chaffe, solo by Audrey Macarthur, reading by Mrs. R. Denny, solo by Mrs. Archie Kerr, reading by Audrey Macarthur, mouth organ selection by Fred Macarthur.

Mrs. Archie Kerr then read the following address:

Acton, April 26th, 1943.

Dear Ross and Kay:

It is with feelings of joy and pleasure that we, in few of your many friends and neighbors have met this evening to extend to you our heartiest congratulations on your recent marriage and to express our best wishes for your future happiness.

Ross, we indeed are interested in you as you are one of our own boys, having grown up in our midst, you are a young man of sterling good qualities and your name is above reproach.

You are unselfishly serving in our Canadian army giving all your time and all your strength to help carry on the great task of helping defeat the forces of evil that are endeavoring to crush us. We know you and express our thanks for this part you have taken. You Kathleen, coming from Alberta, are not so well known but we appreciate also the work you are doing to speed up the perfecting of our army. It takes courage to leave your home and conform to the rigid rules that are necessary in army life.

When this war is over we shall look forward to seeing you both together, families in our midst one of the many happy christian homes on which the stability of our nation depends.

Realizing as the poet tells us, "There is nothing half so sweet as hearts sweet dream," we join with you in your happiness, hopes and aspirations and express our wish 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 they will recall pleasant memories.

Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbors,

IRENE SWACKHAMER,
LINDA KERR,
IRENE SWACKHAMER,
R. L. DAVIDSON.

A well-laden basket was then presented and "For they are jolly good fellows," was sung by all. Speeches were made by Fred MacArthur, R. L. Davidson and Robert Rose. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

RAILWAY CHURCH ASSOCIATION MAKES PRESENTATION TO BRIDE

A presentation for Mrs. Wallie took place at the home of her sister, Mrs. Erwin at Ballinafad Friday evening, April 30th, when the Women's Association of Ballinafad United Church gathered to show their appreciation of her help in the church and regret at her departure.

The following address was read by Mrs. Mallitt:

Ballinafad, April 30th, 1943

Dear Mrs. Wallie:

We, the members of the Women's Association of Ballinafad United Church are gathered here this evening to wish you good luck, good health and best wishes on the eve of your departure from our midst. Your quiet unassuming manner has won you many friends among us and we trust it will make you many wherever you may go.

We will miss your kindness, neighborliness and hospitality, but know you will be serving others wherever you are.

We ask you to accept these small gifts—not for their monetary value but in a small way to show our love. May God's richest blessings follow you into your new home and guard and help you always.

Friendship's silver chain so true
Must never rust twixt you
And your Ballinafad friends.

Signed on behalf of the Women's Association.

Mrs. Snow then presented Mrs. Wallie with a silk umbrella and fountain pen and pencil set. Mrs. Wallie responded by thanking the W. A. for all they had done for her. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social time after which lunch was served.

KILL 15,000 CATTLE

BRIGHTON, (CP) — Wythold district of Natal 15,000 healthy cattle were prematurely slaughtered in a systematic government attempt to eradicate a serious outbreak of "east coast fever." The "kill" provides a major supplement to South Africa's meat supply.

The "Y" Column

"The tumult and the shouting dies;" is a famous line of poetry, but it describes the "Y" nightly these days, after the two gay nights of the display last week. The ones that saw the display will agree there were bits of excitement and shouting and it wasn't all done by the children. The parents joined in when the ribbys got underway and they saw their own children get off to a flying start, and go over and under hurdles and in and out of hoops.

On Tuesday May 11th the junior girls of the "Y" are having a hike, the first one of the season (weather permitting). The girls are asked to meet in the gym at 4:15 and bring a lunch.

May 21 has been set aside for the annual meeting of the "Y". I want to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to anyone interested in the "Y". It's open house and everyone is welcome.

MARY CLEAVE.

FINED $100 FOR HAVING BUTTER COUPONS BEFORE PROPER DATE

Charged with having butter coupons that had been detached from the ration books prior to their date of validity, Morris Saxe, creamery operator of Georgetown, was fined $100 and costs in magistrate's court Monday at Brampton.

Frank Walker, investigator for the WPTB., offered as witness his No. 2 butter coupons seized by him at the creamery operated by the accused on March 19. The valid date of these coupons was March 20.

Mr. Saxe stated the unfavorable that the coupons could be taken from the books any time during the week that contained their due date. Widows for the creamery were in the habit of making their trips on Thursdays, and, in respect to the poor condition of the roads, had taken the No. 2 coupons then, March 18, rather than autumn on Saturday, the day the coupons became valid.

ZURICH, (CP)—An Austrian chimney sweep has been jailed for a year for "intimidating the government and failing in manoeuvre towards fallen national socialists."

Insurance and Real Estate

Now is the time to renew your Fire and other lines of Insurance. Are you sufficiently insured? 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 anticipating 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 15 per cent., according to gasoline ration category. Do not drive unless you are insured. These new low rates make it possible.

HOUSE OF FIRST RESIDENCE
FOR SALE

Rough Cast Dwelling, six rooms, conveniences, centrally located, near business section. Possession to the arranged.

HOUSE OF FIRST RESIDENCE
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Blue brick bungalow, built-in bath, good cellar. Owner on Active Service. Possession to the arranged.

A Number of other Houses For Sale

Some Choice Improved Farms

F. L. WRIGHT
Insurance and Real Estate
(Registered)

Come On CANADA

Pass the Ammunition!

The fate of fighting men depends on the production and delivery of planes, tanks, guns, ships and shells . . . depends on passing the ammunition. It takes money to do this! That's why we all have been called on these Victory Bonds. Why we have made smaller sacrifices. And it's worth every sacrifice we can make to provide more fighting dollars to "Smash the aggressor". It will bring Victory sooner . . . more, it will save precious lives. Buy another Victory Bond today!

And remember this! When we all have buy Victory Bonds, we can not only shorten our patriotic duty, we can be starting in the future . . . our future . . . saving money with which to buy the things we'll need when the war is over.

Some far peace days ahead! Be prepared to obtain when available now, up-to-the-minute equipment for the home that will provide an easier and better life. It may be a new electric stove, a new refrigerator . . . you, even as complete electric kitchen. It may be any one or a number of new electrical appliances. It may be a new home. Whatever it is, it will be easier to buy if money is invested in Victory Bonds now. Buy Victory Bonds today!

The power that is now helping the produce vast quantities of weapons for our fighting men will be ready, when Victory is won, to contribute to the great peace-time future of Ontario.

BACK THE ATTACK!
BUY VICTORY BONDS