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—Can't say that summer has been rushed on us this year anyway.

—New cement steps are being placed at the Town Hall entrance.

—Dogs must be kept tied up after May 15th. Just another week of freedom.

—Sunday is Mothers' Day. Write her a letter, wear a flower in her honor.

—Home gardening operations are quite popular in the back fifty these evenings.

—If you fall to win on the first blitz bomb remember you have a second chance.

—May hasn't the 24th to look forward to this year and it comes on Monday too.

—Mrs. Annie Sinclair has received word that her son Cnr. Alex. Sinclair has arrived safely overseas.

—The road maintenance has been on the job and a marked improvement is shown on the roadways about town.

—The big indicators at the Post Office will give you an idea of the progress of the Fourth Victory Loan here.

—Remember when the blitz bombs go off in Acton somebody wins \$25. But only Victory Loan subscribers have a chance.

—The Boys' Band had their first practise in marching last night. They'll soon be ready to enliven Acton gatherings again.

—It's just possible that the present high prices of vegetables has something to do with the added urge for home gardens this year.

—Haven't heard of any records established on the trout streams on Saturday. But we learned that "Sandy" McLean got nine nice ones on Wednesday.

—Word has been received by his mother, Mrs. Alex. Macdonald of the safe arrival in North Africa of her son, Pte. Hector Macdonald who is now serving with the American Armed forces.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER HAVE MRS. AGNEW ADDRESS MEETING

Lakeside Chapter I. O. O. E. sponsored an evening in the town hall when Mrs. Gordon Agnew, of the Health League of Toronto was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Agnew chose as her subject "Nutrition in War Time." Her message was very interesting and instructive and much of her information had been gained not only through study but also of necessity. While living in China, many foods were scarce, so she studied food values of what was on hand in order to feed her family properly. For instance, white sugar became very scarce.

She experimented with brown sugar, finding that it contained vitamins and iron, lacking in white. Now white sugar was kept on hand only for a display.

A variety of foods for health was on the platform and many posters were displayed around the room.

On behalf of the chapter Mrs. Oakes presented Mrs. Agnew with a "warage".

Mrs. Cullen was in charge for the evening's program. Misses Margaret Brown and Dorothy Frank played a piano duet. Mrs. A. Kerr sang a solo "Keep Pegging Along." Mr. W. J. Beatty, on behalf of the Victory Loan committee was present and spoke on Victory Bonds.

Rev. Mr. Wilkie Guest Speaker at Y.W.A. Meeting

Knox Y. W. A. held their Easter Thank-Offering in the class room of the church on Monday night with a good attendance of members and visiting friends. Mrs. R. O'Hara the president, very ably presided and following the call to worship extended a welcome to all.

The devotions were taken by Mrs. Fred Wilds and were given by Miss Margaret Roszell and Miss Bella Roszell sang a solo when the offering was presented by Mrs. H. Price and Mrs. W. Kentner. The dedicatory prayer was given by Mrs. S. Matthews.

Rev. Forbes Thomson introduced the guest speaker of the evening, the Rev. Mr. Wilkie of Elora, a former missionary in Formosa, who delighted the gathering with his word picture of the missionary development and the way the people there carry on without our missionaries. Following expressed the appreciation of the members to the speaker and all who had taken part in the program.

A delectable lunch added a social climax to a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Nelles expressed appreciation for the invitation extended their members.

Ballinafad Couple Mark Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Sinclair, ninth line, Esqueving Township, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding on Monday April 26. Fifty years ago Flora Ann McNabb, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McNabb, who resided on the farm, lot 15, con. 11 Erin Township, was united in marriage with John Sinclair. The late Rev. Robert Fowlie officiated. Mr. Duncan McLaren, Erin, and Mrs. Douglas Martin, (nee Jessie Moorehead), of St. Mary's were attendants.

During the day many friends and neighbors called to extend congratulations and felicitations and Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were the recipients of many lovely gifts, among which were two occasional chairs from the family. Among the guests was the best man of fifty years ago; owing to illness, the bridesmaid of fifty years ago was unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were blessed with a family of eleven children all of whom were present for the festivities. They are: Bert of Acton; Mrs. E. McKenzie, (Bessie), Esqueving Township; Fred; Mrs. Ray McNery, (Kate), Erin Township; George of Milton; Stanley, Erin Township; Mrs. J. Crimble, (Elsie), Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Dolaney, (Margaret), Erin Township; Donald, Norman and Florence, at home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair enjoy good health and are about the home daily.

MACDONALD-WATSON WEDDING IN APRIL AT ROCKWOOD CHURCH

On Saturday afternoon, April 24th, a quiet wedding was solemnized in the Rockwood United Church by the Rev. John Ward, when Alma Helen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Watson, Acton, became the bride of William Russell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. MacDonald of Eden Mills.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a two-piece powder blue dress with white trimming, matching hat and navy accessories. Her carriage was of "Better Times" roses and forget-me-nots. She was attended by her sister Mrs. Leonard Tubman, wearing a two-piece navy dress and white accessories. Her carriage was of Biarritz roses and forget-me-nots. L. Cpl. Leonard Tubman of Niagara-on-the-Lake, was best man.

After the ceremony the reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where the bride's mother received the guests. She was dressed in black triple sheer with matching accessories and corsage of sweet peas and baby's breath. The groom's mother assisted wearing a blue crepe dress with navy accessories and a corsage of sweet peas and baby's breath.

Later the bridal couple left for a short wedding trip.

THE KOEHN-BANKS WEDDING SATURDAY IN TORONTO CHAPEL

Emmanuel College Chapel, Toronto, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday when Dorothy Standahe Banks daughter of Mrs. Carlton H. Banks, Saskatoon, and the late Mr. Banks, became the bride of Charles Vernon Koehn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koehn of Moose Jaw. Snaps, dragon, stocks and candelabra decorated the chapel and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Louis Barber. The wedding music was played by Miss F. Craig, and Mrs. Jean Somerville, the bride's aunt, was soloist. The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Frank A. Reed, wore a gown fashioned with a fitted white lace top, a sweetheart neckline and chapel sleeves and a long white sheer skirt. Her hairdress was a Juliet cap of matching lace and she carried a cascade bouquet of swainsson, stephanotis and gardenias. Mrs. D. Badenoch, Regina, was matron of honor in a flowered crepe gown with a white sheer bodice. She wore a matching Juliet cap and her bouquet was of pansies, sweet peas and marigolds. Hugh G. Bryce of New York was groomsmen. At the reception, held at the Park Plaza, the bride's mother received in black crepe, the brides of Ball blue studied with millinery. She wore a matching hat and a corsage of red roses. She was assisted by the groom's mother in a two-piece navy crepe suit with a shoulder bouquet of pink roses. For the wedding trip to the eastern United States the bride chose a tweed suit with matching accessories and a corsage of tulips. The couple will reside in New York City.

Out-of-town guests who attended the Koehn-Banks wedding Saturday were Lieut. and Mrs. D. C. Badenoch, Potawawa; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Reed and Douglas and Ann Reed, of Snyder, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hassard, Acton; Cadet Officer Martin Hassard, Kingston; Mr. Kenneth Hassard, Oshawa; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moore, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson and Ernest, Acton; Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. McNeil, Detroit; Mrs. K. R. Turnbull, Ottawa; Flight Lieut. and Mrs. G. Stewart, Hagersville; Assistant Section Officer Evelyn Harvey, St. Thomas.

Weekly War Commentary

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

Joseph Stalin told his people on May Day that the "British-American axis" was the "unconditional axis" in a critical position, the Russian leader declared.

Stalin's words, coming at a time when the minds of all the Allies are on the probability of an offensive against continental Europe this summer, held special interest for Canadians.

Vanguard of Invasion

Only the day before, Malcolm Macdonald, British high commissioner to Canada, sat in the main conference room of the ministry of information in London and told 35 British newspapermen that the Canadian army overseas would be in the vanguard of the invasion.

The same night Stalin spoke L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India and Burma, told the Birmingham Conservative Association:

"Now the long and noteworthy battle of Africa is drawing to a close, the second battle of Europe looms before us with all that it involves of heavy sacrifices and weary effort before it reaches its only possible conclusion."

The Germans on their part, more bitterly than ever over what they, too, see impending, announced they were rounding up the 400,000 former Netherlands soldiers whom they interned after the fall of Holland and subsequently released.

The Nazis broadcast repeated assurances to their own people and those of occupied Europe that the continent was impregnable to invasion.

Cloaked in Secrecy

The Russians at the week-end had said little about activities in the Kuban Valley where big operations were believed underway to drive Axis forces from their precarious hold on the Novorossiysk bridgehead. Soviet military communiques are usually reticent at the start of major offensives.

German reports stated that a Red Army of 150,000 was attacking in the area. They admitted that Soviet troops were entrenched in the hill overlooking Novorossiysk. Further to the north, the Russians were last reported to have fought their way along the Taman Peninsula to a point 25 miles from German-held Temryuk on the Sea of Azov.

German troops forced their way across the Donets River in a new outbreak of fighting in that area, a Russian communique reported Saturday, but most of the attacking force was wiped out and the remainder escaped by swimming across the river.

Reports from various sources, most of them without confirmation, lend color to the belief that big Allied moves will be launched shortly. The possibility that the Eastern Mediterranean may be linked up with a new Russian drive is seen in statements telling of a conference at Tcheran, Persia, between military leaders of the United Nations.

Berlin reported large-scale military manoeuvres on the island of Cyprus and other reports from enemy sources told of Allied fleet movements east and west of Gibraltar.

Naval Fight Back

Slowly but surely forces of the United Nations are driving Axis troops back in Tunisia. At various points enemy troops have made vicious counter-attacks and the Allied advance has been slowed, but there have been no major changes in the battle lines.

American troops were reported at the week-end to have captured a key height known as Hill 609 in Northern Tunisia and to have turned their long-range artillery on Mateur. Other hills were also taken together with 250 prisoners.

The British 8th Army made local gains on the southern front north of Enfidaville and the 1st Army was forced to yield some of its advanced positions near the Tunis plain under heavy German counter-attacks.

By air and sea Allied attacks are taking a heavy toll of Axis vessels off the Tunisian coast. The Admiralty announced Saturday that British submarines had sunk 10 more enemy vessels and scored direct hits on at least eight others, including a light cruiser and two destroyers.

Drive on Bizerte. Allied forces delivered smashing blows early this week on the Axis

forces hemmed into the northeastern corner of Tunisia. Mateur, vital junction only 19 miles from Bizerte, was captured by American troops Monday and after this success the advancing army fanned out, one column thrusting toward Ferryville and another toward Tebourba.

Ferryville is on the southeast shore of Lake Bizerte and about eight miles from the naval base which is on the northeast shore of the lake. Tebourba, southwest of Mateur, is the gateway to Tunisia.

The fall of Mateur may bring about the separation of Axis forces. Those in the north are likely to fall back on Bizerte, while those in the south may make their last stand at Tunis. On the right flank of the United States forces the British 1st Army has made slight advances in the central sector.

Further to the south the British 8th Army was reported Tuesday to have opened a new attack north of Enfidaville. This attack was preceded by violent artillery fire.

NOTICE

RE INDIAN AT LARGE

Paragraph 43 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 municipality 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. HARGREAVES, Municipal Officer.

GARDEN CONDUCTORS SWIM

BERNE, (CP) In 1942, Switzerland produced roughly 500,000 to 600,000 tons of vegetables as compared with an average of 230,000 tons in pre-war years.

ROYAL PALACE GUELPH'S LEADING THEATRES

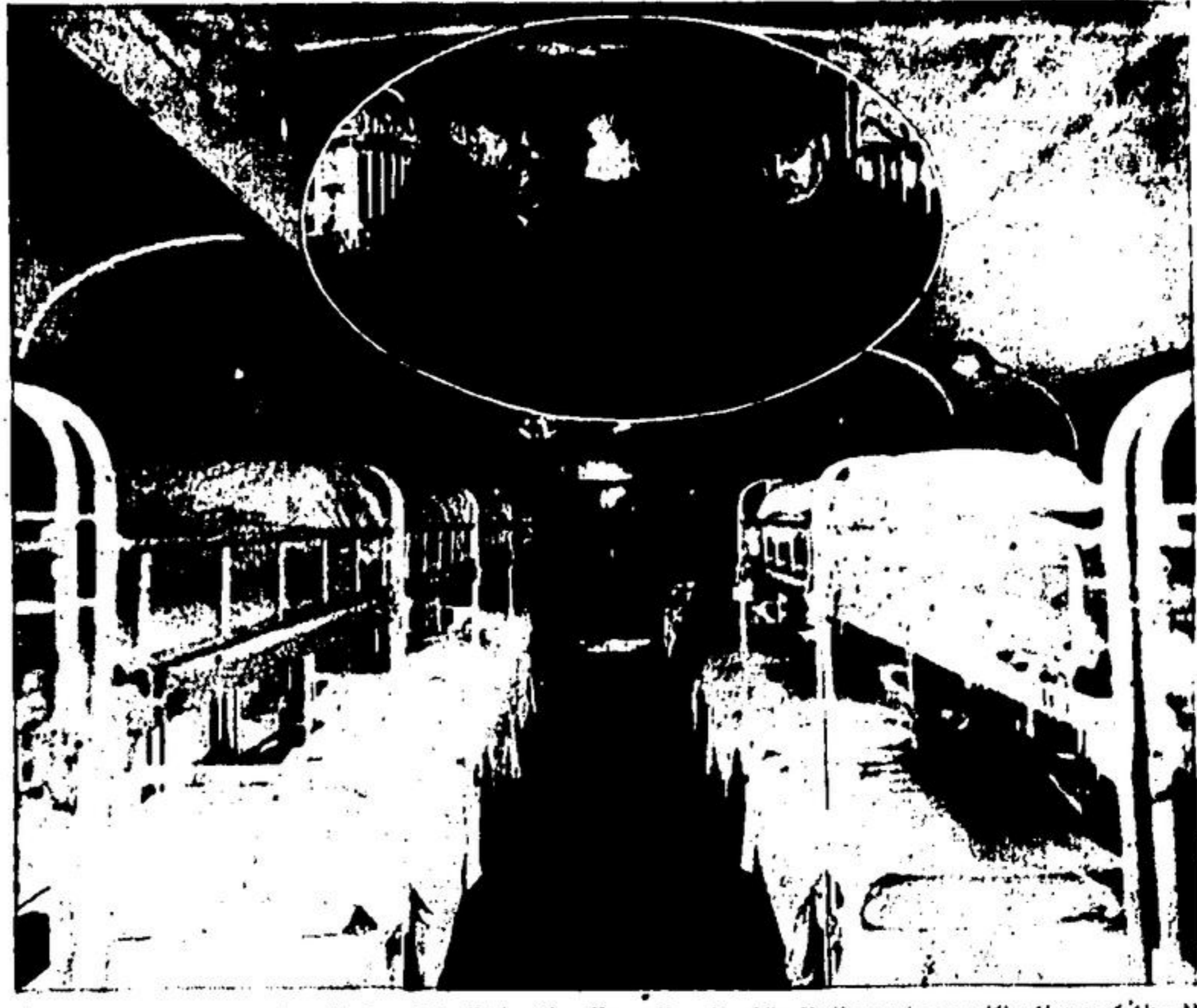
TO-DAY 'TIL SATURDAY
Randolph Scott
Claire Trevor, in
"THE DESPERADOES"
In Technicolor

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY
Brian Donlevy
Walter Brennan, in
"HANGMEN ALSO DIE"

TO-DAY 'TIL SATURDAY
Noel Coward's Outstanding Hit
"IN WHICH WE SERVE"

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY
"FRANKENSTEIN MEETS THE WOLF MAN"
Also
"PRAIRIE CHICKENS"

Army Receives Second C.P.R. Hospital Car



The second travelling hospital unit built by the Canadian Pacific Railway to specifications of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, this auxiliary hospital car was turned over by George Stephen, vice-president of traffic, on March 31 at the Windsor Station in Montreal to Col. G. A. Winfield, of Ottawa, deputy director general of medical services (A).

Converted from a compartment-observation sleeper, the "Mount Kitchener" has the new hospital on wheels was remodelled at Angus Shops in Montreal under the direction of H. R. Naylor, works manager, to specifications drawn by H. B. Bowen, chief of motive power and rolling stock.

This picture gives an excellent view of the 14 extremely comfortable double-deck steel beds which will accommodate 28 casualties. In addition the car has toilet and washrooms, a revolving vestibule with doors wide enough to receive stretchers, a completely equipped dispensary, gas and electric rings and ample locker space for medical supplies.

In the inset are shown the Canadian Pacific and Army officials who took part in the actual delivery of the car to the medical services, with those shown in the spacious ward being, left to right: Col. Winfield, Mr. Stephen, Lt.-Col. G. S. Kinney, of Ottawa, ass. stant quartermaster general (movement control); and Col. R. H. McMillan, of Montreal, district medical officer.

THE HOME GARDEN SUBJECT AT MEETING DUBLIN INSTITUTE

The Dublin Women's Institute held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. D. McDougall with the president, Mrs. L. VanGoozen in the chair. The roll call was answered by "Favorite Vegetables." Current Events was given by Miss Somerville.

Mrs. Britton was gardening convenor but owing to illness in the home Mrs. Webster took charge of the topic. The importance of the home vegetable garden was discussed at length. A reading was given by Miss Somerville "Back to our grandmother's day." It told of the herbs of those days and the ill they cured. The district director's report was given by Mrs. Somerville. A fruit and vegetable contest was held with Mrs. VanGoozen first prize winner and Mrs. Barlow winning second. The draw on donated prize was won by Mrs. Steele.

Mrs. Anderson moved a vote of thanks to those who took part in the program and also to the hostess for the use of her home. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

Anna-Mation Shoes for Ladies—Comfortable and Reasonably Priced—\$4.00

E. D. RACHLIN, Acton

Notice to Creditors

In The Estate of Hugh McKay, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, deceased.

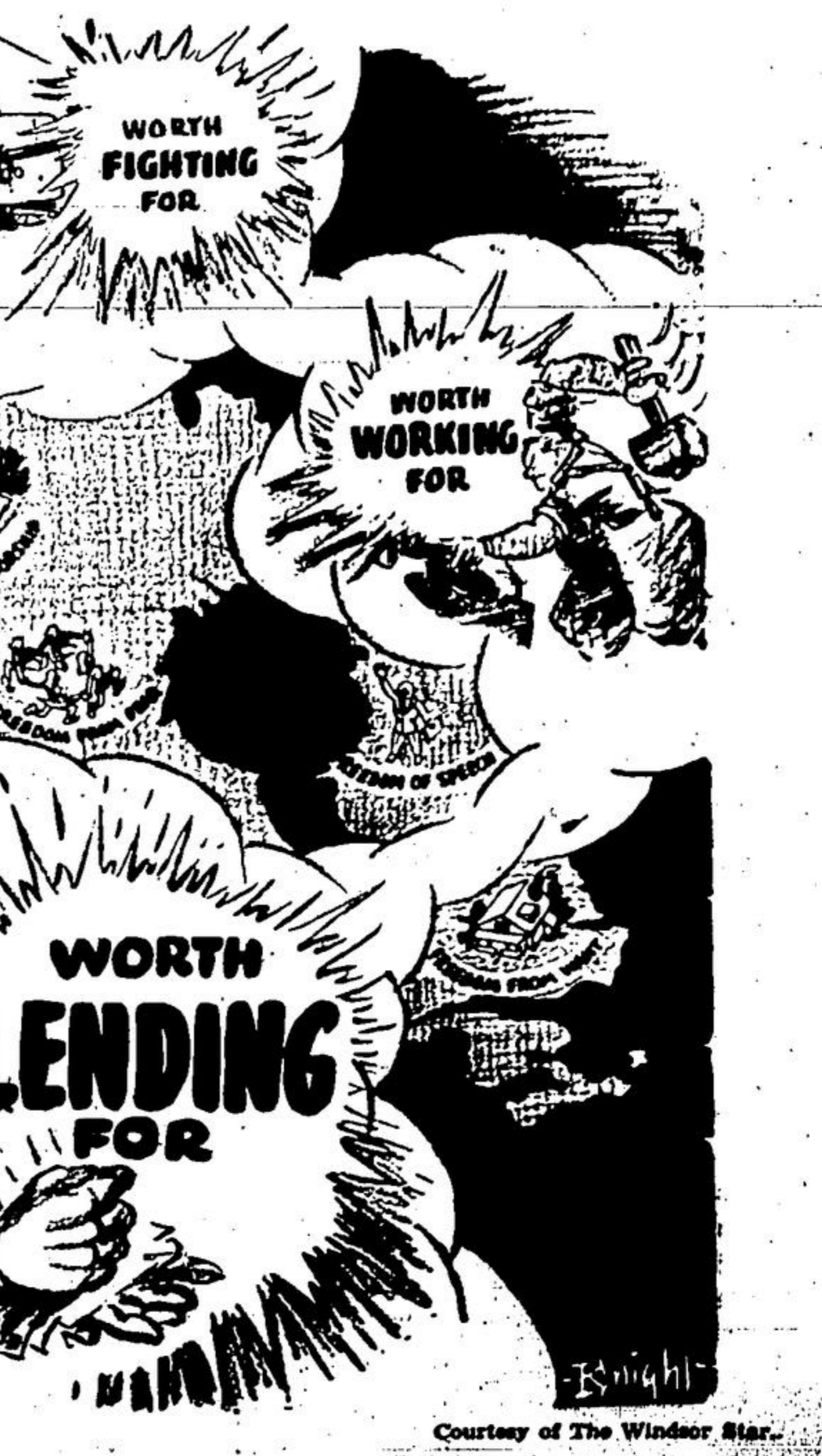
ALL persons having claims against the estate of the said Hugh McKay who died on or about the 26th day of January, 1943, at the City of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, are required to send to the undersigned Administrator or her Solicitor on or before the 5th day of June 1943, full particulars of their claims and any securities they may hold therefore.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 5th day of June 1943, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the said estate having regard to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 5th day of May, 1943.

ELIZABETH MUSSELLE, by KENNETH M. LANGDON, Solicitor, Georgetown, Ontario. 45-3.

CANADA IS WORTH IT



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