

# Personals

Gen. Geo. Simpson was home from Hamilton for the week-end.

Mr. Rymes was home from Military camp for the week-end.

Major and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan were home from Toronto for the week-end.

L.A.C. Billie Reginaldson is home on leave from the training camp at Thurston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheering of Toronto, visited Acton relatives over the week-end.

Mrs. E. H. Wainwright returned this week after visiting in Toronto with her family.

Dr. Harold F. Stewart of Copper Cliff visited his mother Mrs. John A. Stewart last week.

Mr. Eugene Stephenson and family visited with the Mrs. Ben Corless on Sunday.

Gen. James Ward has returned to Newmarket after spending the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vincent, Bill and Barbara of Toronto, visited Acton friends over the week-end.

Miss Margaret Brown attended the convention of the Central Nurses in Toronto for several days this week.

L.A.C. Douglas Reginaldson of No. 10 C.A.T.S., at Duxford, Manitoba, is visiting with his father, Mr. John Reginaldson and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Helen Reginaldson.

Miss Gordon Simpson, now doing war work in the Long Branch-Lakeview area, near Toronto, attended a social evening on Saturday, May 15th, sponsored by the Protestant Churches. The evening of fun was planned by the Young People of the churches, and the refreshments provided by the women were greatly enjoyed. The event provided an evening of fun and fellowship and many new acquaintances were made, and interest in future activities was developed. The evening was so successful that plans were made to hold another one on May 22th.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. P. S. Kennedy wishes to thank the Hammond family for the kindness that was shown him and the box of fruit sent him during his illness.

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The kindness of many friends who sent cards and letters and made kind inquiry during the three weeks I spent in hospital have indeed been appreciated.

MRS. W.M. LANDSBOROUGH.

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We wish to thank the many friends who sent clear messages while in hospital, for letters, cards and parcels received. It will always be remembered by us.

WALTER and JOHN GIBBONS.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fletcher, Campbellville, Ontario, wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Phyllis Daniels, to Philip William Burke, B.S.A., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burke, Niagara Falls, Ontario, the wedding to take place the latter part of June.

### OLD TIMER USED SNOWSHOES GETTING TO WORK IN WINTER

Philo to the decade termed the "gay winter" was just plain winter in Montreal. No one had capitalized snow as a tourist attraction, consequently when it fell on Montreal streets in the eighties the "beautiful" settled there until tramped into paths and left to a benevolent sun to later clear away. Winter transportation was in horse-drawn sleighs with plenty of straw on the floor to comfort the feet of traveling patrons. In those days H. A. Baker, then in his teens, set to work with the original telegraph company of Canada, now part of the Canadian National Telegraphs. A nickel for a sleigh fare was extravagance and when snow fell heavily young "Bert" put on his snow shoes and padded down to the office in St. Francois Xavier, the Canadian Wall Street. From that same building Mr. Baker left the other day relinquishing a service of almost fifty years. Popular with his fellow workers, the Montreal main office staff presented to Mr. Baker a wallet containing Victory Loan Bonds, and W. M. Armstrong, general manager, Canadian National Telegraphs, sent a message from Toronto, expressing appreciation of Mr. Baker's loyal and devoted years of efficient work.

### BETTER FOOD AFTER WAR

LONDON, (CP)—High nutritional standards and not self-sufficiency would be Britain's aim in re-starting agriculture in devastated "European countries," Sir John Russell, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Inter-Allied Post War Requirements Bureau, told the Royal Institution.

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ALL persons having claims against the estate of the said Hugh McKay who died on or about the 23rd day of January, 1943, at the City of Oshawa, 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 thereon.

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.

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## More Than The Old Gray Mare

Isn't What She Used To Be

The old catalogue sheets I referred to last week are found in the walls of the home owned by the Stafford family, now published by S. Richardson & Co. of Oshawa, Niagara County, N.Y. The date is 1890.

There were apple trees at 20 and 25 cents each; cherry trees at 20 and 25 cents each and plum trees were 10 cents each; strawberry plants were 25c a dozen or \$1.50 per hundred.

I was rather interested in the ornamental trees planted in those years, many of which we hear little about now such as Abies, Aliburns, Parlorums, Paper Mulberry, Pigeon, Strawberry trees, cranberry trees, and Silver Bell. I suppose we still have them only they are not popular varieties.

So much for the old papers found and which I was pleased to peruse.

We've all guessed pretty about the weather since last December. The other day a friend of mine handed me the following clipping from a newspaper entitled "A Year Without Summer."

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## Weekly War Commentary

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

The spotlight of the future settled on Washington when Allied chiefs in the U.S. capital plotted what experts took to be the next offensive, left the offensive after the war.

Prime Minister Churchill, during conferences which were attended by Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander in chief in India, Admiral Sir James Somerville, commander of the British Far Eastern Fleet, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Pierce, commander in chief of British air forces in India, promised China that steps would be taken to free her.

In a message to Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek he said that the day would come when goals of arms like those which the Axis forces in North Africa "will surely drive the Japanese invader from the soil of China."

In a radio address to Britain's Home Guard on its third anniversary the Prime Minister declared: "It is no good having one march held east. March after march must be planned as far as the human eye can see. Design and forethought must be our guides and heralds."

The Burma Threat

While the Prime Minister was speaking news was arriving from Burma that British troops which had reinvaded that country last year were backing up again on the border of India, faced with strengthened Japanese forces whose infiltration tactics and jungle training made it impossible to stand against them with the strength of hand.

The days of the monsoon were approaching and it was considered unlikely there would be any ground action of consequence before next October when the rains stop and the ground is dry again.

The way to free China lies through Burma. When the Japanese invaded Burma and cut the Burma Road through Hanoi, Mandalay, Lashio and the tortuous trails winding up to Chungking, the temporary Chinese capital, China was placed in a predicament isolated from the world except by air.

Therefore when Mr. Churchill promises that China is to be freed by such military feats as were seen in North Africa, it would seem his promise can mean one thing in particular, the building of forces to win back Burma, reopen the road to China, and go to the coast of the Pacific ocean from which the heart of Japan can be bled.

Attack Aleutians

The American attack on the island of Attu in the Aleutian Islands is regarded by many observers as possibly the first of many blows to be struck against Japanese bases in the whole Pacific area. To the hard-pressed Chinese the news of the move was most gratifying as another indication that their Allies would not cease in their endeavor to carry the war to the enemy.

The landing of the Americans on Attu was made May 11, but at the week-end no news of the fighting was available beyond Navy Secretary Knox's word that it was going very satisfactorily.

Attu is only 172 miles from the main Japanese Alutian base of Kiska. If the enemy is ousted from the island, American airmen will be able to keep Kiska under constant attack and to establish airfields for possible attacks against the Japanese empire itself.

Prepare For Invasion

The brilliant victory of the United Nations in Tunisia opens the way for the invasion of southern Europe and at the week-end the Italian islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria had already been dealt severe blows from the air and sea. To obtain freedom for operations in the Mediterranean the Allies must establish control of these islands.

The Allies' victory resulted in the capture of some 175,000 Axis troops, at least two-thirds of them German, more than 1,000 guns, 250 tanks and a great mass of equipment. They are now masters of the entire North African coastline.

Reorganization of the United Nations forces in North Africa will take some time and it will not be surprising if the first attack on southern Europe is made from the eastern Mediterranean where British and American forces occupy strong positions on the island of Cyprus. In addition the British 9th and 10th armies, supported by Polish and Greek forces, have been trained to the limit in the Middle East.

The knocking out of Axis opposition on the Dodecanese Islands and Crete would be necessary preliminary to any thrust through the Aegean Sea. But the readiness of the Allies in the eastern Mediterranean was that summer will eventually arrive.

That's all for this week. I did intend to write something about these Victory Gardens but the gardening season will wait.

By G.A.D.

## Delivery Discontinued! After Saturday

After Saturday next our delivery on all orders for meat will be discontinued. This step has been made necessary owing to the shortage of help and the meat rationing which becomes effective next Thursday.

We ask the co-operation of our customers in meeting this situation and assure you of prompt and efficient service at our store. This Saturday will be the last delivery day.

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## Final Warning to All Dog Owners

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In this year when gardens and their products are so essential to every home the depredations caused by dogs running at large will not be tolerated. Hereafter summons will be issued to dog owners who violate the provisions of the by-law without any further notice.

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Now is the time to review your fire and other lines of insurance. Are you sufficiently covered? 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.

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## Middle East Air Offensive

The growing air strength of the United Nations will be turned on the industries of Japan which he declared "must lie in ashes before peace comes to the world."

Immediate and effective aid to China was one of the most urgent tasks facing the Allies, he said, adding that he hopes a meeting with Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia would soon take place.

Mr. Churchill spoke encouragingly of the campaign against the German U-boat menace. New anti-submarine measures had yielded record results, particularly in the last three weeks. The Allies' air offensive over Europe, he said, was causing Germany to withdraw a large number of planes from battle areas for use in defence operations.

BED-HIDDEN SCOUTS HELP

A recent donation to the Chius Up Fund to aid British Boy Scouts who have lost their homes in the blitz came from the Eagle Patrol of Handicapped Scouts in Winnipeg. Every member of this patrol is a victim of infantile paralysis and is a bed patient. They raised the money by making book ends and tie racks.

MOTHERLY DONKEY

LONDON, (CP)—A West London donkey was on a hunger-strike for two days when a litter of kittens, born in its manger, were removed. The donkey did not eat until the mother cat and her kittens were returned to the manger.

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