Personals

Miss Jacqueline Currie is visiting in Barrie this week.

Mrs. Edith Hamilton is holidaying in Toronto this week.

Miss Frances Ellis is visiting with relatives and friends in Toronto.

Miss Betty Howe of Pawnee is visiting her aunt Mrs. Harry Murray.

Mrs. Hugh Thompson of Lacombe, Alta., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Harry Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currie and Master Wayne are holidaying in Wingham this week.

Mr. R. S. Broad of Hamilton was a week-end guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. J. Reid.

Miss Rose McCoy and Miss Doris McDonald returned to Toronto after visiting Acton friends for a week.

Mrs. Geo. Sutherland and Miss Janet of St. Catharines are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. D. Richardson.

Pte. Charles Taylor of Woodstock (and Rosetown Sask.) visited relatives at Rockwood and Acton, over the week-end.

Mrs. John Brush and Baby John are holidaying this week with her father, Archie C. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawkins.

Mrs. Geo. W. Mason, Richard and Frank and the twins are visiting for a few weeks at the home of her parents in Sundridge.

Mrs. F. A. McLean who has been visiting her mother and sister here for a few weeks returned to her home in Tilbury on Tuesday.

Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Earchman of London, Mr. Charles Humphries and Miss Wilma Humphries of Guelph, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Alex. Macdonald last Thursday.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burrows and Barbara of Stratford, Tpr. Jack Reid of Toronto, and Mrs. Reid and baby of Winona.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDougall spent last week on a cruise to the Thousand Islands and up the Saguenay River. Mr. McDougall left to-day for Hornepayne after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Harrison, Toronto, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Emily, to Mr. John Henry Sault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Charles Sault, the marriage to take place in Knox College chapel on Saturday, July 31st, at 3:30 o'clock.

ERIN

The Russell Family held a re-union at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Fines, second line, Erin, last Sunday.

Congratulations to Mrs. Fred Steen teacher of the senior room of Erin Public School, also to her entrance pupils all of whom were successful.

Former residents of Scotsguard & Austinville, Saskatchewan, who returned to various points in Ontario, held their fifth annual picnic at Stanley Park, on Sunday. The party of forty-five spent a very pleasant time reminiscing. Officials were re-appointed and the first Sunday in July 1944, set for the next picnic.

Austin Finnes has been building a contraption known as a "buck rake" for handling hay direct from the field to the barn. The motive power is an old Wyllis-Knight car, on the back of which the rake is constructed. It has been in front of Dick Matson's blacksmith shop for several days and has attracted a little attention from the farmers and villagers alike.—Advocate.

WATCH YOUR VOICE!

Watch your voice, or rather listen to it, and see if it suggests something pleasant and peaceful or something querulous and discordant.

Not only does your tone of voice show your state of mind—but if you can manage to get friendliness and patience into your voice—miraculously, even when you do feel a bit snappy and short, your temper smooths out. It's almost fun to try. You know how we say sarcastically at times, when we suspect interference, "I can manage—thank you!" If there were only time to bite that back and try it on this key: "I can manage—thank you," without acceleration on the beginning, it wouldn't strike a quarrelsome chord, and would imply that, although we didn't need the help, we weren't ungrateful.

Whatever else a voice does, it really shouldn't shriek—that makes a perfectly normal discussion into a fight, and fun into a strident riot.

THOS. A. BLAKELOCK
Liberal Candidate for Halton County.

Oakville, Ont.,
July 15th, 1943

To the Electors of Halton:

Dear Friends:—

Once again I am asking for your support as the Liberal Candidate in the coming elections. As the polling day is just three weeks away it may be impossible for me to see you personally, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your help and support in previous elections and to ask for your continued confidence. If I had been able to follow my own inclinations I would not be a candidate on this occasion. While I have served this County continuously since 1929, and have enjoyed the work, yet on account of the death of my brother and the absence from business of my son in the navy and nephew in the army, I have found it almost impossible to continue in politics as well as look after my business affairs. I have been urged, however, by my Leader and many friends in the County to offer my services once again and I have consented to do so as a war duty. I also have in mind that the difficult postwar period will be one of the most critical eras our country will ever experience, and if my long experience as your member will be of any benefit to my County and Province I offer it willingly.

My personal record as your member is well known. I have always striven to improve the lot of the workers and for improved social conditions. I sponsored the increase in Mothers' Allowances and the granting of these allowances to widows with one child. These allowances should be paid after the 16 year age limit, where the child is bright and wishes to continue with its education. I have always tried to help everyone who appealed to me for assistance without regard for their political affiliations, and if elected again will continue to do so.

I am proud of the record of your Liberal Government since it took office in 1934. Space does not permit me to cover all of its achievements, but I would like to remind you of some of them:

Finances

When we took office there was no money in the Treasury and we were faced with a huge deficit. Local municipalities were struggling under an unbearable load of taxation and 19 municipalities were in default. It was taking 42 per cent. of the annual province revenue, nearly half, to pay the interest on the public debt. We promised to correct this, and we have done it. The only increase in taxes is the corporation tax and the income tax. By this increase in taxes and by careful and businesslike administration we have not only balanced our provincial accounts, and now show a substantial surplus, but we have extended much needed help to local municipalities. All of these are now out of the default column and not one dollar of principal has been lost to any debenture holder. Since taking office the Province has relieved the municipalities of the following payments, and in addition a 1 per cent. subsidy is being paid yearly to every town, village and township in the County. Halton County has been paid over a million dollars to lower municipal taxes and to help the elections. The following are the figures:

1 mill subsidy on taxes	$148,833.57
Old age pensions	36,078.80
Pensions for the blind	1,036.80
Mothers' Allowances	31,789.00
Hospitalization and other help to indigent patients	39,800.00
Provincial, County and Township Road Grants, increases in these	$35,594.78
Big Subsidy	27,105.90
Total	$1,189,925.85

In addition the lower part of the County has been relieved of all liability under their Hydro Radial debentures. In addition also we have increased grants to Education by over four million dollars. We realize that further help should be given to local municipalities. The assistance already given has cut many mills off everyone's tax bill. This policy will be steadily extended from year to year until the burden of unfair real estate taxation is fully under control. Through reduction in the public debt and interest rates, it takes only 22 per cent. of our revenue now to service the public debt, instead of 42 per cent. when we took over.

Rural Hydro

When we took office rural lines would only be built where there were at least three customers per mile, and every rural user had to sign a twenty year contract and had to pay a $2.50 monthly service charge. The Tories refused to grant any relief. We did away with the 20 year contract. We cut the monthly service charge to $1.00 and we built lines for two customers per mile. On account of war, rationing of metals and shortage of power, further line extensions cannot be built now, but as soon as the war is over this government is pledged to an all-out rural program.

Health Services

We have supplied medical services to all indigents and will co-operate with the Federal Government in its Dominion Health Insurance program. The Provincial Government cannot alone embark on a health program which will cost at least 70 million dollars annually for the people of Ontario alone. Our plan for the compulsory pasteurization of milk and eradication of T.B. cattle has already had amazing results. One is that the Sick Children's Hospital has been practically emptied.

Social Services

In addition to the above Health Services we have increased Old Age Pensions by 15 per cent. and Mothers' Allowances by 20 per cent. I will discuss the 22 point Drew program in my next letter, but would like to say right now that apparently, "Promising George" does not know that increases are already in effect. His statement that Old Age Pensioners must mortgage their home before getting the pensions is just a vicious falsehood.

We do not come before you with any last minute, death bed promises but we do say that we have fully carried out our pledges and if re-elected we will continue to give you a careful, sane and businesslike administration.

Yours faithfully,
THOS. A. BLAKELOCK.

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GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, JULY 16
"ANDY HARDY'S DOUBLE LIFE"
Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone.
World In Action "War for Men's Minds." Superman "Japotsuru." Chapter 8 "King of The Mounties."

SATURDAY, JULY 17
"MEN OF TEXAS"
Outdoor action picture with Robert Stack, Anne Gwynne.

"HI NEIGHBOR"
John Archer, Jean Parker.
"Fox News."

MONDAY, JULY 19
"SHADOW OF DOUBT"
Joseph Cotten, Teresa Wright.
Pete Smith "Dog House." Cartoon "Man's Best Friend."

The Letter Box

C/o Forestry,
Matchewan, Ont.

Dear Fair Fanny:

Some months have passed and gone since my last letter. During that time great things have happened all over the world. And as each day and week goes by new developments take place to modify the thoughts and actions of all thinking people. Members of government and diplomatic representatives, Price Board officials, chief of the military, industrial and other operations all have great decisions to make and stand by, but all we others also have great responsibilities that require our whole thought and time. So the world moves at a tremendous pace.

While my real home is still on the farm, I like so many others, have been obliged through circumstances, to undertake other employment. This finds me back with the Ontario Forestry Branch again this year in the same place I have spent the past two summers. I came early in May. Unlike Southern Ontario, this year, our spring season came in very dry. The snow melted with the sun, and just soaked away. Not a drop of rain fell all through April, so the frost was slow coming out and ground stayed wet and cold a long time.

But farming finally commenced about the first week in May with very favorable overhead conditions. The early part of May continued dry but showers came to provide moisture and weather remained warm which was ideal for growth. My rain chart says .76 inches of rain fell in May. I left home for Foresday the 18th day and here in the woods everything was very dry. Not a bit of growth had commenced. Trees were all bare. Not a leaf had even sprouted on the flower or blossom wildlife. As I looked out on the countryside, up about 1,300 feet in the air the first day there, I thought, my what a bleak outlook. Everything was a dead drab brown, except for the occasional clumps of evergreen woods such as pine, spruce or cedar.

Since the three big fires in this whole country an entire new growth has developed during the past 30 years. So only those spots that escaped the fire is original growth. Consequently a very mixed variety of tree forms the second growth, poplar, birch, maple, think ash, third cherry, mountain ash, as well as evergreen varieties. For nearly a week that was the view. Then all of a sudden after a particularly heavy dew, and a very warm morning, the buds on some varieties of poplar opened and from that day on for about two weeks each morning was a different panorama of fresh color. Each separate kind of tree or foliage seemed to have different color and the whole scheme was a miracle to watch develop. I thought the Easter season was somewhat magnified this year, as I watched the resurrection of God's great plan of nature unfold, and I don't think I ever viewed or appreciated it, in quite the same way.

The weather being so dry, fires got started, through carelessness on the part of some folks and a desire to burn rubbish, etc., which would get out of control, and the whole district had a busy time from May 24th for a week. We fought fire day and night with every available man procurable and all the equipment. But the weather changed and rain came and has continued to come every day or two ever since—to be accurate, 17 of the 27 days of June have been wet and over 3½ inches of rain have fallen here so far and another pouring rainy day to-day which gives me opportunity to write. Growth has been rapid.

I had opportunity to visit at home a week ago. Vegetables and roots were all up nice. Hay has a wonderful growth, both clover and timothy is in blossom. Grain is short yet but growing fast and here in the woods blueberries are all formed and some a nice size. The raspberries are just shedding the blossom to form, and promise to be a good crop. The snow during the winter was very deep and going away so gradually it kept the water in streams and lakes very high in spite of lack of rain early, and since rain came, it has increased the depth so there are no bare spots this year. Fish are exceptionally plentiful and easily caught. I have got now, after having sufficient all the time and sometimes too much, that I only go when I want a fish and just catch one, so as not to waste any in spite of plenty. I can suppress the sport for economy's sake. It seems too bad so many people are obliged to do without such good food on account of scarcity and price when others can get it so easily and even to over abundance.

Since the flies got bad, big game are coming to the water and marshes. Hardly a day goes by the past week, that one kind or other doesn't come within my vision from the tower. One day I watched two parent moose (big monsters), doing their very best to save their new born calf from a great big black bear. I would say weighing close to 500 or 600 pounds. The big bull moose was doing the fighting and chasing while the cow and calf went the opposite direction, but all were still going strong the last I saw.

Bears destroy more young moose and deer, than hunters shoot after maturity. Wolves are often blamed and no doubt do slaughter a lot in the winter time in deep snow and heavy crust. But it's in the spring fly time when bears do the most damage to the young, that can't protect themselves and unfortunately don't live to reach maturity.

Yesterday I saw the first flock of baby partridge this year. Apparently first hatched and out for their first feed. My they were tiny little fellows, and the old mother was sure protecting them. She flew right up at me and I have to admit I was startled for a second, she made such a whizzing screaming noise. But I assured her I wouldn't hurt her babies for anything.

My life here this year has been a particularly quiet one, so few visitors. Everyone is working and the number is much less around Matchewan now, so many are in the army and moved to other places, that very few come now like a year or two ago. But being a naturalist and healing my work and fond of reading, the time is easily taken care of. It will soon be holiday time, then my family in small lots will come and enjoy themselves and make life more pleasant and entertaining for me also. For those who can spare the time and some expense for a holiday there isn't a more pleasant place in Ontario than right here if rustic life is a pleasure, and I'd be more than pleased to enjoy company.

For this time, cordially yours,
R. W. JOHNSON.

GEORGETOWN

The Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band were a treat both to the eye and the ear on the night of July 1st, when they made their first public appearance on the occasion of a gala street dance which they sponsored.

Despite the fact that the majority of local citizens were enjoying the restfulness of a belated Dominion Day holiday on Monday, members of Georgetown Council met in their regular monthly session in the Municipal building.

On Wednesday evening, June 30th, Marie Anna Gleadall, daughter of Mrs. Sam Barclay and the late Charles Gleadall, was united in marriage to Robert Harding, son of Mr. Sam Harding and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Harding, all of Georgetown, at a quiet wedding at the residence of the Rev. Father W. J. Morgan, Acton.—Herald.

OAKVILLE

Seventy-five youngsters were on hand and 'ready to go' when Oakville's first supervised playground opened Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hilley have received word that their son, Sgt. Air Gunner Harry Hilley, R.C.A.F., took part in three raids, on objectives in the Ruhr, in one week.

During a short visit to Oakville on Friday afternoon Hon. John Bracken, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party met many citizens informally in George's Park.

F/O. Harold Hubbard, R.C.A.F., who received his wings and Commission at Calgary last week, has been home on leave and returns to Alberta to take an instructor's course.—Record-Star.

NASSAGAWEYA

Rev. R. W. Hillenglll of Bloomar charge is finding his holidays during the next few weeks. Rev. Mr. Poole of Moffat will have charge of the service next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Moffat and daughter and Mr. C. A. Manby visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Robertson of Beverley last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Bear and family of Elthiemer are holidaying with relatives in Nassagaweya for three weeks.

Mr and Mrs. Wm. Bear and family and Miss Minnie Bear visited relatives in Erin last Sunday.

The wet weather Monday and Tuesday will delay haying for a few days, but will be of great benefit to spring grain and root crops.

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We do not expect to be able to supply any of our customers with as much anthracite this year as last year. This year to date we have received less than half of the anthracite we received in the corresponding period of last year.

We think our customers should take at least part of their fuel needs NOW in COKE or POCAHANTOS. If we do not deliver part of the necessary substitutes for the probable shortage of anthracite in the summer months we will have no hope of meeting our customers' fuel needs next winter.

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EDEN MILLS

Rev. Fred Dredge of Victoria, B.C., is visiting with his sisters Mrs. W. Croft and Mrs. A. Moody. A reunion was held on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Moody. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Croft of Kitchener, Rev. F. Dredge, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Croft and family of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Dredge of Campbellville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemmer of Guelph, spent the week-end in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthy Burcombe and little daughters of Montreal, visited with Mrs. Burcombe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilson and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie have received word from their daughter, Mrs. James Daniel, telling them of her safe arrival overseas.

Misses Wilda and Marie Gilbertson and Beth and Leala Barden, have returned from spending a week with Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Stevenson in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson and son of Hamilton are holidaying in the MacDonald home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and family of Hespeler, visited on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lowery.

The Gilbertson families held a reunion and picnic on Sunday in Edgewood Park.

Rev. George Aitken of Guelph again occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening in the absence of Rev. Dr. McIver who is on his vacation.

Mrs. Rennie of Guelph is spending some time in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Lowrie and Mr. Lowrie.

Pte. Lorne Lee of Hamilton and Tpr. Russell Lowrie of Camp Borden spent the week-end in their homes here.

FISHING AT 16,000 FEET

CAIRO, (CP)—While flying at 16,000 feet over Egypt a plane piloted by Cpl. H. J. Orfiend of the South African Medical Corps, hit a big bird, causing it to disgorge its breakfast. Feathers and two fish were found on the wing of the aircraft.