

Personals

Miss Mary E. Smith of Toronto, is visiting Acton friends.

Mrs. D. Henderson and Mrs. Wagg of Guelph, visited Mrs. R. Rowan, last week.

Miss Jamie Cohen returned over the week-end after spending a vacation at Gaderich.

Mrs. E. F. Collier and Mrs. J. E. Gamble spent several days the past week, visiting with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Rosalie and Mrs. Elsie McLean of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson and Donna spent the week-end at Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robertson and family.

The Rev. E. C. Rawson and Mrs. Rawson of E.C., spent a few days with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rawson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Black, Miss Mary and Master David Black of Toronto, called on Acton relatives and friends on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burd, Mervin and Marilyn Burns of Kirkland Lake, visited friends in Limehouse and Acton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Butcher and Miss Ina White of Ottawa were visitors at the home of Mrs. Robert Price and Mrs. A. McEachern, Young Street, on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson, Miss Doris and Joyce Smith, have returned from Muskoka where they have been spending a week at Kashi Lake.

Storey Re-Union Held at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox

On September 20th the nineteenth annual Storey re-union was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox, St. Helen.

Guests were present from Cleveland, U.S.A., Toronto, Guelph, Arthur, Georgetown, Acton and vicinity of Nassagaweya.

The afternoon was spent in sports of various kinds and exchanging friendly greetings. At the conclusion of this a picnic lunch was served by the hostess and her committee.

Prior to the program Mr. Thos. Mickie, the president called the gathering together for a short business meeting. Officers for 1944 were elected as follows:

Vice-President—Mr. Wm. Cox.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Margaret Brown.
Sports Committee—Mr. Andy Frank, Mr. Wm. Frank, Mr. Harry McLeod.
Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Andy Frank, Miss Margaret Brown, Mrs. Archie McLean.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox for giving their home a second time for the Storey re-union.

Mr. R. N. Brown was chairman for the following musical program: community singing led by Mr. Sandy McDonald; duets, Raymond and Bobby Royce; violin and piano duet, Joan and Jean Frank; piano solo, Margaret Brown; selection, Miss Dorothy Frank, Mr. Wm. Frank, Mr. Andy Frank. The musical program closed with singing Abide with Me, and the National Anthem.

Weekly War Commentary

Reaction of the Germany army to the announcement of the Italian capitulation provides an indication of how far the Allies still are from victory. Although shocked by what they looked upon as a base betrayal, the veteran Nazi legions of African sands and Russian snows immediately went on the offensive, to show they still make up one of the most powerful armies in the world.

Hampered by massive invasion forces and almost without air cover, they nevertheless moved swiftly and ruthlessly, seizing Rome and throwing their strength against the invaders around Naples. No one doubts that before they are finally ousted from unfortunate Italy, there will be many bloody battles.

However, no amount of good generalship and fighting ability appears likely to save them from eventual expulsion from the country they dragged into war. From Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower came the assertion that the Germany army there would be smashed, and although the struggle will probably be prolonged and bitter, the allies now appear to have sufficient strength to do just that.

Italy Initiative

In addition, the allies also hold that indispensable attribute to victory—possession of the initiative, at least in the Mediterranean area. With sea, land, and air arms meshed into the world's finest amphibious force, they are able to strike practically at will in southeastern Europe. With that advantage they will be able to encircle the German legions now in the Italian boot.

Then, too, the fact set off by the surrender of Italy is spluttering dangerously close to the Balkan powder keg, and should those countries become emboldened by the proximity of allied forces and flame into open rebellion, Hitler might find himself fighting British, Canadian and American troops while in the rear a deadly campaign of attrition raged.

However, Britons were warned at the week-end by The London Times not to underestimate the force of Hitler's appeal to the German soldiers and people. The newspaper declared that the German leader's address, his first in six months, left no doubt that the Germans intend to fight strongly to maintain their hold on Italy and that the capture of Rome suggests they plan a defence line in that area.

Hitler told the German country that the Italian surrender was of slight importance and that the "ring of steel" forged by the German home front will never break.

Fleet Surrenders

Following close on the surrender on Italy, the bulk of Italy's capital warships capitulated to the allies. Malta and others were reported to have arrived at Gibraltar after fleeing Nazi dive-bomber attacks.

Four of Italy's seven battleships, along with seven cruisers and six destroyers surrendered at Malta. Two other Italian cruisers, two destroyers and two auxiliary aircraft carriers had previously surrendered at Gibraltar.

The mass escape of Italy's sea strength from the clutches of the Germans was hailed in London as a major coup for the allies. All but two Italian cruisers were then said to have been accounted for.

Berlin had claimed earlier that German bombers blasted an Italian naval formation which was attacking German shipping between Sardinia and Corsica, and sank a battleship and a cruiser and severely damaged another battleship, a cruiser and a destroyer.

Thus, Hitler was robbed of his second chance to take over a victim's fleet, just as he was when the French scuttled most of their fleet at Toulon last November as Nazi panzer divisions sped towards the port to seize it.

Twelve of the Italian fleet sought refuge in Spain's Balearic Islands, bringing to at least 35 the number of Italian naval craft which eluded Nazis.

Armies Move Forward

As the week began, the allies moved forward on the Italian battlefield. Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark's U. S. 5th Army troops captured the Port of Salerno, 20 miles south of Naples, and smashed deeper into the Naples area against bitter German resistance.

In day-and-night relays, R.A.F. and U. S. bombers pounded Nazi communications in a 60-mile arc around Naples, and prevented the enemy from getting reinforcements over badly battered highways and railways.

Germany Fighting Bitterly

As the week wore on the Salerno-Naples area became the scene of bitter fighting as German troops, tanks, artillery and planes struck savagely against the 5th army composed of Britons and Americans which was attempting to carve itself a deeper salient. The Allies admitted loss of some ground in this sector.

The Nazis buried their full weight against this invasion bridgehead and apparently were abandoning southern Italy where British and Canadian

Twenty Years Ago

From The Home of The Free Press of Thursday, September 20th, 1923

Jack Frost was a frequent visitor during the week.

Messrs. Henry McLeod and son are building a bungalow on the lot at the corner of Church Street and Victoria Avenue.

Hugh McKay, the noted local fisherman, landed the largest bass so far caught in Fairy Lake. It measured 15 1/2 inches in length and weighed 3 1/2 pounds.

Sunday was observed as Harvest Festival Day in the Methodist Church, and very interesting and appropriate services were held. On Monday evening an excellent concert was given and the vegetable, fruit and flowers were sold.

Milton coal dealers have received their first shipment of Alberta coal. The coal sold at \$14 a ton.

DIED

HOLMES—In Toronto, on Thursday, September 13th, 1923, Phillip Thomas Holmes, in his 36th year.

PATTERSON—In Toronto, on Wednesday, September 12th, 1923, George Patterson, in his 54th year.

SPILOW—At his home, lot 25, concession 3, Ragswold Township on Thursday, September 13th, 1923, Robert Sprowl, aged 61 years.

Japan Next

Gaining of such complete control of the Mediterranean gave impetus to preparations for a possible conclusive drive against Japan's Empire in Southeast Asia this fall and the British Admiralty was reported sending many heavier naval units to the Far East and probably strengthening landing forces with thousands of commandos from Britain.

Freedom from the Mediterranean was a powerful fleet including the battleships Nelson, Rodney, Anson, Howe, Warspite and Valiant. With these units joining the United States Pacific fleet there was a likelihood that the Japanese cleanup might be launched sooner than had been expected.

Bryansk Falls

On the Russian front, the Nazis admitted evacuation of their keystone citadel at Bryansk. Fall of the stronghold, 210 miles southwest of Moscow, opened the way for a Soviet drive into White Russia.

Salerno Lino Holds

Given support by the strongest air attacks of the Mediterranean war, Gen. Clark's forces battled the counter-attacking Germans in close-quarter combat along the whole front from Salerno to Agropoli, 27 miles south. Both sides tossed heavy reinforcements of troops and armor into the battle.

Meanwhile, the German propaganda machine reported without confirmation that Canadians "with many tanks and motorized infantry" are engaged in the Salerno fighting. An earlier report from London, also without confirmation, said units of the Canadian 1st Army tank brigade were in the vicinity.

British and Canadian 8th Army troops continued speeding up the east coast to support the landing and were quickly closing the gap between the two Allied armies.

At the same time, unconfirmed reports evading London from Stockholm via Ankara said Britain's great 9th Army was on the move from its Middle East bases facing the island pathway into Greece. The report said the army had embarked for an "unknown destination." British military officials had no comment.

Insurance and Real Estate

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Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander Joe, late of the Township of Esqueving, in the County of Halton, Farmer, Deceased.

All parties having claims against the estate of Alexander Joe, late of the Township of Esqueving, in the County of Halton, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the Third day of August, 1943, are requested to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned solicitor before the Twenty-Fifth day of September, 1943, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed as aforesaid, pursuant to Section 51, Chapter 126, R.S.O. 1937.

DATED at Acton, Ontario, this Fourth day of September, 1943.
 C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ont., Solicitor for Elizabeth Joe, Melvin A. Joe, and Blanche Ellarby, Administrators. 11-3

GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
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 Modern musical with John Carroll, Susan Hayward, March of Time "Food Crisis," Disney "Sky Trooper," Chapter 5 "Sea Raiders."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
"AIR RAID WARDENS"
 Feature length comedy with Laurel and Hardy.

"HEART OF THE GOLDEN WEST"
 Roy Rogers, Fox News.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
"ASSIGNMENT IN BRITTANY"
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MRS. J. K. GARDINER IS HOSTESS FOR THE W. M. S. MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. J. Gardiner on Tuesday when Mrs. Caldwell presided. The devotional period was taken by Miss E. Hawthorn, Mrs. G. A. Dille, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. A. T. Brown, Mrs. T. Watson, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy, Mrs. A. W. Fosbury and Mrs. L. Veldhuis contributed a duet. The Temperance topic was given by Mrs. D. Simmons and Mrs. S. Reid gave a paper "No Ceiling Price in China." The annual Thanksgiving meeting will be held in the church the second Sunday in October. Mrs. Gordon Agnew will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Gardiner, assisted by Miss Fern Brown and Miss Dorothy Simmons served a very dainty lunch as a surprise for Mrs. McLaughlin who is leaving town and who has always been a faithful and efficient worker in the society and a fine social time was spent.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Gardiner for her home and hospitality, also to the lunch assistants.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLIND PROVIDES ALL THIS

When you make a contribution to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind you help to keep blind people in employment; to provide blind people with an excellent library service; to make it possible to have blind men and women taught Braille, typing and handicrafts in their own homes; to maintain the Organization that looks after theatre and street car passes for blind people; to maintain a field service manned by blind men who see to it that the services of the Institute are carried to all parts of the province; to look after the upkeep of residences for blind people; to support a social service department which gives an enormous amount of assistance to blind people; to provide emergency relief for blind people for whom no work can be found; to insure that blind people are given proper medical attention; to help spread the campaign constantly in progress for the prevention of blindness; and to give blind people wherever they are in Ontario, every possible kind of help to which they are justly entitled.