

Personals

ACE Roy Lambert of Manning Det. post was home on Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Nelson of Guelph visited Acton friends on Sunday.

Miss Betty Beck of Mimosa, spent the week-end with her friend, Beatrice Lambert.

Miss Kathleen Wood of Idlington spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wood.

Mr. Roy Ramsey of Vancouver, spent a few days last week with his father and other friends in town.

Mrs. Edwin Morgan, Marlene and David, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Robertson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ellis, son and daughter, Beverly and Lanora, of Rockwood visited on Saturday evening with Mrs. Nelson F. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hauck, Sharon, Romple and Gary; Mr. and Mrs. L. Forestell, Gerry, Jack and Dianne all of Guelph, spent Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly.

Engagements

Mrs. Geo. Gilbert wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Mary Hannah to Dr. Vincent William Cahoon, R.C.A.S.C. The wedding to take place early in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barden, of Eden Mills, wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Lela Aurelia, to Ross Douglas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell of Moffat, the wedding to take place the latter part of December.

The engagement is announced of Helena Margaret, daughter of Mrs. P. McPhail and the late Peter McPhail, of Campbellville, to Betty, daughter of W. H. Clement, son of Mrs. W. Clement and the late Mr. Clement, of Milton, the wedding to take place in December.

NO PRICE INCREASES FOR HOLIDAY GAITHER

Hotels and restaurants may not increase their prices for meals or entertainment during the Christmas holidays, even though special entertainment is provided. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has announced that special meals and entertainment are subject to the price ceiling. No price increases will be permitted for holiday meals. In cases where special entertainment is provided, authorization may be given for increased rates, but they must not exceed those of last year. Increased cost of food or entertainment will not be considered as grounds for price increases.

COST OF LIVING BONUS IN INDUSTRY INCREASED

Following the increase (as of October 1, 1943) of 1.4 points in the adjusted cost of living index announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the National War Labor Board issued a general order that cost of living bonuses be increased accordingly commencing with the first payroll period beginning on or after November 15th, 1943.

In the case of adult male employees and of other employees receiving weekly wage rates of \$25.00 or more per week, the amount of the weekly increase will be 35 cents; for male employees less than 21 years of age and female employees, whose weekly wage rates are less than \$25.00 per week, the increase will be 1.4 per cent. of their weekly wage rates.

This increase is compulsory for all employers who are subject to the Wartime Wages Control Order, P.C. 5963, and the 35 cent or 1.4 per cent. upward adjustment must be added to all cost of living bonuses presently being paid to employees who are not above the rank of "Foreman."

The maximum weekly bonus will now be \$4.60 or 18.4 per cent. of the weekly wage rates, as the case may be.

The Board's General Order does not affect the provisions of its special direction made last June for manual workers in the construction industry National Joint Conference Board of following representations from the that industry.

FAMILY TRADITION
 MOSCOW (CP)—Sergei Tolstol, a great-grandson and namesake of the early 19th century writer, is fighting in the Russian army on the Soviet-German front. The last-century Tolstol fought with the Russians against Napoleon during the famous march to Moscow.

FOR BETTER LIVING
 LONDON (CP)—The World Trade Alliance, which has been formed here has among its objectives the regulated distribution of exports in order to ensure the steady raising of standards of living in all countries.

Orders Wife To Pay Costs

Interesting Decision Given by an Australian Divorce Court Judge

SYDNEY, N. S. W. (CP)—When a husband sues for restitution of conjugal rights a New South Wales divorce judge ordered the wife to return and to pay the cost of the action, if she refused.

"Why should a woman who treats her marriage as a temporary convenience, and has no defence to a charge, be treated any differently as regards cost from a man in the same position," asked the Hon. "The idea that a woman simply because of her sex, should never be ordered to pay costs of an undefended suit against her, seems to be entirely out of date."

"Of course if a woman likes to go off with another man or abandon her home in pursuit of independence or high wages, that is her own affair. But if such be her choice, it seems only just that she, not the innocent party, should pay the costs of the proceedings which she causes and generally well-earned."

"The statute, by giving the court absolute discretion to make such order for cost as it deems just, removes the question of costs from the realm of rigid rules and rigid practice, and arms the Court with power to do justice according to the facts and circumstances of each case."

LONDON (CP)—An offer to replace, as far as possible, many volumes in the section of non-English books and periodicals destroyed by enemy action in the British Museum, has been made by the Allied Governments in London.

Increasing Demand For Food Products
 A continuation of strong demand for agricultural products, particularly food, seems assured through 1944, states the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada. As fresh territory is occupied by forces of Allied Nations, the demand seems likely to increase. Requirements for meat and dairy and poultry products will continue to tax available supplies, grains which have persisted to date begin to look less formidable. In view of post-war needs and the present rate of disappearance of livestock, over-all agricultural output has apparently reached peak levels under existing supplies of manpower, machinery, fertilizers and other essential requirements, assuming normal weather conditions.

Local authorities in Britain have salvaged and returned to industry or otherwise made available for re-use no less than 4,500,000 tons of valuable material obtained from household waste.

Special Dance
 FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17th
 FLOOR SHOW SPECIAL PRIZES
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 Modern and Old Time Dances.
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GREGORY THEATRE
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
 "FRANKENSTEIN MEETS THE WOLFMAN"
 Lou Chaney, Bela Lugosi, Comedy, "They Stogee to Congo," Cartoon "Pandora's Box," "Gang" Comedy "The Calling All Kids," Chapter 6 "Overland Mail."

NATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 (No Matinee this Saturday)
 "HENRY ALDRICH GETS GLAMOUR"
 Jimmy Lydon, Charlie Smith.

"TRAITOR WITHIN"
 Jean Parker, Don Barry.
 "Fox News."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
 "LUCKY JORDAN"
 Helen Walker, Alan Ladd, Colored Service special "Our African Frontier," Passing Parade "Storm," The Traveltalk, "Glimpses of Mexico."



Boy Scout News

The meeting of the Acton troop was held on Thursday night. There was only an attendance of 30 per cent. because of the Christmas season which are being held at the Confirmation School. After flag break by the duty patrol leader, Bill Clayton, Scout assistant, followed by inspection which was surprisingly won by none other than the Sea Gulls.

In the instruction period the following passed their King game: Mosby Hamer, Andrew Nicol, George Elliott and Harold Smith. King game is a test of memory and observation. The Scouts, after observing twenty-four assorted articles for one minute write down all the articles they can remember. To pass, the Scout must remember 16 or 66 per cent. of the articles.

The candidates for first class rank are studying first aid under Mr. Thomson the Scoutmaster. Meanwhile the candidates for second class rank are learning signalling and first aid under Jack Malaprize and Dave Dills. The patrols are to be congratulated on their projects which greatly improve the appearance of Headquarters.

The next meeting (to-night) will be the last for the year 1943. It will be held in the form of a campfire with a lunch after.

BELIEVES CHURCH NEEDS CELIBATES

LONDON (CP)—Belief that fewer clergymen should marry because the church needs bachelors has led to a shattered romance at a little Anglican church near here.

Some months ago, Rev. B. T. Davies went to Charlton parish church, met and fell in love with Miss C. Ham. Their engagement was announced in the parish magazine which later told why it was broken.

"I can see the special need there is in the church for unmarried priests and think that under these circumstances I acted wrongly in becoming engaged," wrote Mr. Davies. "That is the reason we have for breaking our engagement."

Earning Power of Farmers Too Low

The agricultural problem is so vital, so tremendous, that the consumers and the industrialists of Canada must appreciate the farmers' true position and intelligently assist through Government and in every way to find the permanent solution to a prosperous rural existence. It is true that leading business men realize that the producers of Canada's foodstuffs are paying income taxes in small numbers not of their own choice, but for the simple reason that the earning power in labor income on the average farm, even with the free labor of wife and children, thrown in, is little more than that which industry and Government pay to a Grade 1 stenographer. —Dr. E. S. Archibald, Director, Dominion Experimental Farms Service.

Don't Give Live Stock Ice Cold Water

For all cattle in winter, particularly for dairy cows, a liberal supply of good clean water is necessary. And an important thing is that the chill should be taken off the water before drinking. As pointed out by W. O. Albright, Superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm, Beaver Lodge, Alberta, "starey-coated constipated cattle shivering hump-backed at icy troughs on a bleak winter day are an object of sympathy and a standing advertisement for shrunken profits." If the water is ice-cold, the animal does not drink enough water. The small amount that they do drink checks natural functions. Results are constipation, ill-thrift and sometimes indigestion.

EDUCATION PROBLEMS CONFRONT BRITONS

LONDON (CP)—The Daily Mail reported that children are being "bought out" of secondary schools by their parents before they reach 16 the secondary school-leaving age, so that they can "take jobs" paying 2 pounds (\$9.00) a week or more.

The paper quoted an education authority as saying that the "buying" is done by parents who enter into an agreement when their children go to secondary schools that they will pay an agreed sum as damages if the child leaves before the end of the school year in which he or she reaches 16.

DYSENTERY OUTBREAK

LONDON (CP)—News of an outbreak of dysentery is the first report of an epidemic among Norwegians conscripted by the Germans for slave labor.

BLEEDS OCCUPIED LANDS

LONDON (CP)—Dingle Foot, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, told Commons that it was estimated the approximate annual sum which Germany was collecting from occupied countries totaled 1,300,000,000 pounds (\$5,850,000,000).

Weekly War Commentary

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lack units of the Hermann Goering armored division.

On the Russian front, the Red Army met with some serious reverses but a bright spot was provided by Gen. Ivan Konev's 2nd Ukrainian Army, conquerors of Dnepropetrovsk, Kremenchug and Znamenka, which hammered its way across the south Russian steppes toward Krivoy Rog and Kirovograd, two of the last important strongholds in the Dnieper Bend.

The reverses, admitted by the Russians, were in the Kiev bulge 200 miles to the northwest, where massed German armor drove Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces back to the area south of Malin, 55 miles from the Ukrainian capital. Capture of Malin on the Kiev-Korosten railway line, would pose a difficult supply problem for the Russian forces fighting near Chernyakhov, 80 miles west of Kiev.

Early this week, however, the Russians appeared to have broken the back of the German counter-offensive as General Vatutin's force west of Kiev crushed repeated German attacks and improved its own position south of Malin.

In this desperate battle of the Kiev bulge, Soviet troops were greatly aided by powerful missile forces operating behind the German lines. These fighters captured two railway stations near Zhilomir, 40 miles southwest of the Malin sector, and destroyed four German military trains loaded with troops and supplies.

Another Russian army, under Ivan S. Konev struck out from Kremenchug, 200 miles to the south-east, in a drive which captured Cherkassy and relieved Soviet forces holding a bridgehead in that area. Cherkassy had been by-passed by the Red Army in its first crossing of the Dnieper River.

Other Russian forces advanced toward the important German-held base at Kirovograd. In fact, the Red Army troops appeared to be holding the initiative at virtually every point along the 200-mile-long Kiev-Kremenchug.

War Shortened

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has told the House of Commons that as a result of the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin conference at Tehran the war will be shortened.

And at the same time he summed up the results of the earlier Cairo conference between Churchill and Roosevelt and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and stressed Britain's determination to fight Japan to final victory.

"If we are compelled for the time being to devote the greater part of our human and material resources to the task of defeating Germany, we are still principals in the Far Eastern war," Mr. Eden said. "Japan is just as great a menace to the security of the British Commonwealth as she is to the security of either the United States or China."

In Italy, Canadian troops of the British 8th Army appeared to have consolidated their Moro River bridgeheads despite fierce German resistance. Weather was interfering with operations on the Moro front everywhere except at the northern tip of the Moro valley where men of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiments from Ontario seized a ridge between San Leonardo and the Adriatic.

It later was announced that the two bridgeheads—one forged by the Canadians and the other by Indian Troops—had been merged into one.

On the Russian front, Gen. Vatutin's success in halting the strong German counter-offensive aimed at Kiev was only temporary and at mid-week, the Nazis were rolling again. They had reached a point 55 miles from the Ukraine capital after rushing through the highway junction of Radomyshl.

Field Marshal Van Manstein appeared determined to recapture Kiev at any cost and was throwing waves of tanks and infantry at the Russians. Two hundred miles to the southeast however, Russian armies under Gen. Konev continued to forge ahead in threat to the industrial centres of Kirovograd and Krivoy Rog.

ENGINES ALTERED

LONDON (CP)—Royal Scot engines replacing the Leeds-Glasgow run have had their outlines altered after being fitted with tape boilers and newly designed cylinders to save nearly two tons of weight in each case.

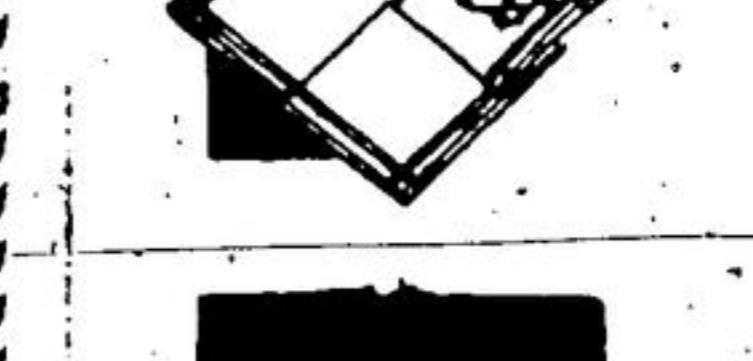
Peat Moss in Agriculture, Industry and Home

The production of peat moss in Canada, which has made notable headway since early in the war, when supplies from Europe were cut off, will become firmly established as a continuing enterprise if an extensive market for the product can be built up within the country. This view is expressed in a booklet entitled "Peat Moss or Sphagnum Moss: Its Uses in Agriculture, in Industry and in the Home," prepared by H. A. Leverin and issued by the Mines and Geology Branch, Ottawa. Canadian consumption of the product, it states, is as yet relatively small and the headway is chiefly the result of the demand in the United States. It is possible that this demand will decline in the post war years and if so, the decline could be largely offset by a marked increase in the present use of peat moss in Canada, which has extensive deposits of high-grade material. Included in the pamphlet is a list of Canadian producers.

Peat moss has been widely used and with satisfactory results in Europe for many years and owes its usefulness to its high absorptive capacity for liquids and gases; resistance to decomposition; low conductivity of heat; elasticity; and its deodorizing quality. Its chief uses at present in Canada and the United States are in horticulture and market gardens, mainly as a soil conditioner, as a filler for commercial fertilizers, and for packing bulbs, tubers and roots for winter storage. A very extensive use in the United States is as a litter in poultry raising.

In industry, it is used mainly in artificial fertilizers; in the preparation of various stock foods; as an insulator in the building trade; and as a packing material. In the home, it serves as an excellent agent for packing and storing foods.

Copies of the pamphlet may be obtained free of charge from the Secretary, Bureau of Mines, Mines and Geology Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.



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Boxing Day—Mon., Dec. 27th—Store will be Closed

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