

Personals

Lieut. R.M. Storey is home from Port Alberni, B.C., for the holidays.

AC2 Don Ross of Regina is home on leave for the Christmas holidays.

AC1 Stuart Lantz, R.C.A.F. Dunnville, spent the week-end at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Harrop are spending the Christmas holidays in Detroit, Michigan.

Sigma William Robertson on furlough from Newfoundland, spent the week-end at the home of his sister, Mrs. Stuart Lantz.

Mr. Roy Wansborough and Mr. Harold Wansborough visited their mother over the week-end.

Sergt. Bob Chalmers of Dafoe, Sask. visited on Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chalmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McKinnon of Bracebridge are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Masales.

Mrs. D. C. Russell, has returned from St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, where she has been undergoing treatment for eye trouble.

Miss Molly Cuts is home from Toronto for the holidays, where she has been taking a business course at Shaw's Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swackhamer Nadine and Joyce of Hamilton, visited at their parental home, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Masales and Mr. Ken McKinnon spent a few days in Bracebridge and attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Angus McKinnon.

To celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mainprize with their family, will be at home to their friends on Monday, December 27th from 3.30 to 5.30 and from 7.30 to 9.00.

THE BOYS' BAND MAKE PRESENTATION TO MR. C. W. MASON

Last Friday evening the Mothers and friends of Acton Boys' Band arranged a little Christmas party for the boys and provided a social evening of games, topped off with a lunch.

DONATIONS COME AND CABLEGRAMS TO WAR SERVICE LEAGUE

Secretary W. Milne reports this week a donation of \$5 from the Scout Mother's group for Acton and Vicinity War Services League.

GARAGE OPERATORS HAVE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECT OFFICERS

About fifty members and guests sat down to a chicken dinner when the annual meeting of the Halton Branch of the Garage Operators was held at Oakville Inn.

RACING IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW (CP)—Horse races were held here for the first time since the beginning of the war.

DR. G. E. REAMEN TO ADDRESS THE JERSEY BREEDER

Halton Jersey Breeders plan to hold their annual meeting in the Orange Hall, Hornby on Thursday, January 20.

LABOR M. P. URGES WIDE EMPIRE TRADE

LONDON (CP)—Emmanuel Shitwell, Labor M.P., advocates increased Empire trade as a means of developing Britain's post-war exports.

No Liquor Store for Halton County Shortage of Spirits

(Continued from Page One) the railway crossing at Fishers' Corners was also laid over for further consideration.

The following resolutions were passed: A by-law was given the required three readings and passed authorizing an additional expenditure of \$3000.00 on the county roads system.

Moved by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mr. Campbell, that this council instruct the clerk to write a letter of appreciation, for efficient service rendered by Provincial Constable J. Reavley to the County of Halton and that a copy of this letter be sent to Commissioner Stringer.

A grant of \$150.00 was made to W. Deans, the County Clerk, for efficient services on the Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowance Board.

A Grant of \$150.00 was also given to the County Road Engineer to cover the increase in gas, oil, etc., for his travelling expenses.

Mr. Gilbert was in the chair in Committee of the Whole and Mr. Blair acted as chairman when the members of the council expressed their individual appreciation to Mr. McDonald for the efficiency and courtesy which had characterized the manner in which he officiated as warden of the county for 1943.

The warden expressed his appreciation to the members of the council for their co-operation, following which council concluded its business for this meeting, and for the year, by singing the National Anthem.

SOME SUGGESTED FREEDOMS

Before this freedom business gets completely hunkered, we'd like to weigh in with our own list. If the post-war Utopia is really going to be free, here are some of the items we are going to suggest:

- Freedom from crab grass. Freedom from complicated income tax forms. Freedom from individuals who do not identify themselves when they start a telephone conversation. Freedom from bridge partners who bid no trump with only two suits stopped. Freedom from Frank Sinatra. Freedom from home movies of people you never heard of. Freedom from the common cold. Freedom from the home gardeners who fib about the size of their tomatoes. Freedom from pictures of naked wrestlers and Hollywood starlets in bathing suits that never get wet. Freedom from "second features." Freedom from restaurants that still hide the sugar. Freedom from women in slacks (war workers excepted). Freedom from having other people's ideas of freedom rammed down our throats.—Columbus Dispatch.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE IN TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP

Of Percheron Horses, Oxford Sheep, Durham Cattle, English Fries, Grain and Furniture and Real Estate.

The undersigned has received instructions from T. M. Galbraith and the Executors of the Estate of the LATE A. A. GILBERT

to sell by Public Auction at Lot 2, Concession 6, N. S., township of Trafalgar on: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1943 at One o'clock the following:

- HORSES—1 grey Percheron Mare, 5 years; 1 black Percheron Gelding, 8 years. An exceptionally hardy farm team. CATTLE—1 Durham cow, due in Feb.; 4 two year old Durham Steers, fat; 9 Durham Steers, stockers; 2 Durham Heifers, just bred; 5 Heifers, 1 year old. SHEEP, PIGS and POULTRY—13 Oxford breeding Ewes; 1 Oxford Ram; 1 York Sow and 12 pigs; 75 laying hens. HAY and GRAIN—20 ton mixed Hay; 5 ton Timothy; 15 ton threshed Red Clover; 150 bush 1942 Carrier Oats and 150 bus. 11943 Carrier Oats, suitable for seed. IMPLEMENTS and FURNITURE—Deweeing 5 ft. mower, new; M. H. Hay Rake; Drag Cultivator, two-section; set of Lever Harrows; 2 Walking Plows; 21 Scuffler; Rubber-tire Wagon and Rack, 14 ft., new; Tractor Trailer and rack, 14 ft., new; home-made Tractor; Cutter; Rubber-tire Buggy; large Iron Kettle; 2 Screw Jacks; Stoneboat; Oil Barrels; Extension Ladders; set of Scales; 240 lbs. scales; Bay Ropes; 200 ft. Bay Truck; Forks, Chains, Neckyokes, Doubletrees, etc.; set of Double Harness brass-mounted, new; set of Single Harness, several Collars, some new. 1 Double Bed springs and mattress; Single Bed springs and mattress; Box Stove; Washstand; Odd Chairs; Wheelbarrow, other household effects. REAL ESTATE—also at the same time and place will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid, the farm being west half of Lot 2, Con. 6, Township of Trafalgar, known as "Valley View Farm," and consisting of 100 acres, more or less, of exceptionally well drained, fertile land with suitable farm buildings in good repair and endless water supply from well, spring and creek. TERMS on Real Estate made known day of sale. No Reserve on Chattels. TERMS—CASH on Chattels. J. A. ELLIOTT, Auctioneer R. R. Ford, Clerk.

Weekly War Commentary

By FRANK LOWE Canadian Press Staff Writer

That intangible but essential attribute of victory—the initiative—apparently has been secured by the Allies in the Southwest Pacific.

There, where for two long years small forces have been holding the Japanese, the time for attack on a large scale has arrived, and it would seem from the developments on New Britain, the Gilberts and Marshalls and other islands, that the time is not being wasted.

With bold, sure strokes Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his staff have sent their forces surging against the numerically superior Japanese in devastating and successful combined operations—apparently aimed at the reduction of Rabaul as an enemy fortress.

And it seems the move will culminate in just that an Australian and United States fighting men in that sector supreme in the air, and unchallenged on the sea, are slowly gaining the upper hand on land.

It is quite a change, too. It seems only a short while ago that Australia was girding herself to repel an invasion—and the only orders those fighting men had were to hold, at any cost, and to retreat no further.

Philippines Next Now they are advancing, headed for Rabaul and eventually the Philippines. They won't get there in a hurry and the path will be studded with bitter battles, but the movement seems destined to achieve its objective.

That objective, of course, is not just to gain the prestige of having taken back some Pacific islands. It has the cold, military objective of smashing a chain which Japan early in the war forged round Australia and thus kept Allied power from getting at her newly won empire.

Once the island links of this chain have been broken, and Rabaul taken, the first step toward Tokyo may be said to have been completed.

For Rabaul, with its satellite strongholds strategically scattered on surrounding islands, is the link in this chain that has been Japan's foremost barrier against direct attack.

Once it is gone there will still be thousands of miles of water separating Tokyo from Allied vengeance, but the sea lanes leading there will be easier for the United Nations to control than for the Japanese grand fleet.

Four days after landing in the Aravo sector, the United States invasion forces—troops of the 6th Army—had occupied the entire Cape Merkus peninsula. This gave them complete control of the three-mile neck of land flanking the Aravo harbor on the southwest coast of the big island and leading toward the site of the presently unsinkable air strip.

Meanwhile on the second Southwest Pacific land front across the Vitiaz Straits, Australians pressed northward along the shore of the Huon peninsula of New Guinea.

Germans Stopped On the Russian front, Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian army appears to have halted Marshal Fritz Von Manstein's tank offensive in the Kiev bulge. Henry Cassidy, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, reports that Gen. Vatutin's army "has won a defensive victory as important as some of its offensive victories."

The Germans gained the important rail cities of Zhitomir and Korosten and the highway junction of Radomysl in prolonged and expensive armor assaults, but failed to achieve a major breakthrough. The fighting in the area which was of a desperate nature and on a large scale for weeks, appears to have dwindled to scouting operations.

President Roosevelt has returned to Washington from his conferences with Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin and President Iona of Turkey and revealed a Nazi plot in Turkey against the Big Three of the United Nations had been foiled. The President gave no details of the plot but said there must have been 100 or more German agents in Tehran.

The plot had been discovered by the Russians, the President said, and as a result he had moved to the Russian Embassy. The British Embassy was next door so none of the three principals had to go through the streets for their momentous conference.

However, while the Nazis failed to harm any of the leaders, pneumonia laid the British Prime Minister low and he still is confined to his bed somewhere in the Middle East. Even pneumonia failed to keep the dynamic Churchill idle, however, and he has insisted on directing Britain's war effort from his sickbed.

French in Italy From Algiers comes word that French troops have taken their place in the Italian fighting lines. Thus for the first time since Nov. 11, 1918, troops of the four great allies of the First Great War—Britain, the United States, France and Italy—are fighting side by side against the Germans.

The French troops are said to be splendidly equipped with the most modern weapons. They trained in North Africa.

The Boys Write Home to Service League from Front

Among the cards and letters received by the Acton War Service League we gleaned the following that will be read with interest.

W. O. H. C. Elderly writes from the Middle East: "Yesterday I received a parcel of shaving cream, tooth paste etc. Everything arrived in perfect shape except, unfortunately, the cake. I can understand that though, because lately it sure has been hot here. To-night I am just sitting in the mess with my shirt off trying to keep a little cool. It has been very humid all week-end."

Since last writing I have been posted to a different unit again. It is very good here, more of a rest than anything else. I expect to be here about six months and it is quite a break. Flying is not too hard and we get into a small town near here to see a show two or three nights a week. We are still living in tents as usual for the middle east. It's over two years now and I'll sure be glad when the time comes for me to live again like we used to at home. I don't think I'll ever want to hear of camping out again when I get home.

One of the boys here, Doug Connell is from Hamilton and has been to a lot of places that I used to go to. So we have plenty to talk about. We manage to get 48 hour-leaves pretty regularly so last week-end Doug and I went to Cairo and had a very good time. I met some of the boys there I hadn't seen since leaving England so that made it all the better."

Sgt. J. Wallace and L. Sgt. K. Frank write from Italy: "Just a few lines to show our appreciation for the most valued gift of 200 Sweet Caps. We were very glad to get them as sometimes our N. A. A. F. I. comes and sometimes not. When it does we smoke. If it doesn't we just do without. If it was not for your wonderful organization, there are many times we would be smoking "Three Nuns."

We are now nearly in the heart of Italy. Our town, so far, has been full of excitement and adventure."

Cpl. Inglis writes: "If only you could see us we see how your parcels and cigarettes are appreciated you would feel a great joy for the grand job you all are doing back there. I do hope before too many more months past we will be able to meet personally those who have made all these comforts possible. I receive the Free Press quite regular from the Beardmore Co. Ltd., and after reading these are passed on to those less fortunate. Thus we can keep in closer touch with the happenings back home."

Cards of appreciation and Christmas greetings were also received from: Cpl. H. W. Godfrey, Cnr. F. Kelly, Cnr. A. Ford, LAC Van Wyck, Cnr. Frank Toth, L. Cpl. H. McIntyre, Drv. R. Mahon, Cnr. F. W. Near, Pte. A. E. Perryman, LAC Bewley, Cnr. W. J. Gibbons, Sgt. E. A. Clifford, Pte. R. M. Swackhamer, Pte. J. Moore, Cpl. J. M. McGonchie, Pte. M. McMillan, Pte. Arnold Weaver, Pte. E. Patrick, Bdsen. N. Gibson, Pte. S. Fields, Pte. A. Given, S. Sgt. B. Rutledge, Pte. Geo. Stringer, Pte. H. Price, Rfn. S. A. James, Rfn. Y. Braug, L. Cpl. R. Footitt, Cliff McDonald, Cnr. A. W. Sinclair, Cpl. D. McDonald, Pte. A. Johnson, Pte. C. A. Roberts, Pte. O. R. Brown, Sgt. E. Baynton, J. Honeywell, LAC Elmer Leahy, Tpr A. Gamble.

POLISH LANDSCAPE PAINTER IS IMPRESSED BY CANADA After seeing Jasper National Park, Mount Robson, and Prince Albert National Park, Itafal Malczewski, Polish artist, says that Canada is a magnificent country for the painter. He was in Winnipeg on his way to Ottawa, with water colour paintings in Western Canada, chiefly in the Rockies, which remind him of his native Carpathians. Accompanied by his wife, he cycled over mountain trails to Medicine Lake in Jasper; visited the Columbia Icefield, as guest of J. A. Wood, Park Superintendent, painted the Angel Glacier of Mount Edith Cavell, stretches of the Athabasca River, Mount Robson and other scenes familiar to pre-war visitors.

The Canadian landscape impressed Mr. Malczewski, as did the people. Kindness and friendliness are unfailing, he says, and democracy is real. In the winter of 1939, the Malczewskis fled before the Nazis, footing it through the mountains of Czechoslovakia into Hungary, then through Italy into France, thence to Portugal and Brazil, eventually coming to Canada. In Canada Mrs. Malczewski learned of the death of a sister in a concentration camp, but the fate of other members of their families remains unknown.

OFFICIALS CONTEST CENTENARIAN'S AGE BATH, England (CP)—The question of the moment here is the age of Mrs. Elizabeth Vick—it's 101, 102 or 103 with the old age pension authorities contesting Mrs. Vick's assertion she is 102 or 103. A search is being made of official record to see who is right.

Anyways Mrs. Vick, who is said to be the oldest resident in any Salvation Army town in Britain, got 103 candles on a cake for her recent birthday.

Season's Greetings At this season of the year we pause to thank our patrons and friends for their patronage and good wishes. In turn we wish them every success and happiness. For the future we pledge ourselves to strive ever to serve in more complete and satisfying ways. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL. Johnstone & Rumley ACTON, ONTARIO

To Our Customers, Old and New: To our old friends with whom we have had the pleasure of doing business in years past, and to our newer customers who we hope during the course of coming years will become old customers and old friends—to all whose friendship and goodwill have helped to make our Christmas more thoroughly enjoyable, we say "Thank You," sincerely and heartily. Having gone through the past year of most trying times together has cemented our friendship. We trust that, in the future, we shall be able to co-operate even more fully in times of Peace. We join in praying for an early cessation of hostilities and a victorious return home of our Boys and Girls in the forces. We wish you a real Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year. B. D. RACHLIN

THE ENGINE CLEANER War brought many changes to Canadian railways owing to the large number of men who left the transportation industry to enlist in the arm'd forces of the Dominion. Consequently, nearly four hundred women are being employed in the motive power department of the Canadian National Railways doing jobs previously performed by some of the 13,880 employees of the National System who have enlisted for active service. Grant MacDonald, noted Canadian artist, found a fine subject for his pencil in Mrs. Annie Knight, employed as an engine cleaner, the official designation for workers who perform the exterior dusting, wiping and polishing on powerful locomotives which haul heavy loads of wartime freight. "It's just housework in a different atmosphere," commented Mrs. Knight to the artist.

Merry Christmas THERE'S NO CEILING NO GOOD WISHES That's why we're happy to wish all our friends the Biggest and Best and Merriest Christmas of all time. Elliott Bros.

Christmas Holiday Dances RYAN AUDITORIUM GUELPH Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th 9-11 o'clock Christmas Night Dec. 25th 9-12 o'clock BILL HARRIS ORCH. Sunday Midnight Dec. 26 12.05 to 3 o'clock BOB DONELLE'S ORCH. Regular Admissions 50c person

GREGORY THEATRE FRIDAY, December 24 "HIT THE ICE" With Abbott & Costello SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 Matinee at 3 p.m. "SALUTE FOR THREE" With McDonald Carey, Betty Rhodes "KING OF THE COWBOYS" Roy Rogers MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" (Technicolor) Susannah Foster, Nelson Eddy