

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam Notices, one cent per line additional for poetry.

DIED

ROOKES—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Monday, January 10, 1944, Mabel Cox, beloved wife of Ernest H. Rookes.

LOWREY—At Guelph General Hospital on Thursday, January 6, 1944, Rebecca Holmes, beloved wife of James Lowrey.

SPEIGHT—At her late residence, John Street, Acton, on Monday, January 10th, 1944, Margaret Helen Ramshaw, beloved wife of the late Charles C. Speight.

JOHNSTONE—On Sunday, January 9th, 1944, at her residence, Acton, Ontario, Annie Margaret Fulton, beloved wife of the late William Johnston, and mother of Reginald, Toronto; Mrs. F. A. Maclean (Gertrude), Tilbury; Mrs. V. B. Rumley (Alice), Acton; and Mrs. S. S. Russell (Wilma) of Oakville. Also Mrs. H. J. Moore, Burlington; Mrs. James Purvis, Whitelaw, Alberta.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late A. G. Clarridge appreciate deeply the kindly helpfulness shown during the illness of their father. The sympathy shown in so many ways at the time of his passing away will always be gratefully remembered.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to convey our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends for the many kind words spoken and deeds performed during the illness and after the death of our dear brother and uncle, John McDonald. These acts will ever be gratefully remembered by SISTER MARGARET SICES and NEPHEWS

This and that

Waste paper is urgently needed by salvage. Turn in your stocks now.

The open air rink is now in operation and ready for the young folks.

Total amount of salvage collected in Acton until the end of 1942 brought in over \$3,000.00.

Mrs. J. Scriven wrote from Toronto to the Service League how Cpl. J. Scriven appreciated the League work and sent a contribution of \$1.

The Busy Bees of Nasagaweya sent in a \$50.00 donation to the War Service League, \$25.00 for the Grok Relief Fund and \$25.00 for League work.

A pleasant evening was spent with Mrs. Angus McDonald and family of Dolly Varden when a few neighbors gathered to play euchre after a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. Dancing was enjoyed to music on the violin by Mr. Garnet Key accompanied by Miss Inna Watson on the piano.

In response to the appeal from the Russian Relief, the Women's Institute sent two cartons of warm clothing this week. Anyone having anything to send will please leave it at the home of Mrs. Fred Hunter Church St. It will be gladly forwarded by the local Women's Institute who took care of this work last year.

OPEN AIR RINK NOW OPERATING AT SCHOOL GROUNDS

On Tuesday the open air rink was put into operation at the school grounds. There was a good sheet of ice and the lighting was adequate for skating. Hockey schedules for the school boys will be arranged by the School principals, but the rink will be used for skating mostly and a schedule appears elsewhere.

Dressing rooms have been fitted up in the storage building adjoining the rink and there is good accommodation for the skaters. There is no admission charge and we understand that all that is asked of the skaters is that they use them with consideration for others as well as themselves.

A MATTER OF TASTE

The distillers want to start making whisky again. Some of their opponents argue that our grain supply is needed for more important purposes, particularly for feed.

These opponents remind us of Zerk in the old story: Two loafers in front of a Kentucky courthouse noticed an acquaintance passing by. One looper shifting his quid, philosophized to the other as follows: "That goes that worthless Zerk Brown. Two loaves of bread under his arm, and no new 'drap' o' whisky in his house."—New York World-Telegram.

BOY SCOUT GOOD TURN

A story illustrating the spirit of brotherhood in the Boy Scout Movement comes from Rosalind Alberta, where James Miner, 16 year old Scout, was injured in a shooting accident. When he left Canrose Hospital recently with his foot in a cast, two brother Scouts purchased him a pair of crutches and another Scout, from his summer holiday earnings paid part of his hospital bill.

Obituary

JOHN McDONALD

After a short illness, John McDonald passed away at his home, Lot 21 Third-Line, Acton, on Wednesday, January 10th, 1944. He was a son of the late Alexander McDonald and one of a family of three sons and four daughters, William, Margery, Janet, Isabel, Alexander all of whom predeceased him and Margaret, the only surviving member of the family.

Mr. McDonald was born nearly eighty-seven years ago and lived his entire life on the same farm. In his younger days he took a keen interest in athletics and was regarded as one of the strong men of the district. About sixty years ago he became crippled, due to injuries he received when he fell in the barn which was being constructed on the farm on which he lived.

He was a staunch Presbyterian and a member of Knox Church Acton. The funeral services were held at the home on Saturday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Forbes Thomson. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

The pallbearers were: Wm. Ritchie, Walter Latham, Thomas Kennedy, Wm. Stalker, Charles Cuth, and H. Burkhoffer.

Floral tributes included the following: Wreath from sister Margaret and Nieces and Nephews, sprays George and Wm. Ritchie and family, Burkhoffer family, Leonard Gilbert.

ALPHAIUS G. CLARRIDGE

One of the best-known farmers of Acton district, A. G. Clarridge passed away at his home on No. 7 Highway east of Acton on Tuesday of last week. He had been in poor health for some weeks.

Born in Peel Township near Snodgrass, December 14th, 1867, he was a son of the late John and Frances Clarridge. He spent his young manhood at Ingwood but forty years ago moved to the farm two miles east of Acton where he conducted a successful dairy farm. Six years ago his beloved partner, who was before marriage Agnes Martin, passed away and a year later Mr. Clarridge retired from the farm and erected a comfortable cottage on another of his properties further east on the highway.

Mr. Clarridge was a great lover of good music. As a young man at Ingwood he played in the Methodist orchestra and sang in the choir. In Acton he attended Knox Presbyterian Church, and was keenly interested in church, community and municipal affairs.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. H. A. Storey, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. G. S. Matthews at home; Mrs. G. Arscott, Toronto; Mrs. G. McMillan, Acton; Mrs. G. Tyler, Hamilton and Mrs. I. Garvin, Glenora. To all of these sympathy of many friends in this district goes at this time.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon with a private service in the home followed by a service in Knox Church, Acton in charge of his minister, Rev. C. Forbes Thomson. Interment was at Boston Mills Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Fred Cole, S. H. Lindsay, Ollie Moffatt, G. W. Murray, Jas. Mann and Thos. Kennedy.

Flower bearers were Messrs. Jack Arscott, Billie Arscott, Norman Martin, Earl Martin, Wm. Bracken, Geo. Stoneville, Wilfred Harding, Stan Morrison, Herb Cook and Harding Price.

Among the floral tributes were the following: Pillow, from the family; wreath, grandchildren; basket from Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Martin; wreath, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Atkinson; wreath, 6th line, neighbors; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. B. Siggins, Durwood and Wilfred Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. Spenser, Frances, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hargrave and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Cole and family, the Tyler family, Moffatt Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Mann, the Garvin family, the Specialty Shop, Eaton's College-Street Store, Officers and executives of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League, Harnackburn Women's Institute, Lakeside Chapter I. O. O. E.

JOHN REED

Relative in Mimosa had a former well-known resident of the locality, at the home of his son, John Henry Reed, Kindersley, Sask., at the advanced age of ninety-six years.

The late Mr. Reed was born in Nasagaweya, but spent the greater part of his life in the Mimosa district. He was at one time postmaster and storekeeper in the village, and also taught school there and at Bolwood. Later with his partner in life, Margaret Jane Granley, he farmed the Grantsley homestead now occupied by Edward Cox. The fine buildings which are on this property are a monument to Mr. Reed's industry and skill as a farmer. Upon their retirement from the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Reed built a fine residence in the village, and took up bee-keeping as a profitable hobby.

Mr. Reed died in 1929. At an age when most people would think of taking life easy, Mr. Reed went to Saskatchewan and acquired a valuable tract of land in the Kindersley district. Later he and his elder

brother, Nathaniel, resided in Fergus for a time. Always blessed with vigorous health, Mr. Reed retained his active part in church work and was very temperate in his habits never using tobacco or intoxicating liquor.

He was a brother of Nathaniel Reed who died recently at the age of 97. While much of their lives had been spent apart, the two brothers were familiar Fergus figures, continually engaged in outdoor activities.

Their father, Henry Reed, enlisted in the British army and was at Waterloo. When he took his discharge in Quebec, he accepted a grant of 100 acres in Nasagaweya Township, where he and his wife were born.

He is survived by a son, John Henry, Reed, Medicine Hat; three daughters, Mrs. George Hazelton, Frederic, Sask.; Mrs. Kenneth Quince, Fergus and Mrs. Lavina Lindsay, Toronto.

The funeral was held on Monday with interment at Mimosa Cemetery.

"AFFINITY" TWINS GO SEPARATE WAYS

LONDON (CP)—Barbara and Ollie Jacobs, 19-year-old "affinity" twins have decided to go different ways. The twins made the big decision at the start of their university careers.

Barbara enrolled at Gorton, Cambridge, in English while Ollie chose modern languages at St. Hilda's, Oxford.

The undersigned has received instructions from the Executors of the Estate of the late J. W. CLARRIDGE to sell by Public Auction at his late residence, Court Street, MILTON, on

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

FURNITURE AND REAL ESTATE The undersigned auctioneer has received instructions from the Executors of the Estate of the late J. W. CLARRIDGE to sell by Public Auction at his late residence, Court Street, MILTON, on

At 1:30 p. m. the following: FURNITURE—1 Chesterfield Suite, pieces; 1 Dining Room Suite, pieces; 2 Writing Desks; 1 Large Electric Range; 1 Steel Bed, white, with mattress and pillows; 2 Single Beds, white, with springs and mattresses; 3 Dressers; 2 Washstands; 1 Chest of Drawers; 2 Cedar Chests; Camp Cot, Bed Feet; Hall Table; several Small Tables; 2 Easy Chairs; several Rocking Chairs; Old Chairs; Extension Table; Sewing Machine; Electric Range with warming closet; Hotplate; Electric Washbasin; Electric Kettle; Electric Toaster; Iron; quantity of Cutlery; Fruit; Lawn Mower; Garden Tools; other items too numerous to mention.

REAL ESTATE—At the same time and place will be offered, subject to a reserve bid, a seven-room brick house with all modern conveniences, situated on a choice lot on Court St., south of Main Street. An ideal home, ready to go. Terms on real estate made known the day of sale.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

IN ERIN TOWNSHIP FARM STOCK, TRACTOR IMPLEMENTS The undersigned has received instructions from W. W. SEUBINGTON to sell by public auction at his farm, Lot 15, E. Con. 2, situated on the second line of Erin, 1 1/2 mile above Osprey, on

ERIN, ONTARIO, JANUARY 17th Commencing at one o'clock sharp, the following: HORSES—Brown Roan Gelding, aged; 6 years; Bay Percheron gelding, aged; COWS—Red and White Cow, milking well, bred October 28; Red and White Cow, milking well, bred June 28; Black Cow, milking well, bred August 24; Red Heifer, bred Sept. 20; Red Heifer, bred Sept. 22; Red Heifer, bred Sept. 25; 3 Steers; 16 2 years; 3 Summer Calves. PIGS—Hoggs—2 Sows, ready to breed; 16 Weaners. SHEEP—2 Grade Suffolk Ewes; 7 Grade Suffolk Ewe Lambs. HENS—30 Rock Hens. IMPLEMENTS—Fordson Tractor on rubber with Ferguson lift plow and draw bar; M. H. Binder, 6 ft. cut; Cockshutt Mower, 6 ft. cut, new; Pump Rake; 2 section Drag Cultivator; 20; Red Harrow; Inflow Disc; 13 Ine Seed Drill; 2 Scufflers; Fleury 21 Plow; Stanshew; Farming Mill; Fleury Bissell Pulper; set of Scales; Lumber Wagon with box; Bench Sleighs with platform; Cutter; Buggy; 1st Hay Rake; Snow; Blow; Sheet Rack; Fattening Cradle; Walter Trough; Extension Ladder; Wildfire Trough; Nockysack; Bags; Etc.

HAIRNESS—Set of Team Harness with breeching; Set of Back Band Harness; Set of Single Harness; Blankets; Collars; Etc. GRAIN—300 bus. of 1942 Mixed Grain; 100 bus. Fall Wheat; 200 bus. Carter Oats; 10 bus. Soy Beans; 2 bus. Red Clover Seed. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS—McClary Jewel Range with warming closet and reservoir; Quebec Heater; Kitchen Cabinet with enamel table; 6 Kitchen Chairs; Dining Room Extension Table; 7 Dining Room Chairs; Buffet Sideboard; Bedroom Suite; Bed with mattress and springs; 2 single Beds; Dresser; Wash Stand; Toilet Set; Rocking Chair, Card Table; 3 Linoleum; 2 Linoleum with stand; 2 Coleman Gas Lamps; Coleman Gas lantern; Pots; Pans; Dish; Etc.; Milk Pails; Daisey Churn; Separator; 160 Egg Miller Incubator.

TERMS CASH No Articles to be removed until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale. The Farm is Sold and the Proprietor, W. W. Seubington, is Selling. Red Cross Lunch Counter on the grounds. ROY HINDLEY, Auctioneer R.R. 3, Acton Phone 1567, Acton

Weekly War Commentary

By FRANK LAWIE Canadian Press Staff Writer

Crossing of the Polish border by the invading Red Army troops under Gen. Nikolai V. Vatutin appears to have a two-way effect on the fortunes of the United Nations.

This Soviet advance, in common with all success of Russian army, was greeted jubilantly by most adherents of the Allied cause but the other side of the picture presents possible trouble in that Russia and Poland—who at the present do not maintain diplomatic relations—do not agree where the Russian Polish border is located.

The frontier crossed by the 1st Ukrainian Army last week is the one which separated the Poles and the Soviets before the Nazis invaded Poland to start the war in the fall of 1939, but the Russians have been claiming that actually the border lies 150 miles beyond this.

No special notice of the crossing of the old frontier was taken by Russia although it was hailed most everywhere else in United Nations circles.

In September, 1939, by military and political partition of Poland with Germany, Russia pushed her Polish frontier back in a jagged line running generally from 100 to 200 miles further west. The Soviets since have indicated in various ways that they consider this still to be territory as "Russian" and not to be liberated.

Much of the Polish territory taken by Russia in 1939 formerly had been Russian under earlier partitions to Poland, but was incorporated into an independent Poland after the first Great War. Hitler's invasion of Russia was sprung in June, 1941, from the Russian set border. The Russians pictured their own expansion into Poland as a defensive step in anticipation of Nazi invasion.

The Poles appear to have taken a frankly pessimistic view of reaching a reconciliation with Russia. On the day of crossing the border, the Polish newspaper published in London described the Russian thrust as the most serious political and moral crisis of the war.

"The man in the street in London or New York is asking himself whether the Russians are coming as liberators or invaders," the newspaper said.

One Polish spokesman has expressed the belief that Polish guerrillas, even though they fought the Germans would be taken prisoner as the Red Army plunged deeper into Poland. Another spokesman said the Polish Government in London considered eastern and western territorial questions separately and that Poland was unwilling to give up territory in the east in return for promises of compensation at Germany's expense in the west.

Border question or no border question, the fact remains that the Russians are pushing the Nazis back. Red troops, besides advancing further into Poland, have opened a new offensive to the south where the 2nd Ukrainian Army under Gen. Ivan S. Konev smashed the German line in the Kirovograd sector. A bewildering series of manoeuvres across the steppes and through Ukraine village brought about a junction of Russian forces which have been operating in a compartment at the encirclement of Kirovograd.

Capture San Vittore The Germans still are putting up a terrific defensive battle in Italy, but Allied forces continue to move forward slowly. United States troops of the Anglo-American 5th Army captured San Vittore, German bastion, six miles from Cassino, and British units reached the edge of the Cassino Plain after forging up the Garigliano River.

The Americans captured San Vittore after a bitter house-to-house battle which raged for nearly 40 hours. The Germans are defending these key villages and towns tenaciously, evidence of this being seen in their flight to keep the Canadians out of Ontario and the Americans out of San Vittore.

On the Adriatic end of the Italian battle line snow and cold retarded progress of the British 8th Army. Early this week, the Russian attitude in the Russo-Polish border dispute became less optimistic.

Russia offered Poland the Curzon line as a boundary, leaving to Russia all but 3,900 square miles which the Red Army occupied in 1939, and at the same time suggested that Poland's western boundaries be pushed forward at German expense, including apparently East Prussia.

The Curzon line, drawn by the Allied powers which pre-established Poland after the First Great War, and which was superseded by the treaty of Riga in 1921 when Poland defeated a weakened Russia, would give Russia the cities of Lvov, Pinsk, Vilna and Tarnopol. It runs from Grodno 150 miles south to Brest-Litovsk and thence along the Bur River.

Poland was invited by Moscow to join the Russian-Czech mutual assistance pact. Meanwhile, the Russians continued to advance beyond the 1939 frontier.

In the sector west of Kiev and the Nazis after evacuating Saray, 35 miles inside Old Poland were threatened with encirclement at the city of Ilovka, 50 miles southwest.

In their drive on Saray, Gen. Vatutin's men cut two lines feeding the Odessa-Warsaw railroad and squeezed Germans in the upper Dnieper bend area between themselves and the 2nd Ukrainian army under Gen. Konev.

The Odessa-Warsaw railway is the last major enemy escape route into threatened Rumania.

Bulgaria was given more concrete evidence of the war when Allied planes wiped the capital, Sofia, in two successive raids and following another Mosquito raid on Berlin, the British Air Ministry announced that it had come to the conclusion that the Nazi capital nerve centres through Germany rules Europe had been virtually wiped out in earlier massive attacks.

Fighting at Berlin while their main force struck at Magdeburg and Halberstadt, 100 miles southwest of the German capital, members of the U.S. 8th Air Force this week precipitated what was described as one of the greatest sky battles of all time.

The main force of the armada struck in daylight at Magdeburg and Halberstadt while other heavyweights staged a diversionary raid on Berlin itself. The bombers were accompanied by long-range fighters.

U.S. fighters they used new defensive tactics, claimed the Americans lost 136 planes, including 124 four-engine bombers.

Of Man River To Be Drained

Great Louisiana Project Will Make Farms for Fighting Men By JOSEPH C. GOODWIN Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (CP)—Reclamation of a potential agricultural empire larger than the combined areas of Delaware, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia has been assigned top priority rating in a Louisiana post-war program to reestablish the servient to civilian life.

The program already blueprinted and approved, and given partial approval by the U. S. Corps of Engineers, proposes to drain 2,000,000 acres of Mississippi river bottom land to bring into immediate cultivation 1,200 farms of 160 acres each, with a future prospect of increasing the number of farms to 7,000.

The land stretches over more than 5,700 square miles in north-east Louisiana, extending southward from the Arkansas boundary. Farm experts say it is "potentially the richest alluvial farmland in the world."

Plans Complete State public works technicians, nationally recognized experts in drainage and flood control because of the topography of their state, have completed engineering plans for the project, and Dr. W. H. L. Pyburn, director of the state department of public works, has announced plans for placing proposed farms with servicemen who want to return to the soil.

The first 1,200 farms, Pyburn says, "will sell at \$15 to \$50 an acre. Steps are being taken to assure the financing of land purchases in this area through local lending agencies on a long-term basis rather than through federal agencies."

"Technicians insist the drainage 'will be no trick at all—just a matter of money and manpower.' Waters from the swamps and marginal areas within the piece-of-pie shaped section between the Mississippi river west levee and the Quachita river east levee will be funneled into the Gulf of Mexico via the Atchafalaya floodway, a vast low area of unused swamp land in the water shed of the state's south central parishes.

Already the U. S. engineers have approved the improvement of the main streams within the drainage area—major portion of the task—and work awaits fitting of wartime construction restrictions. This part of the project will cost an estimated \$5,623,000, Pyburn says, and an additional \$5,000,000 will be needed to complete the program.

The state's planning experts, however, predict swift liquidation of the original cost and consider the project a direct and sizeable contribution to post-war increases in wealth and standards of living.

KING'S IMMORTAL GETS NEW POST

LONDON (CP) Sir Henry Bushfield, honorary physician to the King, has been appointed medical adviser for 500,000 members of Britain's civil service. He believes people "are generally in better trim" than those based by their work.

LONDON—Unless the authorities find it possible to relax the keensome priority to allow permits to be issued for stable and haye lanterns in Great Britain, milkmaids will have to milk cows in the dark this winter.

HEBREN SQUEALERS

"I've seen batches of German letters found on the Russian front from blitzed German areas which make highly diverting reading to those who remember how Goshella prided himself on the invention of that ghouliah verb 'to coventrate.' Actually London could take it and Coventry could take it, but the Huns can't. Perhaps because they're a black conscience, or because our bombs are heavier and more numerous, but the fact remains that they squeal as no one ever squealed in England." The BBC's Russian Commentary by Alexander Werth.

8th Army Men Storm Railway Strongpoint



8th Army men storm a Sicilian railway station which had offered fierce resistance while being used as a strongpoint by retreating enemy forces in Sicily. The Allied soldiers advanced from a closed railway cutting taking advantage of cover offered by a water tower and railway trucks. After prolonged resistance infantry breached the enemy, and the railway station was rushed and taken. The action is an example of the way seasoned desert fighters adapted themselves to the new battle technique necessary on their new terrain, obtaining possession of "Italy's Malta" in the space of 39 days. Picture shows 8th Army men making a bayonet charge up the line.

ROYAL PALACE GUELPH'S LEADING THEATRES

Table with theatre listings for TO-DAY THE MONDAY, TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, and FRIDAY TO SUNDAY. Shows include 'MILD ACQUAINTANCE', 'ANOTHER THIN MAN', 'ESCAPE', 'CRAZY HOUSE', 'IS EVERYBODY HAPPY', and 'THE FALCON AND THE COED'.

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Indian Woman Broadcasts from London



Mrs. Savitri Roy, who presents in English, programs of gramophone music in the British Broadcasting Corporation's overseas short wave service. She has lived in England for some years for the education of her children. Two are still at school, but her eldest son is now a captain in the Indian Army.