

Personals

LAC Edward Hufnagel of Rockcliffe is home on furlough. Sgt. Tom Watson is home on furlough from camp at Rockcliffe. Miss Erna Phillips spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnston. Miss Arabella Buchanan of Sydney, N.S. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Perry Watson. Tpr. Hugh Graham of Camp Borden, spent last week-end at his home here. Miss Marie Clayton of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton is spending two weeks holidays at her home here. Mrs. Norman Scarrow and Barry of Fleisherton are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ian MacDonald this week. Fit, Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Nickless and baby Dianna of Hamilton were recent visitors at Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnston's. Gar. Nell McNabb of Rockwood, is home on leave after an absence of a year of which six months was spent on Kiaka Island. Mrs. David McCutcheon, of Sault Ste. Marie, spent few days last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hugh McCutcheon. Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Wansborough of Toronto attended the funeral of the late Mrs. C. W. Murray and visited Mrs. R. H. Wansborough on Wednesday. L.A.C.2 Jim Mochrie of Edinburgh, Scotland, training at Brandon, Manitoba, is spending several days at the home of his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce, Bower Avenue.

BRIDE OF THIS WEEK HONORED BY FRIENDS AT MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER A delightful shower was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Heard in honor of Miss Doris Blow, a bride of this week. During the evening contests were held in which the winners were Miss Jessie Coles and Mrs. R. Johnson. Doris received many lovely gifts on this occasion. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Misses Ethel Pridham and Jean McCall.

Levy for Post-War Work Considered By County Council (Continued from Page One) with agreement of 1872 re guaranteed services. After some discussion the following resolution was passed: Moved by Mr. J. M. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Craig, that this council after due consideration do not feel that any further action should be taken at the present time.—Carried.

Conservation and Reforestation Project. Other resolutions passed were as follows: Moved by Near and Hillmer, that this council request the railway board to supply more adequate protection at Campbellville crossing and crossing west of Campbellville. Moved by Near and Robertson, that the annual grant of \$50 be sent to the Ontario Agricultural Council and the Agricultural Committee attend the Ontario convention as delegates. Moved by Robertson and Blair, that M. M. Robinson be appointed to the Burlington High School Board for the years 1944-46 inclusive. Moved by Near and Robertson, that the Reforestation committee order 6,000 trees from the Ontario Forestry Branch. Moved by Blair and Craig, that H. M. Saunders be appointed to fill the unexpired term of A. E. Mason on the Burlington High School Board, for 1944. Moved by Robertson and Heslop, that membership fee of \$15 be paid to the Good Roads Association and that expenses of delegates be paid. Moved by Biggar and Robertson, that we continue the appointment of corn borer inspectors and that the following be appointed—Chas. Readhead for Nelson, Louis Patterson for Trafalgar, R. J. Anderson for Nassagaweya, at the same remuneration as 1943. Moved by Robertson and Heslop, that the Warden and Clerk submit to the minister of highways the petition of the County of Halton that during the year 1943 there was expended on the county road system the sum of \$68,120.72 and requesting a statutory grant on that amount as provided by the Highway Improvement Act. Council adjourned.

FACE BIG TASK LONDON (CP)—Warning of the tremendous task ahead in feeding liberated Europe, Food Minister Llewellyn told British housewives in a broadcast "we're going to be short, but with your help we are going to get through."

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Estate of HUGH McCUTCHEON, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Farmer, Deceased. All parties having claims against the Estate of HUGH McCUTCHEON, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Farmer, who died on or about the Twenty-second day of September, 1943, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned before the Nineteenth day of February, 1944, 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 165, R. S. O. 1937. Dated at Acton, Ontario, this Twenty-fifth day of January, 1944. C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ontario, Solicitor for Mrs. Eva McCutcheon and Edna May Stewart, Executrices. 30-3

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Estate of THOMAS REEVE, late of the Village of Acton, Gentleman, Deceased. All parties having claims against the Estate of THOMAS REEVE, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, who died on or about the Twenty-eighth day of September, 1943, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned before the Thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1944, 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 165, R. S. O. 1937. Dated at Acton, Ontario, this Twelfth day of January, 1944. HARRY WATERHOUSE, Executor by his Solicitor C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ontario. 28-3

Notice to Creditors

Of the Estate of JOHN McDONALD, late of Lot 21 in the 3rd Line of the Township of Esqueping, in the County of Halton, Farmer, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of the said John McDonald, who died on or about the sixth day of January, 1944, at the Township of Esqueping, are required to send to the undersigned Executors or their Solicitor on or before the 13th day of February, 1944, full particulars of their claims and any securities they may hold therefor. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 13th day of February, 1944, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have received Notice. Dated at Georgetown, this 11th day of January, 1944. KENNETH M. LANGDON, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitor for WILLIAM McDONALD and WILLIAM RITCHIE, Executors. 28-3

Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of ALPHAEUS GEORGE CLARRIDGE, of the Township of Esqueping, in the County of Halton, Farmer, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of the said ALPHAEUS GEORGE CLARRIDGE, who died on or about the third day of January, 1944, at the Township of Esqueping, are required to send to the undersigned Executors or their Solicitor on or before the 13th day of February, 1944, full particulars of their claims and any securities they may hold therefor. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 13th day of February, 1944, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the said estate having regard to the claims of which they shall then have received Notice. Dated at Georgetown, this 11th day of January, 1944. KENNETH M. LANGDON, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitor for MYRTLE STOREY and MARY MATTHEWS, Executrices. 28-3

GREGORY THEATRE FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 "CORVETTE K225" Thilling sea story with Randolph Scott, James Brown, Disney Private Pluto, Gang Comedy Family Troubadour, Chapter 12 "Overland Mail." SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 Matinee at 3 p.m. "NOBODY'S DARLING" Mary Lee, Gladys George HALFWAY TO SHANGHAI Kent Taylor, Irene Harvey Fox News MONDAY, JANUARY 31 "BEST FOOT FORWARD" in Technicolor with Lucille Ball, William Gaxton, World in Action "Labor Front." Cartoon "Good Night Rusty."

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for THE ACTON FREE PRESS BY GWYNETHOLINE P. CLARKE

If this war teaches us anything at all it certainly should make us realize how inter-dependent every country, every race, every industry and every individual is upon the rest of the world. It is true from the highest to the lowest. No man—or nation—can live unto himself alone. We find evidence of that every day—in the home, on the farm, on the battlefield and on the sea. And so often it is the little things that count—the little people, little jobs and little boats. Yes, especially the little boats. Do you remember the scene in "Mrs. Miniver" where the little boats rescued the men from Dunkirk? Little boats—not battleships or destroyers, but small unimportant pleasure yachts and fishing smacks. And do you realize how dependent we still are upon the little boats for the safety of our loved ones and for the shipment of everything they need on the battlefield? No, it isn't the little boats that carry the men and supplies, but it is the little boats that make it possible for the bigger boats to ride the seas with their precious cargoes. All these thoughts have come to me as a result of some verses I received last week. They were sent by a reader of this column who, apparently, wishes to remain anonymous. Here is the poem:

THE HOUSEMAIDS OF THE SEA

By David B. Cunningham The little boats of the fishing fleet, Emily, Susan and Jane, Sail out with steadfast hearts to meet Danger and death and pain. Not theirs to battle the great Graf Spee, But they must softly tread, As they keep the mine-strewn sea lanes free From Penzance to Malin Head. They proved their valour long ago, When Drake was matched at Spain, And now from Devon to Scapa Flow, They prove it once again. As, out where the lurking sea-miner floats, They gamble with death and life, The salt-lipped fishing boats, From Grimsby, Hull and Elfe. They seek their safety on bonded claims, For they see their duty plain, And sweep the floors of the coast— whose seas, Emily, Susan and Jane. That poem almost makes me homesick. I can see the herring boats along the quay at Yarmouth... trawlers coming into the dock at Yarmouth, and little boats with red sails off the coast of Somerset—"red sails on the sunset". Oh well, this is 1944, and we are long way from England—and on a farm and we do find a few things to keep us occupied from dawn to dusk. Last week it was things like cleaning stovepipes and chimneys. You see we have finally come to the end of our soft coal I have done so much talking about so we really want after those pipes in a big way and then while I was cleaning stoves and stoves, Partner was scraping the chimney. I wish you could have seen the pair of us when we were through. And actually, I went over the chimney. Three times I went over the dining room floor on my hands and knees—twice to wash it and once to wax it. And after that I scrubbed the kitchen floor. The next day I wouldn't have gone down on my knees for a fortune. That job done I set up a quilt for the Red Cross and invited some friends in to finish with the work. We didn't get it finished yet so that will be another job for this week. We are enjoying the most marvelous weather. It almost seems too good to be true—we keep wondering what has happened to Canada—"Our Lady of the Snows." Some farmers are beginning to shake their heads—there is a water shortage—and what is going to happen to the wheat and clover? That is what every farmer would like to know, but whatever is likely to happen, worrying about it won't stop it.

HALTON COMPANY SHOWS GOOD YEAR IN INSURANCE FIELD

The annual reports of the Halton Union Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which were distributed during the week, show another year of very successful operation of this Company. Losses during the year were \$13,756.29, a decrease over those of 1942. The net insurance in force at the end of the year was \$10,335,925. Assets of the Company are shown as \$93,319.48 and liabilities as \$26,623.22, which includes \$25,923.92 of unearned premiums on outstanding risks. The surplus shown in the annual report at the year end was \$66,696.26 and the increased surplus in 1943 was \$10,859.30. These are among the items which are shown in the annual report and will be presented at the annual meeting of the Company scheduled to be held in Acton next Monday.

Weekly War Commentary

BY MICHAEL O'SHEA Canadian Press Staff Writer

The British-Russian separate peace incident of last week appears to have died down—on the surface at least—with the carrying by Russian newspapers of Britain's reiteration of her fixed policy that no separate peace with Germany is possible, but the motive behind the publication in the Communist Party organ Pravda of the rumour—which caused the furore in the first place—is not known. Full significance of the publication of the false item is still unexplained, although many commentators have suggested in their speculations—various possible reasons. The item, credited to Pravda's special correspondent in Cairo, said "reliable Greek and Yugoslav sources have transmitted information of a secret meeting in the Pyrenees Peninsula between two British officials and Foreign Minister Ribbentrop of Germany. The final paragraph of the item, which was carried without comment, packed the punch: "the meeting had the aim of finding out the conditions of a separate peace with the Germans. It is understood the meeting did not remain without results."

Indirectly Suggested Pravda, unlike Ivestia and the Red Star is not actually an official mouthpiece of the Soviet government or its army. But like all Russian newspapers it may be said to be under the indirect government supervision. Thus it is safe to conclude that publication of the separate peace rumour was not merely irresponsible journalism.

If we are to cast aside possibility of any truth in the story there remains the question mark—why was authorization ever granted for its appearance in print? Many commentators have hazarded that there is some connection between the story and the request of the Polish government in London for Anglo-American mediation in the Russo-Polish border dispute. The Russians have made it plain they want to handle the Polish question without interference. The implication in the carrying of the Pravda item conceivably may have been intended as an oblique hint for the British Government to keep out of Russia's dealings with her European neighbours. One Washington writer has pointed out that the Russians have urged the opening of a western front for many months and to date only preparations for opening the front have been accomplished. Suggesting possibility of a separate Anglo-German armistice, he reasons, may be calculated to place upon Britain a certain quies to open the western front in the shortest possible time, in order, once and for all, to disprove the rumour. Other explanations of the move—some fairly logical, some utterly fantastic—have been offered. Until the diplomatic history of the war is written, years hence, we probably will not know the full truth.

Allies on the Move

There appeared to be no dissonance on the fighting fronts, however, and as last week ended, British and American troops were in the midst of a new amphibious attack on the Tyrrhenian coast of Italy, the Red Army thundred its way to fresh successes in the Leningrad region and the Allied air bombardment of Germany reached new fury. Troops of the Allied 5th Army began striking at the very outpost of Rome itself with the assault late last week deep behind the enemy's present defence lines. Commandos, Rangers and regular troops made the landings between the mouth of the Tiber, Rome's historic river, and Nettuno, 30 miles down the coast. The landing again demonstrated the vulnerability of the long, narrow Italian peninsula to invasion. The Russian drive in the Leningrad region has resulted in the capture of a key rail junction, thus reuniting Russia's second city by rail with Moscow for the first time since the city was laid under siege by the Germans two years ago. At the same time Leningrad gained a permanent rail link to tap supplies coming from the northern port of Murmansk through Volkhov. Eddy Gilmore writes that the success of the Leningrad front shows that the Germans have fallen victim to one of the nearest bits of military strategy since the war began. "He said it is becoming more and more apparent that the Red Armies cleverly pulled the Germans out of position by two feints to the south, putting the Nazis around Leningrad in a desperate plight, and there are signs that the current offensive may prove to be one of the most decisive of the war. In the air, British and Canadian bombers followed up their heaviest attack of the war on Berlin—2,300 tons of bombs being dropped on the Nazi capital—with a 2,000 ton attack on the important industrial city of Magdeburg. Early this week, the Allied invasion forces of the British scheduled to be held in Acton next Monday.

Two Acton Men Return Last Week From Overseas

Last week two Acton soldiers who have spent some years overseas were invalided home: Pte. J. J. Cooney, whose late father was a veteran of the 1914-1918 war arrived at his home here. The other Acton man returned is Spr. E. Stringer, R.C.A.S.C. Friends here are indeed glad to welcome these men back home again, after their years overseas on active service.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 31st, 1924 Daily and weekly newspapers throughout Canada are paying their compliments to Postmaster James Matthews upon his completion of 60 years in charge of the office here. Acton Citizens' Band are putting on a big Minstrel show the first week in March. It's going to be so good you'll want to attend both nights. A family re-union was held at the residence of Mr. John Easton, Guelph on the occasion of the ninetieth birthday of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Easton. Mr. and Mrs. Easton had lived in Acton for over 30 years. The annual meeting of Acton Fall Fair was unusually well attended. The year closed with \$78.10 in the treasury and the Government grant short-ly to be paid of \$175.00. Mr. C. Woodhall is the new president with C. B. Swackhamer, first vice-president and William Johnson second. 1924 Baseball Clubs were organized at a meeting on Thursday evening. Honorary President, P. A. Smith; President, Frank E. Holmes; Secretary, Charles A. Symon; Treasurer, G. A. Dills. MARRIED HAWKINS-ALDERSON — At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown, Acton, on Tuesday, January 29th 1924, by Rev. Chas. Hackett, Russell J. Hawkins, of Guelph, to Lily Alderson, Guelph. DIED DAVIS — At the home, John Street, Acton, on Saturday, January 26th, 1924, Violet Lydia Davis, aged 20 years. NORRISH — At the home, Lot 23, Concession 3, Nassagaweya, on Thursday, January 24th, 1924, Donahella McKernan, beloved wife of the late Amos Norrish, in her 57th year.

WAGE COMPARISON

LONDON (CP)—The brewer's day-man earned \$31.50 a week and the skilled engineer \$29.70. The comparison came out at Edmonton county court when the two were summoned in different cases on debt charges. teted no serious opposition. The invaders held was strengthened by the capture of (the part of Anzio, just above Nettuno which was taken in the initial phase of the operation. Once firmly established, the British and American troops began to drive inland in force from the bridgehead which lies less than 30 miles from Rome. The successful movement has given the Allies the domination of the Apennine way and the main coastal railway linking the capital with the central Gattignano-Caserta front from which German forces were being moved north to meet the threat. Meanwhile, resilient 5th Army patrols recrossed the Rapido-River in the Casalino area 60 miles southeast of Nettuno after being pushed back by heavy German counter-attacks which decreased in power, suggesting a shift in enemy power. The Casalino battle was still grim and intense, however. On the Leningrad front in Russia, the Nazis early this week were fighting frantically to avoid great encirclements from the south of captured Pushkin (Tsarkoye Selo) to positions in the area of Shlensk at the western corner of Lake Ilmen. Soviet armies on that front were pushing the Germans down the Leningrad-Vitebsk Railway and big Russian armored trains were pouring heavy salvoes into the retreating enemy. There was a possibility that 250,000 Nazi troops between Leningrad and the Volkhov would be cut off. The Germans hold only two usable north-south railway lines, and Russian troops were rapidly approaching both. Front line dispatches said the Red Army is capturing many villages by night, then outflanking and attacking frontally the bigger objectives in daylight with ski troops armed with tommyguns leading the way but encountering hard going over muddy roads. Terrific battles were being waged all along the roads. German defences finally stiffened in the Italian coastal area near Rome, where the Allies had established a beachhead and threatened the Apennine Way, but at the same time they weakened their defences in the Casalino area where American troops finally stabbed into that central stronghold. The shift of enemy strength suggested that the climactic battle of Rome was about to be joined in earnest with the Nazis having decided to establish a new defence line in the Rome sector. On the world's diplomatic front, Argentina severed relations with Germany and Japan.

UNEXPECTED GIFT

LONDON (CP)—Visiting an R.A.F. exhibition of photographs taken in Italy a woman stopped before a portrait of a fighter pilot and exclaimed "that's my son!" It was the first photograph Mrs. J. T. Green had seen of her wing commander son since he left England. The R.A.F. presented her with the picture and she gave \$22.50 to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

QUE WARS GUESTS

LONDON (CP)—Of 200 of the 577 British children evacuated to Australia three years ago, 44 per cent. told questioners they wanted to go home after the war, 30 per cent. wished to remain in the Dominion and the others are divided among those who want to go home first and return and those who would stay if their parents joined them.

DANCE! AT THE Y. M. C. A. FRIDAY, JANUARY 28th --- 8.30 p.m. NOVELTY DANCES --- PRIZES REFRESHMENTS ADMISSION --- 25c Per Person MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS INVITED

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