

THURSDAY, MAY 26th, 1944.

OBITUARIES

Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. Memorial Notices, see and rec. per page additional for priority. Cards of thanks see.

BIRTHS

**FORGE:** To Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Forge at Ralph General Hospital, May 19, 1944, a daughter.

**GULLIVER:** To Dr. and Mrs. Cullen at the Private Patients Pavilion, Toronto Western Hospital, May 24, 1944, a son.

DEATHS

**HERNDON:** On Friday, May 10th, 1944, after having 14 Hillcrest Drive, Toronto, Charles Christie Henderson, beloved father of Edna (Mrs. Herbert Collins), Arthur of Toronto, and Ralph Headerman of St. Catharines, Ont.

IN MEMORIAM

**HOLLOOMAY:** In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Edwin Arthur Holloomay, who passed away May 25th, 1929.

Time flies away, the edge of grief But memory turns back every leaf Even remembered by.

His wife and family.

**MILLIS:** In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Geo. Mills, who passed away on May 26th, 1942. He left sweet memories to blossom Bear fruit for years to come. In the lives of those who love him Precious memories of days that are gone.

Sadly missed by: Wife and Family.

**ANDERSON:** In loving memory of our darling-niece, Constance Anderson, who passed away May 25th, 1944.

She was a flower too fair for earth Sent here but for a while. God marked her when He gave her birth.

Always missed by:

Mummy, Daddy, Bonnie and Donnie.

**LAMBERT:** In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Raymond (Ray) Lambert, who passed away suddenly May 22nd, 1944.

Time speeds on, one year has passed Since death its gloom, its shadow cast.

With our home, where all seemed bright.

And took from us a shining light. We miss that light and even will His vacant place there is none can fill.

Down here we mourn, half hidden vain, Run up in heaven we will meet again. Even remembered by:

Mother, Dad, Brothers, Sisters and Nieces.

Almost time for the application of dust laying material on the roads about town.

All crops are growing with great speed but none of them can equal the dandelion crop yet.

Well, the maple were out in full half for May 24 which is always marked as an early summer start.

Victoria Day was sort of half observed in Acton. Some industries and stores were closed. The schools had a holiday but most of the folks were at work as usual.

Buses leave Acton morning and evening for Guelph and Erin to take workers to and from Acton who are unable to secure riding quarters in Acton.

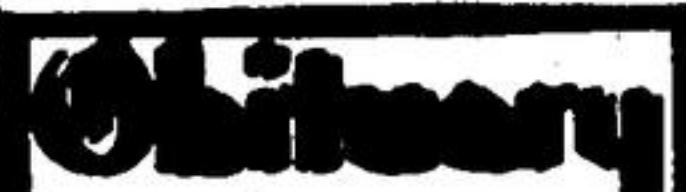
Gordon Gibbons of the R. C. N. wrote to his mother here from overseas: "I've seen thousands of places in all their summer glory but I think Acton rates among the first of any of them."

Mr. John Nicoll and family are moving to Guelph this week owing to inability to secure a house in Acton. Mr. Nicoll will however conduct his monument works here and go back and forth to business each day.

A known bathur brief case containing important papers was stolen from the Royal Hotel, Guelph on Monday evening according to a complaint made to the police by Mr. W. Van Stieks, Campbellville. The police detective department is investigating.

LETTER FROM FRANCE  
REMEMBRANCE

In response to an offer of the Boy Scouts Association of Canada to publish Dutch books on Scouting for the Scouts of Holland as a gift from Canadian Scouts, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands recently wrote: "This is not only very kind and worthy of the best traditions of Scouting, but also something which will endear your people to the people of Holland after the war is over. Your country has already done as much through your hospitality to my family and all your help to our soldiers, sailors and Merchant Navy. The gift of the Canadian Boy Scouts to ours is another proof of the real understanding between our peoples and will be a link for later days."



JAMES BELL,  
Cleveland

James Bell, well known in the cleaning business and formerly for 35 years connected with the D. O. Summerville Co., Cleveland, Ohio, was buried in Lake View Cemetery last week.

Mr. Bell, a native of Acton, Canada, and a resident here for 53 years, died at his home, 3217 E. Fairlawn Road, Cleveland Heights. He was a member of the Masonic Order and a charter member of the Brethren D. B. Babcock Lodge. He also belonged to the Fairmount Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jane Bell, to whom he was married 52 years; a daughter, Mrs. Luella Litzel; two sons, Herbert Jr. and Lawrence S. Bell; and three grandchildren, Beverly Bell and Mary Lou and John James Litzel.

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ers were A. B. Griggs, J. Snow, Harry Campbell, Lloyd Lyons, Russell Smith, Al Saunders, all members of the hunting party. The beautiful floral tributes were carried by Lloyd Burt, Delmer Beaven, Kenneth Huntington, Wilmer Davidson, Nell McDonald, and were given ajar, the family wreaths, Grandma, McArthur, and family; Aunt Myrtle, Uncle Will; and Aunt Pearl; sprays, Nieces and nephews, Misses Morris, Jean and Jim Riddell; the Hunt Club; Aunt Belle Neary, the Akitt family.

should be investigated. In this instance the opposition members, on bringing the matter to a public hearing before the Public Accounts Committee found they were in error, and did not proceed further, but this example quite clearly proves my assertion in this regard.

I believe very strongly that all public business should be transacted in public. The public are deeply interested in the manner in which their money is being spent. Publicity is a strong deterrent to wrongdoers. There is no one who shares all of these views more strongly than I do.

In this regard we still have all of the normal machinery for the protection of the public purse. It is the duty of the opposition and the duty of the War-time Information Board to keep the Canadian public and the world acquainted with particulars of this country's war effort. If there should be wrongdoing and we are very proud of the fact that we have had no serious scandals, but if there should be wrongdoing, there is the fullest right to public trial before the Public Accounts Committee. And just here I would like to state that if any opposition member, if any member of the House of Commons, believes that there is any foundation to the Clark-Booth charges, he can sponsor these charges from his seat in the House of Commons and they will at once be investigated by the Public Accounts Committee at public hearings. Any member who makes such charges loses his seat if the charges are not sustained. The fact that no opposition member has done this clearly shows the amount of confidence which they have in the Clark charges.

As I said a moment ago, the War Expenditure Committee is an additional committee over and above all of the normal safeguards of government. We do not spend any money. Our task is to find economies. We were given extraordinary powers and we were clearly told how we should exercise them. It is an undisputed fact that we have effected millions of dollars of savings for our war effort.

Now coming to the reasons why certain groups in this country want to do away with the War Expenditure Committee. Since we have saved millions of dollars for Canada's war effort, it is quite evident that this campaign is not sponsored on patriotic grounds. One large daily printed an editorial making deliberate untruthful statements of fact to mislead the public. It will give you one of them: In this editorial under date of May 5, it is stated: "quote:

"Unfortunately the Public Accounts Committee has been dormant for years and the Special Committee on War Expenditures was conceded by the government as a substitute."

That statement is not true. War Expenditure Committee was not appointed as a substitute for the Public Accounts Committee. The Public Accounts Committee is not dormant. The Committee held many sittings last year and is now in session this year. Obviously these untrue statements are made to mislead the public.

Their too, there is another feature which must be remembered. Practically all of our industries are honestly performing wonderful war work as soon as a parliamentary committee would start a public inquiry into the operations of an aircraft factory or a shipyard, the question would at once arise in the public mind as to what was wrong with that industry. An implication would at once arise that there was something wrong. If our meetings were in public our committee would have to start inquiries with respect to an honest industry performing an important war task but under our present practice no such deterrent exists.

We have visited many war plants in this country. We have unearthed many mistakes and have made recommendations which have resulted in the saving of millions of dollars. All of this has been done without harm to the war effort and without injury to industry. I am reminded that one of our first inquiries of Sub-committed No. 1 was the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme, the largest air training scheme in the world. No one would suggest that there was anything wrong with this undertaking, of which we are all so proud, but we did find in regard to this effort that there were mistakes.

He has made and we did further the negotiation of contracts in respect to the Air Observers Schools and in respect to the Elementary Flying Training Schools which achieved substantial savings.

To sum up the reasons why we hold our meetings in secret are:

1. In secret meetings we obtain all of the facts.

2. Secret meetings do not in any way harm the morale of honest industries.

3. When appointed we were expressly instructed that our sole task was to search for economies and that we were not to function as a public account or propaganda committee.

The British Committee was not given the power to check into past expenditures. We were given the power to check into past expenditures but on our appointment were expressly told that the only reason why we should check into past expenditures was to lead the way to present economies. We have no power to prosecute anyone. If we find wrongdoing we of course report it to the proper authorities. Should we at any time fall in this duty the evidence cannot be concealed because it is given in the presence of opposition members and these members armed with the facts can then compel production of the facts through the regular channels of government and have the matter inquired into by the Public Accounts Committee. This is not just a surmise on my part because there is on record an instance where opposition members did bring up a matter unsearched by the War Expenditure Committee which they thought

Weekly War  
Commentary

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The first move in the final plan of the United Nations to destroy the German army appears to have been successful in that the Allied 5th army and the British 8th army have pulverized the Nazis' Gustav line in Italy and are well on the way to doing the same thing to the enemy's next line of defence—the Hitler line.

And that weekend Advanced Allied Headquarters in Italy reported that with the Hitler line defenses breached, the weakened 8th army had prepared and occupied a new "switch line." This runs from Pontecorvo through Montecorvo and Rondi to the Tyrrhenian Sea at Terracina. The Hitler line followed the same route from Piedmont, four miles west of Cassino, battered Nazi bastion taken by the 8th army last week, to Pontecorvo. But from there south it ran through the Aurunci mountain range to hit the coast near Formia.

The fall of Formia before the advancing Allied troops last week did a lot to put a crimp in the Hitler line defenses in that area, hence the hurried need for the "switch line." The route of the new defense position is roughly southwest of Pontecorvo. Rondi is 15 miles northwest of Gaeta Point and Terracina is 18 miles westward along the coast from Gaeta which fell late last week to advancing 5th army forces.

Meanwhile the Germans appear to have neutralized the Anzio beachhead but Allied troops there are reported as eagerly awaiting the word to strike at the Nazi rear.

**Barbarians Worry Nazis.**

And another major worry for the now harassed Germans is the situation in Yugoslavia where the Partisan campaign has forced the enemy to make a full-scale effort to crush Marshal Tito's hard-fighting patriots who are threatening the railway linking Austria with Bulgaria and Romania.

Thus the German High Command finds itself forced to consider the wisdom of reinforcing its 20 divisions in Italy at a time when the Nazis are facing the invasion from the west and a new Italian drive from the east.

The Allies have made their first move on the giant war checkerboard. On the wisdom of the Nazis' next move may depend their fate in the Mediterranean and perhaps other theaters for it is now increasingly clear that the impending invasion from Britain, the eastern front and the campaign in Yugoslavia and Italy are intimately connected in the Allied strategy. But in any event the next blow—whether it be on occupied Europe's west coast or another drive by the Russian steamroller, or a combination of both—will be just another major step in a mammoth over-all Allied war strategy plan which opened with the latest Italian offensive.

Disclosure that Canadian infantry and tanks were in the thick of the new drive with the 8th army was made last week. The Canadians thus were engaged in their first major battle since they captured Ortona on the Adriatic coast in December. Canadian artillery was also in the thick of the fray and took part in the great barrage which preceded the offensive and which did so much to numb the Nazis for the tank and infantry blows which followed.

**Hitler's Monarchs.**

Allied troops in the southwest Pacific are heading back to Soerabaja.

the important Java base they were forced to relinquish two years ago. A British-American aircraft carrier force last week made the first ship-borne assault on the place which now is Japan's principal Netherlands Indies base.

The attacking force was heavily covered by units from East Asia, southwest and central Pacific commands and it marked the first time in which the fliers and seamen under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Admiral Louis Mountbatten and Gen. Douglas MacArthur had joined forces in strength.

Increasing use by the Allies of airborne troops, especially in the east, was revealed in a dispatch from Rangoon, Ceylon, which told of the 5th Indian Division being moved 230 miles by aerial troop carriers from the Arakan front to India's Imphal plains during the early stages of the Imphal campaign.

The movement, a reinforcing operation which completely fooled the Japanese, was carried out without any loss in men or aircraft. Long after the division's units were engaged around Ukkholi in the Indian Manipur state, the Japanese continued to place the division on the Arakan front in south Burma.

Men, mules, mountain guns, medical equipment and jeeps with trailers of ammunition were piled into the planes. In 36 hours thousands of men were fighting on a front which would have required weeks to reach by a ground movement. Both British and American personnel were involved in the transfer of the division.

And while discussing the war with Japan, it might be well to report that an authoritative Allied summary has declared that the Japanese Zero fighter plane is still more maneuverable than the British Spitfire or the American Mustang, but added that in every other particular the enemy air force has failed in Burma.

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However it was stated that the Japanese advantage of being able to outturn Allied fighters was effected at the cost of other factors, such as giving the Allied planes superior speed, climbing and diving ability and greater armament, fire-power and strength all of which permitted tactical superiority.

**Nazis Being Thrashed.**

Realization that the Germans were taking a beating in Italy was more than confirmed this week by Brendan Bracken, British minister of information, who said the Nazis on the Italian front are receiving "one of the greatest thrashings in their history."

Mr. Bracken's declaration came as the enemy committed his last reserves in southern Italy to the battle south of Rome and announced they had evacuated Rico—the last northern bastion of the switch line. Meanwhile, a connection between advancing Allied troops and those at the Anzio beachhead was expected momentarily. On Monday Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark of the 5th army visited the beachhead and established an advanced post there. It also has been revealed that Canadian infantry, as well as tanks, is fighting in the present drive.

The Moscow Communist newspaper Pravda said that the breakthrough of Canadian infantry and tanks were in the thick of the new drive with the 8th army was made last week. The Canadians thus were engaged in their first major battle since they captured Ortona on the Adriatic coast in December. Canadian artillery was also in the thick of the fray and took part in the great barrage which preceded the offensive and which did so much to numb the Nazis for the tank and infantry blows which followed.

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In the meantime the 32 day lull on the Russian front appeared near an end with both sides massing troops and armor in the south.

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