

Notion of Birth, Marriage and Death... in Memorial Service...

BORN

ELLIOTT—At the Private Nursing Home, Joseph Street, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott, on Sunday, June 12, 1944, the gift of a son, a brother for Paul (both doing nicely).

DEED

HAMILTON—Suddenly on Monday, June 20, 1944, Frederick Strickland Hamilton, Rockwood, beloved husband of Rhoda J. Broyna and dear father of Keith.

IN MEMORIAM

ALLAN—In loving memory of my dear husband, Edward Allan, who passed away June 14, 1942. Nothing can ever take away. The love a heart holds dear. Fond memories linger every day. Remembrance keeps him near. Ever remembered by his wife, Annie.

GAMBLE—In loving memory of my dear husband, Chas. S. Gamble, who passed away three years ago on June 24, 1941. Lonely for the sound of your voice, And with the longing to see, The face of my own precious loved one, Framed so deep in my memory. Sadly missed by His loving wife, Lily Gamble.

NEAR—In loving memory of a dear mother, Mrs. Thomas Near, who died June 9th, 1943. One year has passed since that sad day. When one we loved was called away. 'Tis sweet to know we'll meet again, Where troubles are no more, And that the one we loved so well Has just gone on before. The Family and grandchildren.



The cool days have been helpful to gardeners.

Another installment of local taxes comes due not later than next Thursday the 15th.

Force Electric Products are building a new addition to their building for boiler room space.

Application of the calcium chloride on the gravel roads about town would be appreciated now.

School children and teachers too are counting the days until the long summer vacation. Good old school days.

Sgt. J. E. Surbey thanks the Acton and Vicinity War Service League for the chocolates and other parcels received overseas.

Mason Knitting Company Limited are adding a new drying room to their plant and have also added some additional knitting machines this week.

Acton's Sixth Blood Donor Clinic will be held next Tuesday. Volunteers are needed to register now. See announcement in another column for particulars.

The annual meeting of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association is being held in Milton tomorrow (Friday) night. Details are given in another column.

Regulations do not permit newspapers to publish items telling of arrival of soldiers overseas at this time. That is the reason we are obliged to leave out any such items submitted.

The King's birthday was one day this week—just which one no one seems sure of. It was marked as a holiday by three different groups—yesterday, one-to-day and another group to-morrow. Seems democracy has run rampant.

Some extra fine growth has been reported but the best we have seen was a sample of oats sent in by Robert Fisher of the First Line, Erin on Monday. The oats measured 26 inches, which is pretty remarkable growth for the first week of June. It has been on view in the Free Press window.

Mr. George W. Benton is making extensive improvements at his business and home property on Mill Street. He is having the whole building brick veneered. A new modern window and store front is being built and a verandah will be added to the home. It will make a decided improvement to the business section when completed.

NAVY SENIOR SERVICE

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, England (CP)—Because sea cadets were assigned fifth place in a parade of local youth organizations, their commanding officer refused to let them participate. "The Royal Navy is the senior service and is therefore entitled to head any parade," said Capt. A. S. Hardy, who said he was carrying out Admiralty instructions in withdrawing the cadets.

GIRL BUILDERS

MOSCOW (CP)—More than 400 youth brigades, composed mainly of girls, are working on the reconstruction of Stalingrad. Many of them have become skilled masons and glaziers.

Invasion of the Continent Started Tuesday Morning

(Continued from Page One) technique which will be employed are based on knowledge and experience bought and paid for by the 2nd Canadian Division at Dieppe, the message said. "The contribution of that hard-earned operation cannot be overestimated. It will prove to have been an essential prelude to our forthcoming and final success."

Invasion of France was preceded by two days by the fall of Rome to Allied 5th Army units. American and Canadian infantrymen and tanks, after being resisted strongly at the Eternal City's outskirts by hard-fighting rearguards, were the first to enter Italy's capital.

As the invasion of France progressed beyond its first day, field dispatches declared the invaders were making excellent progress and were biting deep into France. Allied invasion headquarters said only that satisfactory progress was being made but unofficial reports placed British, Canadian and American invasion troops in possession of a 30-mile stretch of the French coast with the depth in some instances 12 miles or more.

Beachheads were reinforced during Tuesday night by airborne troops and from these operations came headquarters' final announcement of losses suffered by the airborne section of the invasion. It was stated that 11 big transport planes and 11 gliders were missing from the night's operations which saw a 50-mile train of transports and gliders soar across the Channel.

Ross Munro, Canadian Press Western Correspondent, reported from France that in two hours and 45 minutes fighting Canadian troops won their beachhead Tuesday and then shoved on inland. The strip of coast won by Canada's soldiers was quite narrow but it provided a base for further penetration.

Aerial assault history was made last week when a "large force" of American heavy bombers apparently based in Italy—struck at Romanian targets Friday and then landed at Russian bases.

It was a landmark, too, in United Nations' aerial co-operation. Both Russian Yaks and American Mustangs escorted the Flying Fortresses and ground crews made up of American and Russian mechanics met the ships as they touched down on fields that had been specially prepared in recent months.

One bomber was lost and one fighter missing from the unprecedented action. At this relatively slight cost the furthest corners of Axis Europe were laid open to aerial bombardment by the Allies, fury of whose pre-invasion air blows has mounted since mid-April.

An official announcement said adoption of the shuttle technique marked military fulfillment of decisions reached at last year's Teheran and Moscow conferences among Britain, the United States and Russia and added "the operations... mark the first large scale physical co-operation of the air forces" of the three powers.

Shuttle-bombing was pioneered nearly a year ago when R. A. F. Lancasters took off the night of June 30, 1943, from British bases bombed Friedrichshafen in southern Germany and flew across the Mediterranean to land at bases in North Africa.

Return flight was made three nights later as the four-motored giants hit Spezia, naval base in north Italy near Genoa, without loss. Significance of the new Italy-Russia run—presumably similar flights are possible between Britain and Russia—is both military and political.

All Points Vulnerable

Allied air fleets now may hammer Axis installations and war plants hitherto relatively safe from attack because of their distance from Allied bases, and the new threat likely will result in spreading Nazi defenses—already scanty—even thinner.

But perhaps even more important is in the fact that when Allied bombers strike deep into the strategic Balkans, they may have considerable influence in shortening the length of time such satellites as Hungary and Rumania remain in the war.

A record impact of 135,700 tons of bombs struck Europe during the month of May, nearly three tons of bombs per minute for the entire month.

British bombers are estimated to have dropped more than 51,000 tons in approximately 139,000 sorties during May, with targets ranging from Norway to the Balkans and from Italy to Poland. American planes dropped more than 83,000 tons of bombs in about 80,000 sorties.

These record figures for May bombings do not include operations of the tactical air force in Italy.

Drive On Rome

In Italy Canadian troops have captured Ferentino and are pushing northwest along the Via Cassilina. Less than 18 miles up the road are units of the American 5th army which captured the towns of Velletri and Valmontone after heavy fighting. These advances mean that the Via Cassilina has been crossed in two places by Allied armies and the Nazis' retirement will have to be made over secondary roads.

However, capture of Velletri and Valmontone has not broken the Nazis' defensive positions below Rome. Advances have been made in the face of stubborn German resistance as the 5th army fans out into the Alban hills south of Rome.

Allied military authorities have reiterated their declaration that military action will be taken against Rome only insofar as the Germans use the city for military purposes. The most recent Allied statement regarding Rome stresses that the authorities are conscious of Rome's position as one of the world's historical, religious and cultural centres and that they will continue to take precautions "consistent with essential military requirements to safeguard Rome's population and its historical and religious monuments."

However, if the Germans choose to defend Rome, "the Allies will be obliged to take appropriate military measures to eject them."

Nazi troops have driven two wedges into the Russian lines northwest of the Romanian city of Iasi, just inside the Moldavian border. The Russians describe the advances as "insignificant wedges" made by the Germans in the face of heavy losses of men and equipment.

Chinese forces driving to re-open the Burma Road, have made advances in spite of heavy monsoon rains and deep mud. In the Salween River area, north of the Burma Road, Chinese forces have slogged their way into the outposts of Chaiotou.

The Chinese admit fresh Japanese gains in Hunan province. Two strong points, east of Changteh and north of Changshe, have fallen to the enemy. The Japanese drive in the Changteh area has been stopped.

Cucumber Beetles Are Fast Workers

Growers of cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, melons and such like vegetables in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces are advised to be on the lookout for the first appearance of the striped cucumber beetle, because these beetles work fast and much damage is often done before the non-vigilant grower is aware of their presence. Control measures should be taken at once, urges Alan G. Duxton, Entomological Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture who is in charge of Vegetable Insect Investigations, Ottawa.

Dust the plants with a mixture of calcium arsenate and gypsum (land plaster), using one part of the arsenate to 20 parts (by weight) of the gypsum. The young plants should be thoroughly covered on both the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves because the insects feed on both sides. Hydrated lime may be substituted for the gypsum but it tends to dwarf the plants and stunts their growth temporarily.

To be successful, says Mr. Duxton, dusting should commence at the first appearance of the beetles, and according to the severity of the attack, 3 or 4 applications a few days apart are usually sufficient to hold the beetles in check. The beetles are small and about a quarter of an inch in length. They are yellow in color, with a black head and three longitudinal black stripes down the back. They can be very destructive to the young plants of cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, and melons and other crops of that kind, if not checked quickly.

Some Statistics on Canadian Scouting

Latest census returns, completed in January, show Canada's total of Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs to be 87,095, an increase of 1,366 over the previous year. These figures do not include several thousand members of Local Associations and Group Committees.

There are 6,699 Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Rover Leaders and assistants in the organization in Canada. Spread across the Dominion 1,723 Boy Scout Troops, 1,591 Wolf Cub Packs, 68 Rover Crews, 41 Sea Scout Troops. Rover Crews are greatly reduced in numbers as Scouts of Rover are all eligible for service in the armed forces.

Breakdown of Scout population by Provinces shows Prince Edward Island, 289; Nova Scotia, 5,236; New Brunswick, 4,558; Quebec, 8,176; Ontario, 40,230; Manitoba, 6,536; Saskatchewan, 3,553; Alberta, 4,563; British Columbia, 8,085; Salvation Army Scouts, 1,571; Scouts Catholics, 4,208.

During 1943, 10,919 Boy Scouts attended summer camps under Scout auspices, despite difficulties of transportation and rationing. This does not include a number of short duration Wolf Cub camps.

To give some idea of the effects of the war on the Rover Section of the Scout Movement (age 17 and up) comparative figures show in 1939, 3,221 Rover Scouts, and in 1943, 852 Rover Scouts. Every physically fit Rover Scout in Canada is believed to be in the armed forces.

In rural sections where it is not possible to operate Scout Troops, Lone Scouts are operated. Individuals carrying out the Scout programme either alone or in company with a few other boys in their area. In 1943 there were 999 Lone Scouts in Canada.

Special and Regular Meetings Esqueusing Council

Deal With Contract, By-Laws and Revision of Assessments Of the Township

Esqueusing Township Council held a special meeting on Thursday evening, May 11th. Councillors, George E. Cleave, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson were present. Reeve C. H. May presided.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Wilson, that the tender of Wallace Mackey Construction Co. of 85 cents per yard for 10,000 yards of gravel to be supplied, crushed and delivered on the roads of the Township be accepted, according to the terms of tender.—Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Cleave, that the Reeve and Treasurer be empowered to sell the \$5,000.00 3 per cent. 1954 Victory Bond, and the \$2,000.00 Province of Ontario 4 1/2 per cent. 1944 Bond, and that the proceeds be invested in the 6th Victory Loan.—Carried.

A special meeting of Council was held on Saturday evening, May 13th. Deputy-Reeve G. W. Murray, Councillors Currie and Wilson were present, and Reeve C. H. May presided.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Murray, that the Township Council purchase from Mrs. Violet Mummery a portion of her gravel pit, lying west of the fence running south east from Lot 22 alderoad, Con. 5, Esqueusing, for a distance of 200 feet south at a purchase price of \$600, it being understood and agreed that the said fence is to be moved ten feet in an easterly direction, to allow for a 50 per cent. slope from the hill top to the present road level in the property, and that should additional gravel be required to complete this season's road work, that said additional gravel be purchased from Mrs. Mummery at 15 cents a cubic yard. That all fences taken down to be replaced and ground where gravel removed be left in a level orderly condition, and that the Treasurer be authorized to make payment of same.—Carried.

A Court of Revision for the Township of Esqueusing was held Monday morning, June 5th at 10.30. George E. Cleave, George Currie, C. H. May, G. W. Murray and Wm. A. Wilson were present.

Having taken the required oath, George Currie moved that C. H. May be chairman of this Court of Revision.—Carried. The appeal of James Mann, on assessment of buildings was sustained. Appeal by A. News, assessment on buildings reduced \$200 on Upper Canada College property. Appeal by Wm. T. Sinclair, on Upper Canada College property assessment was sustained.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Cleave, that the Clerk of this Court of Revision be and is hereby authorized and required to initial all corrections, reductions, alterations and additions made by this Court in the Assessment Rolls for the year 1944 and the assessment rolls as finally revised and corrected, be now passed by this Court and the Clerk be authorized to certify to valid rolls.—Carried.

Esqueusing Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon. Members were all present with Reeve C. H. May presiding.

A letter from Mr. A. McLaren Ontario Farm Service Force, was read describing the work of the Farm Commandos.

C. B. Swackhamer and R. L. Davidson, addressed Council asking for a grant to Acton Fair Board. The Reeve on behalf of the Council promised to deal with their request at a later date.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Bell Telephone Co. services, \$7.40; John Standish, refund dog tax paid, 2.00; Cecil Chisholm, dog licenses, letters etc., \$3.69; A. W. Benton, dog licenses, etc. \$83.95; Township of relief given one family, 11.00; A. W. Benton, stamps, 7.00; N. A. Robinson, 1 registered ewe killed, \$25.; Spencer Wilson, valuator, \$2.00. Moved by Cleave, seconded by Murray, that road accounts be paid, 2674.69; moved by Murray seconded by Currie, that relief accounts be paid, \$3.51.—Carried.

A by-law to prohibit the dumping of rubbish on the highways of the Township was read and passed by Council.

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The Letter Box

Mr. G. A. Dills, Editor and Publisher, "The Acton Free Press". Dear Sir:

I see by your paper where Acton has again gone "over the top" in the Sixth Victory Loan. The old home town always seems to come through yet it is a small population. In all the naval bases, ships and departments always go "over the top."

It is a pleasure to know that the people at home are right behind us though not only with money but with their hearts. The cigarettes and parcels which are sent to the boys mean a whole lot and certainly are greatly appreciated by the boys.

I always said that one of the coldest spots in the world in the spring and summer was Iceland. Now I apologize to Iceland, Sydney is just as bad. We have had warm weather, the buds are just coming out on the trees, the weather has been grand, very little rain and lots of sunning.

I guess I am stuck here for the summer with the D. V. M. S. staff. I really like my job and Sydney is really a very nice city for a seaport, though small, only a little larger than Guelph and the people are very sociable, in fact everything here is just about the opposite to Halifax, a city which nearly everyone outside of a Halifaxian detests. It and its citizens seem to have the "get rich quick" idea, while they have the chance.

Though I like my job here I still would rather be serving aboard a ship as a gunner. Shore jobs, after two years at sea, seem very tame, but I am hoping and planning to be at sea early next year just as soon as I pass my Q. R. II Course and get a ship.

Well Mr. Dills, I guess I had better close for now. I am receiving your paper regularly now, which I appreciate very much. Best of luck to the boys over there, I hear occasionally from Henry Ivers, who moved to England a few years ago, also hear from H. Hoare and Jim Waterhouse. They are both across the pond, have been for over a year now.

Yours Sincerely, H. V. Dron, Leading Seaman

SHILLING COMES HIGH

LONDON (CP)—A Henry 7 shilling belonging to a collection of the late Lord Grantley sold at auction here for \$280

German Prisoners Believe War Lost

LONDON (CP)—German prisoners of war in Britain now are broadcasting to the German people and to the German forces, saying the war is lost and that captivity under the British is better than fighting against them.

Hitherto only extracts from prisoners' letters were read on programs beamed to Germany. But to mark the occasion of the first anniversary of the final German defeat in North Africa, prisoners taken in that campaign were brought to the microphone to give their thoughts on how the war was going.

The men, whose surnames were not given so as to prevent reprisals against their families, spoke seriously and effectively. They said, in general, that they felt the homeland ought to know what the real military situation was.

"After the defeat at Stalingrad," said Cpl. Karl, "we looked upon the North African campaign as lost. Quite a few of us were convinced our main duty was to save our lives, and surrendered after the first shots had been fired—or even before."

"This emphasis on the saving of their lives was made by each soldier. One said, "We were especially annoyed when we saw the fuhrer made of our 'heroic fight.' We know it would only worry our folks at home, who could not know that we were safe."

BELIEVES CLOVER KEEPS DOWN WEEDS

HAYONNE, N. J. (CP)—Plants are set to work ridding gardens of weeds and keeping the soil moist by a new type of agricultural cultivation sponsored by Morris J. Spivack of Bayonne.

For two summers he has planted corn in a field that first had been fully sown with white clover. The corn was drilled in, in holes, when the clover was about to lead.

After that, Mr. Spivack mowed the clover in the rows between the corn from time to time. He calls this method intermowing and intertilling.

His idea is that not only does the mowed crops restrict weeds but that its roots are biological aid to the main crop.

In both summers he reports his corn off the clover patch was better than the average corn of the region. The second summer was dry, but his corn field soil he says, did not dry out.

Ladies Dresses. Nothing looks more refreshing on a hot summer day than a cool looking dress. We cannot begin to describe the enormous collection of the various styles and rich summer shades of these fine dresses. Seersuckers, Spuns, Rayons, Crepes, Shantung, Chambrays are but a few of the fabrics. Values you will find hard to beat. One and two piece styles. Prices \$2.98 to \$7.95. LADIES' HATS. There is nothing more cooling and refreshing than a summer straw hat. Never before have we featured such attractive style hats. Very new, very smart are these newest style hat. A style to suit every face. Prices \$2.49 to \$2.98. LADIES' SLACKS AND SLACK SUITS. Slacks and Slack Suits are the very thing for summer wear. Well cut and well tailored to assure good fit and comfortable wear, in an assortment of colors, Celanese, Alpine and Cotton Drills. Prices 98c to \$3.45. LADIES' SHORTS. We have a good selection of Shorts, plain and pleated styles in all popular shades. Sizes 8 to 12 49c to \$1.25 and 14 to 20. Prices. We also have a large range of Girls' and Misses' Bathing Suits. Dressmakers and Classics, one \$1.49 to \$2.98 and two piece styles. SHOP HERE AND SAVE Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money Refunded Milton Dept. Store PHONE 112 MILTON, ONT.