

# Personals

Mr. Gordon McDougall of Toronto visited in Acton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duval, Kitchener, visited in Acton last week.

Mr. H. T. Frankum of Harrison, called on Acton friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morton visited friends in Buffalo during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McLean of Tilbury visited Acton friends this week.

Miss Wainetta Smith has returned to Toronto after spending holidays at her home here.

Merle Overholt of Toronto is spending a couple of weeks with her cousin, Verena Johnson.

Miss Doreen Hannah of Toronto spent her week's holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith.

Mrs. Alex. McDonald of Bracebridge is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw, Victoria Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambert and LAC and Mrs. Frank Bowes and babe are holidaying this week at Midland.

Mr. Alex. Burns, Saskatoon spent several days during the week with his brother, Mr. Melvin Burns and Mrs. Burns.

Misses Beale Inglis and Lillian Bender of Listowel were guests a few days this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Inglis.

Mrs. Harold Fischer and her little son James Michael of Highland Park Michigan are holidaying here with Mr. and Mrs. Harrop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon and Jack and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Talbot and June are holidaying this week at Red Lodge, Manitoulin Island.

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Oakes and family have returned home after a holiday at Inverness Lodge on Threemile Lake in the Muskoka District.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dunbar and son Wynne Dunbar, R. C. A. F., also Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Knight of Rockwood visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns.

Mrs. Ted Harrop left on Monday to join her husband who is with the R.C.N.V.R., stationed at Esquimaux, B.C. She is accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Babcock.

Mr. Howard Hamlin and Joan of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Overholt and Merle and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamlin of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cripps, Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Allen, Misses Marjorie and Eleanor spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allen at the cottage, Menford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Huffman and Brenda of Hamilton, Miss Gladys Huffman of Toronto and Mr. Bill Huffman of Georgetown spent the week-end with Mrs. Huffman.

Cpl. and Mrs. Lloyd Millar, en route home to St. Thomas, Ont., visited over the week-end with Deputy-Reeve and Mrs. G. W. Murray, having spent a week in New York City and State.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDougall, Dunsmuir and Reddy have returned after a vacation at Bernard Lodge. They will spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper before returning to Hornepayne.

# Church News

**Roth Church of Canada**  
Acton, Ontario  
"The Friendly Church"  
REV. A. WALTER FOSBERY, S.A., S.P., Minister  
Parsonage—Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1944  
10.00 a.m.—Church School.  
11.00 a.m.—Worship Service. The Minister.  
8.30 p.m.—Evening Worship. "John Stirling"—a moving picture with sound equipment.  
Come and Worship. Everybody Welcome.

**Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. FORBES THOMPSON, S.A., S.P., Minister  
Manse—Willow Street

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1944  
10.00 a.m.—The Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Edgar Foreman, B. A., of Morning Inside Presbyterian Church, Toronto.  
"ALWAYS WELCOME"

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
REV. W. H. WALLACE, Pastor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1944  
11.00 a.m.—"The Rules of the Game."  
7.00 p.m.—"Our True Life."  
Evening service will continue during August.  
Baptist Anniversary Service Sunday September 24th.  
Everyone Welcome.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 18  
"ANDY HARDY'S BLONDE TROUBLE"

Packed with laughs, starring Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone.  
Sport—"Boots and Spurs"  
Disney—Reason and Emotion.  
Chapter II—"Daredevils of the West."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19  
"TAMPICO"

Edward G. Robinson, Lynn Bari  
"TROCADERO"

Rosemary Lane, Johnny Downs  
"Fox News."

MONDAY, AUGUST 21  
"THIS IS THE ARMY"

Grand musical in Technicolor with Men of the Armed Forces and Joan Leslie, George Murphy.  
Passing Parade—"Great Day Is Coming."

# Weekly War Commentary

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accused of sharing to the full the Fascist ideologies common to the countries heading the Axis. But she has a series of long-standing grudges against the Russians—from the days of tyranny of the early czars to the war of 1940—and it is a bitter blow to national pride to have to seek terms with Moscow.

That the Finns apparently choose this course, rather than remain under German domination is one more proof of waning Nazi influence in Europe.

On the fighting fronts at last week-end the American push into southern France threatened to trap 100,000 Germans in Normandy while Canadian forces north of Falaise continued to meet with stubborn German resistance.

Symbolizing the fierce Nazi defence at some points was the mad commander of St. Malo. Bullying his small garrison in a suicide stand, Col. Anderson van Aulock still held out in the medieval citadel on the north coast of Brittany.

Losses among the colonel's troops were described as "frightful," but von Aulock would not give in despite appeals from attacking Americans. Three truces were called since the siege began, the third coming when the German commander appealed for medical supplies.

Parties bearing white flags crossed the 200 yards of no-man's land and exchanged supplies at the mouth of a tunnel cleft for seven American soldiers who had been captured. Those released said there was no doubt that the garrison, except for the commander, wanted to give up. Wounded lay everywhere, they said, and were being attended by nurses and some French women, consorts of German officers.

Five minutes after the truce, the battle was resumed amid a roar of gunfire.

**Florence Falls**

In Italy Florence fell to the British 8th Army, Allied Headquarters in Rome announcing Saturday that the Germans had withdrawn from the city—exactly one week after South Africans had stormed through the last defences of the city after the six bridges spanning the wide river Germans had blown up five of the Arno.

In Russia, Soviet troops opened a new drive aimed at destroying perhaps 300,000 Germans pocketed in Estonia and Latvia. Striking out from the Peakov area the Red Army shattered the Germans on one sector 43 miles wide and more than 25 miles deep. An armored vanguard raced past Potosi, 115 miles east of the Gulf of Riga.

Moscow reported that a Russian drive forward on a 100-mile front northeast of Warsaw may be the greatest strategic manoeuvre of the summer campaign.

In the Pacific at the week-end, Allied aerial action dominated the war scene.

Meanwhile it was reported that escaped prisoners of war and foreign laborers have begun guerrilla warfare inside Germany.

The German press revealed this in a dispatch to Madrid from a Nazi correspondent Werner Gilles who wrote from "in the mountains of southern Germany." He said "terrorists and guerrillas" were waging a war of destruction on Germans in the mountain region, wiping out entire families, burning homes, and stealing food and arms.

He described an expedition against the guerrillas which led far above the snow-line, and said heavily-armed German police finally isolated one group of escaped Russian prisoners and foreign laborers who fought to the last.

Hitler's own newspaper, Voelkscher Beobachter, reported guerrillas killed four Germans in one village, and commented:

"Even in the smallest village everything must be prepared for defence against air raids, marauding foreign workers and armed prisoners of war who have escaped."

**RESUSCITATION**

As an aid in preventing drowning, gas asphyxiation and electric shock fatalities, the Industrial Accident Prevention Association has sent to Ontario's production plants a special bulletin dealing with artificial respiration by the prone pressure method.

The timely poster is designed for factory bulletin boards and illustrates the preliminary and general rules for resuscitation. Here are the preliminary rules:

Electric Shock—The victim must be freed from the contact as promptly as possible. Use a dry stick, dry rope, dry coat or other non-conductor. The use of your own hands is dangerous and may add another victim to the accident.

Gas Asphyxiation—The first thing to do is to get the patient into fresh air quickly. Fresh air does not mean out of doors in cold weather. Do not breathe gas yourself, even for a short time. If it does not overcome you, it will cut down your strength.

Drowning—Quickly remove victim from water and place on ground or hard surface. If possible, have head slightly lower than rest of body, so that water and other liquids will drain away from the victim.

# Overseas Mail

Letters from the Local Boys Serving in the Cause of Freedom

France, August 2, '44  
ASBBS Cook, G. P.

HI GAD!  
Am fine here and although lots to do, must keep up correspondence. Thanks a million for the paper, received one the same day as I landed here. Sorry to hear of Ed. Fields, and Leo Close and Jack Sweeney. Hope the price they paid helps to make the people at home war conscious. Give my best to all the folks in the home town. Again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

As Ever,  
"Cookie"

(Editor's Note—Thanks for the Free Press should go in this case to a friend and former employer, Jos. Whitham, who arranges for the home news to reach this soldier.)

Mr. A. Dills,  
Editor and Publisher,  
"The Acton Free Press."

Dear Sir:  
I have been going to write you for some time now, but never got around to it until now. I really am getting behind in my correspondence.

I am receiving your paper regular now every Monday morning, and always glad to get it.

Am glad to hear of Cpl. O'Hara's return to Canada, and hope his health is improving and with the same wishes for the rest of the boys who have returned to Canada and also those in hospitals overseas, good luck and a quick recovery to you all.

I received 300 cigarettes from Acton War Service League some time ago and wish to thank them for same. They were greatly appreciated.

I am still stuck here on Base Staff but am trying to get away for my Q. R. 11 course but so far have been unable to leave here, though I really expect to leave either in September or October. Then I am going to try and get out to the west coast for a ship and get another crack at the Japs.

I often hear from Jim Waterhouse, Reg. Hoare and Bert Tuck, all overseas (France and Italy) and they are all getting along fine. I also hear from Henry Jovers (formerly of Acton) who is also serving in the armed forces.

I received a few Italian stamps and money a short while ago, which will look very nice with the collection I already have.

What I need now to complete my collection is a one man Jap sub.

Yours Sincerely,  
H. V. Dron  
Leading Seaman.

**May Convert Church To Orchestral Hall**

Building to Replace London's St. Clement Dances May be Dedicated to Music

LONDON (CP)—The famous and exquisite little church, St. Clement Dances, whose bells rang out the famous "oranges and lemons" and which is now a bomb-scarred skeleton, may be converted to an orchestral hall after the war.

The church architect, J. Forsyth, is urging the bishop of London to dedicate the building to music, since like many churches in the city, it will probably not be rebuilt as a church. Shift of population has taken residents away from the city, whose streets are now almost deserted on Sunday.

The famous ten bells were removed from the church which was bombed twice, and stored in a vault.

Another story connected with the church has come to light here. It seems that in 1620, one of the parishioners, Isaac Duckett, left 400 pounds, the interest on which each year was to be distributed among "poor maldservants as had well and honestly served and demeaned themselves for five years under the same master and mistress." This money is still distributed.

**FARMERS TO RECEIVE LADDERS**

Every consideration will be given fruit growers and other farmers when they apply for permits to buy ladders needed by them.

A recent order of the WPTB stopped the sale of wood extension ladders and wooden step ladders over seven feet in height except under permit from the administrator of wood products.

As soon as the supply of new ladders is sufficient to meet the demand the permit system will be abolished.

**LONDON PLANNING LARGEST AIRPORT**

LONDON (CP)—London is to have the world's largest airport after the war. It is to be at Staines, 12 miles outside the capital, and comprise 2,800 acres—300 acres more than New York's Idlewild.

Runways will be designed to accommodate the largest aircraft likely to be in service for the next 25 years. Each will be about 10,000 feet long.

# Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kentner, Acton announce the engagement of their only daughter Mary Marguerite to George Franklin Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson, Erin. The marriage to take place quietly the latter part of August.

# OAKVILLE

The Carnival of the Lions Club netted slightly over \$1,900 and the club is making a donation of \$1,000 to the Hospital Fund. The balance goes to promote the Club's various activities.

The Rainer Construction Company, of Toronto, has commenced resurfacing two miles of the worst spots on No. 2 Highway between Bronte and Burlington and three miles between Oakville and Clarkson.

Ward has been received that Lt. Ken Russell, R.C.A., has been in France since July 1st and that Lt. Doug Russell is taking a flying course in England prior to becoming a flying observer for the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Funeral services for Charles D. Carson, who died last Thursday in his 80th year, was held in St. John's United Church on Saturday, with Rev. Charles Hackett officiating. Death followed a brief illness and occurred at his late home, Dunn Street—Record-Star.

**VANCOUVER (CP)—Fireman A. H. Langhout says he is going to make it hot for the person—if he catches him—who broke into his garage, stripped two wheels from his car and then set fire to the vehicle, destroying it along with the garage roof.**

# ADVICE FROM ANCIENT EGYPT

The word adobe—a name for unburnt bricks in the sun—is generally associated with the semi-desert regions of the south-western United States.

In Egypt, another dry country many thousand miles away, exactly the same kind of brick is made today, and has been made without interruption for 5,000 years. The Egyptian collection of the Royal Ontario Museum has several examples of ancient bricks. Their label is illustrated with a brick-making scene from a tomb painting of the 15th Century before Christ.

The modern adobe of the New World derives its name from these ancient bricks of the Old World. The word passed into English from the Spanish. It came to the Spaniards from the Arabic-speaking conquerors of Spain, who in their turn inherited it from the Captains of Egypt. The language of the Captains was a direct descendant of the Ancient Egyptian, whose word for brick was pronounced approximately dobet.

# LITTLE-KNOWN PROVERBS

1. When cats are mousing, they don't mallow.
2. A mill cannot grind with water that is part.
3. Courtesy costs nothing but buys much.
4. Wide will wear but narrow will tear.
5. All are not thieves that the dogs bark at.
6. The foot at rest meets nothing.
7. Time and chance happeneth to all.
8. When an old dog barks a wise man harks.
9. Grumbling makes the loaf no larger.

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# THE WORKING HABIT

The settlers and pioneers who founded Ontario were great workers. They found pleasure in toil. They took satisfaction out of any improvement they made in their homes, and it pleased them as well as people are pleased to-day when they obtain some costly new possession.

This love for work was the force that enabled them to turn a rough country into beautiful cities and towns and outlying land. It enabled people to build up prosperous industries and business concerns and fine farms. They found satisfaction in creating a heritage that they could hand down to their children.

The modern age needs more of this enjoyment of work for the results it gets. If we expect our communities to grow in beauty and prosper, we need to find pleasure in our work, in the things we do to make nice homes, to build up business for our employers and ourselves, and in work for the public good.

# INFLATION IN ITALY

Canadian soldiers fighting in Italy think skyrocketing prices there are something to write home about. Their letters describe how wild inflation has spread through the country bringing poverty and hunger to even the best off.

One soldier writing home tells of buying one egg for 24 lire. Twenty four lire for one fresh hen's egg is \$1.44 in Canadian money (based on the approximate value of the Italian lire just prior to outbreak of war in 1939). Eggs used to sell for about half a lire each.