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THIS WEEK

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PAPILLON—At the Nursing Home, Guelph Street, Acton, on Friday, December 15th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Papillon, the gift of a son, (both doing well).

DEED

DRAKE—On Monday, December 18, 1944, John Grenville Drake, beloved husband of Naomi Ballam, and son of Grenville and Winnifred Drake, 261 McRoberts Ave., Toronto.

MITCHELL—At Guelph General Hospital on Wednesday, December 20, 1944, Minnie Mitchell, daughter of the late George and Grace Mitchell, in her 77th year.

The funeral will be held from her late residence, 6th Line, Eramosa Township on Friday at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at Everton Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

GREGORY—In loving memory of Miss Rachel Gregory who died, December 21st, 1942. Ever remembered by Mr. and Mrs. F. Rawlings and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. C. Marz and family wish to thank their friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and beautiful floral tributes extended to them at the time of the loss of a dear husband and father.

This and that

A Bright and Happy Christmas To Everyone, Everywhere! The streets are once again quite passable after last week's heavy snow fall. An extra train of express and mail carried the eastbound deliveries on Monday morning. These are the days of heavy mails and late trains. Be patient, your parcels and cards will reach you in due time if they were mailed early. Some of the money used in Holland has been sent home as a souvenir to his parent by Sgt. Bob Loutitt. It is on view in the Free Press window this week. Phone 174.

Obituary

SAMUEL M. GOWDY
Guelph
Samuel Moore Gowdy, prominent Guelph business man, passed away at his home in Guelph early Sunday morning. In his 73rd year Mr. Gowdy had been in failing health for several years, and seriously ill during the three weeks preceding his death. Mr. Gowdy was proprietor of Gowdy Coal Company on Carden Street for about 30 years, retiring from business a few years ago. Prior to going into business he was bookkeeper at the Axle Works. Deeply interested in sports, he was active in curling and bowling. Mr. Gowdy also was a member of the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and the Independent Order of Foresters. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gowdy, he was born in Guelph and in 1896 married Georgina A. Crosbie, who survives. Also remaining are two brothers and two sisters; Mrs. J. E. Reynolds and Miss Nettie Gowdy, both of Guelph; William Gowdy, Acton and Thomas Gowdy of Toronto. Funeral services were held at the family residence, 154 Glasgow Street, Tuesday afternoon. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Former Resident Killed in Action Near Antwerp

Word has been received here that Pte. Alan E. Duck, aged 19 years, was killed in action near Antwerp on October 19th. He is a son of Mrs. John Hutchinson who resided on Crescent Street here until four months ago, when she removed to Guelph and now lives at 92 Queen Street W. He enlisted in August 1943 and went overseas in May of this year. Friends who knew the family here will sympathize with them in the loss they have been called upon to bear.

Agreement Made For Use Rockwood Fire Truck

An agreement regarding the use of the Rockwood fire truck within five miles of the village, was reached at the December meeting of Eramosa township council. All members were present and Reeve D. D. Gray presided. The Rockwood Police Village trustees were present and offered to allow the village fire equipment to attend a fire within five miles of the village at the rate of \$35 per hour. The Eramosa Mutual Fire Insurance Co. directors were also present and offered to pay one-half of this amount if the council would assume one-half. The Council agreed to pay one-half the cost for any fire within the township, the agreement to be effective until February 28, 1945. It was agreed to renew the insurance on the maintainer and snow plow for 1945. The clerk was instructed to subscribe for the usual number of copies of the Municipal World for the New Year. Accounts passed amounted to \$18,377.17 including the county rate, and council adjourned to January 5th.

TORONTO (CP) — Political fever has gripped Owen Sound and surrounding Grey North riding where Defence Minister McNaughton will seek a seat in the Commons in a by-election next February 5th. There are indications that the contest will be a straight party fight with Gen. McNaughton as Liberal candidate against Mayor Garfield Case of Owen Sound, Progressive Conservative.

Spice was added to the possibilities of the campaign with disclosure by Mayor Case of "rumors" that Progressive Conservative leader John Braken himself might ask the mayor to stand down so that Mr. Braken could run against Gen. McNaughton. However, these reports were entirely unfounded. Gen. McNaughton opened the first political campaign of his career with an address in which he reviewed circumstances surrounding his acceptance of the defence ministry and gave selectors the latest on the reinforcement situation. He said large numbers of reinforcements have already gone forward, many thousands are now enroute to east coast assembly areas prior to going overseas and the previously announced schedule of reinforcements has been fully maintained.

The former Canadian overseas commander said his previously announced "rotation leave" plan by which troops with five or more years service overseas were to be brought home for 30 days rest in Canada exclusive of travelling time, and originally contemplated 450 men would be home for Christmas. This number has now been extended and he expected well over 1,000 would be in Canada for the New Year and there was every hope this rate would continue and even increase. The general also said it was hoped to retain a high proportion of these men for duty in home establishments in training new recruits.

A new Ontario cabinet minister was sworn in during the week. He is 56-year-old W. G. Webster, Progressive Conservative member of the Legislature for London who enters the cabinet without portfolio. Premier Drew announced however, that Mr. Webster will serve as provincial liquor commissioner when the resignation of the present commissioner, Victor Goggin, becomes effective on December 31st.

In his first public utterance since assuming his new post, Mr. Webster predicted people of Ontario may soon find their monthly liquor ration cut from 26 to the old 13-ounce quota. He said it is probable the present ration will continue until about March but after that the ration would probably be cut in half.

A Nelson Allex, elected in 1943 as C.C.F. member of the Legislature for Essex North riding has resigned from the C.C.F. party. His action caused Alcide LeBlanc, president of the C.C.F. riding association at Windsor to call for Mr. Allex resignation from his seat, but the member said he would continue to sit as an independent labor member. Mr. LeBlanc charged the Essex North member with previously being friendly toward the Labor Progressive party—an attitude which caused the C.C.F. members of his constituency such concern that he was once suspended from the party but later reinstated.

Commission Makes Transfer of \$1,000 To General Account

The final meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Commissioners C. M. Hansen and J. R. McArthur were present. The treasurer was instructed to transfer \$1,000 from the Waterworks Account to the general account of the Corporation.

A letter of appreciation from Miss B. H. Speight for granting her leave of absence was received by the Commission. As the first regular meeting of the 1945 Commission would ordinarily fall on New Year's Day it was decided to hold the inaugural meeting on Thursday, January 4th.

The treasurer was instructed to pay the following accounts: C. N. Express, \$.80; Cleaning Expenses, office, 1.25; Acton Free Press, advertising, 2.43; Bell Telephone, services, 6.69; E.J. Hassard, supplies, .65; Geo. Somerville, rent, 1.00; Northern Electric, supplies, 11.47; MacDonald Electric, Supplies, 12.45; Sangamo Co. Ltd, supplies, 20.57; Moffatts Ltd., switches, 9.26

A VITAMIN A DAY

VERMILLION (CP) — Vermillion public school children now are getting vitamin pills at school and will continue to receive them until next April. The school board hopes this to prevent coughs and colds and so keep attendance up during the winter months.

NEW WEEKLY

QUEBEC (CP)—An official organ of the Liberal party is to be published here. The weekly paper will be named "Le Canadien."

More Mail To Service League From Overseas

Another group of letters and cards to the Acton and Vicinity War Service League give messages from Acton men in the armed forces to those at home. Here are some extracts from a few of the letters.

Edam, Norman Gibson writes us: Was awfully glad to receive your latest parcel of cigarettes. As there was no card enclosed, I am taking the liberty of sending the label to assist your checking of shipments.

Happy to say I am feeling fine and as fit as usual. Please convey my best wishes to all the good people of Acton who remember their service personnel in this special way. We are grateful beyond words.

Pte. H. C. Price writes from Holland: Just a few lines to let you know I received your excellent parcel today and I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for it. Everything was in first class shape and I'm thinking not only comes from myself, but from all the fellows who are helping me devour its contents.

There is nothing better than mail to make a fellow feel close to home and it's a most comforting thought to know that there are many people like your society at home, who have our interests at heart.

Thanking you once again and wishing you all the happiest greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Sgt. Bill Withers tells us: I received 300 cigarettes to-day November 10th, for which I am very grateful. I'm sure all the boys from Acton and Vicinity feel the same way that I do about the Acton War Service League. It is hard to express how grateful we are but I believe that you and all the members of the League know us well enough to understand how much we appreciate what you folks back home are doing for us. The very best for Christmas and the New Year to one and all the members.

Sgt. Allan Lehman says: Received a lovely Christmas box and carton of cigarettes from you today and I want you all to know just how pleased I was when I saw they came from good old Acton. It really helps cheer a fellow up when he knows the folks at home are doing all these things for us. I only want to say thanks a million. It was really grand.

L-Cpl. B. D. Hodge writes: Many thanks for the cigarettes just received. They are sure greatly appreciated—far more than I can say. Things out here are helped greatly by all your efforts and Acton is second to none when it comes to looking after the boys.

Hoping to see you all before long. Wishing you all the happiest of Christmases and continued success.

Cards and letters were also received from Tpr. C. J. Graham, Pte. L. Cripps, Pte. M. Bauer, Sgt. G. P. Cook, Pte. T. E. Perryman, Pte. J. H. Marshall, Signm. G. W. Williams, J. Drysdale, Pte. F. Frank, R. A. Johnston, LAC. G. E. Aitken, Pte. John Gibbons, LAC E. Lauby, Pte. R. J. Plourde, Pte. P. A. Elliott, Pte. W. L. Roche, Tpr. M. J. McMillan, Cnr. F. Kelly, George Hargrave, Jim Lamb, Cpl. O. R. Brown, Sgt. J. VanGoozen, LAC J. G. Hargrave, Signm. F. Jones.

Halton Member Gave Address At Warden's Dinner

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did, in the early years of the war when there was a real danger of losing the struggle and now when all fear of losing the war is long since passed turn right around and advocate conscription. I can think of no reason excepting a political one and one which in my opinion cannot be too strongly condemned. Be that as it may the result has been that when this country was suddenly faced with a re-inforcement problem the Government was not permitted to quietly and efficiently meet the problem. On the contrary, instead of assisting the Government, a publicity campaign was put on to inflame public opinion and to defeat the Government. This attempt miserably failed and the re-inforcements are on their way overseas. I have no doubt but what the public will place the blame squarely where it belongs. Those who sought to take advantage of the crisis to further their political fortunes will receive the censure which they deserve.

A debate of nearly three weeks occurred in the House of Commons and when the vote was finally taken only 70 members of a total House membership of 245 voted against the Government. The 70 members who voted against the Government were 35 French Canadians and the Conservatives who joined with them. Half of those who voted against the Government did so because we had gone too far and the other half because we did not go far enough.

SEASONS GREETINGS

At this Season I wish to Extend to All A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR Wm. Grundy Barber Main St.

At Yuletide
When the Christmas Candles are lighted, the ornaments all in place, we'll pause to thank you for your patronage and to Wish You the Happiest Christmas possible.
FRANK TOTH
MILL STREET ACTON, ONTARIO

Season's Greetings
May this Christmas be a Happy One, is Our Wish to Everyone—and may the New Year bring a full measure of the Best of Everything.
NORTON MOTORS
W. R. NORTON

ROYAL PALACE
GUELPH'S LEADING THEATRES
TODAY 'TIL SATURDAY
San Diego I Love You
You
Jon Hall
Louise Allbritton
CHRISTMAS DAY 'TIL SATURDAY
"HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY"
Gail Russell
Diana Lynn
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May this Yule Season mark the Beginning of a New Era in which Individual Rights to Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness will be inviolate and Might will Cease to be Right
Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes For 1945
B. D. RACHLIN
Store Closed Boxing Day --- December 26th