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DEED

McDONALD - At the home of her niece, Mrs. Fred Williams, 2171 St. Lawrence St., Acton, Ontario, on Monday, January 1st, 1945, Margaret McDonald, daughter of the late Alexander and Margaret McDonald, in her 79th year.

FARRELL - At the home of her niece Mrs. James Synnott, Rockwood, Ontario, on Thursday, December 28th, 1944, Ellen Farrell, daughter of the late Michael and Mary Farrell, in her 81st year.

BRILL - At Guelph General Hospital on Wednesday, December 27th, 1944, William P. Brill, aged 83 years, husband of Bertha M. Wilson and father of Andrew, Clarence, New York, Mrs. George E. Brydges (Vida) and Earl, of Toronto, and Wilma at home.

McEACHERN - Suddenly at his late residence, R.C. No. 1, Acton on Thursday, January 4th, 1945, Hon. and Mrs. Annie McEACHERN, wife of the late Annie McEACHERN, in his 81st year. Resting at the Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home, Acton for service on Saturday at 2 o'clock. Interment at Coningsby Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

CLARRIDGE - In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, who passed away January 4th, 1944. Gone from us but leaving memories that can never fade away. Memories that will always linger while upon this earth we stay. Sadly missed by Mary, Stan, Don and Joan.

CARDS OF THANKS

J. D. Brown and Adabel wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the kindness and help given them during a very trying situation. Mrs. Robert O'Hara would like to thank all her many friends who sent letters, cards, flowers and books and for all kind enquiries made during her illness in the hospital.

Mrs. Geo. A. Smethurst wishes to thank her many relatives, friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness, cards and messages of sympathy tendered during the recent death of her husband, Gunner G. Smethurst, killed in action December 16th, 1944.

Mrs. J. M. Ware and family wish to express their appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and confidence extended by friends and neighbors during the recent illness and death of their beloved husband and father.

This and that

Schools opened Wednesday after the Christmas holiday.

Writing in 1945 won't come natural for a few weeks yet.

The days are beginning to lengthen - not quite as fast as the icicles though.

Tuesdays seem to be the days of the week for the big storms and the traffic tie-up.

Highway travel is a bit precarious. It requires only a little bit more snow to tie up traffic each time.

Perhaps you can recall too, when calendars were so plentiful that it was often difficult to find wall space for them all. That wasn't in 1944 or 1945.

The Keith Waddell Rodon, Troupe turned over \$26.30 to the War Service League as a result of the box social held under the auspices of this group.

Pte Herb Woods cabled for a lovely bouquet of chrysanthemums from overseas which were delivered to his mother Mrs. Geo. Woods on Christmas Day.

Roy Arnott reported seeing a screech owl in a tree on Church Street on December 27th. This bird is rarely seen in these parts during the winter months.

The Jersey cow, Royalist Miss Ringleader, 96486, owned by Gerald R. Graham, Georgetown, Ontario, has completed a 7 year old record of 14,966 lbs. of milk and 856 lbs. of fat in 365 days with an average test of 3.71%.

At an executive meeting of the Halton Liberal Association in Milton last Thursday evening, it was decided to hold the county convention on January 22nd. It was also decided to invite Hon. J. L. Halsey, Minister of Finance as the guest speaker for this meeting.

Obituary

JOHN MASON WAITE

The death of John Mason Waite occurred after a short illness in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton on Sunday, December 24th, 1944.

The late Mr. Waite moved to Canada from Yorkshire, England, in 1906. Settling in the Milton district and in 1910 took up residence in the Campbellville area, where he engaged in carpentering and contracting. Surviving are his wife, Annie (Hall) Waite, two sons, Thomas of Acton, Bert of Campbellville and Marlon (Mrs. E. W. Bayley), of Lambton Mills and four grandchildren, brothers Albert of Rockwood, George of Toronto, and three other brothers and two sisters in England.

MRS. WILLIAM WIECK

A lengthy illness terminated the life of Mrs. William Wieck (nee Elizabeth Cook), 53 Ontario St. S. Kitchener, at her residence. She was 73 years old.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cook, she was born September 26th, 1869, near Georgetown. She was a member of Trinity United Church and the Ladies Aid Society of that church. She also belonged to the Ladies Chapter of the Moose Lodge.

Surviving are her husband, William Wieck, whom she married, Feb. 26, 1889, in Georgetown; two sons, Frank of Kitchener and Lorne of Acton; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Williams of Kitchener; one brother, George Cook of London, Ont., and two sisters, Mrs. W. G. Britton and Mrs. A. E. Betts of Kitchener. One daughter, Gladys, died in 1916 and two sons in infancy. There are four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the residence on Friday at 2 o'clock with interment in Mount Hope Cemetery. Rev. E. O. Seymour, pastor of the Church officiated.

Overseas Mail

Letters from the Local Boys Serving in the Cause of Freedom

RCAC Overseas

To All Concerned: I would like to express my appreciation to the War Service League for the very nice parcel I received on mail parade to-day.

I can honestly say, that the contents of your parcel are all that a fellow could wish for in the way of necessities.

Thanking you all once again and wishing you the very best for the Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely, Leslie Duhay.

H.M.C.S. Unganda

To the Editor:

Dear Sir: Have just received a copy of The Free Press from home and was very delighted to read it as it seems months since I have seen a Canadian paper. Am stationed on an all Canadian cruiser. There are a couple of boys from our neighboring towns aboard her. Jack Lovelock a supply assistant from Guelph and Chief Petty Officer John Emerson.

The copy of October 26 also contained snaps of the five Morghin brothers, one of whom was stationed aboard the Unganda, nephew of the Acton pastor. Was stationed about one month in Charleston, S. C. before proceeding overseas. We are fairly well crowded here and sleep when we get the chance in hammocks slung to the bulkheads over our mess tables.

Was interested to read "Cookies" letter as I attended the Continuation School with him back in 1931.

On Sunday afternoon we generally get a rebroadcast of National League Hockey games. It makes you feel like being back in Maple Leaf Gardens.

Spent a week's leave in London which was very interesting. There is a great deal of damage, although the most picturesque places remain unscathed. Saw a lovely old church from one side looked untouched and the other side was blown completely off. One hundred and sixty souls were killed by one robot bomb. The people where I spent my leave had fifty-eight panes broken in their house during July. The first night I spent they four robots fell within two miles.

Have been from one end of England to the other and hope to see Bonnie Scotland now.

These people show the strains of war after going into the sixth year, but are cheerier - the last wonderfully as they all look to their able leader.

Must close now, wishing all the readers the best of Season's wishes and good luck for the New Year.

Yours most sincerely, Bob Allan.

CENTENARIAN TWINS

NEW GLASGOW, N.S. (CP) - The twin MacKinnon brothers, Daniel and Neil, have just celebrated their 100th birthday. Daniel lives at near-by Thornburn and Neil resides at Forest Hill, P. E. I.



THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN

My Home Magazine

Hello Homemakers! Once more the holiday season has gone the way of all good things and if you feel as we do, "you'll feel like one who treads alone, some banquet hall deserted; whose lights are fled; whose garlands dead and all but he departed." How else could one feel after the mappies are off to school and the house looks as if a tornado had struck it. But it's been fun to have so many doing dishes and things that had to be finished, and the table has been set as soon as it was cleared away for a week.

Food is the last thing I wish to speak of to-day. Surely it can't be that there are tidbits that we can't decide what to do with. Leftovers are problems in most households and until one can master the knack of using them we haven't proven ourselves good cooks.

There are endless possibilities of using every bit of the carcass of the fowl. After you've scraped off the bones, they go into the soup pot. With the addition of a little onion, seasoning and rice, they make a delicious hot broth. The meat goes into a casserole dish along with diced celery, and an egg sauce topped with crumbs and grated cheese.

Mashed potatoes, seasoned with salt, pepper, a whiff of sage and combined with a beaten egg may be fashioned into little sausages, rolled in crumbled corn flakes and heated in the electric oven until piping hot. Diced turnips make a tasty salad when mixed in clear gelatine using a little lemon juice for zest.

Slices of stale sponge cake may line a serving dish and a good boiled custard poured over them, the dessert is ready to be decorated with a spoonful of jam. Left over fruit served over flavored blanc mange.

Carrot Potato Cakes

1 cup cooked carrots, 1 cup of cooked potato, 2 tbsps. dripping, 4 tbsps. flour, 2 cups milk, salt and pepper, 4 egg yolks, 1 tsp. of minced onion, 4 egg whites. Press the carrots and potatoes through a coarse sieve. Make a sauce of the fat, flour and milk. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in the egg yolks and add the carrot and potato. Cool. Fold in the egg whites, beaten stiff. Mix the mixture in a greased ring mold and place in a pan of hot water. Bake at 350 F. for 1 hour in an electric oven. Unmold on a warm platter and fill centre with creamed eggs.

Dusky Dessert

1 1/2 cups sifted flour, 1/2 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of grated cooking chocolate, 3 tbsps. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 cup cooked prunes cut in pieces, 1 well beaten egg, 1/2 cup of milk, 2 tbsps. melted shortening. Mix and sift dry ingredients and combine with the prunes, well beaten eggs, milk and melted shortening. Pour into well greased pudding mold and steam 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Unmold and if you wish, garnish with cooked prunes stuffed with peanuts and maraschino cherries. Serve hot with chocolate sauce.

Grape Tapioca

2 cups water, 1/2 cup quick cooking tapioca, 1 medium sized jar grape jelly. Mix water and jelly and boil until jelly is dissolved then slowly add tapioca. Cook until clear. Serve chilled with cream or boiled custard.

Apple Cracker Pudding

1 cup Graham cracker crumbs, 4 medium sized apples of good flavor, 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 1/2 cup brown sugar, juice of lemon (one), grated rind of 1/2 lemon, 1/2 cup water. Pare and slice the apples and combine with rest of ingredients. Pour into greased baking dish. Bake uncovered in an electric oven 350 F. for 30 minutes or until apples are tender and top is a golden brown. Serve hot with cream.

We've made this pudding with stale oatmeal cookie crumbs and found it good.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 8th, 1925

The roads are badly drifted in many places. The mercury reached its highest point since Christmas on Tuesday at noon when it registered 30 above zero.

A happy gathering of the congregation at 18th Street School of Knox Church was held on New Year's evening, when a banquet was provided.

DEED

FIRSTBROOK - On Tuesday, December 30th, 1924, at his residence, 91 Inglewood Drive, Toronto, William A. Firstbrook.

From All Corners Come Messages to War Service League

Another group of letters and acknowledgement cards have been received by Acton and Vicinity War Service League. If space permitted we know you would like to read them all. A glimpse here and there is all we can give. Many of the messages were in Christmas cards from all corners of the world on land and on the sea. All had one similarity, appreciation for the work of the War Service League.

The following airgraph letter was received from L/Sgt. H. Guthrie:

"Your Christmas parcel has just arrived and I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for it and all the 'bits' sent throughout the year. They bring a breath of cheer to this rain-soaked country-side. Am hoping we will all be home soon to thank you in person.

From Holland Cpl A. Gamble tells us:

"At last here I am. I have been going to write you this letter for the past week but between one thing and another, I never got around to it. I have received two lots of rigs from the Service League, for which I am very grateful. A million thanks to you all. They sure are appreciated, as there is nothing like a smoke from home. I don't know what we would do if it weren't for the people back home sending us smokes and comforts. It certainly means a lot to us.

The weather is really miserable. It rains, blows every day and there is lots of mud, but the people are very friendly, glad to see and do things for us. At present we are using a farmer's hay mow for our sleeping quarters and it is real comfortable and warm and above all dry. The farmer is a young married man with four of a family. He lets us use his back kitchen to sit in at nights before retiring. He puts a fire on in the fire place for us and sometimes we even have music and sing all the old songs. The farmer's wife dries our clothes after we wash them (she would even wash them) irons them, and darns our socks.

I received two issues of the Free Press last week in which was all about the Fall Fair and all the news. It sure was good to read the old home town news again. I guess there are quite a few changes I see. The 'Y' is opening up for the winter, wish I could be there to join and the council news where they are planning on a sewage system. Good thing! Lots of dances being put on too. I was at a dance the other night put on by civilian nurses, but didn't dance as I had my gum rubbers on as you need them for the mud.

Well, I can't think of anything more to say, so will close and thank again for everything. Wish you all the success in the world.

Hector Lambert writes:

"Just received your very lovely parcel and I want to convey my thanks to you. It arrived in excellent condition and I must say whoever packed the parcel made a very thorough job of it.

The boys in my hut were quite envious of me and crowded around while I opened it. We live just like one happy family and share all our parcels, so the boys here also say thank you.

Well, I must sign off now and again I say you don't know how much it means to us to find our name on the parcel list, till you've watched it with your own eyes and seen our faces light up.

The following card was received from Pte. C. H. Price in Holland:

"Dit klein geschenken, Zal u zeggen: ik dankt u." Translated this means: "This small token tells you that I think of you."

LAC Frank VanWyck writes from Holland:

"Please accept my most sincere thanks for your Christmas parcel which arrived yesterday. Our rations are good but there is practically no variety, so you can well imagine the most welcome change that is made when we receive parcels from home.

Your cigarettes are still coming through regularly as they have ever since I left Canada and no matter how I try I will never be able to thank you enough for them. You people at home have certainly done a grand job and we, who are overseas appreciate it beyond measure.

I hope to be home soon and I'm looking forward to the opportunity of thanking you personally for everything you have done for me. In the meantime may you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cards and letters were also received from: Pte. E. Patrick, Pte. A. E. Massey, Sgt. J. VanGosen, Johnny Moore, R. M. Easton, Len Roche, J. H. Wood, Sgt. J. E. Eberly, Jim McCarachie, D. B. K. Malton, Pte. E. G. Wilson, Sgt. D. Appleby, Frank Toth, Pte. J. D. Appleby, Sgt. H. Bignin, Pte. H. C. Purdy, Busman N. Gibson, Pte. J. D. Graham, Frank Kelly, Sgt. E. Baynton, Cpl. J. D. Young, Pte. W. Buchanan, LAC Bruce Parker, Gnr. G. A. Smithurst, Pte. A. J. P. Wain, Sgt. W. H. Barber, Sgt. M. Buck, Rfn. Bob Loutitt, Piper R. McVey, Pte. H. C. Price, Pte. A. J. T. Wain, Legation Seaman H. V. Dron, Pte. I. F. Bragg, F. L. Tournier, O. Mulder.

THIS WEEK

By H. L. JONES

Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP) - Premier Drew broadcast a pre-New Year message to the people of Ontario during the week, declaring that confidence in the future was Canada's main need as 1945 dawned.

He spoke of frozen prices, frozen wages and frozen rents and said "this must never become a land of frozen opportunity."

"If we create a rigid society in which honest ambition may not move then Canada will cease to be young. That need never happen. The simple truth is that Canada offers greater opportunities for all its people than any other nation in the world. Our day is tomorrow."

He warned against over-confidence and said the first concern of every one for the months to come should be the all-out prosecution of the war. As to the prospects after victory, the premier said that was the question everyone was asking and the answer was to be found only in the future of Canada itself. There would be difficulties as there always has been and always would be. But what Canadians needed was a good healthy dose of confidence in their future based on a clear appreciation of their opportunities.

"Every government, every municipal body, every group and every association and even individual should be thinking new ways of employing the great resources which God has placed in our hands."

Junior farmers and agricultural representatives from 15 eastern Ontario counties attended a conference of junior farmers at the agricultural school at Kempsville, Ont., during the week. They heard Dr. G. E. Heaman of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph lead a discussion on education, stressing the need for a type of education which would emphasize the benefits of rural living.

Discussion among junior farmers stressed the need for a curriculum which would give rural pupils a proper grounding in agricultural subjects. Among recommendations adopted was one calling for greater agricultural teaching at normal schools.

Watson H. Porter of London urged necessity of world free trade after the war to permit absorption of Canada's agricultural surplus.

The matter of religious education in the schools came up before the annual meeting of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation at Toronto during the week, but the teachers declined to take a stand. Only a minority of delegates were present when the matter of the recent introduction of religious education in Ontario schools was discussed.

The convention did, however, express approval of provincial plans for increased teaching security and compensation for better school equipment and accommodation along with larger grants. It was urged that state scholarships be extended to include technical and commercial students.

A report on provincial education department policy expressed congratulations to Premier Drew in his capacity of Minister of Education "for his many forceful statements on the importance and for his promises to reorganize obsolete features."

Certified Seed Potato Packages

In accordance with regulations it is now possible for an approved potato seed firm to obtain a permit from the Chief Plant Protection Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, to repack certified seed potatoes from the original containers, into packages of 10, 15, or 25 pound lots, provided that the firm attaches to each package a tag or label on which are stated: 1. The name of the seed firm, 2. The name of the variety, the grade, and certificate number of the potatoes. The tags must be printed strictly in accordance with the wording outlined, and care must be taken in recording the correct field inspection certificate number.

An "approved seed firm" means a firm whose chief business is selling of seed, either wholesale or retail, and does not sell or have on its premises any potatoes that have not been certified as seed potatoes. Application forms for a permit may be obtained from the Chief Plant Protection Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, or from the District Seed Potato Inspector in Charge in each province.

NO EAR

"How come you didn't turn out?" demanded Lt. Sergeant. "Didn't you hear the bugle blow reveille?" "Honest, Sergeant, I'm afraid I'm going to be a stopper's soldier. I don't know one tune from another."

KEEP THE BOYS HAPPY

LONDON (CP) - Police here have formed a boys' club for the promotion of sports and musical education - and incidentally to keep the youngsters out of mischief. They purchased \$2,000 worth of instruments, tools and equipment and now have 100 boys in a band.

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