

Personals

Pte. Stan McHugh was home over the week-end.

Miss Ella Dille visited in Toronto during the week.

Mr. George Jiggins of Aurora was home from Trenton last week.

Flight-Lieut. Joe Hurst was home from Trenton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian MacDonald are visiting relatives at Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dilla, David and James spent New Year's in Toronto.

Mrs. Irene Michel spent the holiday season with her parents in Perry Sound.

Mr. Geo. Murray was home from Toronto for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Fosbury and family spent New Year's Day at Mount Forest.

Mr. Grant Kalafleach spent the holiday season with his parents and friends at Milverton.

Set and Mrs. R. W. Piff and Jimmy spent the holiday season with the former's parents in Mount Forest.

Mrs. R. E. McKinney and son Jimmie, of Toronto, spent a few days with Mrs. Geo. Murray recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ramsden, Billie and Cheryl of Buffalo spent Christmas week at Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason's.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilda, Douglas and Carolyn of Vineland spent Christmas holidays with his parents in Acton.

C. P. O. and Mrs. George Switzer are spending a few days of the New Year's leave at his home here. He leaves for the east coast in a few days.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly for the week-end and New Year's were Mrs. F. Hauck, St. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hauck, Sharon, Ronnie and Garry of Guelph; Pte. Henry Kelly of Simcoe, Miss Sadie Buck of Campbellville and Martin and Leo McCristall of Acton.

Sympathy of many friends here goes to Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Fosbury in the death of his sister, Mrs. Oscar Lewis of Concession 6, Egremont Township, near Mount Forest. Mrs. Lewis died December 24th after only a few days illness. The funeral was held on Tuesday, December 26th.

OAKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Leaver, Birch Ave., have received word that their son, Craftsman Harold Leaver, 21, was seriously wounded on November 26th.

Flight Lieutenant Nelson Perdue, 25, RCAF, is reported missing during offensive operations, according to official word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Perdue, on Wednesday.

Highlighted by Santa's arrival, the Community Christmas Party for the children of servicemen and veterans, held in the Gregory Theatre, Friday afternoon, kept the capacity audience of kiddies enthralled.—Record-Star

BURLINGTON

Work is in progress at the local arena in making ice, and already a good start has been made towards a sheet of ice that will soon make skating available.

Wm. Taylor, Pearl Street, reports that several Cardinals have been seen in the district during the past few days, which is rather unusual for this time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simmons quietly celebrated the fifty-seventh anniversary of their wedding at their home, Pearl Street, on Thursday last. Mr. Simmons, who is 85, and his wife, 86, are enjoying fair health, for their years.

One of the biggest business and real estate deals ever to be transacted in Burlington has been announced by the owner of the "Hume" Theatre Block. This property comprising the modern air-conditioned theatre and all equipment together with restaurant building and two apartments, have been sold to outside interests.

Tragedy cast gloom over the home of Airman and Mrs. David Harrison, Dunsmuir road, Hamilton, forty-eight hours before Christmas, when David Phillip, 4 years old and his two year old sister, Madeline, Nancy died within half an hour of each other in the Hamilton General Hospital early Sunday morning, as the result of severe burns to the face, arms and legs and shock. The fire occurred in a small wartime dwelling, and is alleged to have originated from a Christmas tree. Gazette.

PLAN ROAD NETWORK FOR COUNTY DUBLIN

DUBLIN (CP)—A \$5,000,000 (\$22,500,000) road network scheme for County Dublin has been prepared and will be submitted to the Eire government for approval in the New Year. The post-war proposals are designed to accommodate estimated traffic volume for 50 years from now, nine times more than in 1928.

The roads, on which different types of traffic will be segregated will be engineered for speeds of 70 miles an hour on the level, 60 in rolling country and 50 in mountainous areas.

Church News

United Church of Canada
Acton, Ontario
"The Friendly Church"
REV. A. WALTER FOSBURY,
P.A., M.D., Minister
Parsonage—Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1945
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Sermon "A Promise For the New Year"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
12:15 p.m. Church School.
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
First Service of Week of Prayer.
Sermon "Our Father Who Art in Heaven"
Week of Prayer Services Monday to Friday at 8 p.m. Services in the United Church Tuesday and Friday.
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Everybody Welcome

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. FORBES THOMSON, B.A., B.D., Minister
Manse—Willow Street

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1945
11:00 a.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
3:00 p.m.—The Sunday School and Junior Bible Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship "The Manner of Christ's Second Coming"
Thurs., Jan. 4th, 8 p.m.—Preparatory Service.
Thurs., Jan. 11th, 8 p.m.—Week of Prayer Service.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Baptist Church
ACTON
REV. W. H. WALLACE
Pastor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1945
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Subject "What We Hope For"
12:15 p.m. Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Evening Service. Subject "Teach Us To Pray"

Church of St. Alban the Martyr

Jan. 6 The Feast of the Epiphany
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
The Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
7:00 p.m. Choral Evensong and Sermon Beginning the Special Week of Prayer. Subject: "Our Father who art in Heaven"

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Matinee at 3
"SEVEN DAYS ASHORE"
Wally Brown, Gordon Oliver
"JUNGLE WOMAN"
Evelyn Ankers, Milburn Stone
"Fox News"
MONDAY AND TUESDAY
January 8th and 9th
Special Matinee Monday at 1:15
Going My Way
Bing Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald, Rita Stevens
Cartoon "Nifty To Be Thrifty"

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially For
The Acton Free Press by
OWEN DOLINE P. CLARKE

Well now, have you got all those "Thank you" letters written, the tree and all the Christmas decorations taken down and your New Year resolutions made? If you have then you have done better than I, but then it is only New Year's eve with me so I have hardly had a chance yet.

But I have been thinking about the new year and how best we can make use of it. Don't you think we often let these winter months slip by without making as much use of them as we might? May and June, with all the work that early spring brings, are right with us before we can turn around, and it sometimes finds us with jobs that could very easily have been done on cold winter days. What about the housecleaning and aprons, those school dresses for the kiddies, and the light-weight underwear that maybe we didn't have time to mend before it was put away. It is a great time too, for housecleaning drawers, cupboards and closets, isn't it? And of course, some of you will do just as I do put things away so carefully you never find them again. And then there are letters to write, and maybe there are friends we have neglected. The new year is a grand time to check up on our sins of omission, and perhaps clear up a few misunderstandings. There are times when the best of us give or take offence when no offence was ever intended. I had an instance of this just recently. A few months ago when I was in Toronto I phoned a friend with whom I corresponded not frequently, but enough to keep us in touch with one another. She answered my phone call that day and her voice just about froze me. "Well, I thought, 'So that's that.' But at Christmas time I got a letter from my friend and it had a bad way for months nervous breakdown. I imagine, and she said "It is taking me quite a while to gather up the broken threads especially those of friendship, will you write and let us renew our friendship even if we cannot see each other very often."

That letter has already been answered but had my friend not written how easily we could have drifted further and still further apart.

Life is too short for misunderstandings, too fleeting for us to bear a grudge for fancied wrongs. In our friendships, in our family circle, and in our social life, couldn't we learn to be a little more tolerant? We cannot all think alike—it would be a little world if we did but we can at least recognize the other person's right to differ from us without getting peeved about it. So, in this new year, wouldn't it be a good idea to think, not so much about what it may hold in store for us, but rather of what we have in store for it. The former is beyond our control; the latter is something else again.

Incidentally we might learn to accept present conditions with a good grace. Do you know I heard of one person who sent an order to a mail-order house for over one hundred dollars' worth of goods. The order when filled amounted to a little over seven-hundred.

It might also be a good idea to take a little more interest in what our particular local council is doing. Parson and I got quite a shock last month when our tax bill came in. We knew the county rate was down, also the general rate, so we naturally expected to see a reduction in the tax bill as a whole. But no our taxes were up only a dollar, it's true, but that dollar was in the wrong direction. Taking the tax bill item by item we found the town's rate was responsible for the increase. It was up two mills from last year. We shall be taking quite an interval in town's expenditure during the current year. If taxes are increased and there's something to show for it, that's quite all right. But if they take a jump and we don't know why, haven't we as taxpayers the right to ask a few questions?

Canadian in Action
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Weekly War Commentary

By MICHAEL O'MARA
Canadian Press Staff Writer

As the great battle on the Western front grew in momentum at the week-end, with Gen. Eisenhower's men whittling away at the salient forged by Field Marshal van Rundstedt's thrust one fact emerged from the smoke of still-doubtful battle.

In the closing week of 1944, in winter which a year ago would have made air support for land forces almost impossible, Allied bombers, based in Britain and on the continent of Europe, had mounted the greatest attack in history.

On one day the Allied air forces flew about 7,000 sorties. Some 30,000 men, the equivalent of three divisions, were aloft, concentrating their attacks in or behind the battle area. The Luftwaffe was at last compelled to come into the open, and of 700 aircraft sighted, 130 were shot down.

The Battle of Berlin, begun in November, 1943, was continued without respite until the end of March, 1944. The equivalent of 20 working days for every one of Berlin's 900,000 industrial workers was lost during the campaign.

Second Battle of Ruhr
From July to September, 1944, 44,000 tons were dropped on communication centres and industrial areas in the Reich. In October, the second battle of the Ruhr began. The battle front now was only 40 miles away, and the Ruhr served as a great advance base, especially valuable because of its intricate transport system.

United States 1st and 3rd Armies at the week-end had pushed the Germans back 13 miles at the western end of their thrust into Belgium and narrowed the enemy's corridor to 13 miles. Indications were that Field Marshal van Rundstedt's forces were preparing for a defensive stand on the lines of their salient, and front line dispatches referred to the bulge as a retreat corridor.

Time Table Upset
The German offensive has succeeded in dislocating the Allied time table in Western Europe, and has created a salient threatening to Allied offensive plans. At the same time, von Rundstedt has a problem of his own. If he cannot resume the offensive he must withdraw his forces before they are pocketed by the American armies.

The German drive has been a sharp blow to optimistic hopes for a swift closure on the German homeland. Even so Mr. Churchill in a New Year's message expressed a cautious hope that Germany will be finally defeated in 1945. He told the Primrose League that "before many months have passed, the evil gang that has long dominated the unhappy continent will be wiped out."

The visit of Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to Athens has resulted in the acceptance of a regency by King George of Greece. An all-party conference in Athens unanimously consented to a regency and when the British statesmen returned to London the king yielded his powers. Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens will become regent immediately.

For the first time in all his wartime travels, Mr. Churchill was fired upon in an assassination attempt as he stood on the steps of the British Embassy in Athens. The Prime Minister was unharmed, but a woman nearby was shot down.

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