

Personals

Mr. George Murray was home from Toronto.

Mr. Gerard Karley was in town during the week-end.

Mr. Jas. Mackie was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Emma Robinson of Mount Forest is visiting Acton friends.

Pte. Victor Patrick, of Camp Borden, was home for the week-end.

Miss Margaret Macdonald was home from Toronto for the week-end.

Sergt. Jack Dunn, of Hamilton, spent the week-end at his home here.

Corp. G. W. McKenzie was home from Camp Borden for the week-end.

Leut. Gordon Beatty is spending a few days' furlough at his home here.

L. Corp. Cecil Gibbons, of Camp Borden, spent the week-end with his family.

Miss Helen McEburn of Women's College Hospital, Toronto, spent the week-end at her home.

Miss Marie Clayton, nurse-in-training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, was home for the week-end.

Miss Hazel Wilson has accepted a position in the Sarnia General Hospital as supervisor of the surgical department.

O. S. David Dills of S. B. Donnacoma Montreal, and Wren Frances Dills of H. M. C. S. Carlton, Ottawa, were home for the week-end.

Miss Margaret Brown attended the Dental Nurses' Supper Meeting in Kitchener last week and spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beatty were in Brockville on Saturday attending the graduation exercises at the officers' training school, when their son Cadet Gordon Beatty was one of the graduates from the Canadian Officers' Training Centre there.

Graft Apple Trees For Quick Fruiting

The established method of grafting young and mature apple trees is known as "topworking". It consists of cutting back the scaffold branches severally, often to within a few inches of the tree trunk and inserting scions of the desired top-variety in the cut ends of these branches or "hubs". In recent years, a new idea of grafting utilizes almost all of the top of the tree, only small lateral, spurs and undesirable branches being removed. This is known as "frameworking", for practically the entire framework of the tree is used to hold the scions. In contrast to "topworking" methods, "frameworking" takes more time per tree, but allows the converted tree to return to profitable bearing within two or three years, and the tree itself has been found to suffer far less shock than when the top has been cut back severely.

Framework grafting experiments have been underway at the Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville, N.S., since 1942, says Dr. R. J. Hilton, and these trials have already demonstrated the value of "frameworking" for bringing the grafted tree back to profitable fruiting in the third season after grafting.

In one of the experiments, approximately 500 Crimson Gravenstein scions per tree were inserted at 16 inches apart in several 30 year old Stark trees, in May, 1942. From these trees, a crop of slightly more than four barrels per tree of fine quality fruit was harvested in September, 1944. Stark trees of the same age that were "topworked" in 1942 have borne no fruit, nor will they have sufficient bearing surface for a profitable crop for some time to come. Each of the "frameworked" trees took about 12 man-hours to graft, whereas a "topworked" tree could be done in a little less than 14 hours.

Several framework grafting methods have been used in comparative trials at Kentville, but any method that assures a close, firm contact between the cambial tissue of stock and scion will prove satisfactory. Scions may readily be placed in the stock of a cut-off spur or lateral, or they may be wedged into a clean cut into the side of any lateral or scaffold branch. When the bark is "slipping" in late spring, scions may be forced in between bark and wood of the stock, and tacked into place. At Kentville the average scion-take was over 95 per cent, a hot or "brush" wax having been carefully used to seal each graft union and all major wounds.

After-care consists chiefly of pulling out all sucker growths from the stock tree two or three times during the first season's growth of scions. Some thinning and heading back of scion shoots may be done at pruning time, but heavy cutting should be avoided.

FIRE RECORD BROKEN

HONEYWOOD, Ont. (CP)—Burning of the United Church manse in this Mulmur township village broke a record of more than 80 years standing. It was the first time a house had been destroyed by fire in this centre since its founding almost a century ago.

Church News

Method Church of Canada
 "The Friendly Church"
 REV. A. WALTERS, PASTOR
 1141 B. B. Highway
 Parsonage—Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
 Sermon, "The Fifth Commandment."
 Election of Church Officers.
 12:15 p.m. Church School.
 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.
 Sermon, "Christ's Severity Toward Respectable Sin."
 Wednesday, Jan. 21st, 8 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the Congregation.
 "O Come, let us Worship and Bow Down"

Presbyterian Church in Canada
 KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
 REV. FREDERICK THOMPSON, M.A., M.D.
 Minister
 Manse—Willow Street

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1945
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 3:00 p.m.—The Sunday School and Bible Class.
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
 The Students of Knox College Quarters will conduct both the morning and evening services of praise.
 Thursday, Jan. 19, 8:30 p.m.—The Adult Bible Class.
 "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Baptist Church ACTON
 REV. W. H. WALLACE
 Pastor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1945
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject "Book of Revelation."
 12:15 p.m.—Sunday School.
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Subject "Behold He Cometh."

Church of St. Alban the Martyr

January 21st
 The Third Sunday after Epiphany
 10:00 a.m.—Church School
 11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and sermon.
 7:00 p.m.—Choral Evensong and sermon.
 January 25th—Consecration of Saint Paul.
 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

HAILEYBURY (CP)—First of its type in the province, a school for municipal officials has been successfully concluded here. In attendance were about 40 representatives from 22 municipalities, including clerks, treasurers, assessors, tax collectors and some Reeves and mayors. Courses were given covering each official's duties and related subjects.

GRATITUDE

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 "IN SOCIETY"
 Abbott & Costello
 Western "Oklahoma Outlaws"
 Canada Carries On "Fighting Sea Fleas"
 Cartoon, "Wreck of the Heperus"
 Chapter 9 "Great Alaskan Mystery"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
 Matinee at 3
 "IN THE MEANTIME DARLING"
 Jean Crain, F. Latimore
 "NATIONAL BARN DANCE"
 Jean Heather, James Brown
 "Fox News"

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
 "ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN"
 Co-starring Fredric March, Alexis Smith.
 Band, "South American Sway"

ERIN

The fire alarm recently purchased by the Village Council has been installed at the front of the Town Hall.

Township councils have been considering placing a bounty on red foxes which, in the opinion of many farmers and hunters are becoming too plentiful in these parts.

Four airmen from Malton are none the worse from a parachute leap from an Anson aircraft Saturday night, and subsequent landing in the bitter cold around Grangeville.

Council met pursuant to the Ontario Municipal Act, on January 18th, at 11 a.m., when the following members of council subscribed to the declaration of office: Roy, Ferguson, Hoese; E. Tweter; G. Corbett, C. Justice and H. A. Greer, Councilors—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

A Toronto glove manufacturing firm is considering locating in Georgetown in the immediate future if suitable premises can be found.

Mr. A. E. Chalkey has been hired by the Public School Board as caretaker for Georgetown Public School and commenced his new duties last week.

Hydro Superintendent G. W. McCallum is recuperating in the Toronto General Hospital from a minor operation, and expects to be home from hospital in another week.

A third Georgetown home was saddened in as many weeks when the news was received on Monday that Pte. John William Hemphill had died of wounds in Italy.

The death of William James Ross occurred at his home on Albert Street on Monday, January 1st. Mr. Ross had been in failing health for several years. He was in his 88th year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, residents of Georgetown for the past ten years, and well-known throughout Peel and Halton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, January 2nd.

The death occurred at her son's home in Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, January 4th, of Mrs. Helen Dickie, widow of the late Rev. Henry Dickie, M.A., D.D.—Herald.

Netherlands Scouts Are Back In Action

Germans Attempted to Abolish Movement During Occupation

By MAURICE DESJARDINS
 BREDA (CP)—Boy Scouts of this town lost no time in resuming their good work after liberation. When Polish troops of the 1st Canadian Army entered Breda last month, the scouts donned their uniforms again and helped direct traffic.

The Scout movement had been outlawed during the German occupation and their headquarters were occupied by the Netherlands version of the Hitler youth movement.

Before the war the movement thrived. There were about 30,000 scouts in the country, half Roman Catholic and half Protestant. They served notably during the short-lived battle against the Germans in 1940, especially when Rotterdam was battered by German planes. The scouts acted as couriers for Netherlands forces and travelling by bicycle brought news to isolated towns.

Rev. J. V. Besouw, the local scout head, said that the Germans threw all the scoutmasters into concentration camps for several weeks in 1941 when the enemy decided to abolish the movement. In Breda, Father Besouw said, the Germans confiscated everything they could find at scout headquarters and burned religious pictures.

But the scouts "went underground," meeting in cellars and using an abandoned factory. Father Besouw also took them into the nearby woods on hikes. On one of these hikes they were caught by a Netherlands policeman who heard them blow their whistles.

"We were scared for a minute," the priest said, "but the policeman turned out to be a scoutmaster himself and he subsequently rendered us valuable services."

Now, many of the 1939 boy scouts have grown up and have been deported by the Germans as slave workers. Enough remain, however, to form the nucleus of a strong group. The problem of obtaining uniforms is acute but Prince Bernhard, royal scout commissioner in Holland, promised to look into the matter.

URGES HIGHER WAGES FOR AFRICAN NATIVES

PRETORIA (CP)—Major E. W. Hunt, president of the Transvaal Agricultural Union, speaking at the annual conference said that farmers realized that higher native wages must be paid to compete with the labor demand in other industries. Consumers would consequently have to pay more for farm products.

At a special meeting of the union to discuss Native farm labor, the minister of native affairs, Major Piet van der Byl, said there was such a shortage of labor in South Africa that he opposed to anything that savored of labor exportation. The native, like other people, had the right to sell his labor in the best market.

THIS WEEK

By H. L. JONES
 Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—The Ontario Progressive Association held its annual meeting at Toronto during the week and Esard Premier Drew warned against what he termed "a well-defined movement to centralize legislative authority at Ottawa by a steady process of infiltration which will give the province no choice but to abandon their rights."

Mr. Drew mentioned the wartime action of the provinces in giving up some of their most important taxing powers and other authority to the Dominion for the duration. When the war was over the Dominion would lose any legal right to retain these powers.

"They have built up an enormous bureaucracy, part of which is necessary and part of which is unnecessary, which will fall apart when the war ends unless there is agreement in advance as to the way that combined legislative powers of the Dominion and provincial governments are to be used for the period of reconstruction and rehabilitation," Mr. Drew said.

The meeting endorsed a resolution voting confidence in national Progressive Conservative leader John Bracken and in Premier Drew, and called for a strengthening of the "British partnership." Another resolution called for immediate dispatch overseas of all trained N.R.M.A. troops as reinforcements.

Provincial C.C.F. leader E. H. Joffe had an answer for any criticism of the C.C.F. for entering the Gray North by-election. In a broadcast address during the week he discussed the forthcoming poll, the entry of Air Vice-Marshal Earl Godfrey as C.C.F. candidate to oppose Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, defence minister, and Garfield Case, Progressive Conservative.

"If we thought there was the slightest chance of the Tory party saving this country, certainly we'd stay out of by-elections," he said. "Or if we thought there was a hope that the Liberal party of Mackenzie King and Mitchell Hepburn could save this country from disaster after the war, sure we'd stay out of by-elections and probably stay out of general elections too."

The C.C.F. leader added that at the next federal general election "the C.C.F. will enter that election in every province," with the determination to elect a C.C.F. government.

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has submitted to Premier Drew and the Ontario cabinet proposed legislation under which all workers in the province would receive a minimum of \$1,500 a year.

The program also recommends payment of old-age pensions to all persons of 60, that the pension be increased to not less than \$40 a month and that a like pension be paid to the blind. Among other proposals sought by the Congress was one that the provincial government take over all Ontario hospitals at present operating on public subscriptions or municipal grants and operate them as public utilities.

Legislation to extend the franchise to all Ontario citizens more than 18 years of age also was urged. The legislation was to be enacted at the next session of the legislature.

Story of the week came from Hamilton. It was about a Christmas turkey which emerged weak, thin, but alive from burial under 30 inches of snow for a month. The bird belongs to Gordon Berry, Blinbrook farmer, who missed it from his flock December 12, the night of Ontario's big snowstorm. Berry was digging in a snowdrift January 13 and suddenly, out popped the turkey, a bill wobbly, but nonetheless alive. But he might as well have stayed there for now the turkey faces the prospect of being re-fattened for the Easter market.

GREAT SHIP LOSSES

The full figures of shipping losses, due largely or mostly to submarine action, were recently made public. They showed that the United Nations and neutral countries lost over 22,000,000 gross tons of shipping up to the year 1944. The United States lost 753 ships from the start of the war and through last year.

The Nazis lost a terrible plague on the world when they created a great submarine fleet and began their campaign of rampage. They had confidence that their fleet was so strong and its methods so effective, that it could keep the United States from taking any very active part in the war. Allied skill and science has beaten this peril, but it did considerable damage while it lasted, and some ships are still being sunk.

WELFARE SERVICE FREE

REGINA (CP)—Effective January 1st, an estimated 25,000 persons in Saskatchewan are entitled to medical and surgical services, hospitalization and drugs, provided free of charge by the government's department of public welfare.

CHURCH GOING HABIT

It is—sometimes—complained that people do not go to church in the same numbers they used to in the "good old days." A newspaper writer remarks that in those good old days there were not so many things to do nor so many interesting places to go to.

The church has to compete with more activities—than formerly. The time of the people is more taken up with these activities, and the many recreations and pleasures that are offered them. The amount of money raised for church work is probably a good deal more than ever before, which shows that the community values this form of activity very highly. The people who do find time in their busy lives to maintain the church going habit, are well rewarded by the inspiring messages there delivered and the beauty of the service of worship.

DEPARTURE

The ramp had been under quarantine for some time when the guard caught Moser sneaking out one night. "What's the idea?" asked the guard. "You know you are not allowed to leave camp."

"Buddy," he said, "I've got a mean old uncle down below, a grand old mammy up above and a gal in Alabama and I've guine to see 'em down to-night."

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Adams, of Guelph, wish to announce the engagement of their second youngest daughter, Ivy Mildred Dorthens, to WILLIAM CLINSON RITCHIE, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchie, Acton. The marriage to take place in the near future.

BURLINGTON MAN APPOINTED TO POSITION IN BRANTFORD

C. N. Harris of Burlington has been appointed Collector of Customs and Excise for the city of Brantford.

He commenced his duties on 1st of January, 1945. The position was made vacant by the death of the former incumbent in May 1944, Robert J. Lyle.

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