

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge...

BORN

GIBBONS—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Thursday, April 20, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gibbons, Acton, a son.

WOODS—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woods, of Milton, Ont., announce the birth of a daughter, Bonnie Jacqueline, in the Milton Nursing Home, on Thursday, March 29th, 1945.

O'ROURKE—Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Rourke wish to announce the arrival of a baby son on March 30th at the Guelph Street Nursing Home, John James Hugh, a brother for Rosemary. Both well.

MARRIED

FIELDS-ESSON—On March 30th, 1945, Miss Essie Argus, Scotland, was married to L/Cpl. William S. Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fields, while on leave from the fighting front.

DIED

GARDINER—At Dundalk, on Sunday April 1st, 1945, Nellie Anne Kershaw, wife of the late John Gardiner, beloved mother of James K. Gardiner, Acton. In her 87th year.

SANDERSON—Suddenly at his residence, 72 Riverside Gardens, Toronto, on Sunday, April 1st, 1945, Joseph Leonard Sanderson, beloved husband of Mabel Ismond, dear father of Grace, son of the late R. C. Sanderson and Isabelle Short of Grand Valley, Internment Fairview Cemetery Acton, Wednesday afternoon.

IN MEMORIAM

AKITT—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, John W. Akitt, who passed away April 4th, 1943. Away in the Beautiful Hills of God, By the Valley of rest so fair. Some time, some where, we know not when, We will meet our loved one there. Lovingly remembered by His Wife and Family

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mr. A. E. Lightie wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness, cards, and floral tributes extended to them in their recent sad bereavement.

—Schools re-open for the last term on Monday.

—April showers have been very reasonable and plentiful.

—Even the trout fishing season opens early this year. On April 28th.

—The Gerard Karley is now serving overseas, according to word received here.

—Flowers for Easter were called to Mrs. Orrie Lamb by her son Pte. Jamie Lamb who is serving with the Canadian army in Germany.

—Ladies to sew Red Cross articles for the Red Cross Society in Acton are urgently needed. If you can help visit the rooms an afternoon this week.

—While playing in the gymnasium at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday evening, Frankie Spillvogel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spillvogel had the misfortune to fracture his right arm.

—The electrical storm on Wednesday damaged an oil breaker at the Hydro substation in Acton and as a result there will be a power interruption on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. while permanent repairs are being made.

—Mrs. Wm. MacArthur received a bouquet of orchids from her grandson, David Norton, last week on the occasion of her birthday. They were sent air express in four days from Villavieco, Columbia, South America and arrived in excellent condition.

Seeks to Expand Food Consumption

British Farmers Urged to Co-Operate with Dominion and Foreign Countries

NORWICH, England (CP)—British farmers should co-operate closely with farmers in the Dominions and foreign countries to help achieve an expansion of world food consumption as foreseen by the Hot Springs, Va. conference, says Sir Cleveland Fyfe, for 21 years general secretary of the National Farmers' Union.

In an address to a service club he also urged that farmers:

1. Build up marketing machinery and take full advantage of research discoveries and technical developments generally.

2. Co-operate with ancillary trades and industries to obtain every possible economy in cost of production, processing and distribution.

It was difficult to draw up cut-and-dried proposals to stabilize international agriculture while the war continued but "we ought to make a start at once by laying down a policy which will maintain a prosperous agriculture at home and will be susceptible of being fitted into international action for the maintenance of world agricultural stability."

Obituary

O. GARDNELL. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Johnstone & Rumley funeral home in Acton for Orlando (Andy) Gardnell, R.R. 3, Rockwood. Mr. Gardnell died at St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph, in his 71st year, after an illness of but four days. He was a son of the late Nancy Lane and Orlando Gardnell, of Campbellville and the last of his family.

Rev. E. G. Dale, of Barrie (Ill) Church conducted the services. Many persons from Guelph and the surrounding district attended the funeral services. Pallbearers, all friends of the deceased, were Arthur Benton, Harry Brown, Fred Brown, William Ritchie, Charles Evans and A. Lawson.

Interment took place at Limehouse Cemetery.

ALFRED EDWARD LIGHTIE. Alfred Edward Lightie died suddenly, March 28th, at his home, Lot 8, Concession 4, Erin Township. Alfred Edward Lightie was in his 89th year. Born in Northumberland County near Port Hope, Ontario, son of the late John Lightie and Mary Brown, he moved to Erin Township. He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters and one son, Mary (Mrs. Geo. Hardy), Guelph; Mabel (Mrs. William Butler) and John of Acton, also three brothers, Robt. Toronto; Wm. Hamilton and Geo. Orangeville, also one sister, Emma (Mrs. Wm. Hoare of Marsville).

The funeral was held on Saturday from the home at Fairview Cemetery Acton. Rev. Mr. Reese of Erin United Church, of which he was a member, conducted the service. The pallbearers were Messrs. Hugh Reid, Alvin Fisher, Andrew Molozzi, Robt. Warne and E. O. Smith.

Friends were present from Orangeville, Hamilton, Stratford, Guelph, Marsville and Amaranth.

Workmen started on Wednesday morning to clear away the debris from the site of the Globe Hotel, which was destroyed by fire on January 3rd.

The Horton family have about completed arrangements for the erection of a new modern hotel building on the site and work will commence as quickly as possible.

Fire believed to have started in a birds nest built in a chimney under the roof, broke out in the attic of the "McLaren Castle", in Caledon Township, now the property of Mr. Lowe, of Toronto, last Saturday afternoon. It was discovered by workmen who were redecorating the interior of the building, and after a hard fight the flames were brought under control and the old landmark saved. There was considerable damage to the roof and interior of the attic, the value of which has not as yet been estimated.—Advocate

March has gone and has left a remarkable record for fine weather. Many of our farmers are well along with the seeding. This early start is quite acceptable considering the lack of farm help. However, this fine weather spoiled the prospects for maple syrup and the buckets and equipment are being stored away for another year.

The Easter services in the various churches were well attended. We had many Easter visitors in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, of Guelph, and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simpson.

Mr. George Poole of the Workmen's Compensation Board office in Toronto was home for the week-end.

Miss Kay McGillivray, of Hamilton, visited her sister Mrs. Clarence Dredge.

Clarke and Isabel Donaven were home for a few days.

Mrs. Duncan Campbell arrived home after spending the winter in Toronto. Pte. Murray Donaven arrived home from hospital in England on board the hospital ship "Letitia". Murray was wounded while in service in Holland. We are glad that he is quite improved, since reaching home.

The W. M. S. of Sadom Church, met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Allison. The address was given by Rev. C. L. and Thank Offering service he turned the thoughts of the Society to the new life suggested by the Resurrection of our Lord, and also by the coming of the spring.

Mrs. W. A. Eraser and Catharine spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spears of Hamilton.

INSURED IN CAVE-IN. MONTREAL (CP)—Two men suffered serious injuries when a 13-foot ditch on Cote St. Catherine Road caved in and buried them for almost two hours. The men, Paul Emile Dupuis and Gerard Demers, were engaged in an excavating job.

SAINT-JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Arthur Wright sold his house here planning to buy another in Western Canada and send back for his wife. Robbed in Montreal, Wright fainted in police station, fell and cut his head. After several days in hospital he returned here to be arraigned on his wife's charge of non-support.

TRUSSES. Abdominal Trusses and Supports. Expertly Fitted. ALEX STEWART, Ltd. Angus Kennedy, Prop. 32, George's Square Guelph

CLEARING AUCTION SALE. FARM STOCK, HAY, IMPLEMENTS, FURNITURE, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from the Executor of the Estate of the late...

At 10 o'clock, the following: 1 Farrowing Sow, 7 yrs. old; 1 Peterbor' Mare aged...

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Weekly War Commentary. By FRANK HINDS. Canadian Press Staff Writer.

With the western Allies tearing great gaps in Germany's defences through which powerful, speedy armoured columns drove to probe closer and closer to Berlin, and with the Red Army launching a new offensive in the south that threatened Vienna and the relatively weak Austro-Germany frontier, it was freely predicted in several quarters last week that the war would not continue much longer in Europe.

Since the lower reaches of the Rhine were breached in force by British, Canadian and American elements of Field Marshal Montgomery's 21st Army Group the most spectacular Allied gains of the entire war in the west have been coming thick and fast, and even close news blackouts could not obscure their magnitude.

But it was not by mileage gained, impressive though the publishable figures were, but in Germans killed wounded and captured that the climactic offensive had to be assessed.

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HALTON M. P. P. CREATES PRECEDENT ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

A little act of kindness by Mr. S. L. Hall, M.P.P., for Halton had rather interesting consequences. While on his way to a session of parliament, Mr. Hall picked up five members of the Royal Navy in his car. After dropping three of the boys at the Union station and city hall, he invited the remaining two, who were free, to have lunch with him, and afterwards accompany him to the Parliament Buildings. The sailors gladly accepted both invitations, and were introduced to the premier, who had the sergeant-at-arms conduct them all through the buildings. Their appreciation to Mr. Hall suggested to him that other members of the crew might welcome a similar opportunity. Accordingly, a message was despatched the commander of the minesweeper H.M.S. Marmaduke, inviting him and his crew to have lunch with the member and later attend an afternoon session of the House. The commander, Lt. Roche, expressed his regrets on his inability to attend, but sent as representatives of the crew, Petty Officer, James S. Leuchars, Petty Officer Wm. Wright, David H. Halfour, Albert A. Welch, and John K. Oliver.

After the luncheon the members of the crew were conducted to seats next to the speaker on the floor of the House. When parliament had opened, Premier George A. Drew welcomed the nautical visitors and presented them to the Assembly. This was the first time in the history of any province that any legislature had officially welcomed and introduced members of the Royal Navy. Undoubtedly, this will be an interesting incident for the boys to relate when they return to their homeland.

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CAPTURED NAZI LAUGHS AT HITLER. Photo shows a captured Nazi, helped by a piece of black wool, gives a captured Nazi a chance to raise a laugh at the expense of the fuhrer.



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