

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam notices are charged at the rate of 10 cents per line for each additional for poetry. Cards of Thanks 5c.

BORN

HALL—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall are happy to announce the arrival on Friday, July 13th, 1945, of Teddy's baby brother, Robert David (Bobby).

WIECK—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wieck (nee Nellie Young), Bower Ave., Acton, are happy to announce the birth of their son, on Thursday, July 12th, 1945, at the Guelph General Hospital.

DIED

RITCHIE—At his late residence, 42 Manitoba Street, Guelph, on Friday, July 13th, 1945, Albert E. Ritchie, beloved husband of Nora Woolner, and dear father of Wilbert, Buffalo, Roy, Toronto, and Mrs. Stanley Wells (Thora), Hamilton.

IN MEMORIAM

TYLER—In loving memory of our Dad, Edward Tyler, who passed away July 17th, 1936.

We have only a memory, dear father, We cherish our whole life through, But the sweetness will live forever, As we treasure the memory of you.

BEIRNES—In loving memory of my dear brother, Russell Beirnes, who was killed in action July 18th, 1944.

He is gone but not forgotten, And as it dawns another year, Tears in silence often flow, Thoughts of him are always near.

Lovingly remembered by Brother George, Overseas and Sister-in-law Melissa.

SIMPSON—In proud and loving memory of our dear son and brother, H146817 Pte Harold Leslie Simpson, Royal Regt. of Canada, who died of wounds July 15th, 1944, in Normandy, aged 21 years.

Somewhere in France, in a soldier's grave, Lies our dear son, among the brave, He never shunned his country's call, He sacrificed his life, his all.

He died the helpless to defend, A faithful soldier's noble end, Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten by Mother, Dad, Helen and Lorne.

CARD OF THANKS

HAVING returned from overseas safely I wish to take this opportunity to thank one and all who so faithfully looked after me while over there with home comforts and to the Beardmore Company for sending the Free Press to me while there. Again thanks to one and all.

Cpl Geo. F. Inglis

This and that

The walls of the new office at the J. B. Mackenzie Mill are now going up.

The water tank at the Beardmore & Co plant has been repainted and now carries the name in big, bold letters.

Mr. Earl Lambert is erecting a new cement block residence on Brock Avenue.

Excavations have been made for a new residence on Church Street by Mr. Harry McCallough.

The frame work is up for a new house on Main Street south being erected by Mr. Jas. Massey.

The new residence of John Melton has the frame up and the roof on and is now ready for the bricklayers.

There will be no issue of THE FREE PRESS on August 9th while the staff enjoys holidays. The office will be closed on August 4th until August 13th.

Boardman & Co now operate boarding houses at Holly Varden to help in giving shelter to employees of the Company here.

The Free Press office is now closed at 11 o'clock on Saturday mornings. Business office hours are from 8 to 6 each day, Monday to Friday inclusive and 8 to 11 on Saturdays.

At a special meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, L.O.D.E. held at Mrs. Roy Agar's on Tuesday evening, July 17th, it was decided to send a donation of \$500 to the Sick Children's Hospital Fund.

A series of picture cards of Brunswick, Germany, was received this week by the editor from Pte. Wm. Coleman, who is now stationed there. He also sends a picture of the quarters they occupy. We share them in the window at The Free Press this week.

R. A. F. AIR GUNNER RETURNS TO PULPIT

MAIDSTONE, Eng. (CP) F.O. G. C. Chambers of the Royal Air Force plans to return to the pulpit which he left to serve as an air gunner.

Chambers, curate at Christ Church, Southgate, early in the war, joined the R. A. F. as a padre in 1943 and held the rank of squadron leader. He resigned his post and remustered for air crew duties as an aircraftman second class.

He became a mid-upper gunner in the Lancaster and flew more than 150 operational hours in day and night attacks on enemy targets.

Obituary

JOHN F. JOHNSTON John F. Johnston, father of Andy Johnston, Acton, and brother of Mrs. Fred Arcott, Erin, died in his 72nd year. Mr. Johnston, a farmer in Brant Township, was in good health and had been at work all day when death struck him suddenly. Funeral services for him were held Tuesday at his home, following which he was buried in the Walkerton Cemetery.

An active member of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Johnston was married in Walkerton in 1910 and moved with his wife, to their farm in Brant Township. Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Jack, with the Canadian Army overseas, Andy of Acton; Hugh, of Walkerton; and three daughters (Mazie) Mrs. James Ebel, Walkerton; (Madge) Mrs. Doug. Helwig, Southampton; (Isabel) Mrs. Emerson McTeer, Walkerton; also one brother, Bob, of Edmonton, and his sister, Mrs. Fred Arcott, of Erin.

ALBERT EDWARD RITCHIE

Albert Edward Ritchie, a former well-known resident of Acton, died at his Manitoba Street residence Guelph on Friday morning victim of a heart condition. Until six years ago Mr. Ritchie conducted a service station and coal business in Acton when he retired to Guelph. He spent ten years in Acton and made many friends here who regret to learn of his passing.

Alderman of Guelph in 1929, he was interested in civic affairs. Mr. Ritchie belonged to the Masonic Order, attended St. George's Anglican Church, and was an ardent hunter and angler. Born at the family residence on Ergomosa Road, just beyond Guelph city limits, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ritchie. He married twice. His first wife, the former Mabel Alderson, died in 1923. The former Nora Woolner became his bride in November, 1930, and survives him. Other survivors include two sons, Wilbert of Buffalo, and Roy, of Toronto; one daughter, Mrs. Stanley Wells (Thora) Hamilton, Ont.; two brothers, George, Neeve St. Guelph; and Jack, of Georgetown; two sisters, Miss Frances Ritchie, and Mrs. Nelson Cross (Elizabeth) both of Toronto. There are five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon with service in St. George's Anglican Church. Burial was at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Guelph.

Shopping Spree In New York For British Actress

Says Blondes Scarce in Bleached Britain but Nylons Aplenty—Gifts of American Servicemen Boyfriends

NEW YORK (CP) Blondes are scarce in England since the war, but British girls have more nylons than Americans.

So says Pat Kirkwood, brunette London musical-comedy star who has arrived in America to co-star with Van Johnson in Hollywood production.

The blonde shortage is caused by the disappearance of hair bleaches from the market, explains the sparkling Pat. The nylons are gifts of American soldiers.

Pat's first act on arriving in New York was to go on a gleeful shopping of the wonders of American shops she said.

"It's simply marvellous, you know to be able to buy as many dresses as you want without a ration coupon. And the clothes fit so well! And they're so pretty, and so inexpensive."

"Thank goodness, you don't have utility clothing here. That's about all you can get in England now, and one does get tired of going about in a sort of civilian uniform."

Another shortage which has worried British girls, says Pat, is lipstick. She says:

"You can't get any good lipsticks at all, really. The ones they do have are simply horrid, spread all over your face sort of. I've bought a lot of American lipsticks since I arrived too. I've been splurging on all kinds of cosmetics, as a matter of fact. They're all so had in England that it's a treat to be able to find things that really makes you look glamorous."

There could be no criticism of Miss Kirkwood's glamour, with or without lipstick.

Known in London as "England's first wartime star," Pat won fame on the British musical comedy stage in four hit shows, all of wartime vintage. The first, "Black Velvet," ran 18 months during the early part of the war. The second, "Lady Behave," ran 10 months. Her next starring vehicle, "Top of the World," opened with the blitz, and closed four days later when a bomb struck the theatre.

She is the first of Britain's exchange stars to reach this country, and Hollywood has big plans for her. Pat, too, has big plans for Hollywood. She says:

"I've seen pictures of Hollywood swimming pools, and those beautiful beaches. It all sounds like wonderful. And I'm a very happy Alice, who has come out of a rabbit hole of London air raid shelters."

GRADUATED



Mrs. Harold C. Swackhamer, Hamilton, who recently completed the course at the Canadian School of Embalming, Banting Institute, Toronto, has been successful in obtaining her Embalmers' License.

OAKVILLE

On Sunday a group of local golf enthusiasts journeyed to Brampton where they were the guests of several members of the Brampton Golf and Country Club and participated in an inter-county golf tournament. The tourney was arranged by RQMS Jack Chapman, Lorne Scots.

The Brampton boys were winners in the aggregate score showing an average of 99 against Oakville's 108. Par on the course was 70 for 18 holes.

By canvass and mail the local committee has received \$9,161.50 toward the Sick Children's Hospital Building Fund. \$3,000.00 has been forwarded directly to the Toronto Committee by residents, bringing the total to \$12,166.50.

Following a protracted illness, J. L. Hewson, one of Oakville's best known residents, died at noon on Tuesday, in his 73rd year, at his summer cottage on the Lakeshore West Record-Star.

MOFFAT

The garden party held at the Presbyterian Church grounds under the auspices of Mr. Tom Simpson and his talented group was well attended in spite of the coolness of the weather. The proceeds of which went towards the fund being raised for the New Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

Sgt. Elmore Penrose and Mrs. Penrose have been spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fraser. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Donaven spent the week-end at Guelph and Hamilton.

Mrs. Grant Campbell and children are holidaying in Muskoka. Miss Mary Robinson has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Duncan Campbell.

Sgt. Clarence Dredge and family spent a few days at Grand Bend while on his furlough. Rev. J. A. MacNeil occupied the pulpit of the Community Church on Sunday evening, July 8th.

Rev. C. L. and Mrs. Poole have been visiting at their former charge of Ridgeway while Mr. Poole supplies the pulpit during the month of July.

Mrs. A. Parker and children of Detroit, Mich., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

Mrs. D. Moffat and Tommy leave shortly to spend the summer with A. O. DeLa Moffat, at Moncton, N.B. The members and friends and children of Nansagaweya Presbyterian Church picnicked at Riverside Park Guelph, on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hathaway leave shortly for a trip to Chicago and Zion City.

THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

As in the days of Isaiah, the plow, essential to war, is still a reminder of spring to their native soil, the plowman is a fitting symbol of security and protectiveness, since plowing is older than civilization. It was a very ancient art at the time of the Hebrew prophets.

Egypt, one of the three early civilized nations on earth, has left us the most complete record of agriculture. In the Nile Valley barley and wheat were grown before 5,000 B. C., and long before the use of copper tools. The draft plow with wooden plowshare was unknown at this primitive stage—but its invention before 3,000 B. C. caused a rapid increase in food production and the consequent development of a complex social organization with specialized industries. In the Egyptian galleries of the Royal Ontario Museum is exhibited an ancient wooden model of a plowman, whose plow is drawn by a team of oxen. A wall painting in the same gallery shows a plowman of the 15th century before Christ. The metal plowshare was at that time an innovation but the form of the plow used today in the Near East has scarcely changed since then.

This year in Canada the knowledge of civilization's age-old dependence on the plow should help us to remember the importance of our farms during the coming period of reconstruction.

THIS WEEK

By JEAN THOMYRON Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP) Ontario's 22nd Legislature, opening a special session Monday, after re-electing W. J. Stewart, Progressive Conservative member for Toronto Parkdale as Speaker, and listening to the shortest throne speech on record, took up where the old House left off last March.

Re-introducing his 1945 budget, which had not been passed at the session of the house previous to the general election, Provincial Treasurer Leslie Frost declared that since April 1 government business had been carried on to the extent of \$14,400,000 by lieutenant-governor's warrants. Mr. Frost explained that in financing by this method, which was without precedent in Ontario, the government had been "scrupulously careful to confine its expenditures to those which could be classed as urgently and immediately required for the public good."

The treasurer reported a "slight improvement" in the province's financial position over that forecast last March when a surplus of \$14,000 was predicted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 1946.

Agriculture Minister T. L. Kennedy introduced bills renewing cheese, hog and sugar beet subsidies for 1945, while a bill authorizing municipalities to invest in housing and other civic projects in outside municipalities was brought in by Provincial Secretary George Dunbar.

A bill amending the Ontario School Law was introduced at this mid-summer session by Premier Drew. Provisions of the new bill would lower minimum employment requirements for teachers and school inspectors' salaries and raise maximum pensions from \$1,000 to \$1,500. A minimum pension, based on average salary is also proposed in the bill. An amendment to the Adolescent School Attendance Act would permit the minister of education to make regulations providing for the issuing of home permits and employment certificates.

Farquhar Oliver, 41-year-old Priceville farmer is the new Liberal House Leader. He was elected to succeed Mitchell F. Hepburn at a caucus of the 11 Liberal members of the legislature held July 4. W. J. Grummett of South St. Marie, member for Cochrane South, will lead the opposition. CCF representation in the House. He succeeds E. R. Jolliffe who was defeated in York South. The name of Garfield Anderson, mayor of Fort William had been prominently mentioned in this connection, but he will act as deputy House Leader.

Two-day hearing of argument by counsel before the Label Royal Commission inquiring into charges by CCF leader E. B. Jolliffe that the Drew government operated a "secret political police" was scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Taking of evidence was completed last week after 15 days of sessions in which 36 witnesses were heard. Mr. Jolliffe, first witness in the probe, occasioned by his May 21 broadcast allegations that overshadowed all other issues in the recent Ontario election campaign, was also the last to testify.

Fire which broke out in freight sheds at Point Edward, near Sarnia, destroyed the Great Lakes passenger steamer Harmonie, Tuesday, and sent 217 passengers, mostly Americans, and crew members scrambling for safety. Early reports stated that "possibly 200 persons" were treated in hospital for burns or shock, but there was no loss of life. Unofficial local estimates soon after the fire placed the overall damage at about \$1,000,000.

The steamer, veteran of at least 33 years of Great Lakes service, is owned by the Northern Navigation Company. Freight sheds were levelled and several freight cars gutted.

YOUNG PEOPLE TURN TO OLD FURNISHINGS

LONDON (CP) British antique dealers, once patronized only by the wealthy, have a new class of client—'young people' who are helping stimulate a boom in the business, London dealers report.

Frank Partridge, veteran London and New York dealer, attributed the increased antique business to three factors.

These, he said, are an increased appreciation of old furniture by young and old, stimulated by war's destruction; the fact that the price of second hand utility furniture is out of proportion and the belief that antiques are an investment.

"Prices have gone up 18 per cent in the last 18 months," Partridge said, asserting that English silver and china had risen especially.

W. P. WATSON TO ADDRESS HALTON SWINE BREEDERS

In view of the importance of Canada retaining at least a fair share of the British Bacon market in the post war period, and in order that all Halton hog producers may have a complete picture of the job that lies ahead, an open meeting is being held at the farm of Percy Merry, well-known Trafalgar Township Yorkshire Breeder, on Friday evening July 20th. This meeting is being held under the auspices of the Halton Boys' Swine Club, states Allan Watson, Secretary of that Club. W. B. Watson, Assistant Director of the Ontario Live Stock Branch is to be the special speaker and demonstrator.

We understand that flood lights are being installed for the occasion, and while we realize the season is a busy one, nevertheless, keeping in mind the importance of the subject and the outstanding speaker who has been secured it would seem logical to anticipate a large turnout of interested hog producers.

AUCTION SALE

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FRIDAY, JULY 20th Commencing at 2 o'clock the following:

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