

Social News Items

Mrs. Elgin Ford of Belleville is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson.

Mr. F. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hornby and two children, of Toronto, visited in town on Sunday.

Mrs. James Murray and Mrs. Young of Toronto are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon, Woodward Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson and family of Toronto spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Coulson, Lowville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearns Agnew, of Stouffville and Miss Edna Agnew, of Toronto, visited Miss Margaret Ford last week-end.

LAC Stirr, R. C. A. F., London, England, is spending his furlough at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Auger, Oak St., Milton.

Mr. Colin Reid and young son Roger, of Sudbury, and Mrs. J. M. Woodcock and daughter, Lois Ann, of New Jersey, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hulls and family of St. Catharines and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed and family of Toronto visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Rush on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Toronto, recently returned from French Equatorial Africa, and their family, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peddie, near Milton.

THIS WEEK

BY JOHN C. SCOTT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—In an effort to create a better understanding between the province and its municipalities, Municipal Minister Dunbar is organizing a series of classes for municipal officials of elected representatives. The first will be held in Halleybury for representatives of municipalities between North Bay and Cochrane but the date has not yet been set.

Following the Halleybury meeting, which will be held in the mining school building, similar classes will be held in various other parts of the province.

Mr. Dunbar explained that experts on accounting and other phases of municipal affairs will attend all classes. Various angles of the Municipal Act will be explained. A uniform system of accounting will be sought as such would prove valuable to provincial auditors.

In another aim at uniformity in this field, Mr. Dunbar said that men from his department now are touring the province instructing various municipal officials in the compiling of vital statistics, all of which eventually are forwarded to the provincial government.

Meanwhile, it has been learned that about a dozen municipalities, including one city, have asked the province to take over their policing duties. The war, with the attendant manpower shortage, has depleted many municipal police forces to a serious degree. Legislation empowering the province to enter into such agreements providing for extended use of the provincial police was adopted at the last session of the legislature.

Remember Bill No. 63 passed at the last session of the legislature—the one dealing with slot machines? Well, that bill becomes law June 5 and its provisions are designed to put the illegal part of the slot machine in Ontario, reputed to have handled \$3,000,000 of the public's surplus small change annually, out of business.

The bill's provisions will enable the province's anti-gambling squad to seize these machines without first having to obtain evidence. The mere presence of such machines will be sufficient. The act provides that no slot machine shall be capable of ownership or be the subject of property rights. Pinball machines are not covered by Bill No. 63.

Women are doing almost everything these days so it is no surprise to learn they have entered the sawmill business. In Latchford, northern Ontario, seven women are employed by a lumber company and they are doing a variety of jobs—lifting slabwood from conveyor belt, pushing slabs through re-saws, trimming pickets to required lengths and sorting and tying them.

Chatham district has developed into Canada's largest peppermint producing area, and because one man—Oliver M. Loyer who went to Chatham from Michigan many years ago—began to grow it as a hobby.

Mr. Loyer experimented with peppermint on a commercial basis for the first time last year and this season he expects to raise about four-fifths of the peppermint in Canada. The nation's normal production runs to about 5,000 tons annually.

Church News

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 21st, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Senior S. S.

11.00 a.m.—"The Law and the Prophets."

11.15 p.m.—Junior Sunday School.

7.00 p.m.—"The Holy One of Israel."

June 4th—Communion.

The Mission Band will meet in the S. S. Room on Friday, May 19 at 4.00 p.m.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday after Ascension Day—May 21

8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Junior Confirmation Class.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

7.00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

8.15 p.m.—Adult Confirmation Class.

Tues. 23rd, 8 p.m.—Monthly meeting of S. S. Staff.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Ministers:

S/L Rev. G. W. Porter, M.A., B.D. (Chaplain R. C. A. F.)

Rev. J. B. Moore, B.A.

Minister in Charge

SUNDAY, MAY 21st, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Senior Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Service of Worship, Ascension Sunday, Junior Sunday School.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service, Series, "Everyday Problems," No. 1, "Getting Along with Others."

Monday, 7 p.m.—C. G. I. T.

Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.—Young People meet at the Church for closing Weiner Roast on the Mountain.

Friday, 8 p.m.—Preparatory Service.

Sunday, May 28th—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Man Hope, a Chinese minister, is to preach in the Tabernacle on Friday evening, May 19th, at 8 o'clock. Perhaps you have never heard a Chinese minister and this is an opportunity for you to hear the Gospel preached by this man. He has a great message and has spoken to a good many thousands and has had results from his preaching. He has preached to a good many college and university students. Why not plan to come to the Tabernacle this Friday evening and hear this Chinese minister?

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PRINCESS THEATRE

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

Roy Rogers in
"ROMANCE ON THE RANGE"

Gale Storm, Bill Henry in
"NEARLY EIGHTEEN"

Disney—"Donald's Snow Fight."

MONDAY - TUESDAY

Jeanette McDonald, Robert Young in
"CAIRO"

Sport—"Chinatown Sports."

Pete Smith—"Home Maid."

COMING

Olivia De Havilland, Robert Cummings in

"PRINCESS O'ROURKE"

Color Service Special—"Women at War." Cartoon—"Waiki-Ki Wabbit." Passing Parade—"Kid in Upper Four."

Fri. and Sat. Pictures at 7.30

Other Nights 7.45

Weekly War Commentary

BY JOHN C. SCOTT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The full-scaled Allied offensive mounted in Italy is the "first blow" in the showdown battle plans of the United Nations. That was what Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander of the Allied forces in Italy, told his men in an order of the day prior to the opening of the drive up the western side of the Italian front. He declared that "we are going to destroy the German armies in Italy," and said that "from east and west, north and south, blows are about to fall which will result in the final destruction of the Nazis . . ."

However, in some quarters, the Italian offensive was regarded not so much as a campaign to gain ground, but to keep the Germans occupied. The Nazis were known to have been moving crack troops from Italy to the French west wall to meet the forthcoming invasion. The new Italian drive was expected to stop this troop movement and perhaps even reverse it. Every German engaged in Italy would mean one less to defend the west wall.

It was stated that there is nothing in Italy the Allies need at this stage. Capture of large German-held cities such as Rome would only burden them with the responsibility of feeding the war destitute civilian populations, though some quarters saw this as important too.

Nevertheless, the campaign in Italy is important—and the Germans know it. The Nazis can be expected to resist every inch of the ground and the battles will be fierce and perhaps prolonged. The enemy is "dug in" in Italy.

And in official quarters the offensive has been described as the first "of the final battles" to destroy the Germans.

Meanwhile, the massive Allied aerial offensive is giving the Germans no rest. The invasion threat from Britain still hangs heavily over the heads of the Nazis.

Jittery Propaganda

Just how heavily the invasion threat is bearing on the Nazis is shown in the stream of invasion propaganda with which they have been filling the air. They even went so far as to broadcast a story that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel might counter the impending Allied drive with an invasion of Britain, spearheaded by paratroopers.

The Nazis would like to have the world believe they are facing the Allied invasion threat with confidence. But the pre-invasion jitters have apparently arisen to such a point that not even that propaganda mastermind, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, can conceal them any longer.

The Nazi-controlled Paris radio summed up the situation with this admission:

"All France has become subject to an epidemic which may be called 'invasionitis' and which afflicts even the most sensible and balanced among us."

It would appear that the Allies are winning the pre-invasion war of nerves.

The Italian offensive developed into a real battle right from the start. Intense fighting raged along the 25-mile front from Cassino to the Tyrrhenian Sea at the week-end with the Germans mounting fierce counter attacks at some sections of the line.

Assault forces of the Allied 5th and British 8th armies combined in this latest drive, one of the early achievements of the 8th being the establishment of a bridgehead across the Rapido River.

Along with British and American troops in the attack were Dominion, Indian, French and Polish formations. Early despatches contained no particular reference to Canadian troops being engaged. The 8th army's former front on the Adriatic side of the Apennines was still being held. It was on that front that Canadians were last mentioned as being in action.

The Crimea has been completely cleared of enemy troops. A few days after the fall of Sevastopol, the Russians announced that the last remnants of Axis forces trapped on the peninsula west of the fallen port had been eliminated. The Russians said that in the five-week Crimea campaign 111,687 German and Romanian troops were killed or captured. In addition, Soviet planes and ships of the Black Sea fleet sank a total of 191 Axis ships, including 69 transports and landing barges which the enemy was using for evacuating their trapped troops.

Meanwhile, Russian and German troops at the week-end were locked in a fierce struggle on the west bank of the Dneister River northwest of Traspol. The Germans were hurling strong forces at the Red Army troops who had established a bridgehead.

By mid-week the British, French, and American troops engaged in the latest Italian offensive appeared to have smashed the Nazis' Gustav line. Except at Cassino which appeared to have been by-passed by advancing British 8th Army units, the British slugged through the Germans' first line of defence and headed for their next bulwark—the Adolph Hitler line.

French and American troops shredded the southwestern half of the Gustav line and the reduction of that line became a great battle of annihilation. As the attack developed Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's aim became clear: It was primarily to destroy the German armies in Italy, rather than advance swiftly through tangles of mountains.

The Allied advance was not spectacular in that it did not cover a lot of territory. Advances since last week ranged only from three to eight miles, but the French alone wiped out two Nazi regiments of up to 6000 men, more than 3000 Germans had surrendered and numerous villages and commanding mountains had fallen into Allied hands.

Chinese Advance

In their first real offensive in seven years of war, Chinese troops are attacking along the Salween River in an attempt to form a junction with Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell's forces 150 miles away in northern Burma. Such a junction would open a land supply route.

Meanwhile, the biggest battle so far on the Indo-Burma front came to an end with the capture by British-Indian troops of the entire Kohima Ridge which dominates the strategic area of that front. At the same time southeast Asia headquarters reported a new Japanese thrust close to the borders of India, 10 miles southwest of Imphal, was repulsed.

The war at sea struck at Canada again, Navy Minister MacDonald announcing the loss of the first Canadian escort ship in nine months on North Atlantic convoy routes. The vessel was the new frigate Valleyfield which was torpedoed and sunk with five dead and 121 missing. There were 38 survivors.

Loss of the Valleyfield was announced just 17 days after one of the Royal Canadian Navy's most modern destroyers, the Athabaskan, was sunk in the English Channel during an engagement with German destroyers.

On Wednesday, the Allied command in Italy announced the strategic Pignataro, four miles west of Cassino, had fallen Monday, thus increasing the flanking threat to that Nazi stronghold. Pignataro was taken by British 8th army troops.

Meanwhile, it was believed that veteran Canadian tank units were in the forefront of the Allied advance south of Cassino. It was in that sector that the Gustav line was pierced.

Dispatches of Canadian correspondents were subject to heavy censorship and so far have not specifically mentioned Canadian troops. However, observers in London believe that Doug How of the Canadian Press was referring to Canadian tank units in a delayed dispatch on the crossing of the Gari River last Friday morning, shortly after the new offensive began.

PENALTY FOR LAXITY

BATH, England (CP)—A woman here was fined the equivalent of \$20 for not taking care of her portable Morrison air raid shelter.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of FRANCES McCARTNEY, some times called FANNIE McCARTNEY, late of the Township of Trafalgar, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased.

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GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,
Milton, Ontario
Solicitor for the Executors
Milton, Ontario, May 15th, 1944.

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