

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. George Bozman and family visited in town last week.

Mr. Wm. Sales of Toronto spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. H. Sales.

Wren Nora Nixon of Halifax spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Nixon.

Mr. Samuel Muddle of Milton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dice over the week-end.

Miss Beth Nesbitt of Toronto visited last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smillie.

Mrs. James Lloyd and family of Hamilton visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson.

Pte. Douglas Stover of Aldershot, Nova Scotia, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Stover.

Miss Elaine Moffat of Guelph and Miss Laurel McChesney of Erin, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harrop.

Sub. Lieut. Jim Anderson, Fleet Air Arm, spent a few days leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson.

Mrs. Geo. Dunn, who underwent an operation in Guelph General Hospital returned home last week and is making a satisfactory recovery.

Lieut. Hugh Castle, R.C.A.M.C. of Camp Borden and Lieut. W. D. Gastle spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Gastle.

Guests at Craigea were Mrs. Betty Hotchkiss of Toronto, Misses Judith and Nancy Hotchkiss of Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, Miss Margaret McEwen of Toronto and Miss Alfreda Hall of Moulton College, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lawrence, Merton, will be at home to their relatives and friends on Tuesday, April 17th, from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 10 in the evening, at the home of their son Victor, Third Line, Trafalgar, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

NASSAGAWEYA S. S. No. 7

The April meeting of the Busy Bees Club met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Dredge with a fair attendance and the same officers taking their places for another year. Correspondence from overseas contained letters from Flt. Officer Reg. Finney, Signm. Gordon Allen; Tpr. Arthur Davenport, and two from Stev. Frank Allen, and a thank-you from one receiving good cheer. A letter from the Federation of Agriculture asked for representatives and members to attend a public meeting in the Princess Theatre at Milton where Dr. Vivian Minister of Health for Ontario will be speaker. An outline of various measures taken to set up county health units and to provide municipal health services will be given.

At the business session of the meeting Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. W. Kennedy were elected as representatives to the Federation of Agriculture and plans took their usual few minutes. A quilt top was donated by Mrs. D. Henderson and appreciated. Boys overseas were to be sent chocolates and items for boxes were to be secured by the committee.

Plans for two local money-raising events were discussed and for the coming dance at Brookville. The Red Cross contributions and donation from the club were to be sent to headquarters. The financial report showed \$68.18 had been cleared from euchres in the school. A quilt was finished and taken from the frames. Mrs. W. Kennedy moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dredge for her lovely lunch and hospitality.

The final euchre party was held in the school house Friday evening. Mrs. W. Britton, Acton, won ladies prize which was donated by Mrs. Davenport and Mr. D. McPhedran for gifts which was donated by Mrs. Walter Freeman. Although as low as two tables and no higher than seven were played in an evening the Busy Bees have cleared \$74.93 from these euchres.

Miss Hazel Kennedy visited with her friend Miss Eleada Britton, Acton during the holiday.

Master George Anderson, a member of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King's home, spent his holidays with his sister Marie and brother Robert at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Keep and Buddy and Mr. Howard James, of St. Catharines, were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King.

The dance at Brookville Hall on Monday night sponsored by the Busy Bees Club was well attended and a splendid sum cleared for their work of soldiers' comforts and relief of those suffering from this war.

Mrs. Lawrence King visited relatives from Saturday until Wednesday in Toronto.

Mr. Wyman Little spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jervis and Miss Helen, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Budd and Marlene, Rockwood, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. King Sunday.

Church News

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. JOHN RIDDELL
Minister

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1945

Morning Service—"The Ways of the Master."
Evening Service—Joint service in St. Paul's.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

REV. S. A. KIRK
Rector

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1945
2nd Sunday after Easter

8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for A.Y.P.A.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

12.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7.00 pm.—Evensong and Sermon.

Tues. 17, 2.30 p.m.—Afternoon W. A. 8.00 p.m.—Evening W. A.

Wed 18, 4.00 p.m.—Junior Auxiliary.

Thurs. 19, 7.00 p.m.—Junior Choir Practice. 8.00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice. 8.00 p.m. Missionary Meeting in the S.S. Hall under the auspices of the Afternoon W. A. Illustrated Address on "West of the Date Line." Everyone welcome.

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, APRIL 15th, 1945

10.00 a.m.—Senior Sunday School. Adult Bible Class.

11.00 a.m.—Service of Worship. Subject: "Accentuate the Positive." Junior Sunday School.

7.00 p.m.—Joint Evening Service. Women's Association Anniversary. Speaker: Mrs. W. F. Inglehart of Toronto.

8.15 p.m.—Sunday Evening Musicale in Church Auditorium. Massed choirs; stringed orchestra.

Monday, 7.30 p.m.—C.G.I.T. Affiliation Night. W.M.S. ladies invited.

Thurs. 8.45 a.m.—W.M.S. ladies meet at Church to go to Annual Presbyterian at Freilong.

Fri. 7.30 p.m.—Y.P.U. meet at Church to go to Y.P.'s. Presbytery Rally at Lowville

And Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free—Jno. 8: 32
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OMAGH
EVANGELIST—MORRIS BAILEY
SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1945
Morning Service 11.00 a.m.—"The Soldier of the Cross."
Come Now and let Us Reason Together Saith Jehovah—Isaiah 1: 18.

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Monty Woolley, Dick Haymes

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Color Cartoon—"Air Raid Warden."

E. & W. Sport—"Girls Preferred."

"News."

MONDAY — TUESDAY

Ronald Colman and Marlene Dietrich in "KISMET" (Technicolor)

Color Travel—"Scenic Oregon" Sport Colored—"Nova Scotia"

"News"

COMING

April 20 and 21
Laurel and Hardy in "NOTHING BUT TROUBLE" Trudy Marshall and Ronald Graham in "LADIES IN WASHINGTON" Color Cartoon—"Post War Inventions."

Fri. and Sat. Pictures at 7.30 Other Nights 7.45

Weekly War Commentary

By FRANK HINDS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Functional change in the operation of Allied air force as the Armies of the west drive deeper into Germany is becoming apparent.

Distances have shrunk. Many familiar bomber targets are no longer in enemy territory. As ground forces move eastward daily, enemy columns seeking to reinforce shattered defence lines are open to attack in regions where previously battle areas were isolated.

Tactically the task of the R.A.F., R.C.A.F., and U.S.A.A.F., has become more diffuse; strategically the bombing sphere has contracted.

Approximately 300 miles separates Gen. Eisenhower's men in the west from the Red Army in the east. Since it is general practice to leave a margin of about 50 miles in front of each front to the operations of tactical air forces, there is but a 200-mile-wide strip left in which heavy bombers will consistently operate.

Within this belt lie numerous wrecked towns. Newly-obtained information regarding effectiveness of bomber methods used in the past will enable air chiefs to speed up the pace of their destruction of remaining targets.

Meanwhile the Luftwaffe is taking only slight part in the air war. Deficiencies in fuel—a direct dividend of the long range Allied bombing program—airfields—many of which have recently fallen to Allied ground forces—aircraft and properly-trained air crews have reduced that once-menacing enemy force to virtual impotence.

Operation Successful

Thus it would seem the peak of Allied air operations in Europe now has passed. Its greatest day—March 24—when elements of four Allied armies crossed the Lower Rhine under the record umbrella of 10,000-odd aircraft, in all likelihood will not have a counter-part.

There will be other big days, but gradually the work will resolve itself into special tasks and later, perhaps, into displaying force to back up a local ultimatum.

The tremendous Allied aerial onslaught on Germany that Prime Minister Churchill once called "a notable experiment" has been in almost every way successful.

On the ground front, British troops in Western Germany were flanking the great north German port of Bremen at the week-end and had driven to within 60 miles of Hamburg on the Elbe River. A 35-mile drive by the British 2nd Army carried it to within less than 12 miles of Bremen. Farther south the American 9th Army was 10 miles from Hanover, Prussian rail and industrial centre. To the north of the British lines, Canadian armor had closed in nine miles from the last escape line open to the Germans. Canadian units had also driven to within 19 miles of the Zuider Zee.

German commentators said American 1st Army forces were fighting a fierce battle east of Muehlhausen about 90 miles from Berlin, but there was no Allied confirmation of this report.

Canucks Take Meppen

The Canadians in Holland had topped the vital communications centre of Meppen on the Ems River. Canadian Press War Correspondent Ross Munro said men of the 4th Canadian Armored division captured the city.

On the other side of Germany, a scant 300 miles from the massed Allied armies on the Western front, the Red Army is concentrating on driving the Germans from Vienna. Russian dispatches say the enemy will have to withdraw from the Austrian capital or face the possibility of complete encirclement.

In the Pacific

American troops on Okinawa in the Pacific were fighting at the southern end of the island. Meanwhile two of Japan's greatest cities—Tokyo and Nagoya—were rocked by twin blows of American Superforts escorted by fighter planes from recently-captured Iwo Jima. More than 30 Superforts took part in this the heaviest land-based attack of the war on Japan. The action was the first over Japan involving land-based fighters.

Members of the new Japanese cabinet took office Saturday with Premier Suzuki also holding the portfolios of foreign minister and minister of Greater East Asia, two of the most important cabinet positions. Premier Suzuki has the reputation of a moderate and his key position in the cabinet would play an important part in any Japanese peace offensive.

American naval forces in the Pacific meanwhile scored a decisive victory over the reluctant Japanese fleet in a sea and air battle off the Ryukyu group of islands. In an engagement only 50 miles from Japan itself, the Americans sank six enemy warships and destroyed 391 Japanese planes in a two-day battle. Three United States destroyers were sunk and seven planes were lost.

Early in the week Tokyo claimed Americans had landed on Tsukata Island about seven miles from Okinawa's eastern beaches. The enemy broadcast also claimed that a suicide unit of the Japanese fleet attacked American cruisers in the Sashshimas Islands south of Okinawa. Neither

of these enemy claims were immediately confirmed.

150 Miles Apart

Back on the Western Front American tank forces were only 150 miles from Russian positions on the Eastern Front by Tuesday. Allied troops on the northern end of the front were within 15 miles of the North Sea and Hanover and Bremen were both under siege with British and American units fighting at the very outskirts of both cities.

Paris radio said the British had penetrated Bremen, Germany's second port and known harbor of a submarine fleet.

Gelsenkirchen, Rhur industrial centre, was captured by the American 9th Army while other units of this army took over the ruins of the Krupp armament works in Essen and continued their fight through the streets of that city. In addition to the narrow Rhur trap in which thousands of Germans are fighting against narrowing Allied lines another trap is forming around a large German force in Holland where Canadian troops have been making steady gains. Canadian capture of Zwolle, Netherlands road and rail hub 10 miles from the Zuider Zee, was announced by radio Luxembourg.

Ross Munro reported units of the 4th Canadian Armored Division had reached a point 25 miles south of Emden and the North Sea coast.

Meanwhile advance units of Marshal Montgomery's army were less than 50 miles from the Elbe, control of which would seal off the entire coast of northwestern Germany with its chain of ports.

In Italy the British 8th Army crossed the Senio River on a broad front near Lugo in what may be the beginning of a new offensive near the east coast of Italy.

On the Eastern front, fall of Vienna was expected hourly. The centre of the city was in Russian hands on Tuesday and north of the city two Russian armies were within 17 miles of sealing off the last escape route for the Austrian capital's Nazi garrisons. Far to the north the Russians had captured Koeningberg, capital of East Prussia on the shores of the Baltic.

On the Far Eastern land front British armored columns in Burma were mopping up Japanese remnants in the area east of Meiktila Allied base. Other British columns were driving towards a town close to the highway leading into the Shan states of eastern Burma.

Chinese troops were on the offensive again in two sectors of Honan province, driving the Japanese before them. In the northwestern part of the province the Chinese are pushing beyond captured Changsuichen and to the southwest they are advancing against stiffening opposition. Northwest of Hankow, however, the Japanese have entered Laohokow, site of a former American air base, a counter attack south of that town enabled the Chinese to recapture Nanchang.

GEORGETOWN

Furlough wedding of note was held in Erskine United Church, Toronto, when Sub. Lieut. Nursing Sister Darlene Beatrice Smith became the bride of Lieut. James Harold McClelland, R.C.N.V.R.

A sacred Cantata by Maunder "Olivet to Calvary" was rendered by the combined choirs of Georgetown United, Georgetown Baptist, Knox Presbyterian and St. George's Anglican Churches on Thursday evening March 29th in the United Church, as the fourth of the Community Holy Week Services. The church was crowded to capacity to hear this beautiful music, so splendidly presented, under the conductor, Miss Lynda Stewart, A.T.C.M. Mr. Kenneth Harrison was organist and Miss Margaret Cook, pianist.

Georgetown Council had a late meeting with several important items on the agenda. It was decided to resurface Queen Street, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000, repair work on Mill Street in the Post Office district and a proposed new sidewalk on King Street are among the improvements planned this year in town. Council took the initial step towards a sewage system when the clerk was instructed to contact an engineering firm and ask a representative to meet with council in the near future and discuss the matter.

In answer to a previous application for a permit to purchase a town truck, a letter from Ottawa was read refusing permission for this, and pointing out that Mr. Bob Lane, the present garbage collector had just recently purchased a new truck for this purpose and the town was adequately serviced at present.—Herald.

FAMILY FLAT

WINNIPEG (CP)—In this day of "No Children" signs on apartment blocks, Winnipeggers goggled when one woman advised applicants for a vacant suite that it would be rented only to a family with children. Needless to say, the suite has been rented.

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