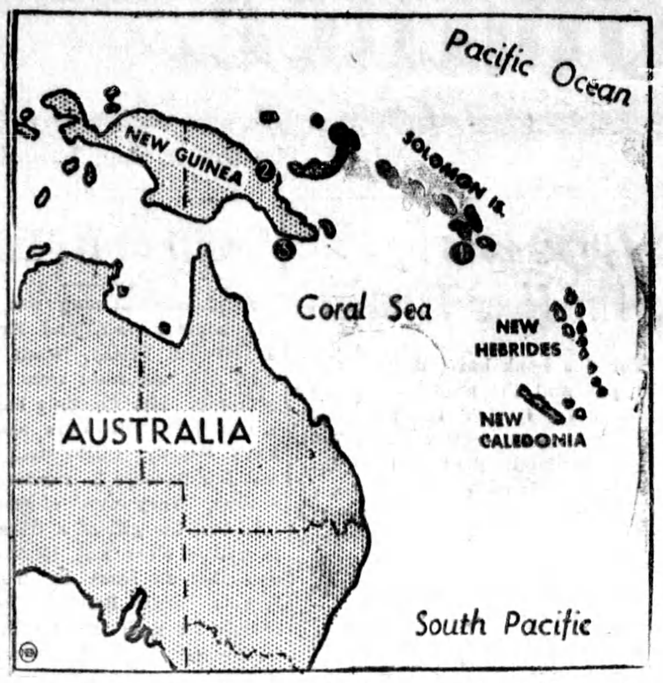
MAPPING ALLIED PACIFIC OFFENSIVE



Seizing the offensive from the Japs, the United Nations have launched an attack of their own in the area mapped above. Forces of the United States Pacific Fleet, assisted by units of the Souhwest Pacific, attacked in the Tulagi area of the Solomon Islands (1). At the same time, Allied air units under Gen. MacArthur's command attacked Jap bases in New Guinea at Salamaua and Lae (2) and Buna-Kokoda (3) and at Rabaul (4) in New Britain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 34
JACOB'S VISION OF GOD.—Genesis 27, 28.
PRINTED TEXT, Genesis 28: 10-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest. Genesis 28:15.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—This event can be dated somewhere near 1760 B.C.

Place.—The beginning of our story is laid in Beer-sheba, in southern Palestine, but the dream of Jacob takes place at Bethel, twelve miles north of Jerusalem.

Jacob's Flight

10. "And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. 11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep." Meditating much and praying much, Jacob had on this journey drawn near to God, and is at last accepted. The interest in Jacob's life lies in the gradual improvement and progress of his character.

Jacob's Dream

12. "And he dreamed; and, behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and, behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13. And, behold, Jehovah stood above it, and said, I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14. and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

In his sleep Jacob sees a ladder, or staircase, rising from the ground at his side, and reaching up to heaven. It tells him that heaven and earth are united, and that there is a way from one to the other. Upon these stairs 'messengers of Elohim are ascending and descending,' carrying up to God men's prayers, and the tale of their wants and sorrows, of their faith and hope and trust; and bringing down to them help and comfort and blessing. At the head of the ladder Jehovah himself stands. The word is that used in chap. 24:13, and signifies that the Deity was not there accidentally, but that He holds there His permanent station. Finally, Jehovah from His heavenly past confirms to Jacob all the promises made from the time when Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees, and assures him of His constant presence and protection.

Jacob's Awakening

16. "And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Jehovah is in this place; and I knew it not. 17. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Jacob did not say God came to me in the night, God has visited me, God was here yesternight and now has gone. He did not awake to the consciousness of a visit; He awoke to the consciousness of a presence. The thing that he found out that night was not that God visits man, but that God is with man wherever he is. We expect to meet Him in the sanctuary; but He is near us in the marketplace. We look for the gleaming of the glory of His face at the holy shrine; but He is surely with us in the den of wickedness. Not alone in the sanctuary, but where the multitudes gather in defiance of His law; He is there. This is the truth to which Jacob awoke.

18. "And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 19. And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of the city was Luz at the first. 20. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 21. so that I come again to my father's house in peace, and Jehovah will be my God, 22. then this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Jacob's response to this Divine revelation shows that, in spite of everything, he had that in his soul which reached out towards the Divine will, however unworthy and wrong were the methods that he used. It is a great thing that Jacob realises his need of God and that he makes this resolution, under whatever condition, acknowledging God as his God and pledging himself to God's service.

Ten is the whole: a tenth is a share of the whole. The Lord receives one share as an acknowledgment of his sovereign right to all. Here it is represented as the full share of the king who dwells with his subjects. Thus Jacob opens his heart, his home and his treasure to God. These are the simple elements of the true religion. The spirit of power ,and of love, and of a sound mind, his begun to reign in Jacob.

Churchill Preparing Account Of War

Premier Churchill is reported to be preparing his own account of the war, to be published when victory is won. His method is to employ a staff of students to look up facts and figures and then, on the basis of notes supplied by research workers, he dictates at an astounding speed.

The Premier's work is set into type with extra wide margins which give him space in which to build his lucid expositions. Each sheet is scored with numerous corrections in Mr. Churchill's bold, legible handwriting to await the day when publication will become diplomatically possible . . .

Mr. Churchill, incidentally stirred many memories when he referred in the House of Commons to war correspondents in Libya. He once was a war correspondent himself, sending dispatches on the Boer War to the Morning Post.

During that campaign, Mr. Churchill was taken prisoner and despite his demands for release as a war correspondent was sent to an improvised concentration camp. It held him for three weeks before he passed boldly within five yards of a sentry at the gates and walked into Pretoria.

Varsity Students To Get Financial Aid

Arrangements have been completed between the University of Toronto and the Dominion Government providing for loans, up to a maximum of $300 a year, for any one student registered in the second, third and fourth years in the departments of civil, mechanical, electrical and metallurgical engineering, in engineering physics, and in the arts departments of mathematics, physics and chemistry, it has been announced. The students must make their services available to Canada's war effort upon graduation.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

ANSWER: Upper. They are elongated and specialized upper incisor teeth, growing downward from a point in front of the eye-sockets.

NEXT: What is the most important duck to mankind?

RADIO REPORTER

DIALING WITH DAVE:

Perhaps Kathleen Stokes is telling the boys the last bed-time story of the current holiday season. At any rate, their return to the Canadian air-lanes is less than two weeks away—in fact, on Tuesday, September 1st, they all return at the usual time, 1.15 p.m. to bring to us one and all, that inimitable brand of fun and happiness that's made "The Happy Gang" Canada's outstanding day-time radio program! CKOC in Hamilton will again be with the CBC Network in broadcasting their daily thirty-minute round of fun and merriment!

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The knot-hole kid, Charlie McCarthy, and his stooge, Edgar Bergen, made $282,000.00 last year. This is more money than their broadcast time employers paid their three top ranking executives in the same period. The President of the Company drew only $75,000.00 — so who says, it's dumb to be a dummy? And just for the record is the news that Bergen, McCarthy, Noble and Ameche will be on deck again—Sunday nights 8.00 o'clock, on September 6th!

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Last spring a new Canadian show took the air-lanes; it was called "Penny's Diary," and outlined in hilarious dramatic fun, the escapades and adventures of young teen-age Penny Matthews and her friends. Typically youthful, brimful of the fun and pranks of the typical teen-age, Penny's Diary caught on with its Thursday night Canadian audience. The show returns among the first of the new September season, on September 4th. That's a FRIDAY night instead of the remembered Thursday night show. But the time is the same — 8.30 p.m. — and the show has been somewhat revamped to give even more play to its many fun possibilities.

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As radio goes into its greatest fall and winter, it steps out amidst grave events, demanding grave consideration and an even higher sense of duty than at any time in the past. News will be handled even more carefully — patriotic programs will have more of the punch of brutal reality to them—comedy will be real comedy to bring the necessary laughs and smiles to one and all; staffs of stations are being depleted—many of the ranks of the stars are losing men and women with almost alarming rapidity; thus, the season will be a 'tough' one, for those who do the broadcasting, put on the programs, and see to it that the well-oiled wheels of the nation's greatest entertainment media keep moving steadily. The problems of your local station are much the same as those of the national broadcasters, and when you listen in this fall, you will do well to realize that in every instance, one man or one woman is probably doing the work two or three did in season's past. Encourage their effort and listen appreciably to the new radio season!

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For a singing treat, not in the Hit Parade, listen to John Charles Thomas, famous American baritone, doing his recorded version of the old Spiritual "Journey's End!"

The Unexpected

Several years ago, says the Christian Science Monitor, two prosperous New York businessmen were taking in the sights of London. As sometimes happened with that type of visitor, they found much to criticize by comparison with things they had seen in America.

Their disdain reached its height before the plain, unpretentious exterior of the Prime Minister's residence on Downing street.

"What a home for a Prime Minister!" one of them exclaimed.

"Yes, and look at that car!" said the other.

In front of the residence stood a small runabout.

"Why, in New York, a grocery clerk would be ashamed of owning nothing better," the other added.

Just then a well-dressed man came out, got in the car and drove off.

"Who was that?" the visitors asked a near-by policeman.

Mr. A. B. 'Oughton, the Hamerican Hambassador, sir," replied the bobby.

SCOUTING . . .

Fifty Boy Scouts of the 1st and 2nd Woodstock, N.B. Scout Troops made what probably is a salvage record. In an all-day salvage drive, lasting from 8 a.m. till midnight they filled a warehouse with used material of all kinds to the value of $600. The first $100 received was presented to the Red Cross. The Scouts launched the campaign when adults failed to move, and are now handling it as the official salvage organization.

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"I have several Boy Scouts in my Home Guard platoon, and I find that they have come in already half trained, due to their having been Scouts."—Lord Hampton.

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Following one of the German air attacks upon Bath, England, a Scoutmaster noticed a woman endeavouring to open the door of a still standing Boy Scout Headquarters. To his question she explained that her son, a former Scout of the Troop, had been lost at sea, and that his photograph hung in an honoured place on the troop room wall. "I go in to look at Bob whenever I pass," she said.

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Twelve tons of salvage rubber were collected and shipped by the Boy Scouts of South Porcupine.

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An international Boy Scout camp held this summer at Youlbury, near Oxford, England, was attended by Scouts of ten different countries, most of them under the Nazi heel.

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Rev. Christopher ("Kit") Tanner, who saved the lives of 30 men by swimming backwards and forwards between a sinking cruiser and a rescue ship off Crete, then died from exhaustion, was a Rover Scout of the 3rd Gloucestershire Boy Scout Group. He was posthumously awarded the Scout Bronze Cross.

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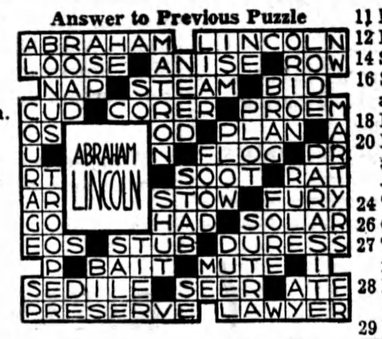
An outstanding example of Boy Scout salvage work was offered by the Scouts of Warner, Alta., with the help of members of the Group Committee. They gathered 36 tons of metal and two carloads of mixed salvage, for which $497.44 was received. Of the amount $225 was sent to the Lethbridge Kinsmen's Club for its Milk for Britain Fund, and $180 to the Y.M.C.A. Overseas Service.

EXPERIENCED ACTRESS

HORIZONTAL

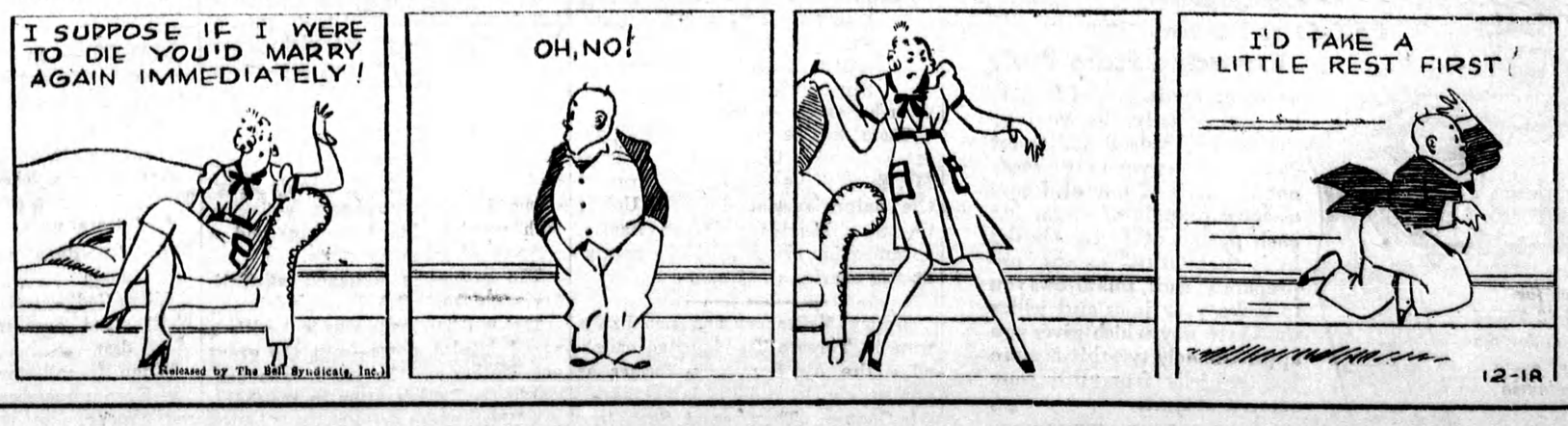
1, 6 Pictured American actress.
13 Radio antenna.
15 To this.
16 Persia.
17 Mineral filled fissures.
19 The weft.
21 Fishing bags.
22 Gem weight.
23 Caterpillar hair.
24 Period.
25 One who runs away.
30 Pigeon's cry.
32 Mountain ash.
33 Dutch (abbr.).
34 Rowing paddle
35 Newspaper paragraphs.
36 And.
37 Kind of snow-shoe.
38 All.
40 Newts.
44 Ship's decks.
47 Gentle.
50 Profound.
51 Blunder.
52 Burden.
53 Pertaining to wings.
55 Custom.
56 Branches of learning.
57 She recently celebrated 40 years of ——.
58 She has a distinctive —— voice.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

2 Net weight of container.
3 High temperature.
4 Sea eagles.
5 Chinese weight.
6 To puff up.
7 Genus of ostrich.
8 To slumber.
9 Year (abbr.).
10 Cries as a cat.
11 Indian.
12 Plant part.
14 Small star.
16 She —— her acting ability.
18 Doctor (abbr.)
20 Her brothers are also stage ——.
24 Thick.
26 Quantity.
27 To be indebted.
28 Knave of clubs.
29 Writers.
30 Kind of lettuce
31 Common tree.
33 Propriety.
39 To mock.
41 Exploit.
42 Tissue.
43 To box.
45 Bard.
46 Senior (abbr.).
47 Bull.
48 Kind of pier.
49 Ought.
54 Road (abbr.).
56 Measure of area.

POP—Pop Misses the Point

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