

# Personals

L.A.C. Joe Lashby of Rivers, Man., is home on leave.

Troop-Sgt. Wm. Coleman is spending leave at his home here.

Miss Frances E. Dills visited in Toronto for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griff of Stratford, called on Acton friends today.

Mrs. R. J. McPherson visited the past week with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ransdown, Toronto, N.Y., are visiting her parents in Acton.

Miss Marjorie Nelson of Guelph is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wood.

Pte. H. F. Fisher, R.C.C.S., spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Nellie Kelly.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. McLeod of Toronto is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Kelly of New York City are visiting at the home of Mrs. Nellie Kelly.

Bill Ramsden, Jr., Kenmore, N.Y., is spending the month of July with his grandparents in Acton.

LAC and Mrs. Frank Bowes of Trenton visited this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert.

David Dills is spending a holiday in Northern Ontario at the Forestry Station with Mr. R. W. Johnson.

Miss Wainetta Smith and Miss Thompson of Toronto, spent the week-end at the home of her parents.

Miss Olive Holmes of Montreal is spending a week's vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Lashby.

Dr. M. A. Gould of Pittsburgh Pa., and Miss Donna Clark of Chatsworth, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gould.

Mrs. Edison Smith of Port Arthur is visiting with her brother Mr. Geo. Mann and other Acton relatives and friends.

Mr. Herbert Hamilton of Toronto, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. E. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ramshaw of Detroit Michigan, visited with Misses M. and L. Ramshaw and other friends here during the week.

Friends regret to learn that Mrs. V. B. Rumley is still in hospital in Guelph and wish for her a prompt return to good health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clayton and family returned home last week-end from a holiday at their summer cottage in Perth County.

Mrs. R. B. Freure, Margaret Anne and Robert of College Heights spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O. Oakes.

Sgt. Gordon A. Seward, R.A.F. Ferry Command, Dorval, Quebec, spent a few days' leave at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz.

Friends regret that Mr. W. J. Gould is ill and undergoing treatment at Guelph General Hospital. Everyone hopes for his prompt recovery and a return home in improved health.

Pilot-Officer Joseph Hurst who received his commission two weeks ago at Brantford, visited in Acton Thursday evening before leaving for Lac-chaîne, Quebec, where he will be stationed.

Mrs. Anthony J. Smith of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Percy G. Baker of Vancouver B. C. visited in Acton and renewed acquaintances on Friday last. They were formerly Misses Isabel and Gertrude Barry.

Mrs. D. G. McDonald of Creemore visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson. They returned with her and spent a few days and also visited friends at Shelburne, and Grand Valley.

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"WHAT'S COOKIN'"  
Andrew Sisters, Gloria Jean  
"PARACHUTE BATTALION"  
Robert Preston, Nancy Kelly "Fox News"

MONDAY, AUGUST 3  
"IT STARTED WITH EVE"  
Comedy drama with Deanna Durbin, Charles Laughton, Robert Cummings. Novelty "Sports of Jungle" Superman Cartoon "Bulleters"

# The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd

**ABRAM: A PIONEER IN FAITH**  
—Golden Text—Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. Gen. 15:1.

Lesson Text—Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-12.

Exposition.—I. The Calling of Abram, 1.

Man had been created, fallen, the world cleansed by a flood, and a new start made. But again man had proved to be a failure. God now selected another man to be head of a new, chosen race. Abram, of Mesopotamia, is chosen for this purpose. The people among whom he lived were idolaters (Jos. 24: 2; Gen. 31:19, 20). But Abram, in sharp contrast to them, had a vital consciousness of the One Supreme Being, "unseen and eternal." The Divine command came to him to separate himself from them, to leave home, kindred, and country, and go out to a land which God would give him. God had great purposes about training a covenant people and the land of Canaan was adapted for this end as well as no other land. He did not even tell Abram where the land was (Heb. 11:8). He gave him only a command and a promise.

II. The Promise, 2-4.

Wonderful promises were connected with the calling of Abram. (1) He was to be the father of a great nation. This must have been a real tax on Abram's faith; he was already seventy-five years old and was childless (cf. 17:5, 18:18). Yet today we see the Israelites spread over all the face of the earth, while the spiritual children of Abraham are literally numberless as the stars of the night (cf. 15:5; Rom. 5:12). (2) He was to have an exalted name. Three great world faiths — Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedanism — bear witness to the fulfillment of this promise. (3) He was to have material and spiritual prosperity, and Jehovah pledged himself to bless (prosper) those who blessed him and curse those who cursed him. (4) Most outstanding of all was the promise that all generations to come would be blessed in him. What marvelous fulfillment has this promise found! Jesus, the Saviour of the world, was a lineal descendant of Abraham. In Him every nation, every family, every soul on earth has already been blessed, and in the age to come will be more abundantly blessed. All the richest gifts of time and eternity have come through Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:14; Luke 1:38; Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:3).

III. The Testing of Abram, 5-9.

Faith in God was the supreme and outstanding characteristic attitude of Abram. He proved his faith by prompt and unquestioning obedience, going out "under sealed orders," when God called. God calls all who would follow Him to "come out and be separate" (2 Cor. 6:17), and if we would have His fellowship, if we would know the blessing of His promised grace, we must obey this command. Note the completeness of Abram's sovereignty with the past in Abram's case. He left nothing behind which might call him back into the old life (v. 5). Canaan is a type of the new life into which we are called in Christ; when we enter upon it we must make a clean break with the past (Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:13). But the initial act of faith on Abram's part was followed by still further testing. Entrance into the Christian life is not a guarantee of freedom from struggle and temptation. We are not carried to heaven on "flowery beds of ease." God needed for His great purpose a man whom He had proven. Difficulties piled up in Abram's way. "The Canaanite was in the land," and there seemed no place for him (Ac. 7:5) among these fierce, hostile tribes (ch. 14). Moving on from place to place, Abram lived as a sojourner and a pilgrim in the promised land (vs. 6, 8, 9), assailed by famine (12:10), harassed by dissensions in his own household (13:5-12). And so it is with the Christian life. We, too, are but pilgrims here below; we seek a better country, a city not builded with human hands (Heb. 11:14). "Obedience is always expensive," and it seems at times as if when we enter the path of God's service our difficulties begin to multiply. To meet such difficulties is a sore test of our faith, but this faith is precious in God's sight. And our Heavenly Father does not forget His own (1 Ki. 17:6; Ac. 23:11; Ps. 34:19). Abram was sustained by God (v. 7).

IV. Looking Toward a City, 11:8-12.

Abram showed his gratitude for these great and gracious promises by building "an altar." To Jehovah, who appeared unto him. And he builded not to an unknown God, but to a God he knew. Jehovah's promise to this man of faith "unto thy seed I will give this land" has already been fulfilled, but is waiting a still larger fulfillment (Ezek. 36:21-28; 37:21-28). Abram's faith kept him moving in the right direction he looked "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Man's since Abram's day have looked toward that city, but none more steadfastly than the great pioneer of faith in the dawn-time of God's covenantal people.

# Weekly War Commentary

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corner of the whole war. After four weeks of major offensive action, the Germans have gained a foothold on the lower side of the winding Don River opposite the Talmlyansk area.

Two major battlefields may develop in the Don Valley. One has already opened about Rostov, and the other may be expected near the important rail and industrial centre of Stalingrad.

At the week-end Russian dispatches said the Germans broke through one sector of the front in the region of Rostov, and Nazi communiques claimed that the city had fallen, but that mopping up was not completed.

Near Voronezh in the north the Red Army is valiantly endeavoring to break through the German lines; a successful thrust there would be a serious threat to the invading forces farther south.

In that area the Germans have definitely been on the defensive for several weeks, but they continue to inch in the southern sector. Russian confirmation of the fall of Rostov came Tuesday, and it seems that the Nazis have complete control of the expanse northwest of the Don. Violent air attacks have been launched at Stalingrad and the Germans claim to be within 50 miles of the city.

The Red armies seem to be disposed in a gigantic V-formation extending from Voronezh southeast to Stalingrad, and thence southwest deep into the heart of the Caucasus area; reports indicate that, except at Voronezh, the German troops have not yet encountered the main Russian forces.

**Danger to Asia Minor**

From Ankara, Turkey, come reports that huge trainloads of artillery, ammunition, tanks and planes are being poured into Bulgaria at the rate of "one train per hour day and night." This may indicate that Hitler is planning a thrust through rugged Asia Minor in an effort to get at the oil fields of Iraq and the southern Caucasus.

A second possibility is that these supplies are meant to be shipped from a Bulgarian port to General Rommel by the more protected sea route through the island-bridged Aegean.

Under Axis pressure Turkey might permit passage of these supplies over the Bosphorus bridge at Istanbul into Asia. Such a move on Hitler's part could indicate doubts as to his ability to cut through either the Russian armies or Auchinleck's Egyptian forces.

**New Japanese Moves**

The Nipponese have landed comparatively small forces at Guna and Ambasi, points 30 miles apart on the northern coast of southeastern New Guinea. These points will be difficult to exploit and are separated from Port Moresby by 110 miles of jungle. These garrisons may be meant to be another tentacle in Japan's octopus-like effort to secure control of the sea north and east of Australia.

**Feasibility of "Second Front"**

In the face of widespread Allied clamoring for a second front, Berlin is showing signs of nervousness. From Switzerland has come the report that German SS (Elite Guard) Troops, said to be from the Russian front, paraded through Paris July 29 on their way to new posts along the English Channel.

The German press and radio discussed coastal defenses to some length and claimed that 200,000 skilled workers "have used 500,000 tons of concrete monthly for fortifications."

These tricklings of information may indicate that the Nazis are hoping to maintain a skeleton defence and bluff the Allies out of an invasion attempt, or that they are genuinely alarmed and are rushing preparations to meet the feared cross-channel attack.

# Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean announce the engagement of their only daughter, Helena Beattie, to Mr. Donald Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Acton. The marriage is to take place quietly in August.

Mrs. M. Ievers of London, England, announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Emlin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones of Walthamstow, Essex. The marriage is to take place the early part of July.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gibson, Orton, Ont., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Alice to James Douglas Harkness, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Harkness, of Hillsburg. The marriage to take place early in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burgess wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy Jean, to Pte. James Victor Swindelhurst, C.A.S.F., son of Mrs. Mary Swindelhurst and the late Ephraim Swindelhurst, the marriage to take place quietly in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Day, Rockwood, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Marion Emma, R.N., to Leading Aircraftman Milton George Greer, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Greer, Knars, Ontario. The wedding is to take place August 8th in the Rockwood United Church.

The engagement is announced of Mary Isabel Switzer, R.N., younger daughter of Mrs. Switzer and the late Mr. George Herbert Switzer of Acton, to Mr. Louis Richard McGill, B. Com., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard James McGill of Paisley. The marriage is to take place on Saturday, August 22, in the United Church in Acton.

# Rail Fruit Terminals Busy and Interesting

Two busy and always interesting fruit terminals served by Canadian National Railways are situated in Montreal and Toronto, and a great deal of these necessary commodities before they reach the retailer and the ultimate kitchen, are handled through both depots of the National System. Of course, everything is moved into the terminals in car lots, including the spinach so good for Junior but not necessarily appreciated by Young Mater. During a recent week 354 cars of fruit and vegetables moved over National System rails into Montreal, an average of 50 cars on each one of the six working days.

## HIS FACE WAS RED

LONDON, (CP) The Clandestine newspaper, La Libre Belgique, told this story: A German soldier was boasting in a tram car, in each conquered country, he always treated the local specialties. He had fore-grah in Strasbourg, Munster and Edin cheese and Brussels sprouts. "And when," asked a passenger, "do you expect to take some English salt (epsom salts)?"

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| Rump Roast, lb. | 28c | Hams, lb.          | 35c |
| Brisket and Rib | 18c | Schneider's Sliced | 45c |
| Boiling Beef    | 18c | Breakfast Bacon    | 45c |
| Boneless Pot    | 28c | Fresh Pork 2 lbs.  | 29c |
| Roast Beef, lb. | 28c | Pork Livers        | 29c |
| Lean Hamburg    | 25c | Fresh Sausage      |     |
| Steak, lb.      | 25c | Large, lb.         | 20c |
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# Fraction of Mill Lower County Rate For This Year

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to go into the matter thoroughly as we have written to the C.P.R. and have received no satisfaction.

Some discussion arose as to whether county employees were liable under the Unemployment Insurance Act with the result that it was moved by Mr. Gilbert's seconded by Mr. Kerha that the County take out unemployment insurance for their workmen.

A by-law was prepared and passed to levy a rate for the expenses for the current financial year, making a reduction in the county rate of one-tenth of a mill to that of last year.

Council adjourned.