

Notice of Birth, Marriage and Death... Additional for posterity.

BORN WEAVER—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Wednesday, November 25th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Weaver, a daughter.

LOVELL—At the Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday, November 24th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Lovell, Acton, a daughter.

MARRIED BLANCH-LANDSBOROUGH—On Saturday, November 21st, 1942, at St. Paul's Church, Toronto, by the Rev. Carl Swan, Vera Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Landsborough, of Guelph, to Signaller William C. Blanch, of Acton.

DIED LOCKER—At the Guelph General Hospital on Friday, November 20th, 1942, Oscar Wayne Eugene, aged 22 months, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Locker.

LAVERY—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, on Friday, November 20th, 1942, William Eugene, beloved wife of George Lavery and dear mother of Georgina (Mrs. E. Kelso), Jack, Harvey (Overseas) and Lois, in her 57th year.

Weekly War Commentary

has good airfields in Sicily and Sardinia from which to operate. In Other Theatres. Seizing the opportunity provided by Germany's pre-occupation with the African battlefield, Russian armies started strong attacks in many sectors of the long eastern front. While the defenders of Stalingrad held firm, Soviet forces southeast of Naichik in the mid-Caucasus halted the invaders in that area and made important gains.

News from the Solomons Islands indicated that American marines and regulars on Guadalcanal had inflicted severe losses on Japanese forces landed on the island and made their own position there "very secure."

It was announced definitely that in the big naval battle in the Solomons area Nov. 13-15 the Japanese lost a battleship, a battlecruiser, a heavy cruiser, six heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, six destroyers and 12 transports or cargo ships. American losses were two light cruisers and six destroyers.

Move to Trap Nazis. News from the various battlefronts early this week showed Allied offensives to be gaining strength. While the Russians attacked fiercely in attempts to trap German armies in the Stalingrad and Caucasus area, Anglo-American forces made further advances in Tunisia and western Libya and Australian and American troops continued their drives against the Japanese in New Guinea and Guadalcanal.

A German admission Tuesday that Nazi defensive lines in the Stalingrad area had been penetrated indicated that progress made over the week-end by Russian flanking movements was too marked to ignore. In offensives northwest and southwest of the ruined Volga city, Red armies are engaged in a pincer movement which may trap enemy forces partially surrounded in the area.

Soviet reports said the Germans had lost 50,000 killed and captured in the first four days of the offensive. Should the advance south of Stalingrad be carried through to the Donets Basin it would mean the cutting off of German troops in the north Caucasus. In any case the army invading the Caucasus is suffering heavy losses at the hands of the Red Army in the sector.

Dakar with Allies. The United Nations' offensive in the Mediterranean will go forward with renewed power as a result of the announcement Monday that French West Africa, including the naval base at Dakar, had been placed under the Allied banner.

Reports from French North Africa Tuesday made it very clear that the Germans and Italians in Tunisia were being strengthened by troops brought in by land and sea and are likely to put up formidable opposition. Nazi air power will also offer a strong challenge from air bases in southern Europe.

Anglo-American forces in Tunisia are seeking to keep the enemy in the coastal territory around Bizerte and Tunis. To the east, advance forces of the British 8th Army are maintaining contact with retreating Rommel forces now west of Agadabala.

Corvettes in Action. Seventeen Canadian corvettes, with approximately 1,200 men of the Royal Canadian Navy, participated in the current North and West African campaigns. Navy Minister Macdonald told a press conference at Ottawa on Tuesday.

Mr. Macdonald said the submarine situation in the North Atlantic was still grave with a heavy concentration of U-boats on the Atlantic conveyor routes. He said the number of ships sunk in the St. Lawrence River from the beginning of this year to date totalled 14. The Navy Minister made this statement to put an end to reports that the number was considerably higher. Six ships were sunk in Cabot Strait and the Strait of Belle Isle, making a total of 20 in the whole river and Gulf area.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH Golden Text—As the Father, hath sent me, even so send I you. Jno. 20: 21.

Lesson Text—Acts 1:8; 2:42; 13: 1-3; J. Jno. 1:3. (Read also Matt. 18: 15-17; Ac. 6:1-4; 11:27-30).

Exposition—1. Introduction. The passages not printed seem to have been chosen to show that part of the mission of the Church, at least, is a benevolent treatment of its own members. This ought to be a simple, practical fact but it is clear that the Church will have to improve its benevolent spirit to its own, in order to measure up to the New Testament standard. Matt. 18:15-17 has to do with matters of church discipline. We concern ourselves with the Scriptures which treat of the supreme mission of the Church, which is the evangelization of the world.

II. A Witnessing Church, Acts 1:8. Jesus turns the disciples' attention from the vain attempt to discover times and seasons to their own present duty of witnessing for Him. When they should receive the kingdom, He does not disclose; when they should receive power, He does not disclose (v. 8). This power would be theirs when the Holy Ghost had come upon them (R. V.). They would not have power until then. How foolish then for us to try to work for Christ until we have sought and obtained the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The power of the Holy Ghost was not merely for the purpose of making them happy, but for the purpose of making them "witnesses" (cf. 2:4; 4: 8-12, 31, 33; 5:32; 9:17, 20). They were to begin their witnessing right where they were when the Holy Spirit was received in Jerusalem. They were to go next to the immediate surrounding territory; then to the nearest neighbors, the despised Samaritans, and then on and on "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

III. A Model Church, Acts 2:42. Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost had a tremendous effect. Three thousand were saved by it. The sermon was simply scriptural argument made effective by the Holy Spirit's power. No such effect had followed Jesus' own preaching, and His promise that they should do greater works after His ascension than He Himself had wrought during His humiliation (Jno. 14:12) was thus fulfilled. And we to-day are united with this same exalted Christ, in the place of power at God's right hand, and may speak in the power of this same mighty Spirit. The inward revelation of the word was outwardly expressed in Baptisms. These baptisms in a day were the outcome of the ten days of waiting upon God in prayer (cf. ch. 1:14). Surely those ten days had not been wasted. The work proved to be lasting, "they continued steadfastly." Steadfast continuance is a matter of immense importance in the Christian life (Jno. 8:31, 32; Luke 8:15 Heb. 10:39; Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10).

The four things in which they continued steadfastly are worthy of note. (1) "The apostles' teaching." There was no running away after every new apostle's fellowship. (2) "The religious faith that came up." The religious faith that came up—Fellowship—is one of the necessities of healthy Christian growth (Eph. 4:13, 16; 1 Jno. 1:3). (3) "In the breaking of bread." They did not neglect regular obedience to Jesus' commandment to show His death and to feed upon Him in the communion service. (4) "In prayers." Just here is the point where the average Christian of today departs most lamentably from the example of the apostolic church. How few of us can be said to continue steadfastly in prayer. And herein lies the secret of the poverty and the powerlessness of the average church. Steadfast continuance in prayer was one of the most marked characteristics of the early Church (cf. ch. 1:14).

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR BOYS FRIDAY EVENINGS AT THE Y. Plans were made last week for a Church Basketball League for boys from 10 to 15 years with games to be played on Friday evenings at the Y. M. C. A. For two weeks the Friday evenings will be open house at the Y for the boys to learn about the game and then the teams will be chosen and the league schedule will get underway. It will make a fine winter sport for the lads and they are indeed fortunate in having the arrangements made for the use of the Y.

Age Must Be Served. An executive in a business that is large but, according to our modern rules, nonessential, reports that the difficulties of getting and retaining employees are so great that he is glad to take on almost any available person. So rapid are the staff changes that the faces of almost two thirds of his personnel are unfamiliar to him, but he has noticed particularly one rather elderly man engaged in performing his duties in the stock room.

After the new employee had been on the job a week or two, it became necessary to ascertain his age for purposes of the company's group insurance plan. Our executive, though accustomed by now to expect a surprise a day, was mildly shocked to discover that his new stock-room boy was eighty-five years old.

1:24, 31; 6:4, 6; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2). IV. A Spirit-led Church, 13:1-3. The church at Antioch had few "prophets and teachers" worthy of mention by name. This early Gentile church became a fountain of light and life to many other places. The Holy Ghost spoke to them "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted." A Spirit-filled mind rarely accompanies an overfilled stomach. Greater simplicity in our living would be conducive to a clearer perception of the mind of God. It is not said how the Spirit spoke, whether in an audible voice, or silently, in the inner recesses of the heart; but He spoke in an unmistakable way. It was no vague, uncertain impulse such as men sometimes call "the voice of the Spirit." He is ready to speak to-day, if we will supply the proper conditions and listen.

It was the Holy Spirit's work to call; it was man's work to recognize the call, and act the call apart for the work. Those who ignore ordination by man are as unscriptural as those who ignore a call by God. But it was "for the work whereunto" the Spirit called that they were to be set apart. Too often we set man apart for a work whereunto the Spirit never called. The Spirit-called man are a great need of our day. We have far too many men whom men have called; or, worse yet, who have called themselves. Every step in that early Church was taken in prayer. And it was no mere formal prayer. It was prayer to which men gave themselves so heartily that they withdrew themselves even from their necessary food, to pursue.

The promptness with which this Church obeyed the Spirit's command is worthy of note. He had demanded the best they had for the foreign mission field, and they gave them up without a murmur. They would have liked to have kept Barnabas and Saul, but the Spirit called them elsewhere, and "they sent them away." But, while they sent them, back of it all they were really "sent forth by the Holy Ghost." Wonderfully suggestive and inspiring words these. "With what confidence a man can go forth when he can confidently affirm, "I have been sent on the errand by the Holy Ghost!" He may not know just where he is going, or just what he is to do, or just what awaits him. No directions seem to have been given where they were to go; so they made straight for the nearest port and thence for the old home of Barnabas (ch. 4:36).

V. A Fellowship of Service, 1 Jno. 1:3. The testimony of the Church is to be spiritually real. We are to "see" that the Lord is good (Ps. 34:8). We are to hear Him speak to us through His Word (Ps. 19:7-14; 32:8). In this obedience we have true fellowship with one another, with Jesus and, through Him, with the Father.

BRITAIN'S HOME GUARD IN A NEW WAR FILM. Britain's latest war film "They Came in Khaki," is the story of an attack on an English village by Nazi parachutes. Landing in British uniforms, the Germans occupy a small village where they make plans for a full scale invasion.

Britain's Home Guard play an important part in the film, which is being directed by "Cavalcanti," the documentary film producer.

WOMEN STUDY TRADER MOSCOW, (CP) More than 400,000 wives of Russian soldiers at the front are training at trade schools to reinforce munitions and war equipment workers in Soviet factories.

RUBBER IN NATAL. CAPE TOWN, (CP) - With a capacity of about a ton-and-a-half monthly the first commercial rubber plant in South Africa will open shortly to be the first of several projected rubber-making enterprises.

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