

A QUESTION OF VALUES

I am twenty-five tons. I am not on speaking terms with the butcher, I am too small to buy a quart of cream...

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 26th, 1925

Berrying parties are much in vogue just now. Mr. James K. Gardiner, of Dundalk, an expert watchmaker and jeweller, has opened a shop in J. C. Hill's premises.

Mr. J. A. McGill, an Acton boy, and personal representative of President Beattie of the Canadian Pacific Railway, welcomed Earl and Lady Haig to Vancouver.

Acton Band went to Milton on Thursday evening and put on a program at Milton Band's regular band concert. This Saturday evening the Milton Band will pay a return visit to Acton.

The United Church Sunday School picnic was held at Eldorado Park last Wednesday. About 50 friends and former residents came up from Toronto and enjoyed the day with the members from Acton.

DEACON: At Toronto, on Sunday, July 26th, 1925, John Scott Deacon, formerly Public School Inspector, County of Halton, in his eighty-fourth year.

STUDENTS' PAINTINGS ADVERTISE H. C. TOWN HANBY, B.C. (CP)—Art Students at Maple Ridge high school here plan to advertise their home district by painting local scenes in oil for their art classes.

Approximately half of the 450 students in the school study art. The Art Department's most recent acquisition is a job printing press to be used in art classes and also for extra-curricular projects.

One of the first uses of the press will be the production of a book of original prose and poetry. The students have written and edited their own material. They are setting up their own type, preparing their own line-art illustrations, printing the book and hand-binding each volume.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JULY 26th, 1945

GOD'S COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

Golden Text: I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and thy seed after thee. Gen. 17: 7.

Lesson Text: Gen. 17: 1-10. Time: 1911 B. C. (C).

Place: Canaan. Exposition: I. Jehovah's self-Revelation to Abram, 1, 2.

Ninety-nine years is a long time to live. Abram was 75 years old when "the departed out of Haran" (Gen. 12: 4). That would be old age in our time. What Abram had been doing in his previous years, we do not know. Why God waited until he was so old, we will never know. It is 24 years after Abram was called out of Haran that Jehovah appeared to him.

How he appeared, we do not know. Undoubtedly Abram had communion with God in the usual way. But there were times when there were extraordinary appearances (Gen. 12: 1-3; 15: 18; 19: 1, 13, 17, 18, 22; 22: 1, 2). These were abnormal experiences, crises in which special comfort and guidance were needed. This side of heaven, we have many needs. Most of them are daily requirements, which are normally met. But there are special times of need when God will come to us in a special way, not necessarily as He did to Abram but always in the way best for us.

Jehovah reveals Himself to Abram as "the Almighty God" (v. 1). The Hebrew is El Shaddai. El means "the strong one." Shaddai is formed from the Hebrew word "shad," which means the breast, invariably used in Scripture for a woman's breast (Gen. 49: 25; Isa. 28: 9; Ezek. 16: 7). Jehovah is Shaddai because He is a nourisher. He gives strength, He renews life. He satisfies. As a weak and helpless babe is nourished at his mother's breast, as it is quieted in his fretfulness and fears, so Jehovah revealed Himself to Abram as "the Almighty God." El Shaddai because He needed such revelation. At 99 Abram was in possession of a promise that his seed should possess the land God had given him, without any reasonable physical basis for its fulfillment. Jehovah came to take away his fears, to remove his uncertainties and to bestow on him the strength to stagger not at the promises of God through unbelief (Rom. 4: 18-21). As "the Almighty God" He enabled Abram to be fruitful even though he was as good as dead (Heb. 11: 12). In this sense God is the all-sufficient One (Ps. 16: 5, 6).

II. Jehovah Changes Abram's Name to Abraham, 3-6.

Abram answers God by falling on his face, the attitude of profoundest reverence assumed by Eastern people. It consists of dropping on hands and knees with the face bent until the forehead touches the ground. As Abram assumed this position before the Divine manifestation God declared His covenant unto him. First, Abram is to be a father of many nations. That his seed after him should be very numerous. While this should be true as it developed through Ishmael, Isaac and the sons begotten through Keturah (Gen. 25: 1-4) there is doubtless included in this promise something extraordinary. It is that believers of all ages should be looked upon as his spiritual seed (Rom. 4: 11; Gal. 3: 28, 29). He is therefore the spiritual father of all who in every nation enter into covenant relations with God according to His Word.

In confirmation of the covenant Abram's name was changed to Abraham. Abram means "a high father." Abraham means "the father of a multitude." Changing names of those who covenant with God seems to be a Divine prerogative. Jacob's name was changed to Israel (Gen. 32: 28). Simon's name was changed to Peter (Matt. 16: 17, 18). Many of the New Testament saints changed their name. God's purpose with Abraham was to honor him, give him a title as head of a new family of faith-inspired people. God calls things that are not as though they were (Rom. 4: 17).

III. Jehovah's Covenant with Abraham, 7-10.

Note that Jehovah's covenant with Abraham was "established." No man can revoke it or change it. As firm as heaven's throne it stands. The Abrahamic covenant has seven distinct features: (1) "I will make of thee a great nation." This was fulfilled in the natural way in the natural posterity (Gen. 13: 16; Jno. 8: 37) and in a spiritual descendency which is an election from both Jews and Gentiles (Rom. 4: 16, 17; Jno. 8: 39; Gal. 3: 6, 7, 29). (2) "I will be thy God." Fulfilled in both temporal and spiritual matters (Gen. 24: 31, 35; 15: 6; Jno. 8: 56). (3) "And I will make thy name great." And the name of Abraham is one of the world's greatest. (4) "And thou shalt be a blessing" (Gal. 3: 13, 14). (5) "To be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee." Fulfilled when

God coupled His name with Abraham's (Ex. 3: 6, 15). (6) "I will give unto thee... all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession" (Deut. 32: 8). (7) "Thou shalt keep my covenant" (Ps. 25: 10; 103: 18; Isa. 56: 4, 5).

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Hog Pen Bigamists Bring Home Bacon

Interesting Tests in U. S. Show How to Produce More Pork

CLEMSON, S. C. (CP)—The ability of a pig to have two breeds of young simultaneously in the same litter, each of the progeny of a different father, has been used at Clemson College to show definitely how to produce more pork, faster and cheaper.

The experiments were made by L. V. Starkey, E. G. Godbey and E. D. Kizer. Berkshire sows were bred to Berkshire boars and also to Duroc boars. Poland China sows were bred similarly to their own kind and to Duroc boars.

The litters contained pure bred piglets, when the piglets were fathered by the boar of the same breed and hybrids when they came from the other breed father.

Sometimes all would be pure bred, or all hybrid, but more often a split between the two. These split families were frequently about fifty-fifty on the two species of piglets. Being born of the same mother, this gave an unusual opportunity to learn whether hybrid vigor would produce more meat than pure bred stock.

Hybrid Vigor

Hybrid vigor was a phenomenon known in many crosses of species. There are examples in human crossing of a literal flowering of races, in the increased numbers, height and health of children. In plants hybrid vigor is well known as an example of this vigor.

In the Clemson experiment, more than 400 young pigs were used, half pure breeds and half hybrids. The pure breeds were Berkshires and Poland Chinas, the hybrid crosses with one of the other of these two breeds.

The average results put the hybrids ahead in every respect measured. The hybrids were a little heavier at birth. More of them were weaned and more of them raised. At weaning the crosses weighed more by an average of five pounds.

The experiment was continued until each pig reached the weight of 200 pounds. The hybrids reach this weight one week and two days ahead of the pure bred pigs.

To do this, the hybrids ate less corn and also less of the supplemental nutrition given to fatten pigs for the market.

At VE Day, German prisoners in Canada included 2,418 officers, 29,441 other ranks and 1,227 merchant seamen. In the group were 1 general.

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Matter of the Estate of BERTHA HARRIET SPEIGHT, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Secretary, deceased.

Parties having claims against the Estate of Bertha Harriet Speight, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Secretary, who died on or about the Nineteenth day of May A. D. 1945, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned solicitor before the Eleventh day of August, 1945, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed as aforesaid, pursuant to Section 51, Chapter 163, R. S. O. 1937.

Dated this Seventeenth day of July A. D. 1945

C. F. LEATHERLAND, Acton, Ont. Solicitor for Fern Brown and Alexander Thurlell Brown, Executors 3-3

TAKE NOTICE THAT

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Acton intends to construct as a local improvement water line extensions as follows: 1800 feet northwards on Main Street, 420 feet on Severe Street, 900 feet on Queen Street East, 370 feet on Queen Street West and 270 feet on Alice Street.

The Council of the Corporation intends to specially assess a part of the cost upon the land abutting directly on the work except such lands as are not directly benefited and which may by annual Act of Council be exempt under Sub-section 1, Section 42 of the Assessment Act. The Council of the Corporation further intends to construct as a local improvement a concrete water reservoir of 50,000 gallons capacity adjacent to the source of the town water supply.

2. The estimated cost of the work is \$22,000, of which \$20,000 is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated cost per foot frontage for the water lines is \$1.25. The special assessment for the water lines is to be paid in 15 equal annual instalments and the estimated annual rate per foot frontage is 7c.

3. Application will be made by the Corporation to the Ontario Municipal Board, for its approval of the undertaking of the said work and any owner may within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice file with the Board his objection to the said work being undertaken.

4. The said Board may approve of the said work being undertaken, but before doing so it may appoint a time and place when any objection to the said work will be considered.

Dated at Acton this 18th day of July, 1945

C. F. LEATHERLAND, Clerk

Holiday Time

In order that all the staff, including the editor, may enjoy a week's vacation this summer the Free Press Office will be closed from

Friday Evening August 3 until Monday Morning August 13

This is a new experience for us, made necessary by the shortage of help. In years past it was possible to secure additional help during the summer to enable the members of the staff to have holidays. This year no extra help is available and with the long hours already worked through many months it is imperative that everyone have a week's holidays.

No Paper August 9th

There will be no issue of the Free Press on August 9th. This is the first break in regular weekly delivery of your home paper in the time that the present editor has been associated with the paper. As a matter of fact it will be the first full week of holidays that the editor has taken in over twenty-five years.

Correspondents and Advertisers

Are requested to bear in mind the omission of August 9th issue. Do not send in copy for that week but hold for the issue of August 16th, when we hope to be back refreshed by a rest and able to serve our readers better than ever.

Commercial Printing
Orders for Commercial Printing will wherever possible be delivered before the holidays. We will do our best to meet the orders placed and promised for delivery before that date. The holiday shut-down has become general practise in many industrial plants and our customers will appreciate and be ready to co-operate in the arrangements for holidays.