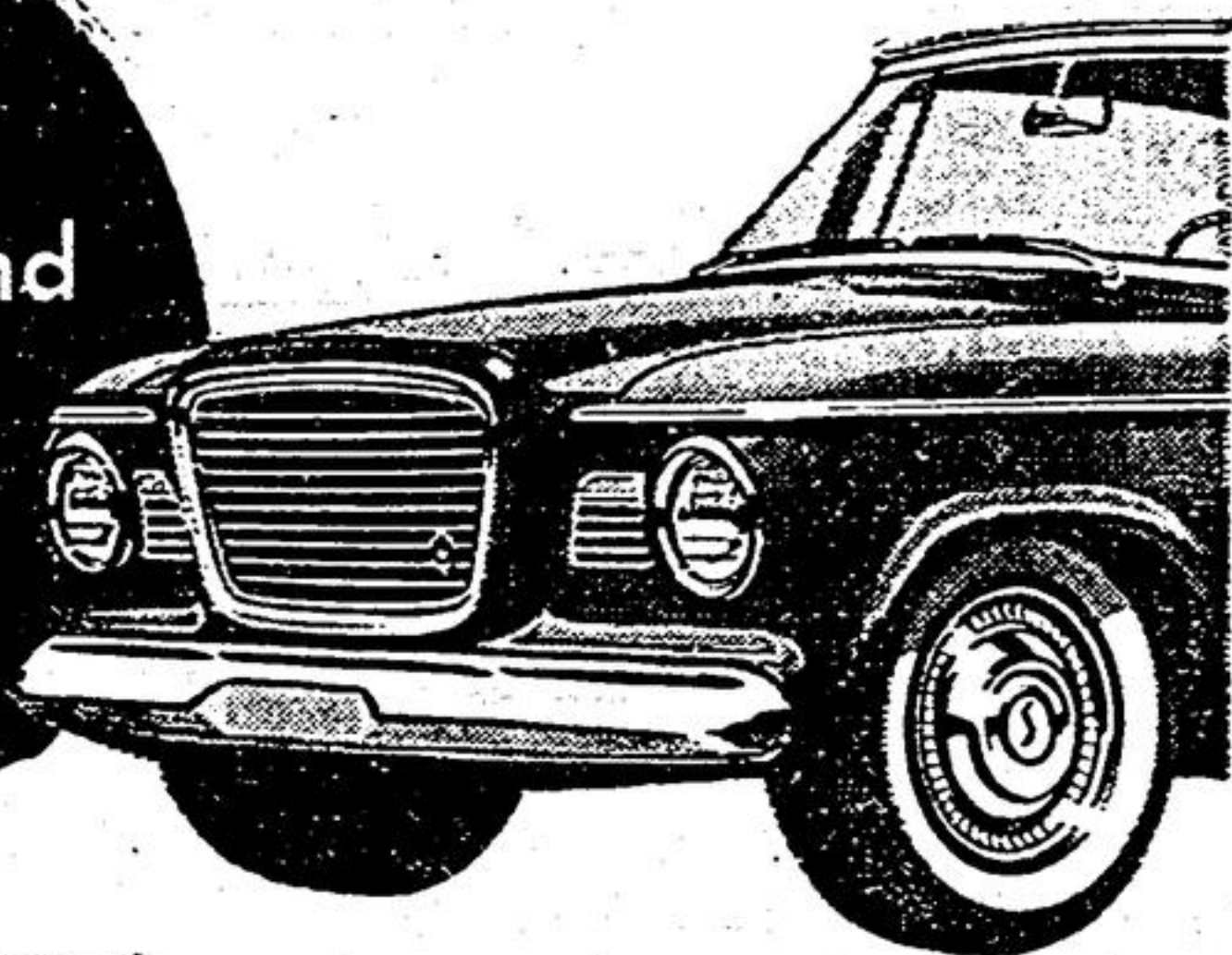


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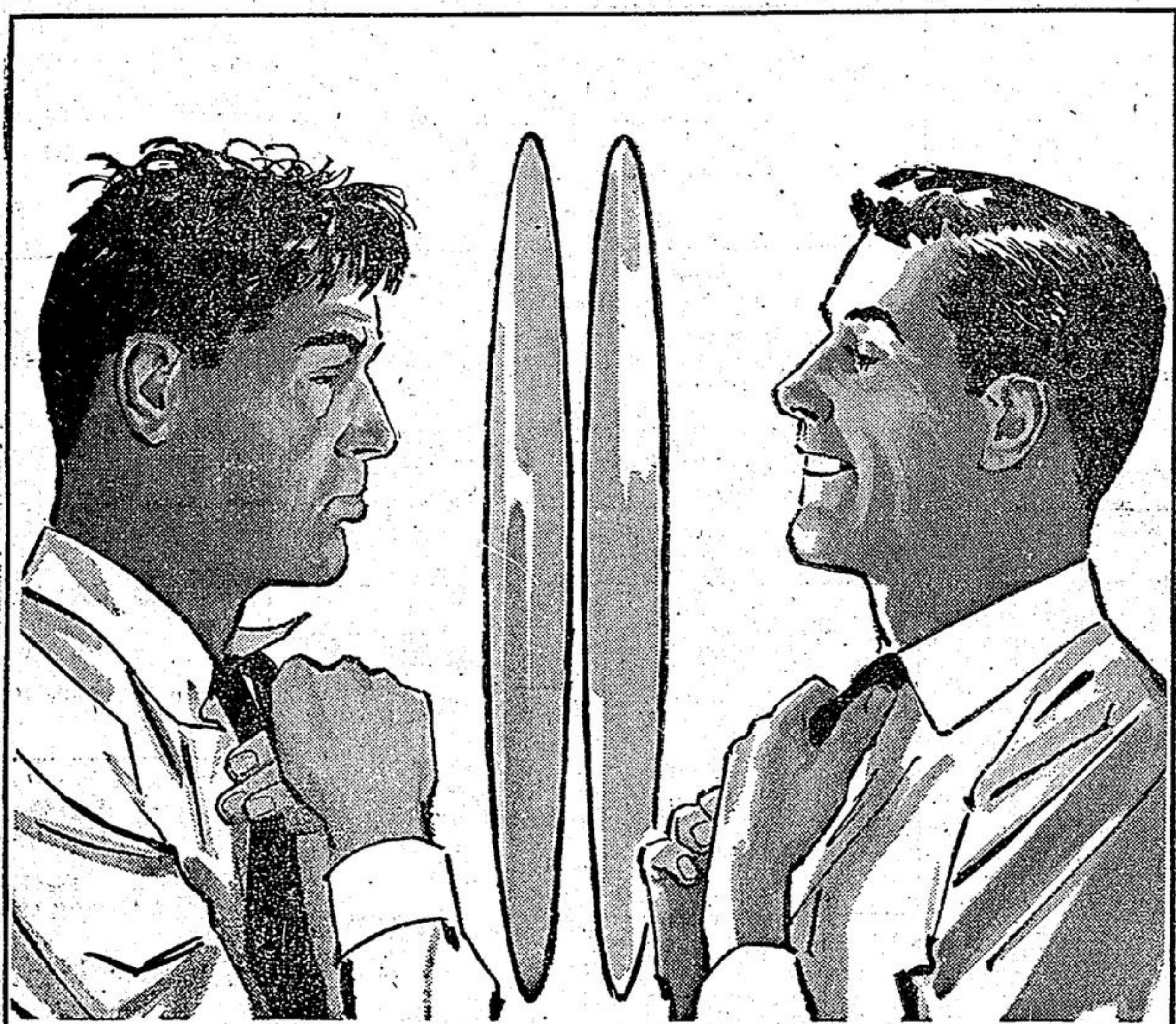
## ALTONA (July 9th)

The W.I. meeting which is to be held next Wednesday, July 15th at 8 p.m., will be at the home of Mrs. M. Dunkeld. Please keep in mind the change in the place and time. The 4H Club girls will be in charge of the program. Lawrence McGarvey of Toronto spent last week with his

sister, Mrs. Al Jakeman and this week, Lawrence, his dad, Robert McGarvey and Brad Jakeman are holidaying at Hay Bay. A speedy recovery is wished for Roy Lewis who underwent an emergency appendectomy on Friday night at Scarborough General Hospital. Susan Jones spent last week with her aunt Mrs. Len Flowers and cousins of Peterboro. During the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Jones entertained some of

the staff of Jones-Morris Photographers. Mr. and Mrs. H. Nighswander and family spent the weekend with relatives at Baden. Mr. and Mrs. Jim White were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Delamatter. Carole Jakeman is spending the summer as a waitress at Millford Manor near Bracebridge. Mrs. Hector Fillion left by plane from Malton on Friday for a two weeks' visit with her

parents at Edmonton, Alta. Her mother expects to undergo a serious operation very soon. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goudie, Tommy and Lynda Bunker and Marjery Mertens enjoyed a trip to Collingwood where Marjery is going to spend this week at a cottage as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lee and family. Rev. and Mrs. D. Sargent are holidaying at his sister's cottage at Turkey Point on Lake Erie for two weeks.



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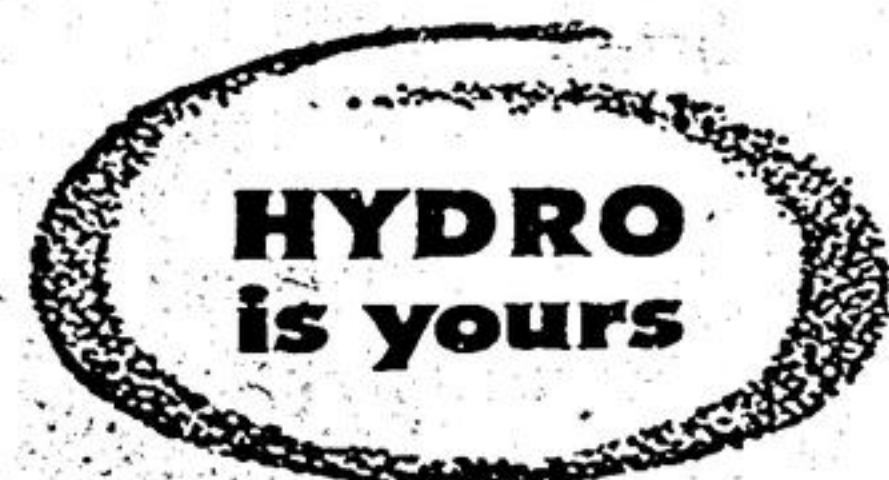
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### BLESSING FOR AN ALIEN

Ruth

(Lesson for July 19)

**GOLDEN TEXT** — He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. — Deut. 10:18, 19

### THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

**Approach to the Lesson**  
The Holy Spirit, who directed the composition of the beautiful story of Ruth, desired that people through the centuries should read the record for several reasons.

First, the little book reveals that even in the anarchistic period of Israel's judges there was a remnant of genuine faith in the land (represented by Boaz). Even in the midst of idolatry and confusion, when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21: 25), God had His own people who had not bowed the knee to false gods.

Second, Ruth narrates a lovely romance which can well challenge the hearts of young people contemplating the marriage. Boaz was a man of nobility, integrity, and generosity. Ruth was a lovely young woman, pure, upright, and devoted. The story is one of dignity and charm. Understand the customs of the day (especially Deut. 25:5, 6) and you will see that both Ruth and Boaz acted with discretion.

Third, the book informs us concerning the genealogy of King David, from whom Mary, the mother of our Lord, was descended (Ruth 4:21, 22; Luke 3:31, 32).

Fourth—and this is a truth upon which one might dwell at length—the romance of Boaz and Ruth is an interesting illustration of the relationship between Christ and His bride, the true Church. Study the parallel carefully and your soul will be richly blessed.

### Verse by Verse

Ruth 1:19—"They two went... to Bethlehem... when they were come... all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?" The distance from Moab to Bethlehem (five miles south of Jerusalem) was about 50 miles. The city was stirred because the family of the influential Elimelech was well known. The question asked by the women residents ("said" as here used, is feminine) was due to their sorrowing surprise at Naomi's condition. Her appearance, altered by years of grief, had changed. But more, there was a shocking contrast between her happy condition when she and her loved ones had left Bethlehem years before and her present loneliness: she was now a bereaved widow.

Verse 20—"She said... Call me not Naomi, call me Mara... the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me." "Naomi" means "gracious" or "pleasant." "Mara" means "bitter." The woman's total outlook on life had changed. The loveliness of her life had been replaced by bitterness. She attributed her deep sorrow to the hand of God, laid heavily upon her. Almighty "Shaddai" in Hebrew (Exodus 6:3), the one in control of life and destiny.

Verse 21—"I went out full... the Lord hath brought me home again empty... the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me." Naomi had left Bethlehem "full," i.e., with a husband and two sons. Her husband, Elimelech, may have taken many of their possessions with them when escaping the famine in Bethlehem. The Lord "testified" against Naomi: He had seemed to witness against her as guilty, and then penalized (afflicted) her for her sins.

Verse 22—"Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law... out of the country of Moab... they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest." Bethlehem (house of bread) is later known as the city of David. Moab lies to the east, beyond Jordan. We are repeatedly told that Ruth was a "foreigner." The beginning of barley harvest was early in April. God's will is in the time of year the women arrived, i.e., when it would be possible for Ruth to glean.

Ruth 2:1—"Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech... Boaz." The name Boaz (strength or quickness) suggests a man endowed with resources of power or activity. The word "kinsman" used here is "moda", meaning a friend or acquaintance. Later in the story, "goel" (Ruth 3:9) will be used, indicating not only that Boaz was a friend of Elimelech, but also that he was a blood relative.

Verse 2—"Ruth... said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him... she said unto her, Go, my daughter." The poor, the stranger, and the widow had the right to glean (Lev. 19:9, 19; Deut. 24:19), i.e., to gather grain left on the earth by the reapers. To follow "after" a reaper is thus gather would be possible only if the man followed was unselfish and kind.

Ruth 4:13—"So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife... the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son." Boaz, ever honorable, had fulfilled his duty as kinsman-redeemer. He and Ruth were duly married, the consummation of a beautiful and noble romance. Of this union a son was born, his arrival rightly attributed to the superintendence of the Lord.

Verse 14—"The women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord

which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous... As Boaz was Ruth's kinsman-redeemer, so their little son would be Naomi's. The thought is: the birth of the lad would "buy her back" from sorrow to joy, from the stigma of childlessness to the blessedness of a family, from the frustration of lonely old age to the assurance of continuing family love, care, and provision; and above all to a confidence that the family line interrupted by death, would now continue.

Verse 15—"He shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life... a nourisher of thine old age... thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee... is better to thee than seven sons." The birth of the boy would bring a present revival of joy and peace as well as a hope for the future. "Seven" suggests a large number. Note the renewed emphasis upon Ruth's unfailing love for Naomi.

Verse 16—"Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it." As grandmother, she lovingly acknowledged that the child belonged to her. This is one of the most tender scenes in the Bible. Naomi is, as it were, incorporating the child into herself, and Ruth, totally unselfish, gives her loving and hearty approval.

Verse 17—"The women her neighbours gave it a name... Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David." Ruth, the beautiful heroine of the story, became the divine instrument in carrying forward the Davidic line, of which the Lord Jesus would ultimately be born. "Obed", servant or worshipper, impended (Ruth 4:21, 22; Luke 3:31, 32).

Verse 18—"This is the name of his adoring grandmother. Note that the neighbors (not Boaz) chose the name. This indicates Boaz's cheerful acquiescence and the friendliness of the neighbors!

**The Heart of the Lesson**  
As long as we recognize the fact that the story of Ruth is actual history, it is quite legitimate to see in it an instructive illustration of Christ's love-relationship to His bride, the church.

Boaz was a highly respected citizen of Bethlehem. A man of wealth, strength, and influence, he was yet kind and considerate. In the spiritual parallel we are now drawing, he represents Christ, the mighty yet gracious Son of God.

Ruth was a Gentile from beyond the Jordan to the east. So far as the blessings promised by God to the Jews were concerned, she was a Gentile, a Boabites, an alien from the commonwealth of Israel. Moreover, she was in great need. She had lost her husband, father-in-law, and brother-in-law. Her visible means of support were gone. She was in desperate straits. So it is with people before they are introduced to the Saviour. They are separated from God, helpless, and hopeless.

But the Lord dealt gently with Ruth. Her love and loyalty to her mother-in-law were strong and tender. She clung to Naomi devotedly, and as a result she finally met Naomi's husband's kinsman, Boaz. Naomi was thus the human instrument in bringing Ruth to the place of redemption. The God of faithful witnesses today whose winsomeness and love draw people to the Lord!

Boaz became Ruth's kinsman-redeemer. When the closer relative was unable or unwilling to purchase the property which had belonged to Elimelech and as part of the legal transaction to marry Ruth, Boaz stepped in, bought back (redeemed) the heritage and entered into a marriage contract with Ruth. The Lord Jesus has thus redeemed His people. He became our "kinsman" when He assumed human flesh. He bought His own back from the hopelessness and burden of sin and death. The redemption price was His precious blood (1 Peter 1:18, 19). His redeemed are now His holy bride (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-27), awaiting the reappearance of her heavenly Bridegroom.

The fruit of the union between Boaz and Ruth was Obed, grandfather of David, and thus a source of blessing to Israel. The fruit of our spiritual union with Christ, "Paul reminds us, must be 'unto God.'" (Rom. 7:4).

On the cross Christ poured out His blood for sinners.

## LEMONVILLE

(July 9th)

Mrs. Spence of Toronto called on friends in Lemonville last week. She is leaving on an extended trip to visit relatives in Ireland.

Mrs. Greer's mother and her uncle, Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Jones spent the weekend with the Greer family.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer and Lynn and Mrs. A. Yake, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weir of Parry Sound.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Wicks entertained their family, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hollett and Ronnie of Rexdale, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wicks, Arthur at home and Mr. and Mrs. Hollett, Sr., of Toronto in honour of their first grandchild, Ronnie Hollett who celebrated his first birthday on Saturday. A birthday party was held at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Preston visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. Foster of Sutton on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Greer, Sr. who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. Greer, returned to Brantford last week. Walter returned with her enjoying a few holidays with his aunt and uncle.

Mr. Wilbur Cloughton is presently visiting with his brother in the west and attending the Stampede at Calgary.

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