

# Roman shrine uncovered on Lanark farm

## Weather outlook SHOWERS

**F**AIR with scattered showers, good visibility, moderate west to north-west winds; cool. To-morrow forenoon; Fair, rain later.

## PRINCESS GETS U.S. TRIBUTE

**P**AYING tribute to Princess Margaret, "the sweetheart of the British Empire," on her 21st. birthday the Washington *Evening Star* said admiration and affection for the Princess was not confined to the Empire.

"The notion that she is a mere ornament of the sovereign power is erroneous," the *Star* said.

### ART, MUSIC

"She shares with her parents, Princess Elizabeth and a few other persons, the burden of setting an example for millions of people, who see in her and in them living symbols of a majesty which still has historic validity, despite the decline of the monarchy.

**I**N excavations on an old Roman fort at Castle-dykes, on a Lanark farm, seven British archæological students have uncovered part of the large central room or shrine (known as the *sacellum*) in which Roman garrisons erected an altar to their favourite god.

The resumed excavations began early this month, when the students were able to determine the exact position of the west gateway.

They also found fragments of pottery, iron nails, charred wood and daub.

Dr. Anne S. Robertson, M.A., curator of the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow University, is directing excavations.

### ON CROSSROADS

A plan of the surface indications of the fort was made 200 years ago by General Roy, one of General Wade's engineer officers.

The fort, with an internal area of six acres, was first occupied during the campaigns of Agricola (A.D. 80-84) and re-occupied and rebuilt in the Antonine Period (A.D. 142-185).

It lies on a crossroads linking the two main Roman roads lead-

ing from the south into Scotland, and its garrisons helped to safeguard supplies being carried to the Antonine Wall, which ran from the Forth to the Clyde.

### Pre-fab pub request

Hawick Town Council decided last night to ask the Ministry of Works if they would grant a building licence for a prefabricated public house in the Burn-foot housing scheme. The Ministry recently refused a licence for a permanent brick structure.

### Fighting finish

Fishing for sea trout at Unifirth, Shetland, Mr John Philips, a Lerwick angler, hooked a fish which immediately wriggled towards him, leapt in the air and landed in his boat. It weighed 2½lb.