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to know them, kid. You'll like 'em," he said.

Barbara did not believe she would ever like that particular crowd. Several were newspaper people, others advertising men. There was a young lawyer in the group, a budding architect, and three medical students. They held informal meetings almost nightly at various saloons and taverns and discussed the books or plays or houses or briefs which they were going to do some day. She noticed that as a rule Tony paid the checks.

"That's because I'm flush right now," he explained. "The reward money, you know. Next week probably Paul will sell an article or Dave snare a client and the party'll be on them. In the meanwhile I'm elected."

Barbara liked the women in the crowd no better than the men. There was a couple of feature writers from a rival newspaper, an ex-chorus girl who was "resting" at her mother's until she could get another job in a show, a poetess, and a woman artist with black bangs and a throaty voice who called Tony "beloved Peter Pan" with every other breath, and looked accusingly at Barbara as if she had ruined Tony's life by promising to marry him. Her name was Wanda Lytle although Tony told Barbara privately that Wanda had been born singing morning Mass at St. Michael's Church, Iona. In the Priesthood, in the medical profession, or in the teaching profession a term of forty years constitutes a jubilee. The friends of those completing such a term ordinarily make a celebration in their honour. It would be fitting, therefore, to honour those completing such a term in the church. Surely it is no small thing for a man to depart forty years out of a lifetime to the service of the community. Mr. Farrell has sung Mass for quite a number of our parish priests. Starting in 1910 with Rev. J. Gaudet, he has given his service to Rev. M. J. Smith, Rev. P. Duffy, and Rev. C. J. McCarthy, our present parish priest. Of particular interest might be, that during this long term, Mr. Farrell has not missed one morning due to either sickness or to bad weather—a record which speaks for itself.

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plain Maggie Pitts. "Tony's spirit has wings," Wanda informed Barbara in a lofty voice. "It would be the sin unpardonable to drag his soul down to earth."

That sort of talk, Barbara saw red. "After all," she pointed out dryly, "even a winged spirit has to eat and have somewhere to sleep. They've even been known to require shoes."

Tony laughed, but Wanda exhorted Barbara in a sepulchral voice not to commit the egregious crime of rubbing the gloss off Tony's splendid gaiety. Tony chuckled her under the chin and advised her to stow it. However, he told Barbara later not to think Wanda as goofy as she sounded. "She's really a grand gal," he confided.

That was what bothered Barbara. To Tony, his friends did not seem the blatherskites they seemed to her. He sincerely believed that they were highly intelligent and going places in the artistic or professional worlds, just as they believed he was.

"Of course you know about Tony's play," said Wanda. "His play?" Barbara echoed blankly.

"They all looked at her askance. 'Hasn't Tony told you he is doing a play?'"

She shook her head and Tony laughed. "Did you ever see a newspaperman who wasn't writing a play?" he asked.

"Did you ever know one to finish it?" inquired Hank Woods. Hank went along with the crowd because Tony insisted, but Hank had no more use for them than they for him. "They can't imagine what Tony sees in me," he said to Barbara. "They've labeled me the Ubiquitous Moron. I had to ask Tony how to spell it before I could look it up in the dictionary. It means I'm a low-grade mentality who is always under Tony's feet."

"I'm afraid that's the way they feel about me," sighed Barbara. "Sure," said Hank. (To be continued)

Greenmount And Vicinity

Misses Lois and Alida Rayner, students at Tignish Convent, spent the week end at their homes in Greenmount.

Mrs. Wallace Graham with her infant daughter, returned to their home in Greenmount from the Western Hospital, Alberton.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved mother, brothers and sisters of Melvin MacRae, whose sudden death occurred at his home at Montrose on Friday.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Russell A'Hearn, Greenmount, on the death of their infant son, which occurred in the Western Hospital, Alberton, Sunday, March 27.

Owing to the bad roads, several of the folks, who planned to attend St. Patrick's play in Alberton were unable to get all the way and had to turn back a bit disappointed.

Miss Jessie Rayner, student of Summers High School and sister of Miss Jean, teacher of Northam, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rayner, Greenmount.

Mr. James Foley, Kildare Central returned home from the U. S. where he spent some time visiting members of his family. Mr. Foley made part of the trip by plane and enjoyed it immensely.

Colds are quite prevalent in this district especially with the school children, some of whom are unable to attend school for a few days, but with bright sunny days not far off, this minor ailment should soon be cleared up.

Constable Keefe of the R. C. M. P., Alberton paid a visit to teacher and pupils of Greenmount School recently. He outlined the life and work of the Mountie, which the children did enjoy. They are looking forward to a return visit shortly.

This is the time of year women folk are either busy at making quilts or bright new mats to adorn their floors after house-cleaning, at any rate, this is the case in several homes in this district. One afternoon last week Mrs. Charles Rayner invited several of the ladies, with their needles in for a quilting bee. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent. A delicious supper was served by the hostess. Later in the evening the men folk came, they played crokinole, and also gave some fine music while the women finished the quilt. Ice-cream and cake was then served to all by Mrs. Rayner assisted by daughter Velma.

On Monday evening recently members and friends of Greenmount Church of Christ, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rayner, for a basket-social. The evening was spent in social chat, games were enjoyed by old and young under the direction of Mr. Wm. Weale, with Mrs. Weale at the piano for the musical part. An orange passing contest between the men and women was won by a margin over the women, after many unsuccessful attempts on either side. This caused lots of fun, especially for the onlooker. Later Mr. Charles Rayner sold the 10 baskets which were all

lovely inside as well as out. Prayer was then offered by Mr. Weale, minister. Tea was then served and all partook of their lunches. It was regretted that due to the storm, the social was postponed from the previous Friday, and so several were unable to attend.

MAYFIELD W. I.

The Mayfield Women's Institute held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Andrew. The president conducting same. Meeting opened by singing "O Canada" followed by the Creed. A joke by 7 members and four visitors. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted and signed.

Institute box to England, which was packed by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Johnstone, cost \$5.37, collection to help cover same amounted to \$3.55. Reports from committees were received. It was moved by Mrs. Johnstone and seconded by Mrs. Warfield Orr that we purchase a teacher's desk for school. Mrs. Andrew to see about same, also Mrs. McDonald is to send soap to school. New committees are as follows: School—Mrs. Johnstone and Miss Marguerite Houston; Sick—Mrs. Millar Orr and Mrs. Andrew; Lunch—Mrs. Millar Orr and Mrs. Andrew. Place of meeting, the home of Miss Marguerite Houston. Mrs. W. McDonald and Mrs. Nicholson to prepare resolution for Teachers' Federation.

There were a discussion on having a concert. Some articles were auctioned by Mr. McDonald, which realized \$1.90. Auction to continue next night. Collection, 60c. Meeting closed by singing the King. Lunch was served by committee in charge, assisted by the hostess. Roll call for next meeting. "my most embarrassing moment."

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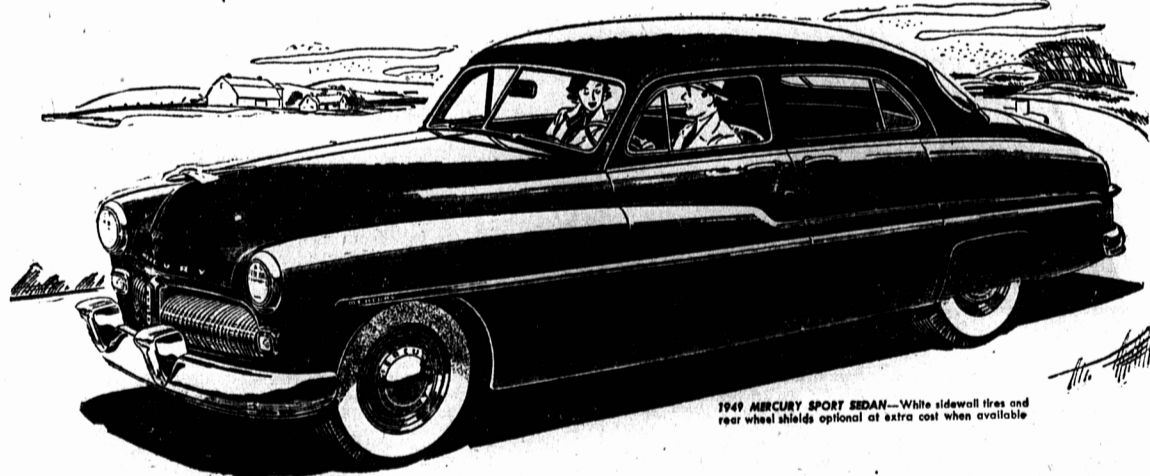
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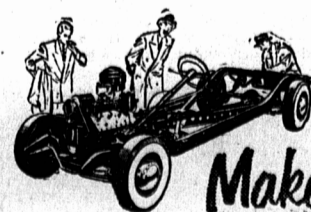
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