WELCOME THE TRAVELLER

(By ARTHUR HARDY)

CHAPTER II

WANTED — A BOXER

It was Friday—pay-day at the farm.

After lunch, served at half-past twelve, Farmer Berry endorsed the few welcome cheques the post had brought, and made out his own cheque for the men's wages and the family needs.

"You'll be looking in to see John?" said the farmer, eyeing his stalwart son shrewdly. "Susan is poorly—he told me on the telephone this morning."

"I'll call at the garage on the way," Robert promised. "And I'll take Nora with me."

He stuffed the paying-in book and the cheques in an inside pocket.

"Nora," he called out, pausing in the sunlit hall. "Put some things on and come with me."

A musical voice answered from upstairs.

"I'll be down by the time you've got the car out."

He drove the car out of the barn which served as a garage. It was the new car bought from brother John at the Mill-st. garage, the old one having been allowed for in the exchange. He opened the sun roof and let down the side windows. Nora met him at the door.

She had changed her clothes and looked alluringly pretty in a coat and skirt, and an extravagantly smart small hat Jessie Capstow had given her.

They drove past the wood which had given the farm its name, and took the downward slope of the hill which ran past Daniel Shelton's cottage, knowing full well that on such a day Daniel would be sure to be pottering about the front garden.

But Daniel was not pottering about the garden. Instead, he was leaning with folded arms upon the gate and blinking lazily in the sun. Beside him, Katmir, a champion Alsatian, bred and shown by Daniel Shelton, reared up on hind legs, snuggled his muzzle on two big fore-paws set upon the gate rail.

Daniel without coat or waistcoat, showed braces crossed over a bright blue shirt. He was sun-tanned and round of face, thick about the middle, his nose had been broken and flattened at its bridge, and his cheek was scarred and marked. Hair of sandy yellow and eyebrows beetling above eyes of bluegrey, extraordinarily piercing.

"Thought I should see yer," said Daniel as Robert Berry pulled up the car to a momentary stop. "Dan's in great shape, Bob, but I can't find the right sparring partners for him for love or money. When are you coming along to help him reg'lar?"

"I'll do all I can the last fortnight, Daniel," answered Berry. "But there's the farm——"

Daniel Shelton studied the figure which lolled behind the steering wheel of the car with keen appraising eyes. He had met few men in his time who showed the peak of perfection of physical fitness Robert Berry habitually presented. How tight the tanned skin was, how clear the eyes, how firm the flesh.

"You've bin doing a bit of trainin' this mornin'?" said he.

"Before breakfast, and with no sustenance inside him," Nora answered for him.

Daniel Shelton turned his head round lazily. The door of the cottage stood open.

"Hey, Dan, lad," he bawled. "Come and have a word wi' Robert."

Daniel Shelton junior appeared. He was almost as big and as tall as Berry himself and rugged looking, like his father. He too, showed the same lean hardness about his sun-tanned face. His hands were large and his bones big. He wore clean white flannels and a white sweater. His fairish hair tumbled about an unmarked face. Dan had won the amateur middle-weight and heavy-weight boxing championships two years ago. Since then he had turned professional and he had only once been beaten on points by Fred Curtis. Usually he won his fights by a knock-out, at the moment he was matched to fight Jack Richards the holder, for the heavyweight championship of the British Empire.

Daniel Shelton had taught his son Dan how to box almost as soon as he was able to toddle, and now Dan was mounting upwards to the big money. Robert Berry too, was Daniel Shelton's pupil.

Dan ran down the stone paved path with the lightness of foot of a ballet dancer, swung pa Daniel out of the way with a firm thrust of the arm, opened the gate and came to the car with Katmir gambolling beside him. He gave Nora a friendly smile and grinned at Berry.

"Come and give me some help Bob," he begged. "I've got nobody who can pull out the best in me. I think I ought to beat Richards, but he's big and tough and awkward and hangs on. I want to win because Mike McGinty is coming over to see the fight. If I beat Richards I may get signed up with Mike. I should be able to think in thousands then instead of hundreds now. When will you give me a hand, Bob?"

Robert Berry considered the question.

"Oh, I don't know. I'm busy. I'll see what I can do later."

Daniel Shelton came through the gate, hands in pockets, chewing.

"You work as hard as anybody I know, Mr. Berry," he said. "But how much have you got saved up in the bank?"

"Oh, something under one hundred pounds Shelton."

Daniel shook his head sadly.

"You're throwing away your chances, boy. From the time when you and Dan first sparred together you had the Indian sign on him. In the school fights you always beat him, weight for weight. You knocked out Tom Hanlon, the amateur middle-weight champion in half a round, where my boy had to go the whole distance to win on points. Yet you wouldn't enter for the amateur boxing championships. You are only six months older than Dan. Why don't you chuck up farming, put yourself in my hands and make a fortune before you're thirty. Anything to say against that?"

"I'm a farmer, Daniel. I must stand by my father. I want to make a go of Wood Farm."

Daniel Shelton grimaced, give his son a dubious look and raised the palms of his hands to the blue sky.

"Godfrey's ghost!" he howled. "He ought to be heavy-weight champion of England pulling down thousands; but he prefers hoeing turnips to swapping punches, stable lamps to ring lights and milking cows to beating champions. Bob, boy, you gave more promise than any man I've ever seen in the ring. You're a natural, the only one I've seen in my time."

Robert Berry waved a smiling good-bye.

"I'll see what I can do to help, Dan," said he.

The car moved on.

"If you see Joe Capstow ask him when Jess is coming home," Dan called out as the machine plunged down the hill.

"I'll make a point of it," shouted Berry.

A BERRY IN BUSINESS

Threading a way through the winding and narrow streets of Tansworth, Berry entered Mill Street from its western end, stopped outside John Berry's garage and went in with Nora.

To-day John had even a bigger fight to make both ends meet than his father had up at Wood Farm.

John Berry was crippled by want of capital, his wife was sick, he worked as hard as three ordinary men and was up and doing at all hours.

He came to meet his brother Robert and Nora with lagging steps. He had not shaved this morning. His eyes were dull, his lips drawn tight. Though big and strong, the sap had gone out of him. Yet his smile was transforming, softening the set features.

"Nice of you to call," said he.

"How's Susan, Jack?" asked Robert anxiously.

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Stevens Scores Patronage Contracts

Charges War Measures Exploited For Liberal Partisan Purpose.

EDMONTON, Jan. 23—(CP)—Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative member of Parliament for Kootenay East, charged in addressing Edmonton Conservatives here last night that "political patronage has dominated the Liberal Party in Canada" in the administration of war measures.

"Judging by personal observations and information from unimpeachable sources, in my home city of Vancouver for example, practically everywhere purchases of supplies and other war moves taken by the Canadian Government have been dominated by a desire to fortify the Liberal Party," he told the meeting, sponsored by the Edmonton Central Executive Council of Conservative Associations.

"The taxpayers should not have to lose thousands of dollars because the party in power is fortifying its position," he said. "But that is what is happening.

"When we (Conservative members) know of certain things such as patronage contracts and ask for the papers and records in Parliament, however, we probably will be faced with the governmental reply that it is not in the public interest to disclose the information publicly at this time. . .

"Whether we turn to the war effort or the internal problems, this government deserves the condemnation of the country for gross dereliction of duty."

CIVIC ELECTION

In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Prince Edward Island, made and passed in the Twenty-first year of the reign of His Majesty King George V., Chapter 31, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the several Acts incorporating the City of Charlottetown," and all Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

I do hereby give PUBLIC NOTICE that an election of a Mayor for the said City and one person to serve as a Councillor in the City Council for each of the Wards, Numbers 1, 2, and 3 of the said City, and of Two Persons to serve as Councillors in said Council for Ward Number Four of the said City, and of Three persons to serve as Councillors in said Council for Ward Number Five in the said City; being in all a Mayor and Eight Councillors representing the City as follows:

FOR WARD NUMBER ONE—ONE COUNCILLOR
FOR WARD NUMBER TWO—ONE COUNCILLOR
FOR WARD NUMBER THREE—ONE COUNCILLOR
FOR WARD NUMBER FOUR—TWO COUNCILLORS
FOR WARD NUMBER FIVE—THREE COUNCILLORS

WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY

THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D., 1940

AT THE SEVERAL POLLING PLACES THAT IS TO SAY:

Ward 1 West, at or near Augustus Quinn's, being No. 54 Queen Street.

Ward 1 East, at or near the residence of Horace McKinnon, being No. 51 Prince Street.

Ward 2 West, at or near the residence of Andrew McLeod, being No. 93 Sydney Street.

Ward 2 East, at William Bateman's residence, being No. 178 Sydney Street.

Ward 3, in the Market House Building.

Ward 4 West, at the City Building.

Ward 4 Central, at or near Urban Blanchard's Shop, being No. 182 on the South side of Kent Street.

Ward 4 East, at or near the shop of Henry L. Mutlow, being No. 171 Weymouth Street.

Ward 5 West, at Clarence Ranahan's Service Station, corner of Queen and Euston Streets.

Ward 5 West Central, at Mallett's Service Station, on the West side of Great George Street, being No. 207 Great George Street.

Ward 5 East Central, at the Red Indian Service Station, corner of Fitzroy and Great George Streets.

Ward 5 East, at or near the Shop of Lee R. Cameron, No. 225 Euston Street.

And at the said Election the Poll will be opened at Nine O'clock in the forenoon and continue open until Five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICTS

WARD ONE

EAST OF GREAT GEORGE STREET—The First Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number One, in the City of Charlottetown, situate East of Great George Street, and the Poll shall be held at or near the dwelling of Horace McKinnon, being No. 51 Prince Street.

WEST OF GREAT GEORGE STREET—The Second Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number One, in the City of Charlottetown, situate West of Great George Street, and the Poll shall be held at or near Augustus Quinn's, being 54 Queen Street.

WARD TWO

EAST OF GREAT GEORGE STREET—The Third Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Two, in the City of Charlottetown, situate East of Great George Street, and the Poll shall be held at William Bateman's Residence, 178 Sydney Street.

WEST OF GREAT GEORGE STREET—The Fourth Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Two, in the City of Charlottetown, situate West of Great George Street, and the Poll shall be held at or near Andrew McLeod's Residence, being No. 93 Sydney Street.

WARD THREE

The Fifth Polling Division shall comprise Ward Number Three, in the City of Charlottetown, and the Poll shall be held at or near the Market House.

WARD FOUR EAST

EAST OF HILLSBOROUGH STREET—The Sixth Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Four, in the City of Charlottetown, situate East of Hillsborough Street, and the Poll shall be held at or near the shop of Henry Mutlow, No. 171 Weymouth Street.

WARD FOUR CENTRAL

The Seventh Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Four, situate West of Hillsborough Street and East of Great George Street, and the Poll shall be held at or near the shop of Urban Blanchard, being No. 182 on the South side of Kent Street.

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WEST OF GREAT GEORGE STREET—The Eighth Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Four in the said City, situate West of Great George Street, and the Poll shall be held at the City Building.

WARD FIVE EAST

EAST OF HILLSBOROUGH STREET—The Ninth Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Five, in Charlottetown, East of Hillsborough Stret, and a line in continuation thereof to the division line between Charlottetown Common and Royalty, and the Poll shall be held at or near the shop of Lee R. Cameron, 225 Euston Street East.

WARD FIVE EAST CENTRAL

The Tenth Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five, in Charlottetown, East of Great George Street and the Malpeque Road and West of Hillsborough Street and a line in continuation thereof to the division line between Charlottetown Common and Royalty, and the Poll shall be held at or near the Red Indian Service Station, corner Fitzroy and Great George Streets.

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WEST OF GREAT GEORGE STREET AND EAST OF QUEEN STREET—The Eleventh Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five, in Charlottetown, West of Great George Street and Malpeque Road and East of Queen Street, and the Poll shall be held at Mallett's Service Station, being No. 207 Great George Street.

WARD FIVE WEST

The Twelfth Polling Division shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five, in Charlottetown, situate West of Queen Street, including Government House and Land at Victoria Park, and the Poll shall be held at Clarence Ranahan's Service Station, corner of Queen and Euston Streets.

NOMINATION DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, A. D., 1940

At the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, from the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon until the hour of Four o'clock, in the afternoon of same day.—For Qualifications of Electors see Act 21 George V., Cap. 31 and amendments thereof.

J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk

City Clerk's Office, Charlottetown, January 18th, 1940.

ERNEST A. FOSTER, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS and WATER SUPPLY

In pursuance of An Act of the Legislature of the Province of Prince Edward Island made and passed in the Fiftieth year of the reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 8, entituled "The Charlottetown Water Works Act", and all Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, and of An Act of the Legislature of the Province of Prince Edward Island made and passed in the sixty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 12, entituled, "The Charlottetown Sewerage Act," and all Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

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STIRLING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The January meeting of the Stirling W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Lorne MacEwen. 18 members and 3 visitors answered the roll call by naming a place in the war area. The president presided and opened the meeting with O Canada and Creed. The school and sick committees gave their report and the following new committees were appointed. Sick, Mrs. Thomas Bolger. Program, Mrs. J. E. Hiscott, Grace MacKay, Lunch, Mrs. John MacKay, Mrs. Elmore MacKay, Grace MacKay, Marjorie MacEwen. The Soldier Box Committee reported putting up 10 boxes and presented bills amounting to $8.83. It was moved and seconded that the bill be paid also a bill of $2.20 for oranges.

It was decided to send for a copy of Institute News.

One new member was welcomed to the Institute.

Letters of thanks were read from the soldier boys for boxes sent at Christmas.

The program consisted of Shrods and a "Brain Teaser" contest won by Mrs. Lorne MacEwen and Mrs. Austin Walsh. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Bolger. Roll call to be answered by "speling a word." The Questionnaire on Home Economics to be filled in at the next meeting. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Collection $1.40.

TO ENTERTAIN MEN ON LEAVE

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24—(CP)—Members of the Canadian Active Service Force stationed here are "digging in" at the Georgia Dugout, a snug recreation centre operated by a group of women volunteers.

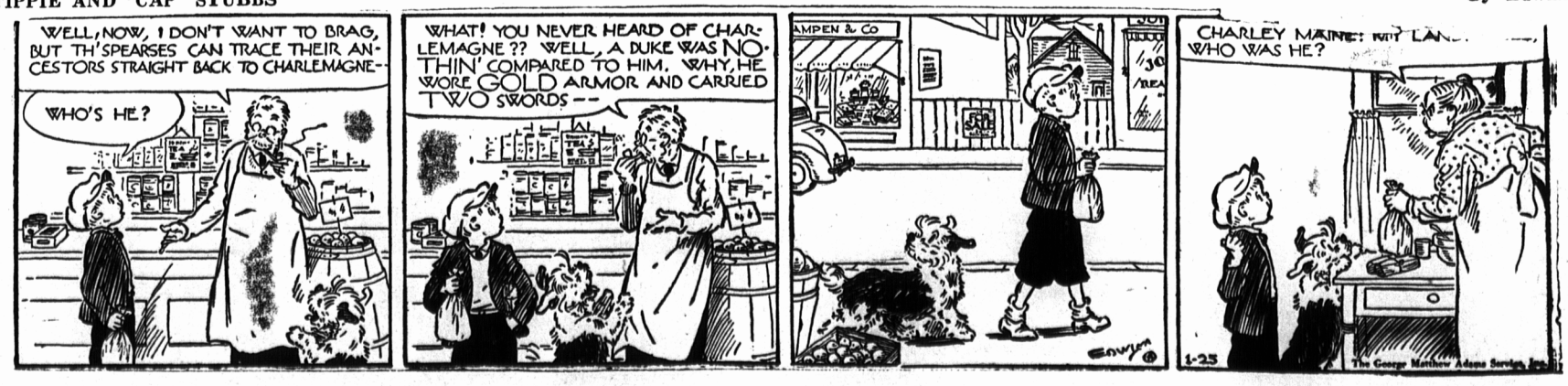
It's a haven for men on leave. They can play bridge, badminton, gather around the piano for a singsong, write letters or read magazines and books from the library. And they can entertain their best girls there too. Snacks and cigarettes are sold at cost price.

They are planning to hold Saturday night cabarets with floor shows but what pleases the "boys" most is the opportunity to meet "fellows in the navy and the air force and other military units" who drop into the centre.

MEN IN MAJORITY

AUCKLAND, N. Z.—(CP)—There are still more men than women in New Zealand according to the government year book—814,456 males, 790,023 females—total 1,604,479 at last count.

TOTS RESCUED TOYS

LONDON—(CP)—Calmly picking up their teddy bears in their burning bedroom, Jonathan and Kevin Phillips, three-year-old guests at a home here, walked downstairs and interrupted a party with the news of the fire. All escaped safely.

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