

Exit Tony Blount

CHAPTER XXIII

Continued

It was no more than a ghastly grey against the surrounding blackness at first, but as he watched it, it spread slowly up the sky, and with a feeling of vast relief he realized that the long night was over at last.

He rose stiffly to his feet, shivering in his sodden clothing. The rain had ceased altogether and a little cold wind had sprung up. It was still too dark to see anything clearly, but he peered down the hillside in an effort to make out what had caused the unaccountable cessation of the sound of the sea.

The light was strengthening slowly, and presently he caught the first steady glimmer of the grey dawn-light reflected on water some distance down the valley. The cliff walls were already looming blackly against the lightning sky, and at every moment he was picking up the shape of boulders and clumps of pandanus on the slopes before him.

In another five minutes the whole valley lay revealed to his eyes in the cold light and he stood amazed at what he saw.

In the last hour the scene had changed completely. Where the pale moonlight had revealed the valley as a new arm of the sea, with ten-foot breakers sweeping the spoils of its victory forward on their errand, the dawn showed that the inundation had been less an invasion than a raid.

Water still lay in the valley in plenty—vast pools and miniature lakes showed along its entire length, with threadlike streams in broad channels connecting one to another—but there was no more than a residue of the water host. The main body had returned to its former level, and gazing out to seaward he could just see the pale line of the foam which marked the re-emergence of the barrier reef.

As he had already begun to suspect, the inundation was the result of a series of tidal waves rather than any sinking of the island itself, and now that the sea had drained back to its proper place again, conditions would slowly return to normal as far as the island itself was concerned.

But for its inhabitants there would be no return. In that wrinkle of the earth's surface, ruin and devastation had been let loose, and a couple of hundred human beings had been swept out of existence in the space in which a man might hold his breath. Fifteen years had gone to the making of the plantation—fifteen years of oppression and bitter, forced toil. And now it had been shattered and wrecked—utterly destroyed—in something like fifteen minutes. Not a palm stood where on the previous day their numbers could have been counted in thousands. Their trunks lay scattered all over the floor of the valley where the receding flood had left them, and hundreds were piled in a grotesque, splintered heap at the foot of the slope—a monument to the futility of man's puny efforts.

The eastern sky was flashing with golden light as the unseen sun swept up towards the horizon, but the warm colour merely emphasized the ghastly desolation of the scene and brought home to him his appalling solitude. He was suddenly aware of a passionate longing for human companionship, and moved by an impulse of faint hope he raised his voice and shouted aloud: "M'fanti!" he called, and again: "M'fanti!"

There was no answer save the distant murmur of running water. In his inmost heart he had little hope that the girl could have survived the night. He knew that only by a succession of miracles had he won clear of the cascading hillside himself, yet with the new-found sense of awful loneliness, he choked back the knowledge, and as the sun's fiery rim rose above the line of the horizon he plunged

P.E.I. Presbytery of United Church Meet In Summerside

The summer session of P. E. I. Presbytery of the United Church of Canada met Monday in Trinity United Church, Summerside.

The session was opened by a devotional period under the leadership of Rev. J. M. Fraser, B.A., of Montague in which he laid particular emphasis on the value of the human life. The business opened with the installation of the incoming chairman of the presbytery, Rev. W. A. Paterson, M.A., B.D., by the retiring chairman Rev. D. W. MacPheerson, B.A.

Several visitors from other areas of the church were welcomed. These included Rev. E. M. Aikken, B.D., D.D., of Hamilton, Ont., Rev. E. R. Woodside, B.A., of Bathurst, N.B., and Rev. Clifford Moase, B.D., of Ingomar, N.S. Reports were presented of the inductions of ministers which have taken place since the beginning of the conference year. These incoming ministers are Rev. Robert Wagner into O'Leary, Rev. George Ward into Bedeque, Rev. Donald Sharp into Souris, Mr. S. A. Eustance into Dundas, Rev. Norman Green, B.A., into Covedale and Rev. Lloyd Archer, B.A., into Tryon.

An order of the day brought a panel discussion on "The Value of Personality." This was introduced by Rev. W. A. Paterson with several others assisting. Mr. Paterson brought out that although men quest for God is a vital factor in human personality, the basis for the value of personality is to be found also in God's search for man. Some who contributed to the discussion were Rev. C. D. Matheson, Rev. A. F. MacLean, Rev. R. Wallis, Rev. J. W. Howe, and Mr. W. C. Brooks.

The committee on colleges and students reported that there are currently eight men studying for the ministry under this Presbytery. The names of three additional candidates were read—Harold Bernard, Keith Rogerson and Kelvin Johnston. Mr. Johnston, being present, stated his desire to enter the Christian ministry.

In his report of the recommendations of the church extension committee, Rev. J. K. Campbell emphasized that the matter of church extension is one of the greatest challenges that ever faced the church. He reminded the Presbytery of the action of conference which extended the campaign period to December 31, 1956, although some churches have already completed their own campaign. In connection with this report, Rev. E. R. Woodside addressed the court pointing out the significance of this matter in

down the slope crying her name aloud. The raw earth was stripped and scored where rock masses and boulders had plunged down into the valley, and the rain had carved deep channels in its surface. Trees lay smashed and riven, and here and there deep rifts and chasms barred his way.

In a kind of desperate haste he began to beat the ground down towards where he fancied they had been standing when the first blow descended—zig-zagging across the face of the hillside, and still calling her name at intervals.

He had reached a spot some two-thirds of the way down the slope when he suddenly came upon her. She was lying face downwards, with her head resting on one outflung arm. The attitude was a natural one, and at first sight there was little to indicate that she was not sleeping.

But as he stared breathlessly at the sodden cotton frock moulded to the slight form and the dark hair—mud-bespattered and driven into the earth by the force of the rain—he knew otherwise.

(To be continued)

CHATHAM, N. B. (CP). The body of Gerry Durant, 21, of Nelson, N. B., who was drowned Sunday in the Miramichi River 12 miles from here was recovered Tuesday at South Nelson. Coroner E. H. Freeman of Chatham said no inquest will be held.

BODY RECOVERED

Inverness School Hold Closing Program

Inverness School closing was held on the evening of June 26 at Inverness School.

The chairman was Mr. Harry Brown who is the church army worker stationed at Inverness for the summer month.

Following was the program: Recitation—Welcome, by Grace MacDonald; Chorus—Vacation Call, by school; Recitation—My Teacher, by Colleen Sharbell; Recitation—A Red Head's Regret, by Francis MacNard; Choral Chorus Our Work, by Marilyn Sharbell, Joan Biggar, Valerie Costain, Charity MacDonald and Mary Milligan; Recitation, My Name, by Blake Sharbell; A Boy's Essay on Girls, by Simon MacDonald; Duets—Billy Venero, by Joan Biggar and Charity MacDonald; Recitation—Izzy and Lizzy, by Hollis MacFadyen; Dialogue, Secrets Under an Umbrella, by Carol Biggar and Florence Coughlin; If Boys Had Their Way, by Alfred Bridges; Simon MacDonald; Hollis MacFadyen; George Lynch; Hilton Wilson and Hollis MacFadyen; Chorus, Commencement Song, School, Monologue—A Sad Occasion, by Carol Biggar; Recitation—The Talker, by Nancy Biggar; Dialogue—Bringing Up Junior, by Everett Coughlin; Vacation Recitation—Little Hands, by Roma MacDonald; The Key and the Bell, by Lhoman Wilson and George Phillips.

Intermission—Sale of Candy, Dialogue—The Proposal; Recitation—Favorite Colors, by Carol Biggar; Recitation—What Makes the Trouble, by Madonna MacDonald; Recitation—Examinations, by Eunice MacDonald; Good-bye—Better—Best, by Hilton Wilson, George Lynch and Hollis MacFadyen; The Days of the Week, by Grace MacDonald, Nancy Biggar, Joyce Fitzgerald, Dorothy Milligan, Cynthia MacDougall, Dorothy Milligan, Shirley Milligan; Recitation—Why I'm Studying, by Judy Biggar; September, by Eunice MacDonald; Colleen Sharbell, Marjorie Milligan, Robina Milligan and Madonna MacDonald.

Pennant Drill by Joan Biggar, Marilyn Sharbell, Charity MacDonald, Valerie Costain, Mary Milligan, Colleen Sharbell, Eunice MacDonald, Madonna MacDonald, Carol Biggar and Aidona Biggar; Recitation—A Dollar and a Cent, by Carl Maynard; Recitation—A Boy's Pocket, by Encl Morrison; Recitation—When the School Bell Rings at Nine, by Shirley Milligan; Recitation—Vacation, by Everett Coughlin; Recitation—Glad Vacation is Coming, by Thane Milligan; No More, by Everett Biggar, Judy Biggar and Jimmie Phillips; And They Are Calling Me, by Colleen Sharbell, Florence Coughlin and Carol Biggar; Recitation—Good-bye, by Aidona Biggar; Chorus—We're Off, by school; Recitation—Rejoice, by David Biggar; Chorus—Good-Bye Schoolmates.

Grading Certificates were presented to Grade IX, 1. Theresa Kilbride, 2. Mary Milligan; Grade VIII, 1. Charity MacDonald, 2. Joan Biggar, 3. Valerie Costain; Grade VII, 1. Marilyn Sharbell, 2. Simon MacDonald, 3. Aidona Biggar, 4. Clovis Maynard; Grade VI, 1. Hollis MacFadyen, 2. Eunice MacDonald, 3. George Lynch; Grade IV, 1. Encl Morrison, 2. Madonna MacDonald, 3. Carl Maynard, 4. Hilton Wilson, 5. Carol Biggar.

Prizes were given to the following for highest marks in their grades: Grade IX—Theresa Kilbride; Grade VIII—Charity MacDonald; VII—Marilyn Sharbell; Grade VI—Hollis MacFadyen; Grade IV—Encl Morrison; Grade III, Sr.—Florence Coughlin; Grade III Jr., Shirley Milligan; Grade II—Colleen Sharbell; Grade I—Lillian Coughlin. Perfect Attendance: 1. Eunice MacDonald and Grace MacDonald. Senior and Progress Certificates in MacLean Method of Writing were presented. The sewing class, conducted by Mrs. Hugh Ramsay, were presented with certificates.

An address was read by Clovis Maynard and an envelope containing \$27.05 presented to their teacher, Mrs. Oscar MacNeill by Simon MacDonald.

Mr. Austin Maynard gave a few remarks, giving credit to the pupils and teachers for their entertaining program. Ice cream was served. Mrs. David MacDonald accompanied the singing with the guitar. The National Anthem closed the program.

Proceeds from candy and door amounted to \$15.90 for the Women's Institute.

Gallant-Arsenault Wedding

A pretty wedding took place in Mont Carmel Church on June 3 when Miss Louise Arsenault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donat M. Arsenault of St. Raphael was united in marriage to Dolor Gallant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gallant, Plusville.

The bride was attired in a floor-length satin dress, the crown of her veil was roses and bleeding hearts. She carried a prayer book and wore a corsage of red roses. Bridesmaid Josephine Arsenault, sister of the bride wore a pink

Freetown and Vicinity

Friends regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. George Jardine. Mrs. Jardine is a patient in Prince County Hospital. All wish for her a speedy convalescence.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mann and daughter of Fredericton, N.B., arrived in Lower Freetown recently to visit with Mrs. Mann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lucas and son Donald of Newton, Mass., and Mr. Wendal Jardine of Minto, N. B., were guests on Dominion Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jardine. They also visited Green Gables in Cavendish.

Recent visitors to the village include Mr. Walter Scott, Miss Alice Scott, Mr. Bert Cobb and Miss Florence Moody of Gardiner, Maine. They are guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Burns and Mrs. Russel Burns.

A large number of happy children thoroughly enjoyed the annual Upper Freetown School picnic which was held on June 24, at Chelton Beach. The afternoon was highlighted with races, swimming and other sports and prizes were given by the teachers. The Birch Grove Women's Institute, also gave prizes for perfect attendance in school, and for the one having the highest averages in each room. A bountiful supper was served, to which all-as-usual-did justice!

S'side Air Officer On 3-Year Tour

LONDON, England.—A Summerside officer, Squadron leader A. C. W. (White) Barrett recently arrived in the United Kingdom for a three year tour of duty with the R. C. A. F. Division, Canadian Joint Staff. While in England, S/L Barrett will serve as telecommunications exchange officer with Headquarters 90 Group, R. A. F. Medmenham, Buckinghamshire.

Born and educated in Summerside, S/L Barrett joined the RCAF in 1941 and was attached to Headquarters 60 Group, RAF, serving in England until 1944. There followed a tour as Officer Commanding the Radar Detachment, Elliot, Newfoundland. In 1945 S/L Barrett attended the signals officers course at the RCAF's Telecommunications School, Clinton, Ont., and upon completion of the course became Station Signals Officer at RCAF Station, Summerside. In 1947 he was transferred to Training Command Headquarters, Trenton, where he served until 1950 when he became senior Telecommunications Officer with Maritime Group, Halifax.

Gallant-McNally Wedding

Emmont Bay Church was the scene of a pretty wedding June 10 when Miss Inez McNally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McNally became the bride of Earl J. Gallant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Gallant, Summerside. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Nazare Payer, parish priest at Esmont Bay.

Bridesmaid was Miss Rose Gaudet of Summerside, and the groom was supported by Mr. Edward Perry, also of Summerside. The bride chose a blue suit with white accessories and corsage of white carnations. The bridesmaid wore a navy suit with pink accessories and corsage of pink mums.

The bride's mother chose for her daughter's wedding a blue suit with beige accessories and corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore a mauve dress, white accessories and yellow roses.

After the Mass the newlyweds were served breakfast at the brides home where about 35 guests came to extend their best wishes. The bride and groom left on a tour of P.E.I. returning to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held in their honor. There were about 100 guests present who brought gifts and participated in the evening's entertainment.

Previous to their marriage, the couple had been tendered a miscellaneous shower at Canadian Legion Hall, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallant are residing in Summerside.

nylon net floor-length dress. The groom was attended by Aubin Gallant, Plusville. Flower girl was Florence Arsenault, another sister of the bride. Breakfast was served at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault were recipients of many lovely gifts. They will reside in Summerside.

Mau Mau Terrorists Overrun Guard Post

NAIROBI, Kenya. (Reuters)—Mau Mau terrorists Tuesday attacked and overran a loyalist tribal guard post in the Nyeri reserve, killing 12 guards and a tribal po-fought to the last man and last round of ammunition, security headquarters said.

NEW HAVEN W. I.

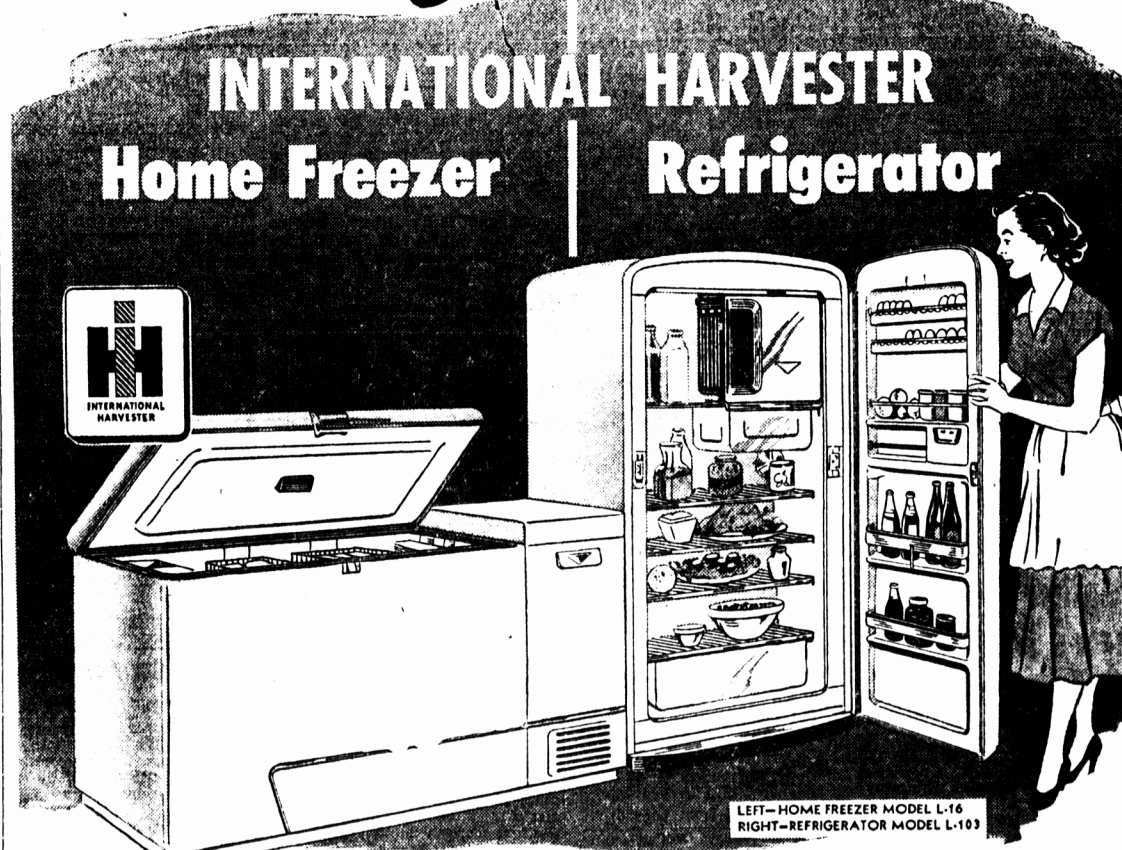
Monthly meeting of the New Haven Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Roland Buchanan Jr., on July 1 with an attendance of 16 members. Mrs. Brewer Boyle and Mrs. Duncan Gass were appointed delegates to the Annual Convention. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Richard MacPhee. Roll call is to be answered with "A White Elephant Sale". Thanks were extended to C.A. Frizzell and Leonard Willis for treats donated to the children at the picnic. Following the meeting Mrs. Brewer Boyle read an address to Mrs. Hugh MacDonald, the occasion being her 30th wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Michael Murphy presented her with a suitable gift on behalf of the Institute. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Rhee, Roberston All Smiles After "Friendly Understanding"



South Korean president Syngman Rhee, right, and Eisenhower's truce envoy, Walter Roberston, are all smiles after secret conferences at Seoul, where they bashed sources indicated Rhee had reached a 'friendly understanding' been won over to the U. N. side.

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