

Those Crazy Bartletts

CHAPTER ONE

Part Two

A tall, graceful looking girl in oil-stained overalls, a worn leather jacket marked with acid burns...

The girl went on a few feet, paused uncertainly, came back to Celia and smiling eagerly...

"Yes," said Celia, and stared at the girl. There was a smudge of grease on one cheek, and the girl's bare hands looked rough and far from clean.

"I'm Honey," said the girl. She started to embrace Celia eagerly, but remembered herself in time and looked ruefully at her grimy clothes.

"I almost forgot I looked like an ashman's daughter. I'm sorry as the dickens, Celia, to have to meet you like this, but my shift at the yard ended just at the time your train was due, and there wasn't time to get cleaned up."

"She bent to pick up the two largest suitcases, and her face brightened as she said eagerly, 'I'm so glad you brought a lot of luggage. I hope you're going to stay a long time! I've always wanted to know you better. Isn't it crazy? We're sisters, and we're strangers!'"

"There was a mist in her eyes that were as blue as Celia's, and her smile was warm and eager and appealing. But Celia's daintiness recoiled at sight of the grease-stained overalls, the smudged, burned jacket, the grimy hands."

"Honey—you don't mean you work at this shipyard?" she protested, not realizing how sharp her voice sounded.

"Honey straightened, seeming to feel the weight of the two large suitcases unimportant. Her eyes were wide with surprise. 'But of course, Celia! Every able-bodied man, woman and child in three counties works here—and the yard needs thousands more.'"

"Honey looked at her for a moment, level-eyed. The color crept into Celia's face and she turned her own eyes away, ashamed that she had hurt her sister's feelings, yet resentful that such an occasion should have arisen. She saw Rusty Randolph and was grateful for a chance to ease back to a more impersonal situation."

"Oh, were you expecting a house guest?" she said swiftly. "That man over there in the gray suit says he is Rusty Randolph and that he's going to visit the Bartletts!"

"Honey laughed. 'Well, that's us—and he's our guest, then,' she said, quite undisturbed—at the phrase."

"She put a hand to her mouth, cupping it, as she called cheerfully, 'Hi, Rusty Randolph!'"

Celia shivered at what seemed to her the vulgarity of it. But Rusty turned eagerly and came toward them, not seeming to mind the picture of Honey, grimy and overalled, at all repellent.

"I'm Honey Bartlett, Rusty—I think you've met my sister Celia," said Honey cheerfully. She offered her hand and would have drawn it back, had not Rusty caught it before she could. "I suppose I left my mark on you. I'm a riveter in the shipyard and I seem always to have grimy paws," she apologized lightly.

"It's an honor, ma'am," said Rusty, bowing grandly. Then he tried to relieve Honey of the two suitcases, but she fought him off and said sternly, "None of that, buddy! We know you're supposed to take things easy a bit, until you're two if you like—and we'd better get a move on, or my 'rides' will drive off with the car and we'll have to walk twenty-two miles!"

"A loathsome prospect!" said Rusty piously. He picked up the two remaining suitcases and followed Honey across the crowded platform, with Celia trailing behind them.

"Honey stopped beside an ancient, battered station wagon already well filled with six men and women in the same sort of garb they wore."

"Sorry to keep you waiting, folks. Can you make room for two more? My sister, Celia, and Rusty Randolph, who's recuperating after a nip at the Japs at Bousainville—or was it Guadalcanal, Rusty?"

"Honey slid her young body beneath the wheel and jabbed a foot hard on the starter, and the station wagon coughed and groaned and finally decided to start. Honey drove carelessly, with an accustomed ease that was somewhat reassuring, but not very."

To be continued

Enmore and Vicinity

—Miss Pauline MacArthur, Summerside, spent Christmas at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ramsay and family, Lot 16, spent Christmas with Mrs. Ramsay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Enman, Victoria West.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel MacLeod, Victoria West, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ladner on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayes, Charlottetown, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Burleigh, Ellerslie, were guests of Mrs. Russel MacArthur on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Enman, Summerside, spent a recent weekend in Summerside, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ladner.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Williams, Mr. Pleasant, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Enman on Sunday, December 30th.

Master Burns Ellis, Northam, spent the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Burns MacArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Frost and Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacLaurin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grindley on Thursday evening, December 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald MacArthur and son, Grant, spent Christmas in Freeland, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis and family, Northam, and Miss Grace Darby, Abram's Village, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burns MacArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frost and family, Springhill, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Enman during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryant were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Bryant.

Mrs. Ivan Birch and family, Bedouque, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Birch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Moore, Victoria West.

Sympathy is being extended to the family of the late Mr. Joshua Millar, Ellerslie, whose death took place recently.

Mrs. Agnes Bryant, North Enmore, was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas MacArthur, and Mr. MacArthur.

Mr. Albert Phillips, I.M.T., bus driver, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Victoria West.

Master Albert Enman, Victoria West, spent the holidays in Lot 16, guest of his sister, Mrs. Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacArthur, Summerside, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bryant and family, North Enmore.

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IN MEMORIAM

AMBROSE CORCORAN —A very highly esteemed resident of Piusville passed away on December 26th in the person of Mr. Ambrose Corcoran. He was in his seventy-sixth year and settled in Piusville with his parents, from the United States, about 74 years ago.

Mr. Corcoran was well known throughout the province as a competent, law-abiding and a prosperous farmer. He was quiet and unassuming by nature and a great friend to all who knew him. He was a kindly father, a good neighbor and a devoted Christian.

His wife and family of fifteen are left to mourn his passing. Eleven of his children were present for his wake and funeral. Two of his daughters, members of the congregation of St. Martha, Charlottetown, were with their father when he closed his eyes in death. To have them present was a great consolation for their mother, brothers and sisters in their sad bereavement.

A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the funeral service at St. Anthony's Church, Bloomfield, on December 31st. The solemn High Mass of Requiem was chanted by the Pastor, Rev. M. J. Rooney assisted by Rev. L. J. McKenna of Lot 11 at Deacon and Rev. Leonard McDonald of Wellington as sub Deacon. The Rev. W. E. Monaghan of Alberton and Rev. J.N. Trainor of Lot 7 assisted in the sanctuary. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Father Rooney.

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BIG THIEF —SASKATOON (CP) —Pranksters made off with a trolley coach here while the driver was busy in the bus terminus. The big coach was found abandoned but undamaged.

LONDON (CP) —John Hanlan recognized his initials on a walking stick up for sale in a second-hand store. He had lost the cane five years ago.

Farm Prices & Market Report

Following are excerpts from the weekly market report of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, prepared by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister:

Potatoes are stronger as follows: O'Leary: Tablestock \$2.00 per bus. to the farmer in 10 lb. bags, any variety. Movement is light. No quotations on seed.

Wellington: Tablestock — \$2.00 per bus. Seed—\$1.90 per bus. Slow movement in both seed and tablestock due to cold weather.

Summerside: Tablestock—\$2.00 per bus. at the farm. Very good seed—\$2.10 per bus. at farm. There is considerable movement of seed going to Halifax for boat shipment.

Kensington: Tablestock — \$2.00 per bus. delivered. Seed—\$2.05 per bus. delivered. Slow movement in both seed and tablestock. Market good but farmers holding back.

Charlottetown: Tablestock \$2.10-\$2.15 per bus. delivered. Seed — \$2.10-\$2.15 delivered. Movement fairly slow in both seed and tablestock.

Montague: Tablestock — \$2.00 per bus. at the farm. Loading a boat for Sydney and also one for Newfoundland. No seed moving at all.

Vernon River: Tablestock — \$1.96 per bus. at the farm. Seed—\$2.00 per bus. at the farm. Fair movement in both seed and tablestock.

Cardigan: Tablestock — \$2.03 per bus. at the farm. Movement slow. No quotations on seed.

Kinkora — Tablestock — \$2.10-\$2.20 per bus. Seed—\$2.10-\$2.20 per bus. Only a fair movement in both seed and tablestock.

Elmira: Nothing moving in either seed or tablestock for over a month.

Murray Harbour: Tablestock — \$2.00 per bus. at the farm. No movement of either seed or tablestock.

Some American potatoes are coming in to Central Canadian markets.

Livestock

Hogs at Moncton: Grade A 31.00; Grade B 30.00; No. 1 sows 25.00; No. 2 sows 24.00, hot dressed weight delivered.

Hogs at Charlottetown: Grade A 30.00; B1 29.50; No. 1 sows 24.00; No. 2 23.00.

Cattle at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Steers: Up to 1,000 lbs. Choice 30.00 to 31.00; Good 29.00 to 29.50; Medium 27.50 to 28.50; Common 23.00 to 24.00; Over 1,000 lbs. Choice 30.50 to 31.50; Good 29.50 to 30.00; Medium 27.50 to 28.50; Common 23.00 to 24.50.

Heifers: Choice 29.00 to 30.00; Good 27.50 to 28.50; Medium 26.00 to 27.00; Common 22.00 to 23.00. Cows: Good 22.50 to 23.50; Medium 21.00 to 22.00; Common 18.00 to 19.00; Canners and cutters 15.00 to 17.00; Bulls: Good 23.50 to 25.00; Medium 22.00 to 23.00; Common 20.00 to 21.00.

Cattle at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Steers: Choice 29.50 to 30.00; Good 28.50 to 29.50; Medium 27.00 to 28.00; Common 20.00 to 24.00. Heifers: Good 28.00 to 29.00; Medium 26.50 to 27.50; Common 20.00 to 23.00. Cows: Good 21.50 to 22.50; Medium 20.00 to 21.00; Common 18.00 to 19.00; Canners and cutters 14.00 to 17.00. Bulls: Good heavy 22.00 to 23.50; Medium 21.00 to 22.00; Common 18.00 to 20.00.

Calves at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Choice 28.00 to 29.00; Good 26.00 to 27.50; Medium 24.00 to 25.00; Common 20.00 to 22.00; Grassers 17.00 to 19.00.

Calves at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Good and choice 26.00 to 27.00; Medium 24.00 to 25.00; Common 22.00 to 24.00; Grassers 17.00 to 18.00.

Sheep at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations, Good 13.00 to 15.00; Medium 10.00 to 12.00; Common 7.00 to 8.00. Rail grade prices for A's delivered, 34.00 up to 70 lbs.

Sheep at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations, Good 13.00 to 14.00; Medium 10.00 to 12.00; Common 5.00 to 8.00; Rail grade prices, 31.00 for A Grade, up to 70 lbs.

Lambs at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations, Good spring lambs 27.00 to 27.50; Medium 26.00 to 27.00; Common 16.00 to 20.00. Rail grade prices for A's delivered, 64.00, up to 46 lbs.

Lambs at Charlottetown: Delivered. Live grade quotations, Good and Choice 27.00 to 28.00; Medium 26.00 to 27.00; Common 15.00 to 20.00. Rail grade prices for A's, up to 46 lbs., 62.00.

The wholesale price of butter at Charlottetown is 68 1-2 cents for prints; jobbing 70c; up one cent since last broadcast.

At Halifax the wholesale price is 69c; the jobbing price 71c. Demand is good for Island butter. Butter now in the hands of Agricultural Board is going on the market and local concerns will have to meet this competition.

Feeds —Feed prices have changed somewhat owing to post-holiday lack of demand, as follows: No. 1 oats, carlot, bulk, \$3.08 1-2; No. 1 Barley \$3.24 1-2; No. 6 Wheat \$3.10; Bran \$7.00; Hog Concentrate \$6.75. Good Island grain,

Double Suicide Of Once Wealthy Couple



RONALD HODSON

A four-year spending spree with tragic overtones ended in Toronto with death of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hodson of Brooklin, Ont., victims of double suicide. For the once wealthy, elderly couple in their middle sixties, death by poisoning was the last rung in a career of lavish spending, which began four years ago and was climaxed last March when Mr. Hodson, a graduate of University of Toronto and Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and former Deputy Minister of Agriculture in B.C., sold his 125-acre dairy farm at Brooklin for \$35,000. When he was rid of all his possessions, Mr. Hodson told friends that the time had come to splurge. "After the party is over I know what to do," he said, patting his pocket. "I have pills to take care of everything." The "party" ended in December, in Toronto, where, sick, destitute and despondent, they agreed to die by their own hands.

Maple Leaf School Concert

—On Thursday evening, December 20th, the pupils of Maple Leaf School presented their annual Christmas Concert under the direction of their teacher, Muriel Wall, to a large gathering of parents and visitors.

Angus MacDonald, Grade Ten pupil, capably acted as chairman. The following program was announced:

Welcome — by Jean Noye. Chorus: "Ring Merry Bells." Recitation — Stanley MacDonald. Dialogue: "The Truth Telling Machine."

Duet — Leone Hutchinson and Ida Phillips. Monologue — Trudy Murphy. "Slide Down Drill" — by five pupils.

Pantomime—"Cat Pie." Dialogue — "Millie and Tillie in New York".

Duet—Hughie and Henry Bridges. Recitation — Shirley Noye. Darkie Song — Angus MacDonald, Bernard Noye, Ida Phillips, Erma Murphy, Leone Hutchinson, Catherine Milligan, Joyce Bridges and Jean MacDonald.

Recitation — Trudy Murphy. Dialogue — "Wanted, A House-keeper".

Exercise — Hughie and Henry Bridges. Solo — Joyce Bridges. Dialogue — "Madame Camellias Beauty Parlor".

Recitation — Vernon Milligan. Closing Chorus—"Merry Xmas." Closing Exercise — Jean Noye. At the close of the program, Santa made his appearance in front of a heavily laden Christmas tree and distributed gifts to the pupils and teacher. The Women's Institute and Orrin MacDonald, general merchant, kindly remembered the pupils by distributing apples, oranges and candy. Each pupil received a gift and chocolate bar from the teacher.

After Santa had left, a vote of thanks was tendered to the teacher for the well organized program. The National Anthem brought the entertainment to a close.

ANCIENT INDUSTRY —Centuries before Christ, the Chinese burned natural gas to evaporate brine for salt.

50 per cent barley, \$1.00 per bus. Protein very scarce. Prices firm. Hay is about \$16.00.

Eggs and Poultry —Egg grading station receipts are at about the same levels as reported last week. Sales are normal for the season. Quality as reported is at a very high level.

Prices are unsettled and producers are now receiving for ungraded eggs AL 34, AM 30, AS 23-5, B 25-7, C 21-3. Dealers quoting for graded pack delivered AL 39-41, AM 33-5, AS & B 30, C 25-7. Wholesalers quoting retailers AL 42-3, AM 38-9, AS & B 41-2, C 30-2. Consumers are paying for AL (loose) 53-5, AS 47, B 45. Cartons 4c over.

Poultry receipts have slowed up considerably. Retailers contacted report excellent Christmas and New Year's sales. Prices are unchanged.

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possible that hog prices could go down to the floor price of \$32.50 for Wilshire sides at seaboard, a level above which our domestic prices have, to the present time, consistently operated. It is at least quite certain that, with a prospective surplus of hog products, prices in 1952 will not nearly reach the peak of the past season.

Beef Marketings —Beef marketings in Canada were almost 10 per cent below 1950 from January to October, with 26 per cent being exported. The United States market, our chief consumer, sets, to a very great extent, our beef prices, and our prices this year will continue to follow the United States marketing pattern. While it is more difficult to forecast beef cattle marketings, and the influence of more generous pork supplies on meat prices, it would appear as if beef prices in 1952 would follow pretty closely the 1951 levels. The high level of industrial employment and personal income will have some influence in maintaining a strong demand for required meat products.

Prices of lamb and mutton will probably follow their present price relationships to the prices of other meats.

The price of wool, which has recovered some of the losses sustained during the past season, should advance some in 1952, but not to the levels reached in 1951.

The horse population declined 14 per cent in the year, and will no doubt continue its downward trend. Large numbers of horses have been slaughtered for export, and some have been processed for domestic consumption. The horse supply of this Province has now reached old age pension levels and there could be a distant crisis in horse power on farms in the near future.

Dairy production has been on the downward trend in Canada since 1945, and will continue to decrease in 1952. There were about 500,000 less dairy cows in 1951 than in 1945, and 67,000 less than in 1950, and the high price of meats, and cost and scarcity of qualified labor in dairy farms, has served to swing production over to beef animals. The relationship could be very serious. Dairy production would appear to offer greater long distance opportunities at the moment than almost any other farm production project.

The sale of cheese and concentrated products in sterling areas may meet with some difficulties in 1952, and cheese production may not vary substantially from 1951, which would leave an exportable surplus on our hands. The domestic and export demand for concentrated products could easily change the cheese position, however. Cheese prices, in all probability, will remain firm.

Butter production in 1952, with lower total milk production, and competition with the fluid milk trade, will likely leave a reduced butter supply, and a strong domestic market for the product. Production in Prince Edward Island this year, due to marvellous pasture, reached in butter the highest in our history—well over 5 million pounds, while cheese went up 10 per cent over 1950 to 775,000 pounds. An average growing season with average pasture conditions will reduce our dairy production very much below these figures in 1952.

Egg and Poultry —Egg and poultry receipts in 1951-52 period will be higher than in the previous period. Canadian chick hatcheries were 24 per cent greater than the previous year. This means more eggs for market. From September 1st, 1951, to August 3rd, 1952, it is estimated the supply of eggs will be up 15 per cent. The prices in the past year were good and were governed by domestic markets. With an exportable surplus in view prices will be dictated by export markets.

The success and efficiency of handling the surplus, and placing it advantageously where needed, will decide, to a very great extent, market levels. The tendency, however, will be a lower price during flus seasons than during the past year, but not sufficiently low as to discourage efficient poultry producers. The floor price of thirty-eight cents per dozen could mean, at the lowest ebb, little over thirty-one cents to our producers, but good merchandizing and quality in product should hold our supplies substantially above floor price levels.

Supplies of poultry during the first part of 1952 should be greater in comparison with a similar period in 1951. There will be delivered from expected marketings of lay fowl now in laying houses. Supplies of farm chicken the latter part of the year, and subsequent egg volume into 1953, will be decided by the farmers' attitude toward the outlook of eggs and poultry from January - June 1952. In any event a steady and efficient production policy, devoid of violent fluctuations, is desirable.

It is expected that there will be little recession in feed prices at least until the opening of naviga-

O'Leary and Vicinity

Miss Adele McAusland, student nurse at Prince County Hospital, Summerside, was a week-end visitor to Bloomfield the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. McAusland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer MacConnell of Moncton, N. B., were visitors at Christmas to West Devon, the guests of Mrs. MacConnell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ploreshead.

Garth MacDonald of the R. C. A. F. arrived in O'Leary to spend New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George MacDonald. He is stationed at Trenton, Ont.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Crome of Middleton, N. S. spent Christmas at Elmsdale, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rix. Rev. Mr. Crome is an accomplished and talented singer and is a former Minister of the Elmsdale Church of the Nazarene.

—Rev. Major Ellis of Calgary, Alberta, who has been spending the Christmas season in O'Leary, the guest of his father, Mr. Robert Ellis, assisted at the morning service Dec. 30th at the Bloomfield United Church which was conducted by the minister, Rev. W. G. Dickson.

Mr. Rennie Cameron, B. A., of Sydney, N. S. who spent Christmas in O'Leary with his wife and baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacPherson, assisted at the O'Leary United Church service on Sunday night, Dec. 30th. The Minister, Rev. W. G. Dickson, conducted the service. Mr. Cameron is a Junior Theological student of the United Church at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax.

Deepest sympathy is being extended to Mrs. William Trenholm of Summerside in the death of her husband at their home on Belmont Street. The late Mr. Trenholm has been in poor health for some time. He was a warm friend, a kindly neighbor, an active worker in the Church and he will be greatly missed. The funeral services

will be held at the home of the bereaved on Monday, January 6, at 10 o'clock. The services will be held at the home of the bereaved on Monday, January 6, at 10 o'clock. The services will be held at the home of the bereaved on Monday, January 6, at 10 o'clock.

ion in 1952, and possibly prices may remain firm until the new crop prospects are available in late 1952. Protein feed production, while higher than in 1950, has not reached consuming centers at favorable prices, and in sufficient quantities.

Oil cake and fish meal have been extremely difficult to secure, with soy-bean meal more easily available. High prices, however, have also been a restricting factor in distribution. Poor harvesting weather in the west has caused some losses in supplies.

Millfeeds have also been in reasonable supply but difficult to secure. Export markets have been keen and 235,000 tons representing 28 per cent of production have gone into export channels. The export market strengthened during late fall months, and prices have also gone up and will likely remain firm.

Flax seed, soybean and rape seed acreages will likely increase in 1952 over 10 million bushels of flax seed is anticipated. Linseed oil has strengthened in price, and paints will also likely occupy a strong price level. High industrial activity will stimulate stronger prices and uses for these products.

Defence Program —With the expansion of a defence program agricultural equipment may be reduced below farm requirements in 1952, possibly about 85 per cent of the 1951 level. Prices will likely be higher, and it is interesting to note that farm machinery prices in August 1951 were 14 per cent above August 1950. Tractor production will likely be adequate. Fertilizer sales in 1951 over 700,000 tons compared with 325,000 in 1950. Demand in 1952 may exceed that of 1951. Some nitrogen materials, because of war needs may be in short supply, but substitutes will be available. Due to a shortage of sulphur it is estimated that superphosphate imports may be cut. There should, however, be ample supplies for a normal demand. Potash supplies are considered adequate. Between August 1950 and August 1951 fertilizer prices advanced 14 per cent and the new prices for 1952 will likely undergo a further advance. A tight position in some pesticides is evident and a strong price level.

With regard to potatoes, Mr. Shaw gave it as his personal opinion that markets will be strong for the balance of the season. "I'm strong," he added, "is another question."

North Tryon Notes

—Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Dixon and family were visitors to Charlottetown on December 29th.

A large crowd attended the Hockey Match in Victoria Rink between Augustine Cove Bulldogs and Milton Hornets with 3-3 tie as the final score.

Mr. Arthur Callbeck was a visitor to Summerside on December 28th.

Mr. Louis MacDonald was a visitor to Summerside on December 31st.

CANNY SCOTS —GLASGOW, Scotland—(CP)—Police returned £115 lost by a 90-year-old Glasgow woman. She said she had failed to report the loss publicly because she didn't want her relatives to know she had that much money.

LONDON (CP) —Albert Cook, 53, who lives in the smoke and grime of East London, for the third consecutive time has won the all-London cup offered for the best back garden.

service closed by the Benediction. The offering was for Maritime Home for Girls in Truro, N. S.

Watch Night Service Held At O'Leary

—There was a very fine attendance at the Watch Night service held Dec. 31st at the Church of the Nazarene in O'Leary with the United, Anglican, Baptist and Nazarene Churches co-operating.

There was also a Watch Night service in the Alberton Presbyterian Church with Rev. A. R. Wallis of Alberton bringing the special message. These services were the first in the Week of Prayer series and were under the auspices of the West Prince Ministerial Association.

At O'Leary the guest speaker was Rev. W. G. Dickson, O'Leary. He brought an encouraging and inspiring message of hope and confidence for the New Year. He spoke about the fine friendship and brotherhood existing among the different Churches and Ministers of O'Leary and the district. He declared "The future is as bright as the promises of God." He stated that Protestant Christianity is progressive, dynamic, evangelical and has been jolted out of its complacency by the menace of paganism, indifference and Communism and the spirit of the Christian world is more nearly akin to that of Apostolic days than for many a century.

The Minister, Mr. Owen Underwood, presided. Prayers were offered by Rev. C. O. Howlett of O'Leary and by Rev. Major Ellis of Calgary, Alta, who is visiting in O'Leary the guest of his father, Mr. Robert Ellis. A trio composed of Miss Evelyn Gaye, Mr. Underwood and Mr. W. B. Brooks, was heard in a fine number. The

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