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He wandered into light conversation, which for both was all too soon interrupted by the return of the dresser.

"I'm sorry you'll have to go, but here is Mrs. Harrison ready for me, so I'm afraid it's time for me to dress, Mr. Foster," Barbara van Buren reminded him. "Do you think you have got me anyway near fixed?"

"I think so," Robin assured her as he rose.

"Would you care to go in front? You say you haven't seen the show. Perhaps you'll find what's still to come sufficient for you. Frankly, I'm not fond of the play, although it gives me a rather meaty part, but it was a chance to come over, and it had good backing."

"Thanks very much, Miss van Buren. I would like to see you from the front."

She herself sent a messenger to the stage manager and passed her visitor over to his goodwill. When the curtain rose Robin occupied a seat in the stalls.

He soon realized that the play was a rather crude study of the eternal courtesan—the predatory Jezebel. Barbara van Buren portrayed the role of a woman whose influence in various men's lives proved tragic, although in each instance her victims rather unconsciously preserved their infatuation for her, even when conscious of her depravity and duplicity, and even when their fond weaknesses brought disaster to others than themselves.

The last act showed her as the woman-with-a-past but a past that had been purified. She had met the one man who inspired her with the spiritual love that she had learned in poles apart from mere self-indulgent passion, and their marriage had been arranged. Here Miss van Buren lifted the play out of its bathos and gave the measure of her histrionic range. From the wanton she transformed herself into a virginal creature, not superficially in the tradition mould but in a manner that held the very essence of actuality. It was startlingly impressive. She succeeded in conveying the conviction across the footlights that the promised life of happiness that lay before her she would surely attain and, what is more, that she was determined to attain it. That was an audacious and successful counterblast to the conventional treatment of the hackneyed theme.

Unfortunately the author had been quite unable to support the effort and lapsed feebly into conventionality at the close. The way of the transgressor had to be shown as hard. Justice had to be done. Into the woman's life came retribution—she was shot by the wife of one of her victims.

Her characterization was that of a woman who had always been prepared to go any lengths to get what she wanted, but who equally had always been prepared to pay the price if and when it were demanded—as it was demanded now. That was the mental picture Robin took away with him of Barbara van Buren herself, and when the following evening he called again and saw her in her dressing-room he realised it was this aspect of his interpretation of her character that he had quite involuntarily emphasised in his pastel drawing of her.

She studied the portrait for a few moments in silence, then, letting it drop on her lap, looked at him with a reflective pucker of her brows.

"I wouldn't say you'd fallen in love with me, exactly," she remarked, but the good-humoured tone in which she spoke deprived the comment of any suggestion of irritation or complaint. "Clearly I impress you as rather a hard person, Mr. Foster?"

"That's how I see you," Robin answered, indicating the sketch by a nod of his head but with his disarming smile. "Sorry if you don't like it."

"But I do. I like it tremendously. Probably for just that reason. It's exceptionally good—a really impressive piece of work. It's the most convincing thing of me I've seen. You know, I'd love to have you paint a portrait of me—a full-dress affair. I'm certain you would make something big of it."

"I'd be honored if you'd sit for me. I would like to do it."

"There won't be too much time—I'm afraid the show won't last much longer, and I might have to return at once to New York. Let's see. This is Friday. I'm going down to-morrow to spend the week-end at my cottage at Wingham, in Bucks. Will you be my guest? There will be one or two other rather nice people, and I think you'll find them amusing. I could give you an hour or two there for a few preliminary sketches—if you wish to make any."

Without hesitation Robin accepted the invitation.

"That's grand!" Barbara van Buren commented on his acceptance. "You won't worry if I ask you to travel down by train, alone? I

**Attended Fredericton Conference**



P.E.I. Veterans' Land Act officials attending Operation Good Earth conference at Fredericton, N.B.: F. G. Kennedy, regional councillor, and N. D. Campbell of Charlottetown; R. M. Martin, Montague; E. W. Campbell, regional supervisor, and W. E. Haywood of Charlottetown, and A. W. Martin and W. H. Dixon of Summerside.

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**O'Leary and Vicinity**

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law in Los Angeles, Calif. Their friends are delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. Rogers home again.

Mr. Robert MacNaught of Charlottetown Lot 6 is a patient in the Prince County Hospital in Summerside. He is the father of Mr. Watson MacNaught, M. P. Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries. His many friends wish Mr. MacNaught a speedy recovery. His wife is also in very indifferent health and has been confined to her bed most of the winter, and her legion of friends hope that soon there will be a speedy improvement in her condition. They have another son, Rev. Roy MacNaught who is a Missionary in San Salvador, Central America. A son, Bruce, lives on the homestead.

Another resident of O'Leary who is worthy of high commendation is our young and efficient medical practitioner, Dr. L. G. Dewar. Despite the most muddy roads in many years, virtually impassable in many sections, Dr. Dewar always manages to see his patients who extend over a very wide area. During this spring break-up his sturdy jeep is a familiar vehicle on the roads and when this powerful machine can go no further, he continues by horse and wagon, thus keeping up the time honored traditions of his worthy calling. Dr. Dewar takes a great interest in sports and is President of the O'Leary Athletic Association, also in the Legion and in the public Library.

We want to highly compliment our very efficient Fire Department. With very poor hose and a tragic lack of modern equipment, they are giving, and have been giving, very commendable and greatly appreciated service. Our local Women's Institute, a live-wire organization, in their recent meeting, appointed a committee to confer with the Fire Department to seek ways and means of raising money for more adequate and necessary equipment. We understand the Institute is planning to canvass the people of the town for funds for the Fire Dept. and will probably sponsor a play for the Benefit of the firemen. Keep up the good work, ladies. You have the backing of all the community in your efforts to help our fire-fighters. Recently the managements of "The Verdun" Theater in O'Leary, Messrs. Milton Smallman and his son, Emerson, sponsored a benefit show for the Fire Dept.—which was greatly appreciated and largely patronized.

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haven't a car in this country, and am dependent on other people. My tepee is no distance from the station—it's called 'Four Acre Cottage.' A man Professor and his wife run it for me. They'll expect you. There's a bit of a squash in the car. I'm going by, as it is, otherwise—"

"That's all right," Robin assured her. "If you tell me what station to go to, and when, I suppose you'll get down all right."

Someone knocked at the door of the dressing-room, and following her call, it opened to admit a tall man in evening clothes, handsome, but with a curious nervousness in his bearing that contrasted strangely with the self-possession in his voice. "Evening, Babs."

"Evening, Gideon. Don't say you're in front again! It makes me quite giddy to think of the number of times you've seen the show."

"I couldn't see it too often, Barbara, as you know, when you're in it." The words were not spoken lightly, but in all seriousness, and the woman frowned. But she made no verbal comment.

"Mr. Foster," she called, raising her voice slightly, "this is a friend of mine, Mr. Gideon Trevor—Mr. Robin Foster. You'll probably meet down at Wingham," she added, as the two men shook hands, "so it's as well to become acquainted now."

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there being 12 members and one visitor present. Meeting as usual was opened by short prayer by the president, Mrs. Jerry Arsenault who afterwards called for the roll call which was answered by each member paying one penny for every inch of waist measure which realized the sum of \$3.58. Minutes of previous meeting were then read and approved. The secretary having resigned a new one was called for. Miss Delma Gallant kindly consented to carry on for the remainder of the year. On account of so many accidental fires taking place every where it was decided to put the bulk of the funds in the bank for safe-keeping, only keeping a few dollars on hand to carry on. A couple of bills were ordered paid. Mrs. Alban D. Arsenault then kindly invited members to her house for May meeting where roll call will be answered by an exchange of garden seeds. There will also be the usual bingo. Sick committee for the month is Miss Aletha Finnan and Mrs. Frank Richard; for lunch, Mrs. Frank Richard, Mrs. Robert Gallant, Miss Delma Gallant, Anne Marie Richard, Miss Aletha Finnan. Meeting then adjourned by prayer. The usual bingo which realized the sum of \$4.50 was enjoyed by all and was followed by lunch, served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Jerry Arsenault.

But we wonder: why are our streets in a continual blackout? What is holding up our street lights? When the Champion Electric Co. supplied electricity to the village, we enjoyed excellent street lighting, and this was continued when the Citizens Committee took over after fire destroyed the Champion Plant. But since last fall and all through the winter months and to date, since the Maritime Electric Co. of Charlottetown took over, our streets have been in darkness. The Company gives a service second to none in the Province and the Maritimes to the homes and business establishments but they have no street lights, especially in the past winter, this has meant a hardship to the elderly people who have to travel by night. We trust that no further time may be lost by who have the responsibility in seeing that the O'Leary streets are once again lighted.

The Women's Missionary Society of the O'Leary United Church held their Easter Thankoffering meeting on Friday afternoon, April 14th at the home of Mrs. George Matthews. There were seventeen members, including several Associate members, present. The president, Mrs. W. Turner presided over the business period. Mrs. A. J. Matheson read an interesting paper on "What it means to be a W. M. S. member." Papers were given by Mrs. Claude Jelly on "Stewardship"; by Mrs. John Moreshead on "Temperance"; by Mrs. A. J. Matheson on "Conjugal Friendship." A fine devotional service was led by Mrs. George Matthews assisted by Mrs. Claude Jelly and Mrs. W. G. Dickson. A fine book review was given by Mrs. A. J. Matheson on the booklet "Presenting Christ to Men" prepared by the Department of Christian Education, Evangelism and Social Service. "Why Evangelize" asks this booklet on its first page. Mrs. Matheson stressed: (1) To believe in God means we must tell others about Him; (2) We are called to evangelize by the desperate need of men for spiritual renewal; (3) The Church must evangelize continually in order to keep her Faith fires burning.

It was emphasized that the answer to the question "Who shall be Evangelists?" is: (a) Every Minister is an evangelist. (Quite right says the Church woman); (2) Every Elder is an evangelist (Here again the W. M. S. members will not disagree); (3) Every Teacher is an evangelist; (4) Every Church Worker is an evangelist (Does that make the W. M. S. worker pause longer). The final truth of the matter is this:—Every Church member is an evangelist. (The question we ask is: Are we?) Delicious refreshments were served at the close.

**Adventists Launch Appeal For Funds**

Seventh-day Adventists will launch their annual World-Wide Uplift Appeal here April 24. R. G. Christiansen, local church pastor announced today.

Last year's drive, to which Charlottetown residents contributed liberally, netted \$2,721.500 for the support of medical, educational, and other activities carried on by Adventists around the world. The church seeks a similar amount from friends and neighbors this year.

"Church members themselves gave \$10,380.416 to this work last year, Mr. Christiansen explained, "but the need is so great that our own gifts are not enough."

Last year's contributions by members and their friends have been budgeted to provide a dispensary in Hiroshima, Japan; hospitals in Puerto Rico, Basutoland, South Africa, and Belem, Brazil; and a training school for the Indians of Guatemala in addition to supporting projects already in progress.

The local church plans to reach its \$700 goal in a three-week solicitation campaign. Pastor Christiansen heads the committee in charge of the drive.

The Seventh-day Adventist church has carried its work of mercy into 228 of the 282 officially listed countries of the world. To promote this program, the organization maintains 551 major institutions, including hospitals, schools and publishing houses. More than 2,500 Adventist mission schools are also in operation.

Through the Dorcas Welfare societies, organized in nearly every Adventist church in North America, the denomination has sent more than two million pounds of clothing to 40 countries since the war. The societies have also sent thousands of food parcels to supplement the tons of food purchased abroad by the Adventist relief organization and distributed in war-ravaged areas. A continual program of local welfare work is also carried on.

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The protection consists of three doses given at four-week intervals to all infants of six months and over up to five years of age. At these clinics re-inforcing doses will be administered to pre-school children having received triple protection last year, if under five years of age, and diphtheria protection only to school children who require such protection every three years.

As Whooping Cough has been, and still is, prevalent—mothers would be well advised to take advantage of these clinics. Mothers with young children who already may have had whooping cough should remember that their children still require the diphtheria protection.

Further notice will appear in your local paper as to where and when these clinics will take place. Please watch out for it.

**B. C. KEEPING, M.D., D.P.H.,**  
Chief Health Officer.