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'National Unity' and 'Coalition Government'

There has been a lot of talk about establishing some sort of a "coalition government" in Washington by means of which the President could have the benefit of the advice of the "best minds" of the country regardless of party. There has been a great deal of talk about "national unity" in the face of a chaotic world beyond our borders.

All this sort of thing wants to be thought through pretty carefully.

Certainly it is true that any pressure exerted on national policies at so critical a time from the point of view of mere party advantage is unthinkable.

Certainly it is true that once a policy has been legally decided upon by Congress as representatives of the people, a "united front" will be presented to the world in support of it.

But what is just as certainly not true is that there is any obligation on the people to render unthinking support to any policies which they have not had as direct a hand as possible in making. Some argue that any appearance of "disunity" might encourage or discourage certain policies, and that therefore the American people ought to suspend all debate on what they want to do, and simply do as they are told.

This is not a very cogent argument. In the first place, we are apt to exaggerate our influence abroad. It is extremely doubtful whether the prospect of American participation or non-participation in Europe's tangled affairs has any real deterrent effect on anybody. It has not had such an effect in the past; certainly it did not in 1917. There is little evidence that it has done so since.

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. . . . The chief magistrate derives all his authority from the people. . . . By the frame of the government under which we live, this same people have wisely entrusted their public servants but little power for mischief. . . . Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people?

Abraham Lincoln, at a time more critical for the country of his day than this day for ours. He had faith in the people would decide rightly. He urged calm and careful consideration, not unthinking "unity." The time for unity is after the people have decided on a course, decided in a legal and deliberate manner, after full opportunity to consider. But before that deliberate decision, any "unity" that is simulated by "coalitions" and "councils" is a delusion, perhaps a danger. If it be true that the sympathy of most of the American people is already fixed regarding the European war, it is certainly not true that there is any unity on what ought to be done about it. And until such decision is reached, at least on broad lines, it is idle to talk of unity.

Europe knows, and has ample evidence, that this unity will not be lacking once definite decisions have been reached.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—When President Roosevelt—who has proclaimed a state of limited national emergency—remarked that he had no intention of trying to censor the American press or radio "at the present time," he set this reporter wondering.

Suppose the President did have such an intention—under existing laws, just what could he accomplish along the line of censorship? There are two answers, as follows: as far as the press is concerned, he could do practically nothing. As far as radio is concerned, he could do practically everything.

First, the radio. Under the Federal Communications act of 1934, the President may at his discretion use almost any means of regulating or controlling broadcasting. He may even take over stations or networks to be run by the government. He may order equipment removed from any station.

The legislation under which broadcasters are now licensed specifies that the President is empowered to take such rigorous action in time of war, in time of threat or peril to this country—or "to preserve the neutrality of the United States."

The likelihood that any such powers would be invoked is very slight, however, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

"Broadcasters are doing a remarkable job of censoring their own stuff," says a spokesman for the commission. "We have been told that a comparatively liberal censorship exists in European countries, including Germany. Commentators are not required to submit word-for-word copies of their talks in advance, but are

simply asked to hand their notes to the official censor before going on the air."

FCC officials point out that radio is tackling its new role of war-coverage without precedents to fall back on. Officials of networks, as well as of individual stations, have displayed full willingness to co-operate with the commission.

If the FCC or the President desires any change in method of presentation or in type of program during the war in Europe, there is every evidence that the radio people will comply willingly with any suggestions that are made.

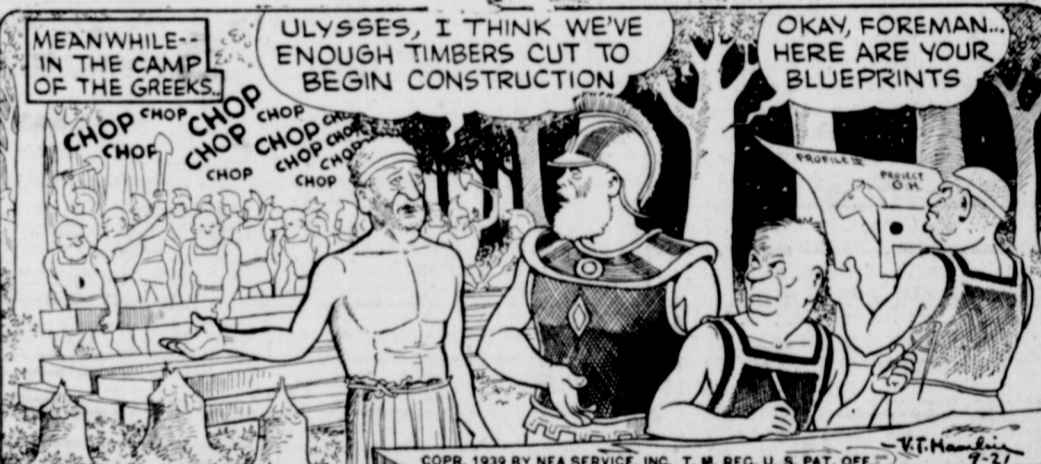
Beyond making suggestions—which might or might not be acted on—there isn't much of anything the administration could do to control the press as long as the country is neutral.

During the last war—after the United States got in, that is—the Postoffice Department did try to get through a bill which would have put stringent restrictions on newspapers through control of their use of the mails. Congress refused to pass the bill, however, as it turned out, the newspaper themselves established a central bureau of censorship for the handling of government information.

The Leaves Are Beginning to Fall



ALLEY OOP By Kramlin



COUNTY FAIR

Softball Field in Eastland. Entries in the contest have been assured from Eastland, Dublin, Abilene, De Leon, Mineral Wells, Breckenridge, Cisco, Ranger, Stephenville, Gorman, Rising Star, Comanche, San Antonio and other cities. Cecil Barham is the festival chairman. Saturday, final fair day, will be the date for the crowning of the Southwestern Peanut Queen. The crowning, one of the climactic events of the fair and festival, will be held at Fire Department street. The preceding day at the

ALLEY OOP By Kramlin



Nursery Board Group Has Ten To Assist Work

Rev. P. W. Walker, chairman of a board to assist in the operation of Eastlands' WPA nursery, Saturday told of the latest activities in the following report:

The board of directors has been extended to ten citizens of Eastland, each representing some different phase and walk of life. They are: Dr. C. C. Cogburn, Earl Conner, Jr., Ben Hamner, Mayor C. W. Hoffmann, Mrs. Jim Horton, T. P. Johnson, L. J. Lambert, Mrs. Reeves, Clyde Wellman, and Rev. P. W. Walker. Mr. T. P. Johnson has been elected treasurer. Money will be kept in the Eastland National Bank. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Wellman and Mr. Walker will serve to represent any matters that come up between monthly board meetings.

The plan of finance is this: individuals, firms, churches, clubs, or any person or organization who will respond to this worthy service to Eastland's needy children is urged to make his will and help known. For your convenience, a dozen milk bottles, identified with labels on the outside, have been placed at convenient places for you to drop your coins in them. They are found at Piggly Wiggly, Clover Farm Grocery, A. & P., Majestic Cafe, Toombs & Richardson, Andrews Cafe, Club Cafe, Eastland National Bank, Walters Grocery, Eastland Drug, and Corner Drug.

One point to keep clear: the bottles are not to be interpreted as an invitation for pennies only. Some individuals are giving \$10 a month, other organizations will give perhaps that much. Therefore, you are requested to fit your gift to your vision of this nursery work and to your ability to assist in its promotion. Call some member of the committee if you wish to place a larger gift in its possession. Don't expect anyone to solicit you. We expect to finance this attractive local welfare project with voluntary giving. We believe Eastland will do this good thing in this good way. We do have this kind of an Eastland, do we not?

From time to time you will get a full report from the enterprise, both financial, and pertaining to the children and the work.

ner or Barham in Eastland. The girl chosen Saturday night as the queen will get a \$25 cash prize and also will participate in the queen of queens contest next month at the Dallas state fair.

Another feature of the final night of the fair and festival will be a dance beginning at 9 o'clock on the Connellee hotel roof garden with Joe Buzze and his orchestra from Waco furnishing the music.

It was also announced by officials that wrestling and boxing matches will be held Friday and Saturday nights under the supervision of W. J. Peters in an arena erected in the center of the softball field.

Livestock, agricultural and other exhibits of the fair will again be located this year in the old Pickering Lumber Company building on North Seaman street.

Expected to be of great interest this year also will be a tent erected on fair grounds wherein will be exhibited products of peanut manufacturers and merchants of the county.

Judges who will select the peanut queen will be E. B. Coleman, Dallas; Margaret Hall, Fort Worth; Jack Gordon, Fort Worth, and Eddie Barr, Dallas.

Coleman, who is Metro-Goldwyn Mayer public relations director in this district, will speak at the banquet honoring the entries, it was also announced.

Shades of the Gay Nineties



"Not since the days of the 'Gay Nineties' have people from all walks of life manifested so much interest in bicycles as ideal Christmas gifts," says the manager of the Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store located at 2,500,000 bicycles! "Any one of the new line of Firestone bicycles will make Christmas presents for Mother and Dad for the family. Emphasizing the construction of bicycles with rugged strength, Fleetwood is hailed locally by young America as a bike that has every thing that will make a thorough cycling thrill of the Nineties really back

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Wednesday, testimonial service 8 p. m.

Public cordially invited. "Reality" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist on Sunday, September 24. The Golden Text is: "Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him" (Isaiah 64:4).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead" (Romans 1:20). The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Life, Truth, and Love are the realities of divine Science. They dawn in faith and glow full-orbed in spiritual understanding" (page 298).

Police Dog Mascot Credited For Arrest

MIDDLETOWN, Conn.—Jerry, police dog mascot of the police department for the past several years, has been credited with his first arrest.

Patrolman Arthur Stannard, with whom Jerry makes the rounds nightly, came upon a prowler and fired several shots when he refused to heed a command to halt. The shots missed.

Jerry, however, pursued the suspect, knocked him down and stood guard until Stannard arrived. The prisoner was an escaped inmate of an insane hospital.

Senator Will At Oil

HOUSTON, Tex.—by Hon. Carl A. Hatch from New Mexico, Senator Hatch will be in the city to speak at the twentieth annual Texas Mid-Continent Gas Association convention, according to P. McGaha, president of the association.

Advance reservation that a record crowd from every section of the state will be on hand to hear a number of speakers, including Dr. Rainey, president of the State of Texas, Charles H. Smith, president of the Texas Petroleum Association, Governor B. B. Rife, executive director of the Texas State Commission on Petroleum, and R. B. Anderson, State Tax Commissioner. Senator Hatch is expected to be the principal speaker when he addresses the convention on the morning session of the convention at the Rice Hotel, McGaha said.

Aside from the business several hundred oil men are expected to participate in the men's golf tournament which will be held at the Country Club. Arrangements also have been made for the night of October 6. The night of October 6 Association will stage a banquet, floor show and dancing.

BY WILLIAMS



FALSE WHISKERS 9-21 J.R. WILLIAMS



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON 9-22 J.R. WILLIAMS



THE HOME STRETCH 9-23 J.R. WILLIAMS

Society Notes

Calendar Monday
Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church will meet in Circle Monday at 4 o'clock. Ladies Bible class Church of Christ will meet at 3 o'clock at church.
The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet at the Church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Pat Crawford will give a report of her trip to the World Alliance in Atlanta, Ga., this summer.
Pythian Sisters meet at 8 o'clock in Castle Hall.
YWA will have regular meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Place of meeting will be announced later.

Calendar Tuesday
Tuesday Breakfast Club will meet at regular time at Connelley Coffee shop.
50 Year Club Meet Scheduled
The members of the 50-Year Pioneer Women's Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the home of Mrs. R. F. Jones, North Seaman street, for a covered dish luncheon. All members were urged to be present.

P-T-A To Convene
The Parent-Teacher Association of the South Ward School will meet Tuesday for its first regular meeting of the organization at the school at 3 o'clock. The session will be in the school auditorium with Mrs. C. H. Parrish, president, presiding.
All mothers are urged to attend and special invitation is extended to the mothers with children attending South Ward for the first time.

Executive Board F-T.A. To Meet
The executive committee of the South Ward Parent-Teacher Association will meet Monday, Sept. 25, at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. C. H. Parrish, 411 Park street.
Plans for the new year's programs will be made at that time and all members of the committee are urged to be present.

Attend Georgetown Meet
Mrs. Bert McGlamery and Mrs. J. Frank Davis attended the Woman's Missionary Leadership Retreat at Georgetown last week. The theme of the week's work was Allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Missionary Circles Schedule Meet
The Missionary circles of the First Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock as follows: The Elizabeth Pettit circle in the home of Mrs. C. W. Hoffman; the Mildred Pace circle meets with Mrs. W. P. Leslie.

Mrs. Perkins To Attend Clara Driscoll Day Program
Clara Driscoll Day, which is on Oct. 4 in Austin, is to be celebrated by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs with a special program throughout the day. Final arrangements for the Day have been announced by the general chairman, Mrs. O. H. Carlisle of Houston. On this day club women throughout the state will gather at

the state clubhouse to express their gratitude to the woman who made it possible for the headquarters to be free of debt by her gift of \$92,000 last spring.
At 11 a. m. at the Driskill hotel a coffee will be held; open house at the Governor's mansion from 1 to 5 p. m.; a formal reception at the clubhouse from 3 to 5 p. m. with Mrs. W. Lee O'Daniel, Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, state president, and eleven former federation presidents receiving; and a small informal banquet for the federation official family will precede the principal meeting at 8:30 p. m. at the clubhouse. Roy Miller of Corpus Christi will give the principal address on Clara Driscoll, Patriot. He will unveil a portrait of Mrs. Driscoll which will hang in the federation building.

Christian Education Board Reorganized For New Year
The Board of Christian Education of the Methodist church has been reorganized for the new year and held the first meeting of the year Thursday evening, it was reported.
The purpose of this board is to elect superintendent of departments, order the promotions, create new classes where needed, and in general to administer the entire church school.

Members of the board by right of position that will have charge this year are: The church school superintendent, Mrs. B. E. McGlamery; the pastor, Rev. P. W. Walker; Supt. of Children's Division, Mrs. J. U. Johnson, re-elected; Supt. of Adult Division, Mrs. Ed W. Mann; Rev. Galloway from the Young People's department, Judge T. Seaberry from the Board of Stewards; one person from the W.M.S.; and there are four elected members: Mr. F. L. Drago, Director of Children's Work in the C. C. district; Mr. K. K. McElroy, sponsor of young people's evening meetings; Mrs. Frank Pierce and Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, ambassadors at large. Mr. McGlamery presides over the sessions.

Eastland Personals
Miss Adrienne Flurry was a visitor Sunday in Eastland en route to Oregon where she will attend the University of Oregon this year.
Winston Castleberry of Dallas was a visitor in Eastland last week.
Carl Thomas of Bowling Green, Ky., is visiting in the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thomas.
Mrs. Carl Benbrook of Houston is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison.
Bill Phelps transacted business Saturday in Ranger.
D. K. Scott of Cisco was here Saturday on business.
N. T. Johnson, who has been ill recently, was reported slightly improved Saturday.

Football Weekly Starts In Michigan
FERNDALE, Mich.—A new sporting publication is making its appearance in Ferndale with the advent of the football season. It is The Football News, to be devoted entirely to the gridiron sport.
The Football News will publish during the fall season and will carry accounts of college as well as professional games. Its scope is to include all news, its schedules, scores, and personality sketches on outstanding players. It will appear each Monday.

The Infancy of Jesus

Text: Matthew 2:13-23

By WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D., Editor of ADVANCE

INEVITABLY lessons on the kingdom of Heaven have to do with the coming of the King, the founding of the kingdom. His teachings and acts while He was here, and the commission that He gave to His disciples for the continued building of the Kingdom.

We begin our study of the kingdom of Heaven with a lesson on the infancy of Jesus and the preservation of His earthly life. The Messiahship of Jesus was grounded in Old Testament prophecies. Jesus himself would have denied that He was the founder of the kingdom of God. He said that He had come to fulfill the teachings of the prophets, and He constantly represented the teaching and work of the prophets as having laid the foundation.
It is this, also, upon which we find Paul and other early Christian leaders insisting. Saints and prophets have laid the foundation of the structure of which Jesus Christ is the cornerstone and head, and the saints and prophets, as they preceded Jesus, are following Him in the same great task.
Those in power and authority are always aroused about anything that may shake their power and authority. When the wise men came from the East to seek the infant Jesus whose star they had seen, they naturally appealed to Herod, the ruler of Judea. The talk of one born who was to be in authority in Israel greatly alarmed Herod. Herod was a glamorous ruler, but he was cruel and relentless where his own interests were concerned. He did not adopt half measures but determined to

do away with this king, of whom prophets and wise men spoke, by destroying all the children in and around Bethlehem under two years of age.

It was under these circumstances that Joseph took Mary and the child and fled into Egypt, to remain there until after Herod's death when they returned to the homeland and dwelt in the city called Nazareth. It was from this that Jesus was to be known as "the Nazarene." Nazareth was the fitting home for a future Messiah, situated as it was on the brow of a great hill where the very location suggested vision, and near enough to the great lanes of trade for contact with the teeming world of business, industry, and toil.

We shall study this kingdom of God for which we daily pray in the words that Jesus taught His disciples: "Thy kingdom come." The petition for the coming of the kingdom is inextricably associated with the petition that follows it: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."
Some commentators see in the kingdom of God the rule of God in the hearts of men and His sovereignty over human lives. It is also stressed that this kingdom of God is an internal kingdom rather than an external one. But is it not both? The doing of the will of God on earth as in Heaven is not a thing confined to the inward life. It is external in its results and it has to do with acts and relationships among men.
Thus, the kingdom of God is social as well as individual. It is in time as well as in eternity, and it is earthly as well as heavenly.

RED RYDER By Fred Harman



Tax Bill Amounts To \$6 Each Week For Each Family

DALLAS, Tex.—Tax bill paid by the people of Texas during the 1938 fiscal year amounted to \$6 a week per family, according to a new State-wide publication, The Taxpayers Digest, a preliminary number of which was issued this week.
The new semi-monthly publication, described as "a Texas journal of accurate news and pertinent comment relating to the public revenue—local, State, and national," is published by The Taxpayers Research Bureau, Dallas, with Peter Molyneux, widely known Texas editor, author, and

economist as editor. Booth Molyneux of Dallas, associated with Mr. Molyneux in the publication of The Texas Weekly, is associate editor of The Taxpayers Digest.
Mission of the new tax newspaper, according to Mr. Molyneux, is to help the average man to study and understand the fact that the Texas tax bill has been growing steadily during the last 15 years, and is still growing.

"The revenue of the State Government of Texas raised by taxation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, amounted to \$111,650,527," Mr. Molyneux said, "and that of all the local governments of the State amounted to \$120,683,286. The Taxpayers Research Bureau estimates the Federal taxes paid by the people of Texas during that year as not less than \$221,000,000. This is given as an extremely conservative estimate, but assuming it to be

approximately correct, and adding it to the totals of State and local taxes, it appears that the total tax bill of the people of Texas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, was not less than \$454,000,000."
"On that basis the people of Texas during that year paid the equivalent of approximately \$6 a week per family in Texas. And, a large percentage of the people of the State paid that amount much more," he concluded.

"PETTING BANDITS" GET 28 CENTS

SAN FRANCISCO—Two "petting bandits" who had already held up and robbed seven petting parties, in their eighth successful robbery got 15 cents from the bank and 13 cents from the girl.

Army Corp Shown In March of Time Showing This Week

In its latest issue entitled "Soldiers With Wings," The March of Time brings to the screen of the Lyric Theatre Tuesday the first complete and authentic motion picture story of the U. S. Army Air Corps—the little-understood but highly important wing of national defense, which is today being built up at a cost of more than 200 million dollars.

With the full cooperation of Air Corps officers and men, this latest March of Time shows how new aircraft manufacturers throughout the U. S. are today pushing aside private orders to complete for the War Department more than 3,000 new high-speed army planes.

In "Soldiers With Wings," The March of Time shows how young college graduates and West Pointers are being trained to military standards under the most intensive primary training at nine privately-owned aviation schools that have been taken over by the Air Corps. The film also shows how those who have survived the rigors of their twelve-week primary training period are being drilled in the intricate tactics of mass formation and aerial warfare strategy to be commissioned officers in the Air Corps—fully-fledged "Soldiers With Wings."

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Queen Entry



CLARA MAE MATHIS DE LEON, Sept. 21. Miss Clara Mae Mathis, popular De Leon girl, who was elected to be Queen of the 1939 Melon-Peach Festival in De Leon in August, will come to Eastland to represent DeLeon at the coming Peanut Festival.

Miss Mathis will also represent the DeLeon Chamber of Commerce at the Abilene Fair and in the Queen of Queens contest being sponsored by the State Fair of Texas at Dallas next month. Miss Mathis, graduate of Comyn High School near DeLeon, is a daughter of W. W. Mathis, one of the largest producers of watermelons in Comanche county.

Since the DeLeon Fair is based upon the products of the farm, her selection by the Chamber of Commerce proved a most popular one.

Eastland Citizens Attend Homecoming

Eastland citizens who attended the Breckenridge Homecoming Celebration said Saturday the event was one of the most successful of its type held in this section.

Among Eastland residents at the event Friday were Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, George I. Lane, Bruce Taylor, E. Hinrichs, Gene Rhodes and Andy Rhodes.

Abilene Man Will Speak in Eastland

Rev. J. N. Sheppard, of Abilene, district missionary, will speak at both the morning and evening services of the Baptist church in Eastland today. Morning services begin at 11 o'clock with the evening period at 8.

Nonnet Evans SCHOOL OF DANCE

Students Enroll at Marene's Service Tuesday 9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 4 p. m.

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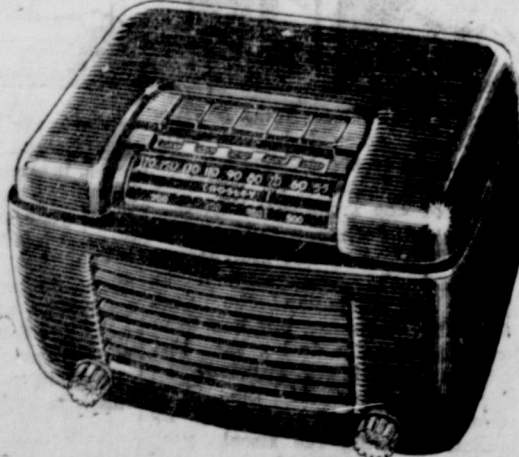
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SERIAL STORY WORKING WIVES BY LOUISE HOLMES

BY LOUISE HOLMES
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Yesterday Dan is silent after the quarrel. Sally's vivacity at the office is tormenting and Marian loses her temper. Fellows overhears the fire-cup. Marian finds her desk swaying, hears Fellows shout "Sally—Marian has fainted."

CHAPTER XVI

MARIAN opened her eyes and looked dazedly about. She was lying on the red leather couch in Mr. Fellows' conference room. How had she come there?

Miss Herrod was leaning over her, sympathy in her pale eyes. She was holding a bit of cold wet gauze to Marian's temple. Sally was looking down at her. There was a hopeful gleam behind the concern in her eyes? Mr. Fellows was also there, helpless consternation written large upon his face.

Marian tried to sit up and weakly dropped back. "Well, for goodness sake," she said, half laughing. "What ever is the matter with me?"

"Shall I call the doctor, Mr. Fellows?" Sally asked breathlessly. "She's terribly white, she looks sick," Marian had the feeling that Sally was making the most of the incident.

He hesitated and Marian caught at Sally's hand. "Don't send for the doctor," she said firmly. "I'm all right." Struggling, she sat up. "What's a faint among friends?"

"I don't like it," Mr. Fellows growled. "I don't like it at all. You've never fainted, Marian."

She laughed, smoothing her hair. "And I never celebrated a 12th wedding anniversary before. It lasted all night—you know how those things are—"

He sent Miss Herrod and Sally from the room and sat down beside Marian. "Was it something I said this morning? 'Fraid I was pretty tough on you."

"Absolutely not, G. F. I was pretty saucy myself."

"Maybe you need a rest."

"If you'll keep it a secret, I'll tell you what ails me," she laughed. "I didn't eat my breakfast."

"So that's it." His tone showed his relief. "Shall I have something sent in? I'll be glad to."

"No, thank you. I feel perfectly all right." She drank a glass of ice water and tackled the mail.

She had fainted. Certain that it was one more step toward ultimate ruin, she slit envelopes with an unsteady hand. At 11 o'clock she called Dan, longing for the sound of his voice.

The switchboard girl said, "He's round here, Mrs. Harkness—hold the wire." Marian waited until the girl spoke again. "I can't disturb him, Mrs. Harkness. He's in Mr.

Turner's office." Marian left a message for him to call her. Dan in Mr. Turner's office—

"What did that mean? Mr. Turner was president of the firm, the salesmen almost never contacted him. Had Dan been roused to action at last?"

At noon he had not called and she said to Mr. Fellows, "I have a few errands—may not be back for an hour or two."

"Okay—okay—don't come back at all unless you feel like it. Sally can carry on."

Marian put on her hat. She was trembling, there were disagreeable fluttering wings in the pit of her stomach, the palms of her hands were damp with terror, voices kept up a chant in her brain. "You fainted—women always faint when— Dan didn't call—he will never call you again. G. F. said you needn't come back at all—she said Sally could carry on—"

It was like the buzzing of angry bees. Going down in the elevator, she closed her eyes. The fluttering wings in her stomach beat horribly. She ordered a glass of warm milk in the corner drug store. The fluttering wings resented the milk. She took a cab to the doctor's office.

"Is Dr. Moss in?" she asked, hoping that he was not, afraid to stay, afraid to go.

"Yes. Your name, please?"

Marian gave her name. "May I sit down?" The room was circling slowly.

The girl helped her to a chair. She went through a door and Marian waited. She looked at a pile of magazines. The pages had been crumpled by nervous, waiting fingers. Would the girl never open the door?

The girl came out. Dr. Moss would see her. Somehow, she got across the reception room and into the whiteness of his office.

"How do you do, Mrs. Harkness?" he said genially. Were doctors always genial? Did they have to be genial or go mad? She sank into a chair, opening her lips. No words came. The doctor laughed.

"It can't be as bad as that, my dear." Pouring something into a glass, he handed it to her. "Drink this—it'll make you feel better."

She said, "I fainted—silly of me."

AN hour later Marian left the doctor's office. She could never remember leaving. There would always be a blank space in her memory between the times when Dr. Moss said, "You're going to have a baby, Mrs. Harkness—in May, I think—early in May," and when she found herself entering her own familiar office. Instinct

had brought her back, instinct made her chin go up, squared her shoulders.

Sally Blake was sitting at Marian's desk. She got up hurriedly. "Mr. Fellows said you might not come back this afternoon," she explained. "He said I could do your work. I sat down at your desk—just because I wanted to see how it would feel to be important." Her laugh was a conscious little tinkle.

Marian asked thickly, "Has Mr. Harkness phoned?"

"No, I've been right here." Marian put her hat in the transparent box, she looked in the mirror, startled that her face was the same. Doctors made mistakes, she kept telling herself, they didn't always know. It wasn't true. Dan didn't want a child, she didn't want a child, there was no place for a child in the well-arranged pattern of their lives. She'd go on believing that it wasn't true, and it wouldn't be.

Sally had vacated her desk and she sat down. Ridden by protesting nerves, numb with shock, she threw herself into work. Mr. Fellows had suggested a set of statistical charts, tiresome and requiring considerable research. She'd get at it that afternoon. It would fill all her spare moments for weeks to come.

MR. FELLOWS came in to find her almost hidden behind ledgers and filing cards.

"What goes on?" he asked. "I told you to take a rest."

She glanced up brightly. "I went to see Dr. Moss this noon," she told him. "I can't be cluttering up the office with my prostrate body." She was making a joke of it and he grinned.

"What did he say?"

"He gave me a nasty nerve tonic," wrinkling her straight little nose. "He said I was just about the 'welltest' person it had ever been his privilege to meet."

The doctor had said something like that. He had said, "You are in excellent condition, Mrs. Harkness. There's no reason why the young man's coming should disturb you much."

Without thinking, she had said, "But it must be a girl."

The doctor had roared. She loathed him for being so horribly cheerful. "Well, hope and pray," he had said. "I guess you'll take whatever comes."

So the young man's coming wouldn't disturb her much—so she'd take what the gods sent—Marian bit her lip until pain broke across her thoughts. It would disturb her—and she wouldn't take it—life couldn't do that to her. (To Be Continued)

SERIAL STORY WORKING WIVES BY LOUISE HOLMES

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Yesterday Marian reviews, tries to touch off her feelings. She calls Dan but he is in conference with the president of his company. Later she goes to the doctor. She is going to have a baby!

CHAPTER XVII

MARIAN worked furiously, running through ledger pages, sorting financial data. Gradually she regained composure. Early in May was so far away, so much a part of the distant future, that it could be ignored. The thing to do was to forget what Dr. Moss had said, to live each day and let May answer its own riddles.

Working on a chart, she mentally laid the first brick in a wall behind which she would keep her secret, behind which even she would never look. The wall was to be made up of such capable endeavor that Mr. Fellows would look upon her as an absolute necessity to the office. She would work for a new understanding with Dan, take more interest in outside things, parties, lectures, picture shows—she'd start tomorrow night by going to dinner with Dolly and Randy.

There was to be no more irritability. A cheerful, happy manner would make her feel cheerful and happy. Some day she would go to Dr. Moss, she would laugh and say, "You were mistaken."

The more she thought about it, the more certain she became. She relaxed in the belief that the kind fates would clear the muddle if she but let them do it.

At 4 o'clock Dan called. "Want something, Marian?"

"No—I feel badly about last night."

"I guess we've been heading toward last night for a long time. See you at 5." A distinct click said that he had hung up the receiver. The click bothered her for a moment, then she turned back to her work.

Mr. Fellows came to look over her shoulder. "Swell," he said enthusiastically. "Those charts will be invaluable as time goes on. You're leaving space for the next 10 years. Yep—that's swell."

So everything was all right. Dan would be waiting at 5. Mr. Fellows was pleased, she was already amazingly secure. She'd beat the game. It was months before she need think of the doctor's verdict again. Anything might happen before she need think of that.

Above everything else, Dan must not know what the doctor had said. If she told Dan it might be real. Dan's ignorance, in itself, denied the facts. In a reaction from strain, she grew light-hearted. It was the emotional pendulum on its upward swing.

It must swing back, but, for the moment, it was enough to be released from torment.

SHE got into Dan's car, saying in a little rush, "I'm glad to see you, mister."

He said, "Thanks," not looking at her. He was still a little grim, Marian noticed the tight muscle in his jaw.

"I'm a good girl now," she said. "Can you forget about last night?"

"No," he answered, "but let's not go into it again."

She was determined to be pleasant. "All right," she said lightly. "Anyway, I'm sorry."

He nodded briefly. Then, "Did you see Dolly this morning? How did she and Randy Means make out?"

He wanted to hurdle the late unpleasantness and she fell in with him. "Oh, they had a wonderful time," imitating Dolly. "At least from Dolly's standpoint it was mar-velous."

Dan's jaw relaxed a bit. "From Randy's, too, I guess."

"Did you see him today?"

"Yeah—had lunch with him—he's completely sold—sort of inarticulate—you know how people get."

"You don't mean—" She left the surmise unfinished, ready to laugh.

"I think it's the real thing." "Not really?" "Sure—and I'm glad for both of them. They're two swell people and I'm glad to see them get together."

"Oh, I think you're crossing your bridges before you get to them."

"Time will tell. He asked us to have dinner with them tomorrow night at the Medinal Club."

"Yes, Dolly told me. I wish I could fix her up a little, Dan. She's so naive in appearance."

"Say, you leave that girl alone. Her personality wasn't made out of plastic wood, it hasn't gone dry and hard—"

Marian glanced at him. Yesterday she would have taken exception to that remark, today she let it go. "I'm not talking about her personality, it's her clothes."

"Just take my advice and leave Dolly alone," Dan was saying. He did not add, "You might spoil her," but the inference was plainly there.

Marian mused, "It'd be a joke on us if Dolly married Randy Means. I'm afraid she wouldn't be cleaning our apartment any more." It was really something of a thought. Who would take care of them if Dolly—?

THEY stopped at the market. Tenderloin steaks, a glass of

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First Methodist church school at 10 a. m.; morning services at 11; evening period at 7:30. Rev. Philip W. Walker, pastor.

First Baptist church school at 9:45 a. m.; morning services at 11; B. T. U. at 6:45; evening period at 8 o'clock.

Church of Christ school at 9:45 a. m.; morning services at 11; evening period at 7:45. Rev. A. F. Thurman, pastor.

Christian Church school at 9:50 a. m.; morning services at 11; evening period at 7:30; young people's meeting at 8:15. Rev. J. B. Blunk, pastor.

Church of God school at 9:50 a. m.; morning services at 11; young people's meeting at 6:45; evening period at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. C. Hathcoat, pastor.

MOUNTAIN NEWS

There was a large crowd present at Sunday school last Sunday. There will be church next Sunday. Bro. Collins of Olden will be here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fonville and children Harvey and Maxine of Rush Creek visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fonville and attended Sunday school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fonville and son, Jimmie of Staff, attended Sunday school here Sunday and were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fonville.

Jess Fonville made syrup for Edward House and Vernie Hunter last Friday.

J. W. Fair of De Leon visited friends here over the week-end, and visited the school at Alameda Friday.

J. Askey and Mrs. Mattie Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Glen of Limestone county visited Mrs. Lizzie Askey and son Bill, over the week-end.

T. J. and Bill Rainey went to John Allens in Erath county to shake peanuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fonville and children, B. F. and Francis, were Mineral Wells visitors last Saturday.

Clarence Swain has gone to West Texas to pick cotton. Mr. and Mrs. Ella Fonville and son, Chester Dale, visited her mother and brothers, Mrs. Tom Tanner and Pearl John Tanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slaughter of Eastland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fonville and son, Tillman, were Ranger visitors Tuesday.

The farmers of this community have been very busy gathering corn and putting up feed.

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