

EXIT

SYNOPSIS: Pierre, unaware that the mine is promoted by his estranged father, gives Bruce his mother's savings to invest in it. Bruce, who had interrupted what he thought was a love scene between his wife, Ann, and Pierre, convinces him that Ann, while urging Pierre to leave for dramatic effect in the morning, had really been disappointed at his reluctance to use his money in a venture promising profit for them all. But Pierre is troubled at Bruce's chill good-bys to him on leaving for a business trip for the mine where he and his father-in-law work. Struggling against a widely discovered love for Ann, Pierre reveals to her dismay that he has yielded to Bruce, keeping himself with reproaches.

Chapter 21 LATE CALLERS

WHEN Martin Bevis came home from the bank that evening it was apparent even to his indifferent powers of observation that his daughter was in a state of nervous excitement very unusual to her serene nature.

When her father appeared in the archway between the hall and the living room she was on her feet, white and trembling, her sewing crushed in her hands, gazing with fearful eyes toward the hall as if she waited the coming of some dreadful apparition.

"Why, Ann! What's the matter, child—are you sick?"

She shook her head. "Pierre! Where is Pierre? Have you seen him?"

"I have been at the bank all the evening, working on my books."

"Oh, where is he? Why doesn't he come home? He's supposed to be in the office. Why doesn't he come home? Why doesn't he come home? Why doesn't he come home?"

"What in the world has happened, child?"

She did not answer but went to a window and tried to see out into the night.

"Is anything wrong with Pierre?"

She turned from the window and resumed her nervous movements about the room. "I've worried until I'm almost crazy."

"But what's the trouble? Can't you tell me what has happened?"

She whirled on him suddenly, with an outburst which startled him. "You know well enough, Bruce has taken Pierre's school money. It's the meanest, wickedest thing I ever heard of and you are just as bad as he. Just because he is so anxious to make us happy; because he loves us so, you two beasts have hounded him into wrecking his own life as if he didn't matter at all. You've broken his heart—you've driven him mad—that's what you have done!"

"Nonsense!" said Martin sharply.

"Of course it's nonsense to you—everything but money is nonsense to people like you and Bruce. How could you two money worshippers understand a great soul like Pierre Donovan? Pierre is not like common people; he is a genius; he is an artist. You and Bruce have taken from him something that means more to him than life itself. You have driven him nearly insane, I tell you. In the state of mind he is in now he is liable to do anything—kill himself or somebody else."

"Crazy!" cried Martin. "Booh! The boy has done the most sensible thing he ever did in all his life. He may or may not be the artist you think he is, but when it comes to business, Pierre Donovan is just a natural-born damned fool. If everybody needed some honest, competent business man like Bruce to take care of his money for him, he does. I guess when the returns from that mine come rolling in, you and Pierre won't feel so bad about it."

A knock at the front door prevented Ann's reply. Martin looked at her, expecting her to go to the door. She started but paused and turned back. "You go, Pa, I—I'm afraid."

Martin gazed at her stupidly. "Afraid of what?"

"Pierre—something has happened to him."

The knock came again. "Oh, why don't you go?" cried Ann, stamping her foot in an agony of suspense.

Martin went into the hall. Ann waited, wringing her hands in nervous apprehension.

Martin's voice was heard: "Hello, Tony, what the deuce brings you out this time of night?"

"Father Tony!" cried Ann, running to meet him. "Is it anything about Pierre? Where is he?"

"I—I was so worried I could not sleep," the old actor answered. "Hasn't Pierre come home yet?"

"No, no," moaned Ann.

"What were you worried about?" asked Martin.

"Really, Martin, I fear you will laugh at me, but I don't know exactly. I seemed to feel Harriet very near. I felt that her boy was in trouble. I couldn't sleep—I retired

man home a while Sunday evening.

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BENOIT NEWS

Mrs. Tom Arrant and children spent Saturday night and Sunday in the O. C. Cox home.

The singing was well attended Sunday night and the next one will be at the L. B. Rumpy home Sunday night.

Little Bobbie Cochran is on the sick list this week, but is much improved at this writing.

Willie Lewis, of Winters, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Lewis home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dietz and Mrs. Dietz visited Mrs. A. W. Hill Sunday afternoon.

D. Smith is visiting in Rockwood this week.

The women's club met with Mrs. W. D. Lewis Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Horner, of San Angelo, visited Mrs. Dolores Lane Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Talley spent the week-end in Winters visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshire spent Sunday afternoon in the W. T. Hill home.

Roy Gressett is visiting his sister, Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang, of near Hatchel, this week.

Currey and Gordon Brookshire were the guests of Paul Pullin Sunday.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan and children of Bonham, Texas, came in last week to visit his brother George McMillan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Jones and little daughter of Caddo were guests of Mrs. R. E. Brown Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith and little son of Crowell returned home Monday after a visit with Mr. Smith's sister Mrs. H. O. V. Humble and family and Mrs. Smith's sister Mrs. Lee Green and family.

Miss Bessie Brown has returned home after a week's visit with

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Melton of town.

Miss Elizabeth Midgley was guest of Miss Helen Compton Saturday and Sunday at Hagan.

Mrs. Archie Parr spent Monday in San Angelo.

Harry Smith of Abilene spent Sunday with his aunt Mrs. H. O. V. Humble.

Mrs. Miller of New Mexico is visiting her daughter Mrs. Eddie Parr.

Miss Bessie Brown returned home Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Melton of town and was accompanied to Brownwood Saturday afternoon with them for a visit with Mrs. Melton's parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Melton and Mrs. Melton's parents Mr. and Mrs. Dave Connelly and family. They returned home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan and family of Bonham were guests of their brother Eddie McMillan and family of Texon Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McMillan and children returned home with them for a visit here and with Mrs. Eddie McMillan's parents Mr. and Mrs. Gurley and family.

Mrs. Murphy Willbanks of Winters were guests of her sister Mrs. W. E. Seipp Monday.

Mrs. Eddie Parr and mother and Mrs. L. K. Parr and Mrs. Jewel Jones were visitors in Millersview Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Milam of Brownwood and Miss Bessie Brown were visitors in San Angelo Wednesday.

Mr. William Roberts and son-in-law Glenn Hough of Kansas City, Mo. and Mrs. C. H. Mudgley and children and son Frank and wife of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. E. Stark and family of Corsicana were children out of town besides Mr. W. Robert's children of Talpa to attend the birthday and family reunion Friday of Mr. Roberts. All children were present and had an enjoyable day together.

Miss Corine Brown spent Tuesday afternoon with Lucille Hooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Birt Melton and little son of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Melton and son of town were guests in R. E.

Brown's home Monday night to enjoy ice cream making.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan and family and brothers Robert and family and Eddie and family enjoyed ice cream making at George McMillan's Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stark and family of Corsicana were guests of her sister Mrs. C. H. Midgley and family last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown were visitors Sunday in the J. C. Reese home.

Mrs. I. F. Watson is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Milam and mother Mrs. Dave Connell of Brownwood and sister Mrs. Mary Abernathy of Cleburne were visitors of Mrs. R. E. Brown's Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cox are the proud parents of a fine girl. Both are doing fine.

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BETHEL NEWS

The southern section of the community had another good rain Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Cole of Miles were here Sunday meeting old friends. As Bro. Cole was former pastor here at the Methodist church, he was invited to come preach at the 11 o'clock services in the absence of the Rev. L. Q. Hardt who is conducting a revival meeting at Eden and could not be here at that time.

Good crowds attended both Sunday schools. Also B. Y. P. U. and League in the evening.

Little Miss Toneta Causey came home from Ballinger Thursday and is getting along nicely.

Misses Nellie and Mable Bigby are attending summer school at McMurry college at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duke were called to Ballinger late Friday evening to be at the bed side of Mrs. Jim Duke of Paint Rock who was operated on for appendicitis.

David Wood and mother of Waco visited friends here Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Members of the League are planning a pie and candy sale at

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OLDFEN MAN, DROWNING VICTIM IS BURIED

Victor Block, who drowned late Monday afternoon at San Angelo, was brought here Tuesday noon in a King-Holt hearse and at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the body was taken to St. Boniface Church, Oldfen, for the last rites and interment. Members of the orchestra at San Angelo in which Mr. Block played attended the funeral and acted as honorary pall bearers.

Block's body was found early Tuesday morning after a long search, the corpse rising to the surface of the water. Death fol-

lowed the overturning of a small canvas boat Monday afternoon in which decedent and two other men were riding.

Undertakers from the King-Holt Company were in charge of funeral arrangements.

Notice
25 per cent off for cash and carry on all laundry work.
Ballinger Steam Laundry
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Businesses Which Help Build City

Preston Drug Company

The Preston Drug Company was opened here in May, 1930, and since has been operated under the management of Clarence and J. T. Preston. This store was established several years before by H. S. Strain, but prior to being opened under the present management had been closed.

After taking over the store the new management started a program of remodeling and redecorating that added much to the appearance of the pharmacy and made it considerably more convenient. The stock of merchandise is well selected and practically every article found in a modern drug store is carried.

A modern prescription department is maintained under the supervision of Clarence Preston. He is a graduate in pharmacy at Baylor University medical school and had experience with a drug firm in Waco before coming here. A modern, sanitary fountain is maintained where delicious drinks are served and a stock of ice cream made by the Banner Company and the Runnels County Creamery is kept.

An exclusive line of candies in refrigerated cases and a large assortment of smoking materials will please the most critical.

Both young men in the firm are progressive in regard to civic and religious work. One is a member and officer in the local Lions Club and is a regular attendant at all meetings.

The store keeps regular drug store hours and gives late night service when necessary by telephone communication with the home of the prescription clerk. Curb service also is supplied to those who prefer to sit in their cars for fountain drinks.

This ad is one of a series, contributed by the Farmers & Merchants State Bank in behalf of businesses which help build Ballinger. 14-3d

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BLANTON NEWS

Misses Gacie Moore and Alice Forgan, and Henry Bradshaw and Wilson all enjoyed ice cream and cake with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood, of Lawn, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jim Elkins and daughter, Mildred, visited relatives at Winters Saturday.

Mrs. V. A. Marcus is visiting Mrs. I. M. Turner, of Hagan, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood this week.

All who have news they wish reported phone 8539F11, and same will be appreciated.

Miss Arlene Boothe spent Saturday night with Miss Geneva Boothe.

The adult and junior B. Y. P. U. social, which was held at the Lee Huddleston home Friday night, was well attended.

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended and good lessons reported.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Tounget and family visited Mr. and Mrs. John Tounget, of Miles, Friday.

Mrs. H. F. Boothe, Mrs. H. A. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Turner visited in the J. A. Fore-

