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It's A Great Day In Chicago

That Reminds Me
BY FRANK J. JONES

A HAPPY SMILE IS THE
SUNSHINE OF THE SOUL
SHINING THROUGH

A friend of mine said the other day, and I agree with him, "I am a found believer in the power of a ready smile and a cheerful countenance and attitude." I think it not only a wonderful tonic for those its possessors meets up with, or lives with, but I think it is a greater tonic for the one who possesses it. I have faith even in the power of a ready, cheerful smile to believe that it can completely change one's whole outlook on life and even the physical health. It stimulates digestion and stimulates those glands and nerve centers of the body that give to it new life, and new vitality, and new vigor, and a charming, winning personality. Even the plainest face wholly without glamour becomes interesting and attractive when warmed by the radiance of a warm, friendly, ready smile. I think it most unfortunate that some people seem to think that religion requires a long face with the corners of the mouth drawn down. It doesn't. True religion stands for happiness and joy within in the heart and soul, that reveals itself to the world in a smile. I have never known a truly bad person who went about with a radiant, happy smile on his face. Goodness and cheerfulness just seem to go together.

Some genius should discover or invent a means whereby a man could patch his socks in the same manner that auto tubes are patched. Think what it would mean, you men who are wearing unpatched socks, if you could slip the sock into a gadget put on a patch and turn a lever and in a few minutes remove a sock good for many more miles.

The whole country, and in fact the whole world, is looking forward to the time when the famous 200 inch telescope on Mount Palomar California, will be ready for use. Over ten years of work has already been spent on building the big mirror and the framework that will support it. The first man who looks through the big telescope will see a world no human being has ever before looked upon. It will indeed be a thrilling experience.

Remember the wise ones who went up and down the land telling their awed listeners that prices would level off as soon as rationing was done away with? Well, they did level off, but at what a cost. Everything one buys these days costs more than it did under rationing. The preachers of that sort of doctrine are singing mighty low these days.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus—First Timothy 2:5.

Such Prices No More
BETHANY, Mo., (UP).—How'd you like to buy a fat hen for 26 cents, a hen turkey for 79 cents, a duck for 15 cents or a goose for 50 cents? Well, you fived 50 years too late. Those prices are from the farm ledger of the late Joseph A. Brenton.



"Christmas buying, isn't it great? You'd better go and do it. Today's the best and only one. You don't want to run it."



Mr. and Mrs. Georges Smet, of St. Nicolas, Belgium, shout with joy as they pay a surprise visit to 31-year-old Donald Blodgett, a former Army pilot, in his downtown Chicago office. The Smets played Santa Claus to Blodgett in 1944 by hiding him from the Nazis after he was shot down near their home. The elderly couple plan to visit other "boys" whom they sheltered during the war. (NEA Telephoto).

Children's Hour Program Set For Wednesday P. M.

Pastor E. R. Gordon of the First Methodist church announces that there will be a service for children at the Methodist church tomorrow (Wednesday) evening from 6:45 to 7:15 at which the children may bring gifts for the needy in form of fruits, clothing, etc. The gifts may be left at the altar.

There will be a program the pastor stated, of special Christmas songs and stories. Meditation hour at the church during evenings this week except Saturday, are being attended by a great many people, Rev. Gordon said.

Five Mavericks On 10-A Eleven

Eastland placed five men on the 10-A all-district team and three on the second team chosen by school officials of the district at a meeting here last week. Eastland was not scored on in District competition this season and the Mavericks marched on to win the Region 3 Class-A championship. The all-district 10-A team—Ends: Pat Crawford (Eastland) and Wilson (Comanche); Tackles: Dan Amis (Eastland) and Phifer (Comanche); Guards: Wayne Lambert (Eastland) and Haynes (Hamilton); Center: Ellis (Dublin); Backs: J. Mathews and D. Blair, Eastland; McCullum, Hamilton and Mehaffey, Gorman.

An all-regional team, based on performances of players in two playoff games, also was selected. The all-regional eleven included: Ends: Dick Sparks and Lewis Crossley, Eastland; Tackles: Dan Amis, Eastland and James Laird, Coleman; Guards: Jake Turner, Coleman and Wayne Lambert, Eastland; Center: Royce Smith, Stamford; Backs: Tom Hinson, Stamford, Bobby Blair, Eastland, Marvin Dozier, Coleman, and Johnny Hicks, Eastland.

An artificial frost for Christmas trees has been manufactured. It is made of fireproof, luminous spun glass, which spreads a glowing blue light by night, a glistening white frost by day.

STASSEN HITS ACTION ON TRADER LIST

WASHINGTON—Harold B. Stassen, Republican presidential aspirant, today accused the administration of deliberately withholding pertinent information about the operations of "government insiders" in the commodity markets.

"The continued delay of the administration in reporting the operations of insiders in the commodity market during 1947 is inexcusable," Stassen said in a statement issued for his headquarters here.

"The issuance of voluminous reports by the administration of normal grain trading on Oct. 31, 1947 and Oct. 31, 1946, and the withholding of precise information requested for weeks is obviously for the purpose of confusion and distraction," Stassen said.

His statement was issued a day after Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson made public the first list of commodity traders.

Anderson hinted that Republican investigators may be disappointed if they expect to find government insiders on future lists. He said the complete roster of speculators—estimated between 12,000 and 15,000—will be released before Congress convenes Jan. 6.

Offices In The County Courthouse To Close 24-25th

County Judge P. L. Crossley announces that the Eastland county courthouse will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and December 25, Christmas day.

So far as the Daily Telegram has been able to learn most of the county officers will spend the Christmas holidays at home. County agricultural agent J. M. Cooper, with his family, had planned to spend the holidays with relatives out of the city. Mr. Patterson has been ill, however, and was fearful that he would not be able to leave home.

To Sponsor Farm Range Contest For Improvement

A meeting of the Agriculture Committee and other interested agencies was held Thursday night at the office of the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce. Plans were formulated for conducting a Farm and Range Improvement Contest.

Representatives of the Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District and Palo Pinto Agriculture Conservation Association wholeheartedly endorsed the program and will work closely with the participating farmers and ranchers.

The contest officially opens on January 1, 1948 and will continue until September 1, 1948. It is open to all persons interested in Farm and Range Improvement who reside in the area served by the Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District—which is within the Mineral Wells trade territory.

Entry blanks and scoring cards will be available very soon. In the meantime, however, you are asked to notify the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District Office, or the Palo Pinto Agriculture Association of your interest. The proper forms will be mailed to you when they are printed.

Each participant is free to choose his classification: either (1) Farm Improvement, or (2) Range Improvement. Appropriate awards will be made to the winners of each class.

The final judging will be done by an expert from Texas A. & M. College. The interim scorers are: W. S. Goodlett and George C. Moore of the Soil Conservation Service; Robert D. Austin of the Agriculture Conservation Association; and Ralph Lindsey, County Agent.

Soon after the contest closes on September 1st, a tour of Farms and Ranges will be conducted, and a barbecue celebration will be a noon time feature at which time the presentation of awards will be made.

Air Express shipments in the United States during the first nine months of 1947 totaled 2,649,982, an increase of 23.8 per cent over the same period of last year, while gross receipts rose 33.2 per cent, Railway Express reports.

Dickie Sparks Named Eastland's Most Valuable

By Jack Durham
Reporter-News Sports Editor
Dick Sparks, Eastland's versatile T-formation ball handler, defensive end, and sparkplug of this city's Region 3, Class A gridiron champions, tonight was nominated the Maverick's most valuable player at the third annual Eastland Quarterback club banquet on the roof garden of the Connell hotel.

Sparks, a sleight-of-hand artist in the up and under position, was probably best known as the district's top defensive wing-man last season. He starred in both positions.

Featured at the banquet was Coach J. O. (Buddy) B.thers, coach of Tulsa University's Golden Hurricane, who, as a young grid star just out of Texas Tech, tutored Eastland's high school grid forces through the 1931-32-33 seasons.

Brothers, one of the top young collegiate mentors in the nation, paid high tribute to the Mavericks who copied their first regional title in history this year by trouncing Stamford's Bulldogs, and stressed to the youthful gridiron aspirants that "the game of football is one of the most outstanding contributions to the American way of life in that it gives every boy an opportunity to compete."

Also addressing the gathering briefly was Johnny Garrison, Brothers' assistant at Tulsa, who was a Maverick standout on Brothers-coached teams before he became a college great at East Texas State college.

Other guests among the 150 present for the banquet included Eastland's Bob Furse, 1947 Yale quarterback; Jimmy Spencer, one of the state's outstanding AA ends from Breckenridge, and Judge Milburn Long, who served as master of ceremonies.

Frank Sparks, president of the Eastland school board, thanked the Quarterback club for aid given in support of athletics in the high school, and for their part in raising funds to complete the Maverick's fine new athletic plant.

Little also awarded football letters to the following players: Bobby Blair, Johnny Hicks, Dick Sparks, Jimmie Mathews, Jack Chamberlain, Jim Smith, Kenneth Benham, Pat Crawford, Lewis Crossley, Hilton Kuykendall, Jack Kelly, Don Amis, Winford Ward, Wayne Lambert, Bill Hardeman, Dwain Lusk, Pete McFarland, J. C. Burke, Mack Harris and Jack Ernst.

Woven Christmas Cards Made By Tech Students

LUBBOCK, Texas. — Unusual in the Christmas card field are the fabric greetings woven by senior textile engineering students at Texas Technological College.

Fashioned of white cotton warp with rayon filling in shades of red, green, gold and blue, the design shows a shuttle and bobbin with thread from the bobbin forming the script words, "Merry Xmas." The fabric squares measure about eight inches on a side.

All students are using the same central design, but each threads the complicated Jacquard loom to weave his own name at the bottom of his personal greeting cards.

Savings Association Increase Assets

CHICAGO (UP). — Officials of the United States Savings and Loan League announced that 148 savings associations in the United States now list assets of \$10,000,000 or more.

That is an increase of 21 associations in the top bracket class over 1946.

The largest association which is a member of the league is the Perpetual Building Association of Washington, D.C., with assets of \$88,388,788.

GROUP SAYS PRODUCTION NOT SOLUTION

WASHINGTON—The nation will be flirting with "disastrous price breaks, and recession before the end of 1948 if it depends on increased production alone to combat inflation.

This warning signal was hoisted by President Truman's council of economic advisers, which also rejected the idea of a longer work week.

In its second report to Mr. Truman, the three-man council listed these other needs for putting the economy on an even keel.

1. Many industrial prices must come down.

2. High profits in many segments of the economy must be reduced while profitability should be established in others.

3. Exertures in wage scales should be corrected, so that the extremes are brought closer together.

4.—There must be a better balance of income among sections, groups and individuals.

There is no formula for stable conditions and maximum production, the council said. But it told businessmen that "real price competition" is the most important.

Pope Unable To Greet Cardinals

VATICAN CITY—The Vatican announced today that owing to his indisposition Pope Pius would not receive the Sacred College of Cardinals for presentation of the usual Christmas greetings tomorrow.

The Pope will make his scheduled Christmas broadcast over the Vatican radio at 11 a. m.—5 a. m. EST—tomorrow, a formal statement published in the Vatican organ Osservatore Romano said.

"Owing to the indisposition of the supreme pontiff, tomorrow, Dec. 24, the eve of the Holy Christmas, the customary presentation of greetings and best wishes on the part of the Sacred College and the Roman Prelature cannot be carried out," the statement said.

Nellie Hilburn Is An Expert Twirler Of The Baton

The following is from a West Texas newspaper:
"Miracles never cease. Nellie Hilburn, one of the most outstanding majorettes in this part of the country, showed what she could do Friday night when she 'fire twirled' between halves of the Monahans - Andrews game. The lights were out and the band formed a jack-o-lantern lit up with all colors of lights. Nellie stood on the sidelines and twirled with fire on each end of her batons."

Miss Hilburn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hilburn, formerly of Eastland, and granddaughter of Mrs. Nellie Pate of Eastland.

Truman To Speak To Nation Wed.

WASHINGTON — President Truman will deliver his Yuletide message to the nation tomorrow and then begin a typically American Christmas celebration with his family.

The President will speak at tree-lighting ceremonies on the south lawn of the White House at 4 P. M., CST.

FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

Cattle, fairly active, steady. Medium and good slaughter steers and yearlings 20.00-27.50. Calves—active, strong, good and choice slaughter calves 21.00-26.00. Hogs—slow, butcher hogs steady to 25 lower than Monday's average, sows steady to weak. Sheep—active, fully steady, few medium and good slaughter lambs 28.00-22.50.

Writers' Poll Favors Dewey For President

WASHINGTON—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York will win the 1948 Republican presidential nomination and will defeat President Truman in the November election, according to a poll of 57 Washington political writers by Look magazine.

The poll showed that 29 of the 57 correspondents believe Dewey will be the GOP nominee. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower got 13 votes, Sen. Robert A. Taft, R. O., received 12.

All of the correspondents picked Mr. Truman as the Democratic nominee and 25 of them predicted that the defense secretary, James Forrestal, will be his running mate. Forrestal said recently he was not a candidate for anything and could not be drafted for political office.

Train Wreck In Germany Kills At Least 37

FRANKFURT—At least 37 persons were killed and 300 injured when two passenger trains jammed with Christmas travelers collided last night near Neuwied in the French zone of Germany, German railway officials reported today.

Officials said both locomotives were derailed and one coach was destroyed. The hospital at Neuwied, on the Rhine eight miles north of Coblenz, was filled with injured and three hospital trains were rushed to the scene.

260 Lives Taken In Palestine

JERUSALEM—Strife in Palestine since the United Nations voted for partition has claimed 260 lives and 604 more persons have been wounded, an official statement reported today.

The official casualty list of 864 persons broke down the fatalities as Arabs, 123, Jews, 107, British Army eight, British police one, Arab police nine, Spanish priest, one, Arab Legion, one. The wounded were listed as Arabs 374, Jews 190, British Army 20, British police four, Arab police 12, Arab Legion four.

Governor Grooms His Bride-To-Be



Refusing photographers' request to kiss his bride-to-be in public, Ohio's Gov. Thomas J. Herbert greets Miss Mildred Helen Stevenson, 40, of Indianapolis, Ind., as she arrives in Columbus for a visit. They will be married in Indianapolis on Jan. 3. (NEA Telephoto).

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
 NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—The National Association of Real Estate Boards has decided to disown its two-year-old baby, the National Home and Property Owners' Foundation. The result is to split the housing lobby wide open on the eve of the congressional battle to extend rent controls beyond next Feb. 29, as requested in President Truman's anti-inflation program. Whether or not the Foundation can survive at all without NAREB support is now an open question.

The bust-up is interesting, because it reveals how these lobbying "front organizations" get founded, who puts up the money and what for.

In July 1945, Herbert U. Nelson, executive vice president and chief Washington spokesman for the realtors, had the bright idea of trying to organize a home owners' protective association. Nobody had ever done it successfully before, even on a state or local city scale.

But here was a group of over 20 million solid American citizens who owned or were buying their own homes. If they could be organized and stirred up about the dangers confronting them in government bureaucracy, socialized housing and such communistic stuff, they might exercise a powerful influence on Congress.

Nelson sold the idea to his high command and they decided to put some money into it. To head it up, they selected Arthur W. Binns.

They started a house organ, "The Property Owner," and they put out a dope sheet, "Washington News Letter," to give their members the real inside of what was going on. Binns tried to stir up the common folks against the specter of government housing. Local real estate boards were urged to form chapters of the Home and Property Owners' Foundation. Dues were put at \$2 a year per home owner, with sustaining memberships from realtors at \$50 and \$100. Field secretaries were sent out to recruit members at so much a head. This year the Foundation claims 162 chapters and 62,000 members.

To make the thing look independent and prosperous, headquarters were moved out of the NAREB offices. At one time there were about 40 people employed. Dr. Joseph W. Seay, an ex-college president, became director last February at a salary reported to be \$12,000 a year. J. E. Mack, the legislative representative and the only registered lobbyist, reported a \$5000 a year salary. Binns, Nelson and others worked for free, plus expenses. During the first nine months of 1947, the Foundation reported to Congress it spent \$106,000.

The Realtors' Washington Committee of NAREB spent an additional \$34,000. Both fought against the Taft-Wagner-Ellender housing bill, public housing and rent control.

In August, Federal grand jury charged the Realtors' Washington Committee with conspiring to fix real estate commissions in the District of Columbia. The Department of Justice slapped an anti-trust suit against them.

ALL this hullabaloo was in the background when the National Association of Real Estate Boards met mid-November at San Francisco. Binns made an impassioned speech for more support to the Home and Property Owners' Foundation, and got a lot of applause from the several thousand delegates on the floor. But when the directors of NAREB met in executive session next day, they decided they had had enough.

Herb Nelson kept pushing for affiliation of the Foundation with the parent association, to give the infant organization fuller financial support. Nelson even offered to work for a dollar a year.

At the present, there are only seven people in the Foundation headquarters. A California field secretary is suing for unpaid expenses and commissions he claims due him.

Dr. Seay denies that the organization is broke or is going to fold. Dues are being raised to \$5 a year, but the outfit won't know for another month how many members it will have next year or how much money it will have to fight rent controls.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
 NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—Old Tom Smith is back at Santa Anita, the scene of his greatest triumphs, happy to be with a new string of horses.

During the summer, the Silent Tom quietly severed relations with Mrs. Elizabeth N. Graham and the Maine Chance Farm he made fabulous. The story is that he was no longer given a free hand.

Taciturn Tom has 22 head, including eight yearlings that cost Mrs. Ada L. Rice of Chicago \$100,000. All Mrs. Rice has to do to take her place among the big money-winners of the turf is let the graying, bespectacled Smith, now in his early 70s, tutor and spot them. Any racing man will tell her there never was an abler man with a horse.

IN the past decade, Smith has conditioned two of the nation's most successful stables—those of Charles S. Howard and Mrs. Graham. During that stretch the wonder man from Georgia developed such noted runners as Seabiscuit, Kayak II, Sortedeo, Miodiscuit, Porter's Cap, Chiquita Mia, Knockdown and Lord Boswell. Star Tom Beauvry, War Date and many others.

Maine Chance Farm topped every stable in the country in 1945, when Smith's steeds popped down in front like trained pigs.

Finally the stewards dragged the old man up for blowing out the nostrils of a hide named Magdine Duel with ephedrine in a cheap race at Jamaica, Nov. 1.

Smith got back in time to culminate three years with Maine Chance by preparing Jet Pilot for an upset victory in the Kentucky

Derby. Jet Pilot's score was strictly due to training. The beautifully-bred colt, since retired to the stud, never was blessed with sound feet.

Smith fitted Jet Pilot with specially-constructed flat plates for the Jamaica Handicap run on a heavy track, and which he won in sparkling fashion. Old Tom would have liked to have gotten another race under Jet Pilot's belt, but he wouldn't stand a lot of hard work. So the famous trained prepped his charge carefully, and the day before the Derby pronounced him at peak form.

No other handler approached Smith's records over Santa Anita's Miracle Mile.

Old Tom copped the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap twice, in 1939 with Kayak II and in '40 with the immortal Seabiscuit, which was rebuilt and brought out of a year's retirement. In addition, he was four times second in the world's richest race.

Smith won the Santa Anita Derby with Porter's Cap and his crooked hind leg in '41. And, while he was on the ground in '46, his son, Jimmy, still with him, sent out the Maine Chance team of Knockdown and Star Pilot to run one-two in the \$100,000 Derby.

Tom Smith is as much a part of the Santa Anita scenery as the lofty Sierra Madres track has for a backdrop.

Forward Into Battle



Jail Not Bad Now, Ex-Prisoner Decides

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—Living in the "outside" is tough these days. A former state prison inmate turned up at police head-

quarters to say he would like to get behind those bars again. A month after completing his four-year sentence, Homer Ward, 47, reported that he was unable to find a place to live, he was hungry and unable to find a job. "I'd like to go back again," he

Death Races With Santa Claus



After physicians in his home town, Memphis, Tenn., abandoned hope for his recovery from cancer of the stomach, 7-year-old Gene Greer Manker, pictured with his dog, Skippy, was sent to New York Memorial Hospital, in the hope specialists there could help him. Friends contributed money to make the trip possible. Gene, unaware that his life is being rapidly sapped away, is looking forward to a "big" Christmas, but it may become necessary to advance the date if the malignant growth isn't checked.

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MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

THE STORY: It all started after I had been in Hollywood three months, writing the movie script for one of my own mystery books—and letting Jeff Narney help me get over Oscar Craig. Jeff was director on my picture and a very attractive man. When Lisa Leyden, my unpleasant collaborator, informed me vindictively that Jeff had been married for some time to Avis Vaughn, our glamor star, I was stunned. Jeff had been searching for an actress who looked enough like Avis to play her sister in the film, but not finding one had cast Avis in both roles. That day's rushes showed hit-player Madge Narney to be the perfect double for Avis.

VIII

"DON'T ask me why I never noticed it before..." Jeff babbled. "Maybe because the two never played in the same picture before..." Maybe because it's just a trick of lighting that's brought it out now, I don't know."

I turned to get a good look at Madge, who was sitting almost directly behind me. The funny thing was that she and Avis didn't look at all alike in the flesh. Madge's hair was brown instead of blond, a pale brown with lots of golden highlights in it and she had the very white skin that usually only redheads have.

Jeff came back down to earth and began to make plans. "Well, this means we make some changes. Bleach Narney's hair and give her the part of the sister—we'll only take distance shots of her until the final scene where she and Avis will both be in close-ups. Then the audience will find that they're really seeing two different women instead of the same one. That should build up to a whole of a kick. We'll cast someone else as the secretary."

Avis Vaughn's blond head snapped up from where it had been resting on Art Clevie's well-padded shoulder. "Wait a minute, Jeff," she said loudly. The honeyed accents her public knew were strained from her voice.

Jeff spread his hands in a pleading gesture. "Now, don't get excited, Avis..."

She bounced to her feet at that. "Don't get excited, he says. No, don't get excited. When you're cutting my part in half..."

"We're not cutting your part in half. The sister only appears in a few scenes. Just let me explain..."

HIS words were lost in pandemonium. Avis began to screech that it was a conspiracy to ruin her—that the audience would dislike her as the suspect wife and give all their sympathy to Madge as the innocent sister. Art Clevie sounded like a bad recording as he repeated everything Avis said. Jeff kept arguing his point that fooling the audience would give the play the punch it needed. Ben Morgan agreed with him. It was a merry little free-for-all.

At last Avis gave up trying to get her way by outscrambling everybody else. Her voice dropped two octaves.

"All right," she said hoarsely. "Give the sister part to Narney. Give both parts to Narney and see how far you get. I'm walking out. I play both parts or none."

She thought she had Jeff there. Giving the lead in an expensive production to an unknown young actress might happen in a romantic fiction story, but it just isn't done by the hard-headed business men who make pictures to make money. And Avis knew it.

Jeff knew it, too. But he didn't seem disturbed by Avis' threat.

He looked at her coolly. "You're forgetting that little contract of ours, aren't you? It's two-edged, you know. So far it's always worked for you... but this time it might work for me."

The anger left Avis' face. Cunning took its place. "So that's it," she said softly, and her smile wasn't pleasant. "So that's it. You think if you make me break our

contract, you'll be free. You'd like that, wouldn't you?"

She laughed suddenly and turned and looked at me. Her heavenly blue eyes swept me up and down with a look that held more mockery than malice, as if she wondered what I had to offer a man in comparison with her own luscious beauty. She laughed again and still laughing turned and walked out of the projection room.

MORGAN began to look unhappy. "See here, Jeff," he said. "We can't waste time and money while Avis puts on an act. I don't want production held up now. Better forget the change and go ahead."

Jeff ran a hand wearily through his hair. "Suppose you leave this to me, Morgan. We won't lose any time. I can handle Avis."

His eyes met mine then and what I knew must have shown unhappily on my face. His own changed. He said, "Come on, let's get out of here."

Jeff went around to my office with me, not saying anything until we were inside and the door closed. Then he walked over to his back to me so that I couldn't see his face. He said: "I'm married to Avis—you know that, don't you?"

"I heard about it—today."

He didn't ask who had told me. "It happened six years ago, when I first came out here from Broadway..."

"You don't have to tell me about it," I said stiffly.

He turned and looked at me then. His eyes were pleading. "Maybe I want to tell you about it."

A hard lump crowded up in my throat and tears smarted in my eyelids. The last thing I wanted was to let him see how I felt about him. I sat down in a chair and lit a cigarette and said coldly: "You don't live together, do you? Why don't you get a divorce?"

"She won't divorce me..." He sat down on the end of the cushy davenport placed along one wall between the bookcases. He looked at me and then he looked away. I gave him no help. Just waited.

(To Be Continued)

FUNNY BUSINESS



"The guy upstairs has been dropping his shoes a little heavy lately when he goes to bed!"

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Aluminum was considered a precious metal during the Civil War. It Took Four Years
SNYDER, Okla., (UP).—Local football fans hoped a jinx had been broken when Snyder High School beat Grandfield 21-12. It was the first victory for Snyder in four years.

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Sheriff John Hart and his deputies are planning a party—to which none will be invited. In one sense of the word. It would be a party worth going to. For Hart and his men will take axes and hammers and break barrels, jugs, fruit jars and bottles which contain confiscated liquor. The "party" was to have been held today or tomorrow, but Hart was called out of Eastland.

Over 200 gallons of confiscated liquors will be dumped. The basement of the county jail is loaded whiskey as are some other rooms in the bastille.

The time of the bottle breaking is not known. It is equally as vague as to where the barrel busting brigade will hold its meeting.

PERSONAL MENTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carlisle are both confined to their home with the flu.

Milburn McCarty and daughter, little Mary, will leave in January for Washington, D. C. to spend six weeks with Milton, Jr., who has been away since August and will come home for the holidays. The lad, who is a senate page, is attending night school.

Edward Laurent, student at Oklahoma University, arrives tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, the Joe Laurents.

Misses Lucile Blankenship and Melba Garrett of Abilene are week end guests of Mrs. Joe C. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott W. Key are house-bound suffering with flu. Joe C. Stephenson has been home since Wednesday, sick with the flu.

SHEARER TO SERVE AGAIN AS PASTOR

The Rev. George W. Shearer, present pastor of the First Methodist Church, was returned as pastor here by the Central Texas

conference. It is a different city that greets the Rev. Shearer now than the one which received him in 1909. He was sent to fill the pulpit here at that time and served until 1911. The population of the city at that time, he said, was 1002 and his congregation was 200. The old frame church which was torn down last year when the new \$75,000 building was erected, was used by the pastor. His present pulpit is only 20 feet from where the pulpit was that he used at that time.

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Monkey Shines



When goalie Red McAtee suffered a broken nose in an ice hockey game with the Omaha club, general manager Jack Butterfield of the Fort Worth Rangers came up with Mickey, pride of the Shrine circus, who is ready to make monkeys out of the opposition at the net.

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Keith Nuttall, left, is the newest protege of Henry Armstrong. A standout as an amateur, the Brigham City, Utah, featherweight is unbeaten in nine professional matches. The former triple champion predicts that he will win a world title inside of three years.

A & M Pledged To Follow New Conference Rules

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—The Texas A & M athletic council, of which D. W. Williams is chairman, already has gone on record about one policy which will confront the new Aggie head football coach.

That's living up to the new Southwest Athletic Conference standards as established at the recent winter meeting of the conference's faculty committee.

"The athletic council is 100 percent in favor of the rule changes which outlaw presiding and professionalism in our conference sports and no coach will be hired who is not in full accord with this position," Williams, the college's vice president

in charge of agriculture, stated. "A & M consistently has favored this kind of conference legislation. The council believes the athlete either has to be a professional or an amateur. The rule changes were made to rid the conference of any tinge of professionalism and we heartily are in accord with the changes. The new coach also will be," he added.

The changes to which Williams referred included the elimination of financial aid or outside jobs for athletes, except work during the summer and other school vacation periods.

Notice To Stockholders
A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas, will be held in the banking hours of said bank, between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. on the 18th day of January, 1948, being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the stockholders meeting.
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While the athlete is attending school, he cannot receive money in excess of the amount needed for tuition, room, board and laundry and still remain eligible. Gifts of clothes or lavish entertainment also are out. The Southwest Conference Executive Secretary James H. Stewart is preparing a plan for penalties which will put teeth into the new regulations. These will be considered at the spring meeting of the conference.

Chevrolet Names New Assistant Sales Manager

DETROIT, Dec. 17—Appointment of a new assistant general sales manager for Chevrolet was announced here today by T. H. Keating, general sales manager. Named to aid the Chevrolet sales chief was Ivan X. Sarvis, formerly regional manager of the division's Southwest Region, with headquarters at Dallas, and a veteran of more than 20 years in Chevrolet.

A native of Iowa, Sarvis joined the organization in 1926 as a representative in Los Angeles. He subsequently was appointed assistant zone manager, serving at El Paso and San Antonio. As a zone manager in following years, he returned to El Paso, and then held similar posts at Minneapolis, Fargo, Omaha and Houston.

In 1938, he was elevated to assistant regional manager for the Midwest Region, at Kansas City,

and in 1945 was named regional manager at Dallas, the post he leaves for the Central Office appointment.

Five Of One Family On Campus At Once

MADISON, Wis. (UP).—The Thoma family of Madison is well represented in the University of Wisconsin this year.

Elizabeth Thoma, 18, has joined forces with her four veteran brothers in invading the campus. She is enrolled in the college of letters and science while three of her brothers are in the electrical engineering school.

The fourth brother, Richard, is a graduate student in biological chemistry.

United States consumers paid over \$6,000,000,000 for fruits and vegetables in 1946. Of that amount, about two-thirds went for fresh produce.

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Opal Katherine Ramsey And Ben Little Are Wed

Miss Opal Katherine Ramsey of Eastland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ramsey of Ranger, and Ben Rudolph Little of Breckenridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Little of Eastland, were married Saturday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Eastland in the Methodist church, with Rev. E. R. Gordon, pastor, officiating.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a grey wool crepe suit, white blouse, and gloves, navy bag and shoes, and a white feather bandeau hat. She carried white gardenias on a white ribbon.

Miss Loretta Allen of Anson was maid of honor and wore a pallidino wool flannel costume, with brown and white accessories. Lois Craven of Abilene was bridesmaid and her costume was

of royal blue and her accessories were grey.

The white candles were lighted by Cathleen Canet, who wore a grey wool dress with white accessories. Best man was Francis B. Brock of Nacadoches. Ushers were Robert McFarland, and Winston Bales.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. T. E. Robinson of Carbon; Miss Glynn Castleberry sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Robertson.

The vows were exchanged before an altar banked with tall baskets of pink gladioluses and tall brass candelabras holding seven white tapers each. The church was beautifully decorated with the Christmas motif.

The couple left for a trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Mexico, and on their return will live at 307 North Lamar, Eastland.

The bride attended Ranger High School, Ranger Junior College, and McMurry College at Abilene, and has been teaching in the Carbon public school.

The bridegroom attended Eastland school and is a machinist. He is a member of the Elks Club at Breckenridge. He has been living near Breckenridge where he has been stock farming.

Attending from out of the city were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crawford, Valley Mills; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cranfill, of Gap; Mrs. Annie Little, Abilene, grandmother of the bridegroom; Misses Jo Ann and Dorothy Little of Abilene, cousins of Mr. Little; Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Kennel, of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Hamon Cook of Fort Worth and Miss Opal Morris of Agua Dulce.

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Beethoven Junior Music Club Has Annual Xmas Party

Mrs. A. F. Taylor was hostess to the Beethoven Junior Music club's annual Christmas program and party.

The president, Jan Spalding, opened the meeting. Veda Sneed reported on the John Tarleton A Capella Choir's program given at the Eastland High School, stating that \$55.00 was given to the choir on their expenses.

Jimmy Black, program leader, presented the group in Christmas carols with Milton Herring at the piano. Other numbers were: Scarf Dance by Marilyn Wittup, A Christmas Story by Fern Shaffer, Dance of the Winds by Col Don Brashier.

Decorations were bank of evergreens on the dining table and piano with red candles pinsettias were on the radio and book case and an arrangement of red carnations was on a table.

Gift exchanges from the beautiful tree were distributed by Herby Weaver, Buster Graham, Lonnie Young.

The refreshment plate consisted of green and red sandwiches, in the shape of Christmas trees, coconut squares, hot chocolate, and candy.

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Dr. I. Q. Dance In Cisco Friday Nite

Dr. I. Q. Dance will be held Friday night at 9 o'clock on the roof of the Laguna Hotel in Cisco.

Admission will be \$1.20 per couple and proceeds from the dance will go to Holy Trinity building fund.

On the program will be a Dr. I. J. question and answer program with awards for the winners.

The public is invited to attend and tickets may be secured by contacting members of the church in Ranger and Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Give Employees Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Aaron hosted a Christmas and farewell party for the employees and their families, at the office of the West Texas Transportation Company on East Commerce Monday evening.

Bonus checks were presented to the employees from Mr. and Mrs. Aaron and the employees presented Mr. Aaron with a western suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron had the office beautifully decorated with the Christmas motif and a large Christmas tree adorned the room.

Refreshments carrying the Christmas motif of fruit cake, cookies, candies and soft drinks were served.

Melvin Duffield, Dean Sparks, Calloway Vines, Bill Duffield, and Pat Patterson have been with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron in the West Texas Transportation business most of the time since they entered the business seven years ago. Some of the men will go with the Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma coaches, who have bought the West Texas Transportation franchise to Brownfield, The Sweetwater, and Rotan Transportation line will still be owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron.

Attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson and little daughter of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowe of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Calloway Vines, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duffield and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Broussard and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cagle, Dean Sparks, Melvin Duffield, Mrs. Mildred Trout, and Miss Fae Howard and host Mr. and Mrs. Aaron their sons, Edwin and Bud-die.

Patsy Safley, Jan Spalding and Marilyn Wittup assisted Mr. and Mrs. Aaron in serving.

Those present: Jamie Black, Veda Sneed, Evelyn Ward, Marilyn Wittup, Jan Spalding, Patsy Safley, Janelle Patterson, Fern Shaffer, Col. Don Brashier, Milton Herring, Le Gene Griffin, Mary Ann Henderson, Herby and Jana Weaver, Billie Vessels, Pauline Cogburn, Marilyn Morgau, Ann Terrell, Frankie MacDonald, Sally Ann Cooper, Edith Cox, Patsy Simpson, Lonnie Young, and Mrs. Taylor.

The next meeting will be on January 26 and will be hosted by Herby and Jana Weaver. Buster Graham will be co-host.

Stitch-Chatter Club Meets With Mrs. Upchurch

The Stitch and Chatter Club met in the home of Mrs. Howard Upchurch, East Sadosa street, Thursday evening, December 18, at 7:30, for their annual Christmas party.

The house was decorated with Christmas greenery with a beautifully lighted tree loaded with gifts. Secret pals were revealed with each presenting her pal with a gift.

The club presented the hostess with a gift, a nice magazine rack. Fruit cake with whipped cream and coffee was served to the following members and guests:

Mmes. A. McBee, Herman Weatherby, Parks Poe, Henry Van Geem, John Hicks, James Matthews, L. W. Dalton, J. C. Poe, Hilton Kuykendall, George Hendricks, Kenneth Garrett, Clarence Penn, Guy Craig, Guy Robinson, Wayne Jackson, G. L. Whitley, Weidman Armstrong, and Mrs. Tom Ernest, sister of the hostess.

The Sub-Deb Club To Give Formal Dance At Legion Hall Tonight

The Sub-Deb club of Eastland High School will give a formal dance tonight (Dec. 23) at 8:00 o'clock at the American Legion Hall.

All Eastland High School students and ex-students are invited. No admission will be charged.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD IN HIGHTOWER HOME

Members of the Martha Dorcas Class assembled at the home of Mrs. Frank Hightower, Monday evening for the class' annual Christmas party. Co-hostesses were Mmes. Sidney Seale, Joe Stephen, Claud Bales and H. H. Hardeman.

Mrs. Wm. Jessop presided over a short business meeting and Mrs. Jack Ammer had charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Joe Stephen.

Little Miss Barbara Hightower played a piano solo, Gay Poe gave a reading, "The Origin of the Flag" followed by ensemble singing of Star Spangled Banner, led by Gay, Marilyn Hurt also played a piano selection. Miss Mary Ann Henderson read a Christmas story and Mrs. Carl Elliott gave Christmas story on "A Fourth Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke, which was splendidly given. Mrs. Jack Ammer read several comical Christmas poems which were prepared by Mrs. Roscoe Owen.

Refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream and nuts, red striped mint candy and hot spiced tea were served, carrying out the color of white and red in the serving.

Gifts were distributed from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, by Mrs. Hightower and daughter, Barbara.

Attending were: Mmes. W. H. Mullings, H. C. Elliott, Gene Andrews, Turner Collier, R. E. Sikes, B. O. Harrell, W. B. Harris, Geo. L. Lane, H. H. Hardeman, Eunice Purkhead, Ora B. Jones, Wm. Jessop, W. P. Leslie, Ella Ligon, Claud Bales, Marguerite Welch, J. L. Cottingham, C. E. Owen, Joe Stephen, Jack Ammer, F. A. Jones, and McMoey, Misses Shirley Hightower, Barbara Hightower, Margaret Ammer, Mary Ann Henderson, Gay Poe and Marilyn Hurt.

Mrs. Hannah Lindsey hosted the annual Christmas party for the Business Women's Circle of the First Baptist church Monday evening at her home on East Conner.

Mrs. Pat Crawford gave the Christmas story, "The Child and the Kingdom." Baskets of fruit was prepared and delivered to shut-ins. A wedding shower of gifts were presented Miss Wynell Carroll, who was married at 10:00 a.m. today.

Scale Runners Juvenile Club's Christmas Party

The Scale Runner's Juvenile Music club met with Alice Joyce Cushman for the club's Christmas party at the home of Alice Joyce's parents in Olden. Jimmy Everett and Dickie Corbell were co-hosts and Lou Anne Corbell was co-hostess.

Condition Serious



Herschel V. Johnson, American UN delegate, is in serious condition in New York's Lenox Hill Hospital. He was stricken by a "second severe heart attack."

"Fuzzy" Wants a Home



"Fuzzy" is an orphan. Like all orphans, he'd like a home. He can amuse people, too, as he demonstrates on the kiddie car. The pup, of unknown ancestry, is waiting his adoption at the Chicago animal shelter.

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Alice Joyce presided as president; Allen Vermillion gave the minutes of the former meeting. The program opened with the assembly singing of Christmas carols with Jimmy Everett at the piano.

Piano solos were played by Carol Anne Smith, Judith Ann Brannon sang, "A Way in a Manger". Others playing piano solos were Patsy Atwood, Pat Vermillion, Lou Anne and Dickie Corbell, Helen Ruth Thomas, Jo Ann Hollis, Dona Beth Johnson, Randa Kay Koen, Glenna Kilgore.

The Christmas story was told by Gayle Kilgore. Piano solos were given by Pat MacMoy and Delma Lou Quila. Genevieve Toliver, Elvera Ward, Jeanne Vermillion, Jimmie Everett played "White Christmas," Alice Joyce Cushman played "Minutet in G."

The house was beautifully decorated with snow scenes on the mantel with reindeer and Santa Claus while greens and nuns adorned the piano and table.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully lighted tree to the enjoyment of everyone. A refreshment plate of star sandwiches, punch, cookies and candy was served. Candy canes and miniature Christmas trees were favors.

Mrs. Jimmy Everett and Mrs. Louise Corbell assisted Mrs. Cushman. Other present besides those on the program were Mrs. J. B. Brannon and Mrs. A. F. Taylor.

B. W. C. Of Baptist Church Has Xmas Party And Shower

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Puthian Sisters Entertained By Mrs. Bargley

The Pythian Sisters met Wednesday evening, December 17, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Mary Bargley, 613 South Daugherty, for a Christmas party.

Mrs. Sam Young at the piano, led the group in singing Christmas carols. The house was decorated with Christmas bells and tinsel. Gifts were exchanged.

Pecan pie and coffee were served to the following:

Mmes. Jack Lee, Edna Earl Williamson, J. C. Poe, Blanche Nichols, Guy Craig, Guy Robinson, Sam Young, Carol Noble, Clyde Street, Jennie B. Self, Bill Adams, Bill Dorr, Hilton Kuykendall,

Frank Brock, George Wright, Wade Massengale, Elbert Herring, and hostess, Mrs. Mary Bargley.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood Honors Band Student Group With A Party

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Atwood held open house at their home on West Sadosa Monday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. for members of the Eastland band of which Mr. Atwood is director.

Refreshments of various kinds of homemade candies and soft drinks were served to those attending. Mrs. Atwood played piano and solobox music and carols were sung by those attending.

Personals

Mrs. K. F. Page will have her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Childress of Abilene, and her son, Bill, home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Childress, with their son, D. L. and family, are spending the holidays at their ranch near Eastland. Mr. and Mrs. Childress, Jr., live in New Mexico.

Dave Allen suffered a heart attack recently and is under the care of a doctor.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Pipkin for the Christmas holidays are Mrs. Pipkin's father, H. B. Hickman of Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Geem and baby, of Abilene, are guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Geem.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Blair and son Bobby will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Blair's parents at Lipan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Andrews of Longview are visiting relatives and friends here. Mr. Andrews is an only son of Mrs. Nora Andrews and Mrs. Andrews is a sister of Mrs. Frank Day.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Josephine Strickland for Christmas dinner will be her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Dresser, Mr. Dresser and their son, Ralph of San Antonio, and Mrs. Mattie Hart of Grand Prairie.

Miss Ann Maddrey, who has been attending Sophie Newcomb College at New Orleans is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Maddrey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoffman, South Seaman Street, have their son Bill and their daughter Catherine, home from Colleges for the holidays.

Guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Little for the holidays is his mother, Mrs. Annie Little of Abilene. Mrs. Little was here for the Ramsey - Little wedding Saturday evening.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Little Saturday and Sunday were: Miss Jo Ann and

Dorothy Little of Abilene, nieces of Mr. Little, and Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Kennel of Clyde.

Wid Crawford, who has been attending A&M College, is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and sons will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Crawford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wil Phillips at Burk Burnett.

Harold Gene Harkrider of A&M College is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Harkrider and brother George for the holidays.

Bob Harrison, who is attending school at Denton, is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Frances Harrison.

Heartsease

by Elaine Glass

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And for awhile, my poor dear... your heart will be a raw thing that aches and aches and aches... its blood will drip down and down... almost drowning you. You may be blind for a while... to beauty... you may be completely numb. You may be deaf to the thrill of a mocking bird's notes as it sings in the nighttime in the moonlight.

Put you'll get over it... to the point where you can breathe, and feel again. You may even learn to go to sleep again... without the ghastly nightmares. You will perhaps learn to control your shaking hands... t h e quiver in your voice.

For sometimes... human beings fall others.

Perhaps through no fault of their own... perhaps because our ideal was too high... perhaps because life got too much... and dead sea fruit resulted.

People seldom know whether or not they will wake up to find dead sea fruit choking their mouths. They have to take a chance.

But the smell and the taste of dead sea fruit can be pretty rotten.

Hopes For Luck

SAVANNAH, Ga. (UP). — Charlie Walker, 102, ex-slave and Yankee soldier during the Civil War, hopes his 103rd birthday Christmas will be luckier than Thanksgiving. The house given to him by the city when his shack was condemned as a fire hazard was destroyed by fire Thanksgiving.

Tree dwarfing, considered a modern science, really isn't. According to Martin L. Davey, tree expert, the art was practiced by the Chinese 26 centuries ago.

MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

THE STORY: It all started after I had been in Hollywood three months, writing the movie script for one of my own mystery books—and letting Jeff Haverson help me get over Oscar Craig. Jeff was director on my picture and a very attractive man. When Liz Leyden, my unpleasant collaborator, informed me vindictively that Jeff had been married for some time to Avis Vaughn, our glamour star, I was stunned. Jeff had been searching for an actress who looked enough like Avis to play her sister in the film, but not finding one had cast Avis in both roles. That day's rushes showed bit-player Madge Narney to be the perfect double for Avis. But the star didn't like the idea and a threatening trouble. Jeff walked me back to my office afterwards, admitted his marriage, said Avis refused to divorce him.

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His voice was a monotone. He deliberately squeezed all emotion from it to keep it from betraying him. "It's hard to believe now," Jeff said, "but I was in love with Avis when I married her. And I wanted to make our marriage last. I thought I knew how, too. The bright boy from Brooklyn, that was me. I knew all the answers. Work together! That was it. Never give other actresses or directors a chance to come between us."

"I had an attorney friend draw up an agreement and Avis and I signed it. As long as we were married to each other, I was to direct every play she starred in; and she was to have the feminine lead in every play I directed. Fixed it so that neither of us could sign a contract to work in any picture unless the other was included in the deal. Any studio had to take both of us—or neither. Or face some pretty expensive litigation. It was an air-tight agreement, all right."

Jeff laughed. "That was to keep us together—and happy forever. It lasted three months. Our living together, I mean."

I began to understand a lot of things. Jeff was a good director. His pictures made money. He didn't have to worry about whether or not his contract was going to be renewed by the studio. While Avis would have hit the skids long ago if her career hadn't been tied in with his. Easy to see why she wouldn't divorce him. As long as she was married to him, the studio had to give her the leading part in his pictures. But... "But you could divorce her, Jeff." I couldn't keep all the eagerness out of my voice. "You'd have plenty of grounds..."

JEFF shook his head. "I can't divorce her, if she wants to contest it. You see—I left her first. And I haven't been an angel either."

I never answered that. The door of the office opened without warning and Liz Leyden oozed into the room. He ignored me and gave Jeff a disagreeable look.

"Well, you've fouled things up, haven't you?" Jeff looked at him but didn't answer. He continued to look at him. It was as if he didn't see him or hear him, either. "Have I?" he said finally. "Have I?" His face changed. He got to his feet. "It might be," he said slowly, "that I'm just getting things straightened out."

Liz, of course, was undisturbed by any such hypersensitivity. He said bluntly and matter-of-factly, "Well, it's up to us."

I asked him shortly what was up to us.

He said to put on the peace-making act.

I still didn't see why it was our affair. This was strictly between Jeff and Avis. And I was beginning to get an idea. If Avis stood pat on her refusal to play the part of the wife unless she played the sister also, it would mean the breaking of the contract between her and Jeff; and if she lost the hold on him which made him her meat ticket, she'd divorce him fast enough. And Jeff would be free to marry again.

LIZ read my mind, as if it was an open book.

"And don't get any screwy ideas, sister," he said. "Avis will never let this part in technicolor get away from her. Or Jeff either. She'll stall and scrap and make difficulties until everybody is in an uproar, and then she'll turn up at the studio sweet and meek and ready to go on with her part. And the contract will still hold, see. She's done it before. And she can sic her attorneys onto Jeff and cost him a lot of dough if he doesn't let her play the part of the sister, too. You see, it's already been assigned to her."

"I still don't see what we can do about it."

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