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Someone to Love

By IRENE LONNEN ERNHART Copyright, 1949, NEA SERVICE, INC. THE STORY: Jenny is not as happy as she should be, married to Tod Hansen. First they live with Tod's widowed mother, his brother Joe and sister Harriet, who dislike her. Later they move to a disagreeable trailer camp while Tod finishes college. Jenny must give up her job as a model when she learns she is to become a mother. Tod meets Rick Morris, an old classmate, who she must forget to get on with. Tod must help her out. Tod sells his car to get Joe out of trouble.

XVI THE girls at the shop gave a shiver for Jenny. Everyone seemed anxious to do anything they could to please her. She had a happy faculty of making friends easily. Already she knew every single family in the trailer camp. And Tod knew scarcely any of them except the Hansens.

It might be all right to chum around with people like that, Tod thought, if you had never known the other kind. But once you'd cultivated a taste for champagne, it was a bit hard to stick to nothing but beer. Of course there was always Rick, one of the champagne crowd. You might say, "I did things in a broad, handsome way. Once, for instance, he brought Jenny a dozen long-stemmed roses in a white box tied with ribbon, because she had invited him to dinner."

Rick invited the two of them to drive home with him to Center-ville, 50 miles south, to spend Christmas with him and his mother. Tod thought it a grand idea, but Jenny demurred on the sentimental grounds that they should spend their first Christmas alone together. Jenny had a queer sentimental streak in her. Tod thought, for instance, the small blue powder box that Rick had left for her beneath the tree, seemed to mean more to her than

STRIKES THREATEN TO IDLE MORE THAN 20,000

Texas faced the possibility today of seeing more than 20,000 workers idled by strikes this week.

The Houston area was the scene of most of the labor strife, although a strike of aircraft employees threatened at Dallas.

Representatives of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the Houston-Galveston Maritime Association resumed negotiations today, trying to reach agreements which would prevent a walkout of 10,000 dockhands, tentatively scheduled for 12:01 A. M. tomorrow. J. E. Davies, chairman of the shippers' labor committee, said he was optimistic about chances of reaching a settlement before midnight.

Some 2,000 ILA workers who took "a fishing holiday" Saturday and Sunday, were due to return to the Port Houston Docks this morning to unload 20 freighters. The unexpected "holiday" forced inbound vessels to tie up at Galveston until berths were available.

Jenny's all alone and what if she should get sick while I was gone? "Yes, of course, she comes first." Ma began to weep. Her sobs made little hiccupy noises in the receiver of the phone. "I don't have anyone that cares anything about me now." The desperate note in her words frightened him. He felt that he had better go.

Jenny wanted to point out that it was her only refuge also. But like Ma he was touchy about the tiniest hint of criticism. She let him go. After all, if she needed help she could rouse the Hansens. And anyway, the baby wasn't due for another week.

BUT the wildness of the night and the sense of being alone gave Jenny an uneasy feeling. Almost as soon as Tod left it began to sleet. The sound drizzled softly on the roof of the trailer and pattered against the windows. She looked through the window facing the Hansen trailer after a while and she noticed that it was dark. Tod had forgotten to make sure they were going to be home all evening.

Panic came to her quite suddenly with the first sharp twinges of pain. The hour that ensued was like a nightmare. She tried to keep calm by getting her overnight case ready to take to the hospital. Tod said he would not stay long. She did not dare venture out of the trailer because the ground was covered with ice and the wind was blowing the sleet in a steady drumming against the trailer now.

She grew no longer aware of time, only the dark waves of pain that caught her in their relentless grip over and over again. She was crying. Then came a knock at the door. She called out, as the blackness caught her relentlessly again. All at once she was aware of Rick's calm presence, his hands putting her arms into her coat, his arms about her as he carried her to his car. His overcoat was rough against her face. "Oh, Rick, I'm so glad you came! So glad!" "Jenny, darling, don't worry. Everything'll be all right." (To Be Continued)



More than a million Girl Scouts will receive the nation's salute as they celebrate Girl Scout Week Oct. 30-Nov. 5.

Miss Truman's Concert Praised

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 31 (UP)—Margaret Truman's concert appearance here drew a second round of favorable reviews today.

St. Louis critics, who wrote that "Miss Truman is a sincere artist with distinct promise" after her debut Saturday night, said she sang with "more ease" at last night's concert with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Dressed in a blue crepe gown, she sang to a nearly packed house. Only 30 of the 3,563 seats in the Kiel Auditorium opera house were vacant.

Both performances have been attended by much of St. Louis' top society. Vice-president Alben Barkley and his bride-to-be, Mrs. Carleton Hadley, were in the audience Saturday night.

"She was wonderful," he said after slipping back stage to congratulate Miss Truman after the concert.

Soprano Helen Traubel of the Metropolitan opera, said she "loved" the performance.

The Post-Dispatch critic, Thomas Sherman, said Miss Truman sang "agreeably and with taste. Her voice projects well except in the lower range. A good ear was apparent in prevailingly accurate intonation."

Other key remarks were made by Harry R. Burke of the Globe-Democrat.

"Her voice was fluent and rich throughout its register," he wrote. "She used it with discrimination in phrasing, with clarity and fluidity."

ler arrived at the parking lot to relieve him from work.

Frank Wetzel, manager of the lot, said Simmons was "an old and trusted employee and would not leave voluntarily."

Hijackers Take Automobile, \$75

HOUSTON, Tex. Oct. 31 (UP)—Hijackers took \$75 and a car from a parking lot here last night, and police believed they also kidnapped the 47 year old lot attendant.

Police found a hat, coat and sweater in the office run by night attendant, Holman Taylor Simmons. The cash register was empty, and a two-toned blue Hudson sedan was also missing. The car was owned by realtor R. Y. Barrett.

Simmons' absence was discovered at 5 A. M. when Luther But-

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GREENWICH, Conn., Oct. 31 (UP)—Former Secretary of State Edward Stettinius died early today at the home of Juan Trippe, president of Pan-American Airways.

Stettinius, brother of Mrs. Trippe, had been visiting the family for the weekend.

He died at 7:30 A. M. no details were given by the family immediately.

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