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## SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 4th

The 1939 - 1940 session of the Robert Lee Public School will EDITH HOMECOMING open Monday, September 4, at 9:00 a.m. with a general assembly in the High School Auditorium. Important announcements will be made at that time concerning classes and arrangements.

It is hoped that every child in the school age that has not finished school will enroll at that time. Each student is expected to bring his Report Card and book card to the teacher in charge in order to aid in getting the enrollment finished in a short time. Enrollment and the issuing of books will be finished by 12:00 Monday and the busses will return the children to their homes then.

The students and patrons of the school should be thankful to all. Coke Motor Co., City Drug Store, and the Dr. Pepper Bottling Works at San Angelo for again furnishing the students with book gave the welcome address. The covers. It is a service that is of great benefit to the child and it response was given by Mrs. Lualso saves a great deal of expense on the parent. The covers will ther Terry, of Sweetwater, after be distributed through the City Drug Store this year. The student is not obligated to buy anything at all but he will have to go sang. An address, "Tribute to to the City Drug Store to get his covers.

I am asking all of the high school students that can and will Dickey. to come to the school building Friday, September 1, any time during the day and register. I am doing this so that we shall be able to finish registering by 12:00 on . Monday. If the high school students will do that I can give them much more time and help D. Millican, who was the oldest them to arrange their schedules much better than if I had to do it woman present. Grandmother all Monday. All who can, please come and register on Friday, Stewart was the oldest resident September 1.

The bus routes will be virtually the same as last year with the exception of the Vailey View bus which will not go to the Lometa

Any other announcements will be made at the opening of school.

Geo. L. Taylor, Supt.

#### LAND VALUATION INCREASED REVIVAL MEETING

The Commissioners Court of Coke County in their August term, Monday, August 14, raised the valuation of more than one hundred company property and ranch lands.

The company property, as follows, was raised 25%:

San Angelo Telephone Co. Atlantic Pipeline Co. K. C. M. & O. Railway Co. Western Union Telegraph Co. West Texas Utilities Co.

Most ranch areas were raised From \$1.00 to \$1.50 per acre.

This raise will boost Coke County's valuation more than a half million dollars.

Mrs. J. R. Joplin, of Levelland, is visiting Miss Mettie Russell and other relatives here.

Ratliff's has colder and better water than the ice houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Humphreys and. Dickie, and Mrs. W. visited Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Russell the first of the week.

week from Dallas, where she day morning. bought new merchandise for Cumbie's.

The School Library will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 in the ception of Sin." afternoon until school opens, it was announced by Librarian, er.

Mrs. Walter McDorman.

The revival at the Baptist Church, which began last Sunday DANIEL BAKER GRADUATES morning, is growing in interest and attendance. Bro. Lawrence Hayes, our ev. ngelist, came to us on Monday evening, and will continue preaching twice daily throughout the meeting.

Services are at 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p.m., evening services being held on the church lawn.

Many friends of the various denominations are contributing to the services by their attendance and moral support, for which the church torces express themselves as being very grateful.

The pastor and a fine choir lead in a half hour of music and worship program preceding the evangelistic message. Miss Katie Sue Good renders a distinct service as pianist.

Out-of town visitors in the revival have included triends from Bronte, Sanco, Edith, Divide, wiles, and Franklin.

A street service will be held and children, Kathryn, Billie, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 in O. from of the vacant building for-Stubblefield, of Liberty Hill, merly occupied by Stoke's Variety Store. Bro. Hayes will preach on "Back to Bethel."

A goal of 100 has been set for Mrs. H. L. Scott returned last Sunday School attendance Sun-

The following subjects are announced through Sunday evening: Friday, 10:00 a. m. - "Prayer"

Friday, 8:00 p. m. - "The De-Saturday, 10:00 a. m. - "Pray- Condescending Christ."

ATTENDED BY LARGE CROWD

The annual Edith homecoming Sunday was attended by a record breaking crowd. A barbecue and basket lunch was spread, with a grand time reported by

D. M. West, Bronte publisher, which Mrs. Bruce Yarbrough Pioneers," was given by Frank

Time was given to a few of the pioneers for reminiscences.

Flowers were presented to Mrs. was J. J. S. Smith.

Bert Duncan, of Denver, Colo., was recognized as the one traveling the farthest to attend the homecoming.

Several family reunions were held in connection with the homecoming.

L. A. Woods, state superintendent of public instruction, will make the commencement address when 72 summer seniors receive bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees at commencement exercises at Daniel Baker College, August 28.

Students from Robert Lee who will receive degrees are: Juanita Barger, Mary Russell, Lois Vowell, and Mrs. Neilie Ruth Mc-

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stroud, of Levelland, were in Robert Lee Sunday visiting Mrs. Charley Roe and Mrs. M. Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. Stroud had just returned from a trip to the San Francisco International Exposition.

Mrs. G. T. Hester and her sister, Miss Ada Durham, left Monday for Sabinal and Weimar.

We always have a fresh line of groceries and fresh vegeta Come get our prices. Cumbie's

to Bethel." Saturday, 8:00 p. m. -Challenge of a Lost World."

Sunday, 11:00 a. m. - m. "The

George L. Taylor opens his twelfth year as teacher in the Robert Lee schools, seven and one-half as teacher and three and one-half as Superintendent. Mr. Taylor has seen many changes in the school during that time. He has seen it grow from seven teachers and 145 students to 14 teachers and 400 students; from a non-accredited common school to a fully affiliated Independent school district.

Mr. Taylor was the first football coach that ever served Robert Lee and he served in that capacity for seven and one-half years at which time he became superintendent, succeeding B. M. present. The oldest man present Gramling. He saw some good and some bad years in the coaching profession but his spirit always prevails over the boys and no matter how they lost, the etnics of fair play and sportsmanship were held first in whatever game was at hand.

Picking up the work already started by Mr. Gramling, Mr. Taylor completed the accrediting of several subjects in the school and under his supervision and direction the building has been enlarged and remodeled into a modern school plant that this community should be proud to claim for its own. The school is improving each year and it is hoped that in the near future it will be able to serve the community still better that it is now doing. Only this year the Vocational Agriculture department has been added for the benefit of the boys and the farmers and ranchers in this community. Under the direction of Mr. Fitzhugh, we expect this work to be one of great service to the district.

The teachers for this year are:

George L. Taylor, Superintendent, A. F. Landers, Principal and History, Dorothy Downey. Business English and Spanish Lois Danner, T. J. Mullins, Science and Coach Agriculture P. P. Fitzhugh, Ray V. Stark, Mathematics Sixth Grade H. F. Teague, Eunice McLure, Fifth Grade Fourth Grade Margaret Brown, Fourth Grade Lucile Atkinson, Third Grade Lois Vowell, Second Grade Juanita Barger, First Grade Mary Russell

Mrs. Reed R. Jones has returned to her home in Abilene after ter, Miss Effie Bennett, of Ausspending two weeks with her tin, visited in the home of Mr. at the National Guard Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bradley and baby and Mr. and Mrs Roy Wyatt and baby went to the Buchanan Dam on the Colorado River Sunday.

Ratliff's coffee is still the best in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Millican, of Green Mountain, had as their "The week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Russell, Maryneal; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith and son, Dunny, Brownwood; Mr. and Sunday, 8:00 p. m. "Why Men Mrs. Howard Millican and Miss Naomi Brown, San Angelo.

Mrs. Lula Bennett and daughparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. and Mrs. W. E. Dixon last week. Wyatt, while her husband was Mrs. Bennett is Mr. Dixon's sister. They were very impressed with Robert Lee and surrounding

#### SPECIALS

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

### Hitler, Duce Lay Groundwork For Five-Power Conference To Escape War Over Danzig

(EDITOR'S NOTE-When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.) Released by Western Newspaper Union

tary of Agriculture Henry A. Wal-

lace's announcement that food script

will soon be used on a nation-wide

Coming up soon is even bigger

script news. In Washington, Geor-

gia's Sen. Richard B. Russell Jr.

made known a "certificate plan" he

will introduce at the next session of

congress to solve the farm problem.

The secretary of agriculture would

give growers certificates covering

their allotted portion of a normal

domestic crop. For example, a cot-

ton grower who got 200 pounds from

each of his. 10 acres over the pre-

vious five-year average, would get

certificates for that part of his 2,000

pounds which is ordinarily sold do-

mestically. To purchase this cotton,

domestic buyers must also buy the

certificates, paying for them the dif-

ferential between the market price

and parity price. If the parity price

were 15 cents and cotton sold at 10

cents, certificates would cost five

Biggest advantage of the plan is

that it lifts the burden of parity

payments from government shoul-

ders. Disadvantages: (1) It is

merely a disguise for unpopular

processing taxes, and would ulti-

mately raise costs to consumers; (2)

it still leaves the export problem

What congress did or did not do to help or hurt business and labor

offers a meaty conversational meange this month. Reason: Con-

gress' refusal to try more pump-

priming left the burden of recovery

proof on the shoulders of private enterprise. But at the same time

congress did little (in business' eyes) to alleviate business' tax and

labor woes. Therefore both busi-

ness and labor jumped into the na-

tional political arena soon after ad-

journment, one anxious to encourage

a trend, the other willing to hop the

Howard Coonley of the National

Association of Manufacturers, who

wrote his membership that business

First word came from President

bandwagon for what it was worth.

cents a pound.

unsolved.

**BUSINESS:** 

What Challenge?

#### **EUROPE:**

#### Another Munich?

One fear long entertained but little discussed by France and Britain is that Danzig might simply and peacefully declare its union with Germany. If Poland then went to war, she would be labeled as an aggressor. This crafty scheme has been brewing in Adolf Hitler's mind ever since it became apparent that German force in Danzig would be met by Polish-French-British force. But originally it was Benito Mussolini's idea, for a conflict over Danzig would enmesh Italy just as a war over Sudetenland would have brought similar consequences last autumn. Already tired of aiding Germany's aggrandizement at the risk of their own necks, rank-andfile Italians were about ready to junk the Rome-Berlin axis.

A more exalted statesman than Der Fuehrer, Il Duce sent his son-



RIBBENTROP AND CIANO Danzig isn't worth Italian blood.

in-law foreign minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, to confer near Salzburg with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop. The apparent decision, pressed by Count Ciano and ultimately accepted by Hitler, was that Danzig was not should be encouraged by the "con-worth a war. Having thus coun-servative" trend in congress, but seled moderation, Mussolini had that "further positive action" was again pressed his pants and entered once more the good graces of France and Britain.

Rumors leaked out that Il Duce was loud in acclaim of the Vatican's sincere efforts for peace via negotiation. But Il Duce was not so highminded. Laying the groundwork for a five-power conference (Germany, Italy, Poland, Britain, France) he intended to settle not only the Danzig issue but a few others as well, attaining his own end by winning colonial concessions from France.

While all Europe awaited an official invitation, the controlled Berlin press laid down a preparatory barrage by thundering that the "European powder barrel may explode" unless the Danzig issue is settled speedily. Significant in this picture was Russia's position. Should British-French authorities drop their Moscow conversations when Mussolini makes his bid, Paris and London would be guilty of a heinous

#### AGRICULTURE:

#### Paper Money

Script first made news in farm circles this summer when orange and blue stamps were adopted to help dispose of surplus commodities to relief families. Successful, the plan was next tried with non-reliefers. Latest development is Secre-

#### Briefly

AT WASHINGTON-Round-theworld Flyer Howard Hughes applied for a right to make a substratosphere flight from New York to Paris.

AT KNOXVILLE - A federal court upheld President Roosevelt's right to oust Dr. A. E. Morgan as chairman of TVA.

AT CAMPOBELLO, N. S .-President Roosevelt announced he would shove this year's Thanksgiving ahead from November 30 to 23. Reason: To space holidays more evenly.

AT LANGLEY FIELD, VA .-Nine army fliers were killed in a at San Diego, two navy fliers | business drive to modny John Lew-

#### Star Dust

★ Not Tempting Fate?

★ Bergen Takes Horse ★ Doctor He Shall Be!

- By Virginia Vale -

THERE'S a plan under way whereby dramatic radio offerings may reach the screen, with you, the public, selecting

Radio Guild Productions, Inc., of Hollywood, is behind it. The idea is that monthly contests will be held, the contestants writing to headquarters and giving their reasons for thinking that certain programs should be screened. No serials included, just plays that are complete in one broadcast.

At the end of three months, the winning script would be adapted for the screen. Prizes will be awarded contestants.

Madge Evans, of movie fame, is sandwiching her honeymoon with Sidney Kingsley, the playwright, in between performances at summer theaters. She's worked conscientiously and done well, but when she found



MADGE EVANS

that she was billed for "A Bill of Divorcement" not long after the elopement took place she backed out-not superstitious, it's said, but just didn't like the idea.

William Powell is back at work again, in "Another Thin Man," apparently completely recovered from his serious illness. Asta, the dog, has a prominent part in this sequel to the famous "Thin Man," and a year-old baby makes its debut.

National Broadcasting Company is grooming a new singer for radio stardom. Her name is Dinah Shore, and she hails from Winchester, Tenn. She's a pretty girl with a distinc-tive style of singing. At present she is being featured three times a week over both the red and blue networks-you might listen in and see if your opinion of her talents agrees with the star-makers'.

Don Ameche and Dorothy Lamour have been making life miserable for Edgar Bergen at rehearsals of that Charlie McCarthy program, by razzing him because, although he frequently went fishing, he never caught any fish.

The only way he could stop it was to give up fishing. Nowaday's he's getting his exercise by riding horseback-he can always catch the horse!

Fred Barron is the first male member of his family in six generations who didn't become a doctor. He voted for acting instead. So he got a role in the radio serial, "The Life and Love of Dr. Susan," and found he'd been cast—as a doctor!

Dave Elman, while convalescing from an appendectomy in a Fargo, N. D., hospital, had the unusual experience of listening to his own program, "Hobby Lobby," with the President's wife substituting for

Ken Carpenter, who also had his appendix out, had trouble pursuading the doctor that he ought to listen in on his program. The doctor was afraid he'd laugh so hard at Bob Burns that he'd break the stitches. He finally got a script of the show for Carpenter, figuring that, after he'd read the jokes, they wouldn't be so funny. He quite forgot Burns' habit of making last-minute remarks that the script writer didn't think of.

ODDS AND ENDS-Joan Blondell and Dick Powell could have had the leading roles in a new musical show on Broadway this fall, but turned it down . . . Spencer Tracy and Sir Cedric Hardwicke make it worth your while to go to "Stanley and Livingstone"—they're both excellent . . . And don't miss the spectacular "Four Franches Tone is back at

### Floyd Gibbons' **ADVENTURERS' CLUB**

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

#### "Wild Night Afloat"

HELLO EVERYBODY:

You know, sometimes Old Lady Adventure puts you through the paces in a second or two, and then lets up on you.

I've told you boys and girls a couple of yarns, at least, that didn't last more than five or six seconds at the most. But there are also times when the old girl with the thrill bag seems to take delight in teasing her victims, as a cat would tease a mouse -tossing one bit of hard luck after another at them, until she has them worn down and ready to quit.

Floyd Smith of Chicago could tell you a yarn like that. A tale of terror for hours on end. And as a matter of fact, Floyd will tell you that story. For we've got him here with us at the Adventurers' campfire tonight and he's all ready to go.

It's a story of the World war-and, incidentally, Floyd wants me to announce that if any of the three fellows who went through it with him should read this story-well-he sure hopes they'll drop him a line.

The scene of this yarn is Brest, France, where Floyd was attached to the U.S. naval air station. He was one of a crew of four on a speed boat-the type of craft that is known as a gig in the navy-and it was one day in August, 1918, that the gig and its crew was sent out for an all-night battle with Old Lady Adventure.

Men Ordered Taken Off Pensacola.

It was about eight o'clock in the evening when the officer of the day, brought their orders. The U. S. S. Pensacola had weighed anchor a short time before and was putting out to sea. Aboard her was a 15-man detail from the air station, which had been helping to unload the ship. They were to have been taken off before the Pensacola sailed, but the orders had been mixed up, and there they were, getting a ride they were never intended to have. The gig's orders were to catch the Pensacola and

Says Floyd: "We took out after the ship, which was already in the narrow channel that leads from the bay to the open sea. In about 10 minutes we were a hundred yards astern of the Pensacola, when suddenly our motor quit. Well-it goes without saying that we did not catch the Pensacola. As luck would have it the tide was going out, and it swept us out to sea."

The water out there was too deep for the anchor line, so they kept right on drifting. It was growing dark by that time, so no one ashore saw their predicament. With no means to stop the boat from drifting,



"We were a hundred yards astern of the Pensacola, when suddenly

those four lads worked frantically, trying to get the motor started again but they only made matters worse. They ran the batter down and then they were left without lights.

#### The Gig Drifts Slowly Out to Sea.

"By this time," says Floyd, "it was pitch dark and it had started to rain. There was nothing to do but drift, so we drifted."

And under that casual statement, there lies a world of terror. Those four lads-every one of them-knew what it meant to drift out to sea. If they were lucky they might be picked up by a passing steamer. But on the other hand, it was all too easy to drift unsighted for days on end, and finally perish of thirst and

"We drifted until about 2 a. m.," Floyd says, "and then the sea began to get rough and we really had something to worry about, for there were mine fields all about the entrance of the harbor and we figured we had drifted into them. The mines were moored 12 feet below the surface, but with the high swells bobbing us up and down, we stood a good chance of hitting one of them. We began holding our breaths."

About an hour later, they sighted a blinker light-and that was the signal for more panic.

"It was too high to be on a ship," says Floyd, "so it must have been on a cliff. Were we going to be washed against this cliff? We all prepared for the worst. We put on life preservers and let out the anchor. But the anchor didn't hold. The boat still drifted. After a while we had drifted to a place where we could see lights in the distance. Could it be true that we were in the channel, heading back toward Brest?"

#### Boat Drifts Back to Starting Point.

And that's just where they were. The boat had drifted right back to where it had started.

Luck? Sure, it was. But those lads still had the worst of their adventure to go through. Back on shore, someone had spotted them. The blinker on the cliff was signaling, but in a code they couldn't understand

"Would they open fire on us?" says Floyd. "That's what we were afraid of. They kept searchlights on us until we were half way through the channel, and then we saw a swift-moving vessel coming in our direction. When it got with a hundred yards of us I could see that it was a torpedo boat. Its searchlight beamed on us, and it came straight for us."

Straight at them it came-full speed ahead, and with no intention of stopping. It just grazed the stern of the boat-but with a force that spun it around and almost knocked its four occupants overboard.

"By the time we had come to our senses," says Floyd, "it had turned and was coming back to take another ram at us. All four of us began yelling at the top of our lungs, 'Americans-

The boat came on. It came within a few feet of the gig, and then, suddenly, it turned sharply aside. The boys kept right on velling, "Americans," then from the French torpedo boat came the answer, "Oui, oui."

"We told them our engine had broken down," says Floyd, "and they said they thought we were a German submarine. They towed us bac



C. I. O.'S PHILLIP MURRAY Had something on his mind.

needed. One positive action: Amendment of the Wagner labor (In Washington, the LaFollette civil lib-

erties committee opened its hearings by accusing Mr. Coonley's N. A. M. with "deliberate" attempts to promote "organized disregard" for the Wagner act. N. A. M. called the report a "gross misrepresentation of fact.")

Next day C. I. O.'s Vice President Phillip Murray, whose Boss John Lewis has been in the public dog house ever since he called Vice President John Garner an "evil old man," appeared on a radio network to urge that President Roosevelt summon business, government and labor leaders to a national unemployment conference. The Murray position: "Unemployment is America's No. 1 social, economic, and political problem . . . Failure to solve it constructively might very well rock the foundations of our gov-

Hesitant to tack political implications on what appeared to be an labor-sponsored move against unemployment, many business leaders nevertheless held their tongues-in-cheek wondering what Phillip Murray had in mind. Should C. I. O. emerge from such a con-

ernment."

Metro, working on "Fast and Furious, in

### The DIM LANTERN

#### By TEMPLE BAILEY

O PENN PUBLISHING COMPANY—WNU SERVICE

#### CHAPTER XII—Continued -18-

"Baldy," Evans said, "I don't agree with you that it was-the money. That may have helped in her decision. But I think she cares-" "For Towne-nonsense."

"It isn't nonsense. She knows nothing of love. She may have taken the shadow for the substance. And he can be very-charming." It wrung his heart to say it. But almost with clairvoyance he saw

When they returned to the house Baldy found a message from Edith. He was to call her up.

"Uncle Frederick has just told me," she said, "that Jane is to be my aunt. Isn't it joyful?"

"I'm not sure." "Why not?"

"Oh, Towne's all right. But not for Jane.'

"I see. But he's really in love with her, poor old duck. Talked about it all through dinner. He's going to try awfully hard to make her happy.'

"Then you approve?"

He heard her gay laugh over the wire. "It will be nice-to have you -in the family. I'll be your niecein-law.'

"You'll be nothing of the kind." "You can't help being - Uncle Baldy. Isn't that-delicious? And now, will you come in tonight and sit by my fire? Uncle Frederick is out.

"I've sat too often by your fire." "Too often for your own peace of mind? I know that. And I'm glad of it." Again he heard a ripple of laughter.

"It isn't a thing to laugh at." She hesitated, then said in a different tone, "I am not laughing. But I want you by my fire tonight."

It was late when Evans went upstairs. He had spent the evening with his mother, discussing with her some matters where his legal knowledge helped. They did not speak of Jane. Their avoidance of the subject showed their preoccupation with it. But neither dared approach it.

On the bedside table in Evans' room lay the valentine he had bought for Jane. There it was, with its cupids and bleeding hearts-its forget-me-nots-and golden darts.

Arthur Lane and Sandy talked it "I wonder what has happened. He looks dreadful."

The two boys were on their way to Castle Manor. They wanted books. Evans' library was a treasure-house for youthful readers. It had all the old adventuring tales. And Evans had read everything. He would simply walk up to a shelf, lay his hand on a book, and say, "Here's one you'll like." And he was never

But of late, Evans Follette had met them with an effort. "Look for yourselves," he had said, when they asked for books, and had sat staring into the fire. And he had not urged them to stay. His manner had been kind but inattentive. They were puzzled and a little hurt. feel sorta queer when he acts that way," Sandy was saying, "as if he didn't take any interest. I don't even know whether he wants us any more."

Arthur refused to believe his hero inhospitable. "It's just that he's got things on his mind."

They reached the house and rang the bell. Old Mary let them in. "He's in the library," she said, and they went towards it. The door was open and they entered. But the room was empty . . .

That morning Baldy had had a letter from Jane and had handed it to Evans. It was the first long letter since her engagement to Towne. Baldy had written to his sister, flamingly, demanding to know if she were really happy. And she had

"I shall be when Judy is better. That is all I can think of just now. Her life is hanging in the balance. We can never be thankful enough that we got the specialist when we did. He had found the trouble. The question now is whether she will have the strength for another operation. When she gets through with that! Well, then I'll talk to you, darling. I hardly know how I feel. The days so whirling. Mr. Towne has been more than generous. If the little I can give him will repay him, then I must give it, struggle. Then is so very good to me."

And now this letter had come after Towne's second visit:

"Baldy, dear, I am very happy. And I want you to set your mind at rest. I am not marrying Mr. Towne for what he has done for us all, but because I love him. Please believe it. You can't understand what he has been to me in these dark days. I have learned to know how kind he is-and how strong. I haven't a care in the world when he is here, and everything is so-marvellous. You should see my ring-a great sapphire, Baldy, in a square of diamonds. He is crazy to buy things for me, but I won't let him. I will take things for Judy but not for myself. You can see that, of course. I just go everywhere with him in my cheap little frocks, to the theaters and to all the great restaurants, and we have the most delectable things to eat. It is really great

Since he had heard the news of Jane's approaching marriage, Evans had lived in a dream. The people about him had seemed shadowshapes. He had walked and talked with them, remembering nothing afterward but his great weariness. He had eaten his meals at stated times, and had not known what he



"I can't stand much excitement."

was eating. He had gone to his of-fice, and behind closed doors had sat at his desk, staring.

And now this letter! "You see what she says," Baldy had raged. "Of course she isn't in love with him. But she thinks she is. There's nothing more that I can do.'

Evans had taken the letter to the library to read. He was alone, except for Rusty, who had limped after him and laid at his feet.

She loved-Towne. And that settled it. "I am marrying Mr. Towne because I love him." Nothing could be plainer than that. Baldy might protest. But the words were there.

As Evans sat gazing into the fire, he saw her as she had so often been in this old room-as a child, sprawled on the hearth-rug over some entrancing book from his shelves, swinging her feet on the edge of a table while he bragged of his athletic prowess; leaning over war-maps, while he pointed out the fields of fighting; curled up in a corner on the couch while he read to her-"Oh, silver shrine, here

will I take my rest . . He could stand his thoughts no longer. Without hat or heavy coat, he stepped through one of the long windows and into the night.

As he walked on in the darkness, he had no knowledge of his destination. He swept on and on, pursued by dreadful thoughts.

On and on through the blackness. No moon . . . a wet wind blowing . . . on and on . .

He came to a bridge which crossed a culvert. No water flowed under it. But down the road which led through the Glen was another bridge, and beneath it a deep, still pool.

With the thought of that deep and quiet fool came momentary relief from the horrors which had bounded him. It would be exactly A second s struggle. Then

leaning against the buttress of the bridge, he heard, with increasing clearness, the sound of boys' voices in the dark.

He drew back among the shadows. It was Sandy and Arthur. Not three

feet away from him-passing. "Well, of course, Mr. Follette is just a man," Sandy was saying.

"Maybe he is," Arthur spoke earnestly, "but I don't know. There's something about him-" He paused.

"Go on," Sandy urged.
"Well, something"—Arthur was struggling to express himself, "splendid. It shines like a light—" Their brisk footsteps left the

bridge, and were dulled by the dirt road beyond. Sandy's response was inaudible. A last murmur, and then silence.

Evans was swept by a wave of emotion; his heart, warm and alive, began to beat in the place where there had been frozen emptiness. "Something splendid—that shines like a light!'

Years afterward he spoke of this moment to Jane. "I can't describe it. It was a miracle-their coming. As much of a miracle as that light which shone on Paul as he rode to Damascus. The change within me was absolute. I was born again. All the old fears slipped from me like a garment. I was saved, Jane, by those boys' voices in the dark."

The next day was Sunday. Evans called up Sandy and Arthur and invited them to supper. "Old Mary said you were here last night, and didn't find me. I've a book or two for you. Can you come and get them? And stay to supper. Miss Towne will be here and her uncle."

The boys could not know that they were asked as a shield and buckler in the battle which Evans was fighting. It seemed to him that he could not meet Frederick Towne. Yet it had been, of course, the logical thing to ask him. Edith had invited herself, and Towne had, of course, much to tell about Jane.

Evans, therefore, with an outward effect of tranquillity, played the host. After supper, however, he took the boys with him to the library.

On the table lay a gray volume. He opened it and showed the Cruikshank illustrations. "I've been reading this. It's great

"Oh, Pilgrim's Progress," said

Sandy; "do you like it?"
"Yes." Evans leaned above the book where it lay open under the light, and started to read to them.

That night Evans found out for the first time something about his mother. "You look tired, dearest," he had said, when their guests were gone, and he and she had come into

the great hall together.
"I am tired." She sat down on an old horsehair sofa. "I can't stand much excitement. It makes me feel like an old lady."

"You'll never grow old." He felt a deep tenderness for her in this moment of confessed weakness. She had always been so strong. Had refused to lean. She had, in fact, taken from him his son's prerogative of protectiveness.

"You'd better see Hallam," Evans

"I've seen him."

"What did he say?" "My heart-

He looked at her in alarm. "Mother! Why didn't you tell me?" "What was the use? There's noth-

ing to be worried about. Only he says I must not push myself." "I am worried. Let me look after the men in the morning early.

That will give you an extra nap. "Oh, I won't do it, Evans. You have your work." "It won't hurt me. And I am going to boss you around a bit." He

stooped and kissed her. "You are too precious to lose, Mumsie." She clung to him. "What would I do without you, my dear?"

He helped her up the stairs. And

as she climbed slowly, his arm about her, he thought of that dark moment by the bridge.

If those young voices had not come to him in the night, this loving soul might have been stricken and made desolate; left alone in her time of greatest need.

#### CHAPTER XIII

Once more the Washington papers had headlines that spoke of Delafield Simms. He had stenographer in Frederick Towne's hunting

It seemed a long time after, that, | office. And it was Towne's niece that he had deserted at the altar.

And most remarkable of all, Edith Towne had been at the wedding. It was Eloise Harper who told the re-

"They were married at the old Inn below Alexandria this morning, by the local Methodist clergyman. Miss Logan is a Methodist-fancy. And Edith was bridesmaid."

But Eloise did not know that Lucy had worn the wedding dress and veil that Edith had given her and looked lovely in them. And that after the ceremony, Delafield had wrung Edith's hand and had said, "I shall never know how to thank you for what you have been to Lucy.

"Gee, but you're superlative," Baldy told her as they walked in the garden.

"Am I?"

"Yes. And the way you carried it off." "I didn't carry it off. It carried

itself." "Are you sure it didn't hurt?" She smiled at him from beneath

her big hat. "Not a bit." The moment was ripe for romance. But Baldy almost feverishly kept the conversation away from serious things. They had talked seriously enough, God knew, the other

her lonely in the thought of her fu-"When Uncle Fred marries I won't stay here."

night by Edith's fire. He had seen

He had yearned to take her in his arms, to tell her that against his heart she should never again know loneliness. But he had not dared. What had he to offer? A boy's love. Against her gold.

So he talked of Jane. "She doesn't want her engagement announced until she gets back. I think she's right."

"I don't," Edith said lazily. "If I loved a man I'd want to shout it to the world."

They were sitting on a rustic bench under the blossoming plum tree. Edith's hands were clasped behind her head, and the winged sleeves of her gown fell back and showed her bare arms. Baldy wanted to unclasp those hands, crush them to his lips-but instead he stood up, looking over the river.

"Do you see the ducks out there? Wild ones at that. A sign of spring." She rose and stood beside him. 'And you can talk of-ducks-on a day like this?"

."Yes," he did not look at her. "ducks are-safe." He heard her low laugh.

He turned, his gray eyes filled with limpid light. "Perhaps I am. But I should be a fool if I told you how I love you. Worship you. You know it, of course. But nothing can come of it, even if I were presumptuous enough to think that you -care."

She swept out her hands in an appealing gesture. "Say it. I want to hear.'

She was adorable. But he drew back a little. "We've gone too far and too fast. It is my fault, of course, for being a romantic fool." "I'm afraid we're a pair of ro-

mantic fools, Baldy." He turned and put his hands on her shoulders. "Edith, I-mustn't."

"Why not?"

"Not until I have something to offer you-" "You have something to offer-"

"Oh, I know what you mean. But -I won't. Somehow this affair of Jane's with your uncle has made me see-' "See what?"

"Oh, how the world would look at it. How he'd look at it." "Uncle Frederick? He hasn't any-

thing to do with it. I'm my own mistress."

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> Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence and daughter of Meridian, are visiting in the Craddock home.

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