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DAN DONOVAN—playboy son of a rich Irishman, in love with Marie.
TOMMY RYAN—leader of the truckers fighting Marie's father.
LYNDA MARTIN—society debutante, wants to marry Dan.
BAPTISTE LA PORTE—Marie's father, owner of a fleet of barges.

YESTERDAY: Dan sets out to find Marie, has a bitter word battle with Bat on board the Molly. Dan's calm announcement that he wants to marry Marie infuriates her father. Then suddenly alarmed by Marie's absence from work, Bat tries to enlist Dan's help in finding her. But Dan is already far down the pier.

CHAPTER XIV
 Lynda Martin got up in time to have breakfast with her father Thursday morning.

"Anything wrong, baby," he inquired when he saw her sweeping into the breakfast room, a vision in a foam green chiffon negligee. "We haven't had breakfast together since Christmas."

She smiled and kissed him. "Stop teasing me. I just felt like having a nice early morning visit with you." She sat down in a chair opposite him. "You're such a busy man, I never have a chance to really talk with you."

James Martin beamed. He was very fond of his only child, and it pleased him to have her want to be with him. He put his morning paper aside, leaned over and patted her hand.

"How would you like a little holiday with me? I've got to go to South America on a business trip in a couple of weeks."

Like so many American men of his type, Martin had a matter-of-fact, well-cared for face, a little too self-indulgent, perhaps, about the small, shrewd blue eyes, but generally benign. Fifty-five, he delighted in telling the men under him in the vast grocery chain store company which he headed, that he still felt like a kid of 21. His body was stocky and his shoulders square. He would have been called squatish had it not been for the best tailor money could buy.

As a boy he had boxed in amateur bantam bouts at the Athletic club. He still belonged to the Athletic club though Lynda and his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Martin, were always trying to persuade him to shift his patronage to the Racquet and Tennis. Ordinarily indulgent, as far as

Lynda was concerned, he drew the line there. He never felt quite at ease with the Racquet and Tennis club fellows, although, as he often told himself, he could buy and sell them all out, half a dozen times and never miss the money.

Lynda poured a generous amount of cream over a crystal dish of hot-house raspberries the butler set before her. "Ordinarily I'd love to go with you, Daddy," she hesitated prettily, "but right now, well—I'll tell you a little later."

He looked at her sharply. "What's up?"

"Oh, nothing." She sprinkled the raspberries with powdered sugar. "Mr. Donovan was here last night and you weren't in." Amazement spread over Martin's face. "Mike Donovan—what did he want?"

"Oh, he was just calling." Lynda smiled. "What do you think of his son?"

Ever since Mike Donovan had told her the night before that his son, Dan, intended to ask her to be his wife, Lynda had been walking on air. While her first impulse was to rush and tell her father, her second was to hold back. Something, perhaps, it was her father's private shrewdness in her, warned her to wait until she heard from Dan himself.

But meantime she wanted the way paved. She was not entirely certain how her father felt about the Donovans. She knew he had been on the opposing side in several business deals with Mike. She also knew that the Martins were a pace ahead of the Donovans socially. Still, Mike Donovan was a very rich man, perhaps even richer than her father. The union of two such fortunes might not entirely displease him.

"What do you think of Dan Donovan, Daddy?" she repeated. But Mr. Martin did not hear. The phone was ringing.

"For you, sir," said the butler, "your office is calling."

"Oh, dear," exclaimed Lynda, petulantly, "will that office never let you alone?"

"Business, my dear, business. It all means more money to buy fine things for you."

He hurried out of the room. "I asked you what you thought of Dan Donovan, Daddy," she pointed when he returned, "and you didn't answer."

"Oh, yes. Well, he's all right, I guess," Martin answered abstractedly. "Sorry, pet, I have to rush off sooner than I expected." He gulped his coffee. "We'll talk about young Donovan another time."

Lynda finished her breakfast and went back to bed, but she could not rest. She had slept little the night before thinking of Dan. She wanted to believe, more than anything else in the world, that Dan would marry her, and yet, in her heart of hearts, she doubted the truth of his father's words. Tossing on her bed, she dug her beautiful long-pointed fingernails into the palms of her little hands. Maybe Dan didn't want to marry her, but after all, he might not have much to say about it. His father was on her side, which was something. A tap on the door broke in on her thoughts.

"What is it?" she called.

"Mr. Donovan, Miss Lynda," the butler said.

"Mr. Daniel Donovan?" She jumped out of bed.

"No, his father, Mr. Michael Donovan."

The corners of her mouth turned down, then up again. "Very well, Perkins. Tell him I'll see him in a few minutes." She rang for her maid.

"Dorrit, I'm in a hurry," she cried. "Help me into something quick."

Waiting for Lynda, Mike Donovan paced the floor fretfully, formulating his plans. Not yet fully recovered from the quarrel he and Bat had on the barge pier, he mumbled to himself every few minutes. "His girl not good enough for my boy. Well, we'll see."

His first impulse when he left the pier was to go back home and tell Dan what he thought of a

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girl who had a father like Bat La Porte. But he changed his mind. Instead he gave Dan the benefit of his opinion over the phone, then hurried on to see Lynda.

He was so excited that he hardly knew what he would say when he did find her except to repeat that he wanted Dan to marry her. But now, schemes were formulating in his mind. He would not only give his approval of the match, but he would help Lynda land Dan. Together they would save the boy from this girl and her crazy father, Dan wasn't experienced enough to know his own mind.

Mike held out his hand as Lynda entered the room. "You and I are becoming pretty good friends, my dear."

Looking pale and helpless in a soft blue crepe, she put both her hands in his. "I'm so glad you've come. Tell me about Dan."

He drew up a chair near hers. "That's just why I'm here again," he began. "I want to give that little dinner tonight for you and Danny . . ."

A discreet cough interrupted them. "The afternoon paper, Miss

Lynda," Perkins handed it to her apologetically. "I didn't know but what you and Mr. Donovan would want to see it first."

She stared at the butler. "What on earth," she began, then stopped as her eyes caught the headlines. "Look, Mr. Donovan," she cried nervously. "This is about Dan."

Together they read every word of the story of the fight between Dan and Tommy Ryan over Marie. Lynda reached for her handkerchief.

"Oh, this is too terrible," she exclaimed.

Mike's cheeks puffed up like a porpoise. "The damned scoundrels," he bellowed, "printing such things as this about my son. Where in thunderation did they get it?"

Lynda spoke sharply. "Then it isn't true?"

Mike choked. "I wouldn't say it all was."

Lynda buried her face in her handkerchief.

"There, there, my dear," Mike

patted her on the shoulder. "I hope you'll hand by Dan."

Lynda nodded. "Yes, I will."

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Dr. Smith Speaks At Circle Meet

Dr. Gary L. Smith brought the afternoon lesson at the meeting of Circle One of the First Presbyterian auxiliary Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was held in the Smith home. Mrs. S. E. Hittson presided over a short business meeting preceding Dr. Smith's message. He took his lesson text from the 17th chapter of John. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting to Meses. J. E. Caffrey, Ed Brown, A. E. Jamison, S. E. Hittson, B. S. Huey, Leith Morris, R. L. Ponsler, W. F. Watson, John Rupp, L. Y. Siddall, Alex Spears, J. J. Tableman, Miss Willie Word and Dr. and Mrs. Smith.

Circle Three In Meeting Tuesday

With Mrs. Guy Brogdon hostess, Circle Three of the First Presbyterian auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon in regular session. Mrs. F. D. Pierce, circle chairman, presided and brought the devotional on the subject, "Abide in Me." Mrs. Homer Slicker was program leader, and the following articles were given: "Christ in the Home," by Mrs. John G. Jones; "Christian Homes," by Mrs. W. W. Wallace; "Parents' Precepts and Practice," by Mrs. Brogdon; "Program for Home," Mrs. J. E. Moriarty, and "Power," by Mrs. Slicker.

Ciscoan Returns From Illinois

Mrs. B. E. Morehart has returned from a seven weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. Fred Rice, of Bridgeport, Illinois. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Rice, who will stay here indefinitely, and by her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Rice have returned to their home, accompanied as far as Dallas by Miss Martha June Morehart of SMU, who spent the mid-term holidays here with her parents.

The Notebook

Friday
Mrs. E. F. Lyon of Dallas, executive secretary of women's work in Texas, will speak at the First Baptist church at 7:30. The church congregation is cordially invited to attend.

The Merry Wives club will meet with Mrs. George D. Fee at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Simmons Is Hostess to Circle

Circle Two of the First Presbyterian Auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. R. Simmons. The opening prayer was led by the auxiliary president, Mrs. Joe Clements, and after a brief business meeting, Mrs. Abbie C. Daniel led the study on the book of John. Refreshments were served to Meses. F. J. Borman, R. S. Cope, E. P. Crawford, Abbie C. Daniel, C. H. Fee, John Garrett, H. L. Jackson, W. L. Jones, E. M. Shurtleff, Joe Clements, O. Gustafson and the hostess, Mrs. Simmons.

Methodist W. M. S. Has Business Meet

With Mrs. J. E. Crawford presiding, the Women's Missionary society of the First Methodist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon in the regular monthly business session. The meeting was opened with a hymn, after which Mrs. Roy A. Langston brought the devotional. Plans were made for aiding a needy family in Cisco, and routine business was disposed of. A letter from the district secretary was read, urging the women to aid in reaching the quota in connection with work in Cisco. About 16 members were present for the meeting.

Eastland T. & P. Agent Goes To Sweetwater

EASTLAND, Feb. 7 (Spe.)—J. A. Stover, who has been employed by the Texas & Pacific Railway company at Eastland for 13 years, has been transferred to a position at Sweetwater with the organization. While at Eastland Stover was ticket and freight agent. At Sweetwater he will be a telegraph operator. C. D. Long of Ranger has been sent to Eastland and is serving as relief agent until a permanent appointment to the position is made.

Business Meeting At Baptist Church

The First Baptist Women's Missionary society had its regular monthly business meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 at the church. Mrs. W. D. Hazel presided. Reports from the seven circles and standing committees were heard and approved.

The W. M. S. members were reminded of the school of instruction to be held at the First Baptist church at Eastland Friday, and urged to attend. Also brought to their attention was the meeting Friday night at the local church, at which time Mrs. E. F. Lyon of Dallas, executive secretary of Baptist women's work in Texas, will speak.

The meeting was concluded with an interesting Bible study brought by Mrs. C. P. Cole.

Personals

O. J. Russell transacted business in Abilene today.

Miss Virginia Carter visited her brother, Jay Carter, and Mrs. Carter in Fort Worth today.

Eldon Anderson, who recently underwent tonsilectomy, is reported improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kiper of Clovis, New Mexico, visited Mrs. Kiper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Litchfield, over the week-end.

Mrs. Edward Reese of Rising Star was a Cisco visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Morris Cottle of Moran spent Tuesday in Cisco.

Miss Faye Stone of Eastland was shopping in Cisco this morning.

P. R. Warwick has returned from a brief business trip to Austin.

Forbes Wallace is transacting business in Dallas today.

Mrs. H. B. Self of Rising Star spent Tuesday with Cisco friends.

Mrs. Elmer Hughes and J. L. Tuggle of Woodson are spending today in the Roy G. Tuggle home.

Nathaniel Eaton was the first president of Harvard, in 1640.

Specs---

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cities and communities can be brought and are being brought all those mechanical comforts and luxuries and the scientific advantages which are available in the cities. There is little that one can get in the large city that cannot also be obtained in the smallest hamlet.

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Campfire---

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the job, content, instead, to let cold and hunger do the work for them.

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