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PEOPLE KEEP THEIR PROMISES

One of the most important things that the growing practice of buying goods on instalments has taught the world is that 99 people out of 100 keep their promises.

The widespread distribution of all sorts of commodities in America, things which used to be considered luxuries only for the rich and are still so considered in other countries, is due to the recognition by business men and bankers of the essential honesty of most people.

Our whole economic structure is based on promises. In the final analysis, a man takes a job on the employer's promise to pay him a certain sum at given intervals.

The economic system breaks down when too large a proportion of people who have promises find themselves unable to make good. Even then, the distress is only temporary.

PRICES STILL RISING

Commodity prices have risen, since February, 1933, by 32 per cent on the average, according to Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton University.

Prudent investors are heeding these warnings and striving to protect themselves against the consequences by putting their funds into non-perishable commodities, or contracts for the future delivery of commodities at present prices.

As prices go up, the value of the dollar goes down, but a debt expressed in dollars can always be paid in dollars, no matter how cheap the dollar may go.

Having, at the age of sixty-six, passed her Massachusetts State Bar Association examination, Mrs. Esther L. Bornstein is preparing to practice law just as soon as she can get her manufacturing business, which she established a year ago, far enough along that her son can handle it.

FOR SAFER MOTORING

A bill has been introduced in both Houses of Congress providing that no more Federal-aid highway funds shall be allotted to any state which has not an adequate safety code for motorists.

That strikes us as a sound and sensible idea. There are still many states in which no licenses of any kind are required for drivers. Children of any age, cripples, anybody at all may drive, and it is in those states that the largest proportion of highway accidents and deaths occur.

We are not in favor of encroachments by the Federal government upon the rights of the individual states, as a general thing, but in these days when cars from every state travel so frequently in other states, there seems to be no way except by Federal interference to make the highways safe.

Such a law might well go even further and require every car licensed to carry insurance for the benefit of any possible accident victims, as Massachusetts does.

Most Texans have heard that their own state is named after an Indian word meaning "friends" or "allies," but few may know that twenty-four states in the Union have names derived from Indian words.

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Signs of Spring by A. B. CHAPIN



MODERN WOMEN by EARLENE WHITE

President of The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

One of two New York women ever to receive the rare papal honor of the gold medal is Mrs. Sarah J. Collier, widow of the editor of "Collier's Weekly." Pope Pius XI granted her that medal "as a mark of esteem and gratitude for her activities on behalf of the Catholic Church."

Mrs. Charlotte A. Hankin of Washington, D. C., is an authority on the work and history of the Supreme Court. She went abroad for the American Association of University Women to study the courts and legal ways of Europe.

Nancy Hart's HOME NEWS

Not for years has there been a winter when every one has been so busy with outdoor activities. Splendid, of course, but it does mean extra care of one's skin.

Facial Treatment

First wash the face thoroughly with warm water and mild soap. Scrub just hard enough to make your face pink and tingly.

Time For House Dresses

I like to take advantage of this lull before gardening and cleaning and make house dresses or do the necessary shopping for them.

Gordon

By MRS. ELLA NEWTON

Homer Lester had the misfortune to get his arm broken Friday evening late. He was going to the cowpen to milk and passed by a mule which kicked him.

Mrs. and Mrs. Bryan Smith and Mrs. Shorty Meadow were in Dallas Thursday. Mrs. Smith went for medical examination.

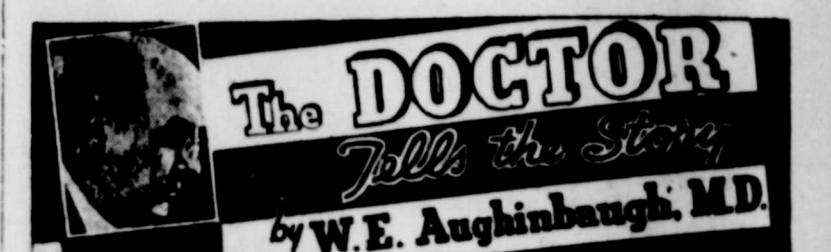
Mrs. Hugh Harris carried Homer Lester and wife to Stephenville Friday night. Mrs. Lester is staying there with her husband.

The House of Hazards By Mac Arthur



Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Charles E. Dunn

Feeding the HUNGRY. Lesson for Today Mark 6:30-44. Golden Text: Mark 6:37. The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle to be found in all four of the gospels. St. Mark's account is the fullest, and is also noteworthy for its graphic touches.



ABOUT THE VALUE OF AUTOPSIES Less than two hundred years ago it was practically impossible to make an autopsy of any kind on the bodies of persons who died violent or natural deaths.

Let's Talk About Clothes by a YOUNG MODERN TEXAS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (IA)

Denton, March 8.—Lady fingers will resemble the Pied Piper this year if advance spring color predictions are dependable. Gloves are featured not only in bright solid colors, but with contrasting backs, fronts and finger seams.

PRACTICAL HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT LOOKERY Texas State College for Women (CIA)

Denton, March 9.—Anxious mothers and vitamin-complexed cooks will appreciate eggs as body-builders No. 1. For malleable eggs contain all the materials needed to make husbands, infants and adolescents thrive alike.

Fried Eggs: Break eggs into hot bacon drippings or other fat in frying pan. Cook with low heat. To cook over top, dip up fat with spoon and pour over yolks until a coating forms over yolks or pour in two or three tablespoons of water and cover pan to let steam form coating over yolks.

THE KIDNAP MURDER Case
 by S.S. Van Dine *AUTOCASER*
 A PHILIP VANCE STORY

Seventh Installment

SYNOPSIS

During the night Kaspar Kenting was kidnapped. Philo Vance, with District Attorney Markham, goes to the Kenting home there to meet Sergeant Heath of the Homicide Bureau, Kenyon Kenting and Mrs. Kenting, the brother and wife of the kidnapped man. Present also is Eldridge Feele, the Kenting family attorney. The first evidence casts some doubt as to the genuineness of the crime. Vance examines Weems, the Kenting butler. Further search shows that Kaspar probably did not go down the ladder found outside the house. Vance re-examines Kenyon Kenting first, then Mrs. Kenting's mother, Mrs. Falloway and her son Fraim. He learns little but notes an undercurrent of hostility among these members of the strange inhabitants of the Purple House. Vance decides to question Porter Quaggy, last known companion of the missing Kenyon. Quaggy, defensive, reveals nothing but Vance notes a pair of black opals on his desk. Two similar jewels were missing from Kenyon's room.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

When we were back in the car and headed downtown, Vance said: "By the way, Markham, there were two rather amazing black opals on the desk in Quaggy's apartment. Noticed them as I was going out."

"You think they came from the Kenting collection?"

"It's possible," Vance nodded slowly. "The collection was quite deficient in black opals when I gazed upon it. The few remaining specimens were quite inferior."

The next morning shortly before ten o'clock, Markham telephoned Vance at his apartment and I answered.

"Tell Vance," came the District Attorney's peremptory voice, "I think he'd better come down to my office at once. Feele is here, and I'll keep him engaged until Vance gets here."

We arrived at Markham's office a half-hour later.

After casual greetings Markham announced:

"The instructions promised in the ransom note have been received. A note came in Mr. Feele's mail this morning, and he brought it directly to me."

He picked up the small sheet of paper before him and held it out to Vance. It was a piece of ruled notepaper, folded twice. The quality was of a very cheap, coarse nature. The writing on it was in pencil, in an obviously disguised handwriting.

"I say, let's see the envelope," Vance requested.

The postmark showed that the note had passed through the post-office the previous afternoon at five o'clock from the Westchester Station.

"And where might the Westchester Station be?" asked Vance.

"I had it looked up as soon as Mr. Feele showed me the note," responded Markham. "It's in the upper Bronx."

"As a matter of fact, it's in the toughest district in New York in which to trace anyone by a postmark."

Vance adjusted his monocle and read the pencil-scratched communication carefully. It ran:

Sir: I no you and family have money and unless 50 thousand \$ is placed in hole of oak tree 200 foot west of Southeast corner of old restiore in central park thursday at eleven o'clock at nite we will kill Casper Kenton. This is fine. If you tell police deal is off and we will no it. We are watching every move you make.

The ominous message was signed with interlocking squares made with brush strokes.

"No more original than the first communication," commented Vance dryly. "And it strikes me, offhand, that the person who worded this threatening epistle is not as uneducated as he would have us believe."

He looked up at the lawyer, who was watching him intently.

"Just what are your ideas on the situation, Mr. Feele?"

"Personally," the man said, "I am willing to leave the whole matter to Mr. Markham here, and his advisors. I—I don't know exactly what to say—I'd rather not offer any suggestions. The ransom demands can't possibly be met out of the estate, as what funds were entrusted to me are largely in long-term bonds. However, I feel sure that Mr. Kenyon Kenting will be able to get the necessary amount together to take care of the situation—if that is his wish."

"Does he know of this note?"

"Not yet," Feele said, "unless he, too, received a copy. I brought this one immediately to Mr. Markham. But my opinion is that Kenyon should know about it, and it was my intention to go to the Kenting house from here and inform Kenyon of this new development. I'll do nothing, however, without the consent of Mr. Markham."

"Mr. Feele," Markham said slowly, "I think you should go at once to Mr. Kenting, and tell him the exact circumstances."

"I'm glad you feel that way, Mr. Markham," the lawyer said. "I quite agree with you both," murmured Vance. "Only, I would ask you, Mr. Feele, to remain at the Kenting house until Mr. Markham and I arrive there. We will be joining you very soon."

"I'll wait," mumbled Feele as he passed through the swinging leather door to the reception room.

"Well, Vance, what do you think?" Markham asked.

"So many things," Vance told him, "that I couldn't begin to enumerate them. All probably frivolous and worthless."

"Well, to be more specific, what do you think of that note you have there?"

"Quite authentic — oh, quite," Vance returned without hesitation. "Hasty business is afoot. A bit too precipitate for my liking, however. But there's no overlooking the earnestness of the request."

"The instructions seem somewhat vague."

"No, oh, no, Markham. On the contrary. Quite explicit. I know the tree well. Romantic lovers leave billets-doux there. No difficulties in that quarter. Quiet spot. However, it could be adequately covered by the police, I wonder—"

"This situation upsets me," began Markham at length. "The newspapers were full of it this morning, as you may have noticed."

"I must get some action. This new note changes the whole complexion of things."

"Tut, tut," Vance's admonition



Vance read the pencil-scratched communication carefully.

was almost frivolous. "Really, you know, it changes nothing. It was precisely what I was waiting for."

"Well, snapped Markham, "now that you have it, what do you intend to do?"

"Why, I intend to go to the Purple House," Vance said calmly. "I'm not psychic, but something tells me that we shall find a hand pointing to our future activities when we arrive there."

"Well, if that's your idea," demanded Markham, "why didn't you go with Feele?"

"Merely wished to give him sufficient time to break the news to the others and to discuss the matter with brother Kenyon. Nothing like letting every one know the details of the case. We'll get farther that way."

At the Kenting residence, we found Kenyon Kenting, Feele, young Falloway, and Porter Quaggy assembled in the drawing room.

"Did you bring the note with you, gentlemen?" Kenting asked immediately, with frightened eagerness. "Feele told me just what's in it, but I'd like to see the message itself."

Vance nodded and took the note from his pocket, placing it on the small desk near him.

Kenting, without a word, took the folded piece of paper from its envelope, and read it carefully.

"What do you think should be done about it?" Markham asked him. "Personally, I'm not inclined to have you meet the demand just yet."

Kenting shook his head in perturbed silence. At last he said: "I'd always feel guilty and selfish if I did anything else. If I didn't comply with this request and anything should really happen to Kaspar—"

"But I've no idea exactly how I'm going to raise that much money—and at such short notice. It'll pretty near break me, even if I can manage to get it together."

"I can help contribute to the fund," offered Quaggy, in a hard tone.

"And I'd like to do something, too," put in Feele, "but, as you know, my personal funds are pre-

ty well depleted at this time. As a trustee of the Kenting estate, I couldn't use that money for such a purpose without a court order. And I couldn't get one in such a limited time."

Fraim Falloway stood back against the wall, listening intently.

"Why don't you let it go?" he suggested, with malicious quietness. "Kaspar's not worth that much money to any one, if you ask me. And how do you know you're going to save his life, anyway?"

"Shut up, Fraim!" snapped Kenting.

Young Falloway shrugged indifferently.

"I say, Mr. Feele," put in Vance, "just what would be the financial standing of Mrs. Kenting in the hypothetical case that Kaspar Kenting should die? Would she benefit by his demise—that is, to whom would Kaspar Kenting's share in the estate go?"

"To his wife," answered Feele.

"Sure," said Fraim Falloway sulkily, "my sister gets everything and there are no strings attached to it. Kaspar has never done the right thing by Sis, anyway, and it's about time she was coming in for something. That's why I say

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I am inclined to follow your suggestion.

"You're all stupid," mumbled Falloway. Then he leaned forward. His eyes opened wide, his jaws sagged, and he burst forth hysterically: "It's Kaspar, Kaspar, Kaspar! He's no good anyway, and he's the only one who gets a break around here. Nobody thinks of any one else but Kaspar. . . . His voice was high-pitched and ended in a scream."

"Shut up, you ninny," ordered Kenting. "What are you doing down here, anyway? Go on up to your room."

"Well, what's the decision, gentlemen?" asked Markham, in a calm, quiet tone. "Are we to go ahead on the basis of your paying the ransom alone, or shall I turn the case over to the police department to handle as they see fit?"

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Fairy
By CORRESPONDENT

Believe it or not: Mrs. J. O. Richardson states that a man came through our town by the name of Mr. Coffee, buying wheat from Mr. Corn.

Tuesday night the Lanham outsiders came over and played a game of basketball with our school boys.

Last Saturday week, the Junior boys had a county basketball tournament in the Fairy Gym. The Pottsville Juniors won the tournament.

Friday night the outsiders presented their play, "The Alley Daffodil." Mrs. T. L. Betts, Mrs. B. R. Swindle, Joe Betts, and James Dudley Richardson entertained with some very good music between acts.

A shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Katie Lee Carson. The shower was held in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carson. Many nice gifts were received. Games were played. Everyone reported having a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lois McCoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Ford attended the singing in Hico Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all of our friends for the many kind deeds shown us during the illness and death of our precious husband and father, W. V. Jackson. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you.

His Wife, Mrs. Will Jackson,
 His Children and Stepchildren,
 His Mother, Brother, and Sisters.

42-3c W. M. CHENEY, Assignee.

Salem
By JAYNE KOONSMAN

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Noland visited his brother, T. M. Noland, and family at Hico.

Miss Mary Helen Hollis of Hico spent the week end with her aunt and friend, Mrs. J. C. Laney and Tina Rogers.

George Johnson of Stephenville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert and family.

Donald Driver spent Saturday night with his cousin, Elvis Bramblett.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Warren and daughter, Jo Ann, of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCleary of Chalk Mountain spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion McElroy and sons.

Miss Dimple Lambert spent Saturday night with Nora Mae Driver.

Several from here attended First Monday at Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guinn of Iredell spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bullard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jordan and family spent Friday night and Saturday with her parents at Hico.

Several from here attended the box supper at Duffau Friday night.

Mrs. Hester Bruner of Hico spent a few days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Koonsman, and son.

Miss Mary Koonsman spent Monday with Mrs. W. C. Rogers.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Texas, County of Hamilton:

To the creditors of Mrs. Kate Black, you are hereby notified that Mrs. Kate Black, of the county of Hamilton, on the second day of March, A. D. 1938, executed a deed of assignment conveying to the undersigned her property for the benefit of such of her creditors as will consent to accept their proportional share of her estate, and discharge her from their respective claims, and that the undersigned accepted said trust, and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must within four months after the publication of this notice make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from the date of this notice file their claims, as prescribed by law, with the undersigned who resides at Hico, Texas, which is his Post Office address.

Witness my hand this 4th day of March, A. D. 1938.

42-3c W. M. CHENEY, Assignee.

With Upper Fourteen

Denton, March 7.—Complying with grade requirements for the Honor Roll, Miss Martha Porter of Hico ranked scholastically with the upper fourteen per cent of the student body on the first semester's work at Texas State College for Women.

Miss Porter's attainment was to make a high B average in her Costume Design course. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert F. Porter, she is a senior at the college.

Services At Dry Fork

Bro. O. O. Newton will fill his regular appointment next Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, March 12th and 13th, at the Dry Fork School House, if it is the Lord's will.

Preaching Saturday at 8 p. m., and Sunday at 3 p. m. The public has an invitation to attend these services.

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