









# AS LONG AS I LIVE

By Ione Sandberg Shriver

THE STORY: Terror-stricken Ann Bancroft is convinced someone in her own household is trying to murder her and make it appear an accident. The household includes her husband Rush, a bacteriologist; Gay, Rush's attractive young lab assistant; Laurie, Ann's headstrong 18-year-old sister; Tommy, Laurie's fiance; and Rinda, Ann's old friend and houseguest. Ann has just narrowly escaped asphyxiation from the gas fireplace in her room during the night. Rush says she can thank Rinda for her rescue.

Rinda nodded, began pulling on her short white cotton gloves. "Tommy and Laurie said they'd take me to the station. . . . Ann, everyone seems to be occupied now so I thought it was a good time for us to talk." She smiled but there was a hint of uneasiness about her. "We do have to talk, you know."

"We do not," Ann said. The words sounded harsh and flat but she wasn't sorry. She really didn't want to talk about Rinda and Don and Kelly Winton and Bob. "Oh, yes, we do," Rinda said. "After last night—" "I didn't know what I was saying last night," Ann said. "I don't remember." "Of course you do. Don't be silly, Ann, there's no reason why you shouldn't know the whole story. You see, after we left school, I simply couldn't forget it. It preyed on my mind, gave me no peace. I knew there was something I should do. For a long time I didn't know what it was. And then one day Kelly Winton came to see me. He'd been to the Allison's. He'd had a long talk with them. And, as soon as he told me I realized that it was what I should have done. "So I went." Her voice was low. "It wasn't easy. I was scared silly. But they were splendid people—charming—I felt—" "It was a fine thing to do, Rinda. It took courage." Rinda shrugged that aside. "I should have done it long before." "And did you meet Don then?" "Oh, no. No, he telephoned me

"Oh, it was years later—when he was in New York one evening. It was before he'd come there to work. We had dinner." The lovely rose color swept upward in her face. "You'll like Don."

"I'm sure of it. Rinda—" Ann's heart thudded briefly and then she said, stiffly self-conscious. "I haven't thanked you properly, either. I don't know exactly how to go about it—I've never thanked anyone before for saving my life."

## McKenney on Bridge

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
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Chicago's only woman life master is Mrs. R. P. (Mildred) Cunningham, Life Master No. 96. I kibitzed her for a short time during the national tournament at Atlantic City last December. She is a cunning player.

Mrs. Cunningham

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AQ96	885	872
9764	3	882

Tournament—Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
1	1	2	2
3	N.T.	Pass	Pass
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Opening—♥6

## Adequate Amount Of Water Would Have Prevented Texas City Disaster

DALLAS — (AP) — Fire which touched off the Texas City disaster could have been extinguished by an adequate amount of water the U. S. Bureau of Mines reported.

### Brownsville GOP Set For Stassen Invasion

BROWNSVILLE — (AP) — Brownsville Republicans were all set Friday to receive Harold Stassen, Minnesota aspirant for the GOP presidential nomination.

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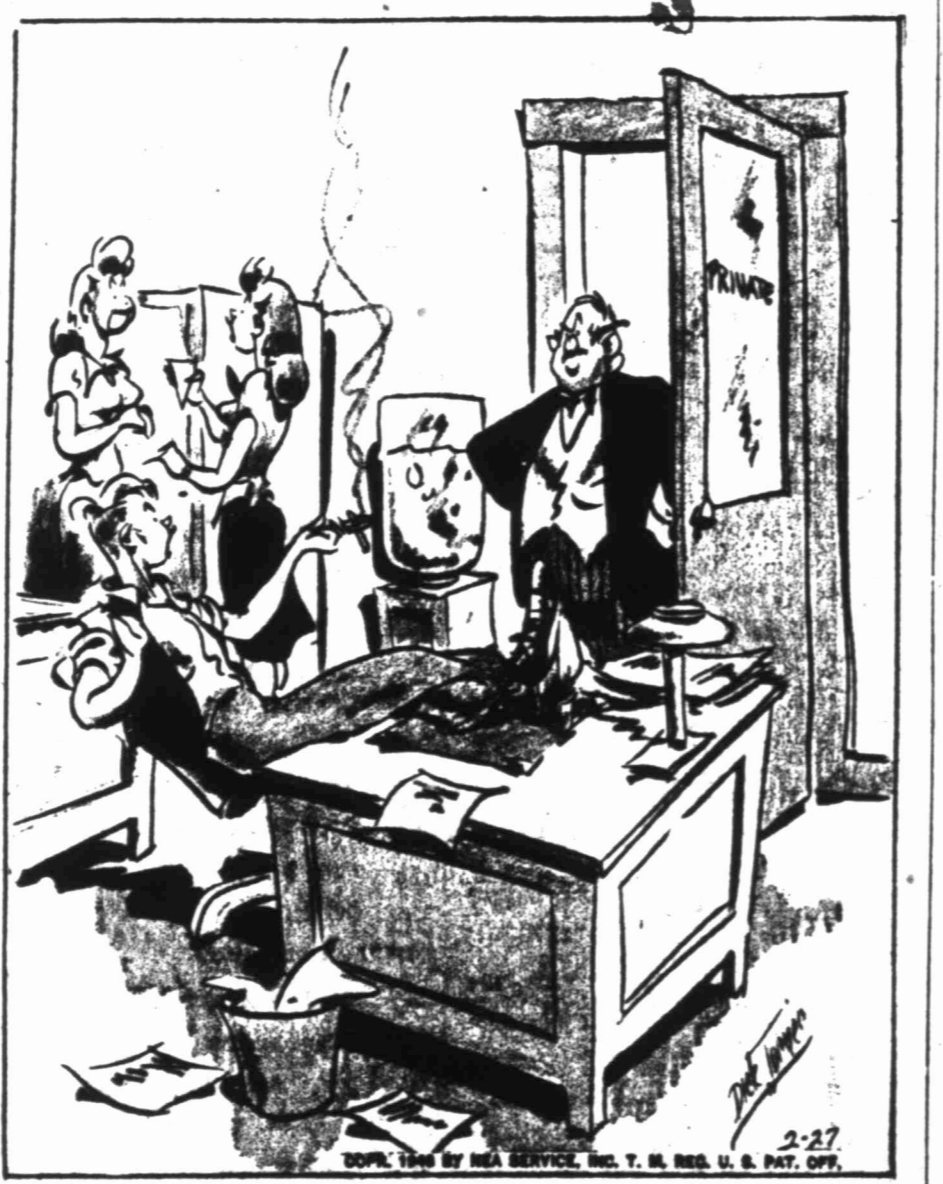
trump, the heart bid would stop a lead into the tenace. So perhaps two no trump was as good a bid as she could find.

As soon as the dummy went down Mrs. Cunningham realized the spade suit was the danger point. If East held the king of spades, how could she prevent East from shifting to a spade? On trick one she played the deuce of hearts from dummy and West put on the jack.

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