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The Queen's Holiday

BY Elizabeth Corbett

Paul obligingly opened windows on both sides a matter of an inch or two. "But please sit back in your seat, Elsa, so that you won't be seen by some stray forager or inquisitive peasant," he directed. "The moment hasn't come yet for your presence to be declared. It will come very soon." He moved close to her in the seat, and took both her hands in his.

Elsa's hands lay limp, loosely imprisoned. But how could Ted know that Paul's grip on her meant as little to him as it did to her? In the pale light she tried to catch Ted's eye. He was pointedly looking away from her.

CHAPTER XXII

Through the little space beneath a shade Elsa presently caught sight of a familiar landmark. "That's the station!" she cried out. "The station nearest the castle where I used to come for picnics when I was a little girl. Paul, are you taking us to the Castle of Warnbeck?"

What more suitable spot could there be to entertain you? That castle was the stronghold where some very-great-grandfather of yours set up in business as a robber baron during the Middle Ages There your dynasty was founded; and that castle passed by unbroken descent to your mother and then to you."

"And I still own it?" demanded Elsa eagerly. "Do I still own Warnbeck?"

"I'm afraid not, Your Highness. Along with all your other royal possessions in Leucadia, it has now been sequestrated to the service of the state."

"That's all right," said Elsa contentedly. "The best times I ever had as a child I used to have right here at Warnbeck. But we came here only for picnics; we never tried to stay. As I remember the place, it's almost all a ruin; and what few rooms are left with the roof on aren't what anybody nowadays would consider habitable."

"The dungeons and the guardroom are still in excellent condition," said Paul coolly. "While the structure as a whole may not be what you would consider habitable, its present possessors find it very useful."

A shudder went over Elsa at his words. She tried to jerk her hands away, so he wouldn't feel them tremble in his.

To her surprise, Paul let her go immediately. He glanced out to right and left. Then he turned to her and settled the coollar of her coat where it had ridden up in the back.

"Sit up straight, Elsa," he commanded. "And if you don't feel like acknowledging salutes, at least try to look as if you were awake. Eyes forward, Mr. Layton. You will please try to follow a military discipline, and act as if you weren't aware of what is going on."

He pulled up all the curtains of the car. Ahead of them loomed the thick stone walls of Castle Warnbeck. The two cars which had preceded them turned off at one side Elsa's car waited while the drawbridges came clanking down.

The car rolled on into a little court. All three of the escort cars followed it and the drawbridge clanked up again. A captain in uniform opened the door of Elsa's car.

Prince Paul jumped out and turned to give his hand to Elsa. As her feet touched the ground he said loudly, and much more seriously than she would have expected, "Welcome home, Your Highness!"

Half dazed, Elsa turned to look around the stone-paved court hemmed in by gray stone walls. Every detail was just as she remembered it with the photographic precision of scenes memorized in early childhood. But to be here at all was like a dream and to be here in this company was simply incredible.

She turned to look for Ted. He had paused in the door of the car and was waiting for her—or for somebody—to indicate his next move. But when he caught her look of distress, he came at once to her side. Standing so that he shielded the gesture from possible observation, he reached for her hand and pressed it.

"My ancestral home!" said Elsa with a little quaver.

Ted glanced around, more curious than impressed. "It doesn't look real to me, I mean, it has the air of being fixed up for the tourist trade. It reminds me of some of the medieval castles I've been guided through on my travels; places a little short on plumbing, maybe, but well equipped with the rack and the Iron Maiden."

"Exactly," struck in Prince Paul. "We have both those conveniences here. But not to show to tourists, you may believe me."

Ted was deliberately talking nonsense and perhaps Paul was talking worse nonsense than he supposed. But however she might discount what they said, this didn't look to Elsa like the pleasant play place of her childhood.

On the other hand it was no ruin, to be written off as such. It was a prison, and a very secure prison, And seen in this light and under these circumstances, Castle Warnbeck, now sequestrated to the service of the state, looked to its late owner strange and menacing.

Followed by a soldier with her bags, Prince Paul led Elsa up a winding flight of stone steps to the second story. At the turn in the stairs, Elsa looked back to wave to Ted. He was talking genially to a guard who didn't understand a word of what he said; he managed to keep up his gabble of English long enough to receive her last glance.

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New Farm Scheme To Help Balance British Economy

BY JAMES MCCOOK

LONDON, Oct. 4 — (CP) — Britons will spend £450,000,000 ($1,800,000,000) on the modernization and rehabilitation of agriculture in the next four years, Viscount Addison, Lord Privy Seal, told the Lords.

In the same period, food production at home may be increased by about £100,000,000 in value. The program will help balance the British economy by cutting down food imports, often available in countries where they have to be bought with hard currencies.

Increased home production is unlikely to affect purchases from Canada which are covered by long-term agreements.

Addison said outlays by farmers on farm machinery will be about £50,000,000 yearly for the next four years. Nearly £100,000,000 will be spent on new farm buildings or improvements. The government's part will be to facilitate imports and priorities in raw materials for the necessary program.

Production of bread grains will be increased from an average of 1,700,000 tons, if government targets are attained. Output of other grains will rise from 3,000,000 tons to 5,500,000. Potatoes will jump from 5,000,000 tons at present to 7,250,000.

Wheat acreage in 1952-53 will be 2,750,000 against 1,766,000 in 1939. Milk production will be 25 per cent above pre-war years and sugar beet 33 1/3 per cent.

Addison and the Earl of Huntingdon, agriculture ministry parliamentary secretary, said progress towards production goals already is being made.

Cows and heifers in milk, together with cows in calf, had increased by 40,000 over 1947 and heifers in calf by 63,000. The most striking development was an increase of 277,000 calves under one year, a gain of 18 per cent. Sheep increased by 1,400,000 or nine per cent and pigs by 520,000 or 32 per cent. Poultry numbers were up by 15,000,000 or 21 per cent.

The farm labor force had been increased by 35,000 adult workers compared with pre-war years, although the target total of 1,110,000 had not been attained. Dwellings for farm workers completed by local authorities totalled 25,877 and 40,000 more are expected to be finished in 1949.

STELLA MARIS SCHOOL

Honor Roll of Stella Maris School for the month of September:

Grade X: 1, Alvire LeClair; 2, Louise Doiron; 3, Yvonne Doiron.

Grade IX: 1, Isabel Blacquire; 2, Norma Doucette; 3, Bernice Peters.

Grade VIII: 1, Mildred Gallant; 2, Elizabeth McNeill; 3, Annette Blacquiere.

Grade VII: 1, Vaunda Gallant; 2, Guelda Gallant; 3, Carmelita Blacquiere.

Grade VI: 1, Rodney Gauthier; 2, Annette LeClair; 3, Emelianne Peters.

Grade VI (b): 1, Donald Doucette; 2, Harold Saulnier; 3, Edward Buote.

Grade V: 1, Hazel Doiron; 2, Eleanor Doucette; 3, Shirley Doucette.

Grade IV: 1, Anita Johnston; 2, Teresa Irene Gallant; 3, Rose Marie LeClair.

Grade III: 1, Gregory Gallant; 2, Lionel Doiron; 3, Oswald Gallant.

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Family Ties Dear To Bess Truman, Avoids Spotlight

BY MARIENNE IZSAK
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

There are probably not many women who would weep in sorrow to hear their husbands had become president of the United Sates. It is reliably reported that is what Bess Truman did.

And the woman who once said she didn't want her husband to become vice-president, asked her friends to pray for her when he became president.

However, despite her preference for private life, Mrs. Truman has devotedly supported her husband's career as senator, vice-president and president. Harry S. Truman knows that, no matter how tough the going is, he has her confidence, loyalty and respect.

At 63, Bess Truman seems younger than her years and is better-looking than her pictures indicate, but she is the last person to worry about her looks. She is five feet, four inches tall, weighs about 130 pounds and wears her soft, silver hair in a feathercut.

It is well known that the Trumans haven't a private income. That may be why Mrs. Truman does not dress expensively. She wears the same gown repeatedly at White House functions. She said a while ago that she owns only one coat.

"She looks just like a woman ought to look who has been married 25 years," says her husband.

Elizabeth Virginia Wallace is "Bess" to everyone who knows her well. She first started going "steady" with Harry Truman when they were in public school in Independence, Mo. She was the only sweetheart he ever had. They were married on June 28, 1919.

Mary Margaret, their only child, was born five years later. She has inherited her mother's quiet, studious nature, as well as a love of music shared by her father.

A Happy Family

The Truman family is a closely-knit one. Truman refers to his wife as "my girl," "Sweetheart," or more frequently "Mother." Margaret is "Baby," to Mrs. Truman, he is "Harry" or "my husband." Margaret playfully calls him "Pops."

Finding herself catapulted into the position of "First Lady" on the death of President Roosevelt, Mrs. Truman did not strive to emulate her predecessor. She made it clear at the outset that she would make no public speeches, hold no news conferences and attend as few formal functions as possible.

She brought to the White House one thing that stood her in good stead — an amazing memory for names. Her endurance in reception lines is equally surprising.

Someone once asked if unfavorable criticism of her husband disturbed her. She replied: "After 25 years in politics I've learned to take almost anything."

As for how she felt about unfavorable criticism of herself she has a tolerant answer: "I don't mind — I always learn something about myself."

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Text For Eskimos Has Hunting Tips

CHURCHILL, Man., Oct. 4 — (CP) — Ottawa hopes to teach the Eskimos more about the northland, H. R. Lamberton, of Ottawa, educational director for the Northwest Territories administration of the department of mines and resources, has completed the government's first comprehensive survey of educational needs in the eastern Arctic.

The result: a book called the Book of Wisdom which is being distributed to the Eskimos Printed both in English and in Eskimo syllabics, the volume serves as the eastern Arctic's universal school book on everyday problems of life in the Arctic wilds. Roman Catholic and Anglican priests, the region's only teachers, are endeavoring to teach their Eskimo students to read the primary and practical contents of the text book.

The Eskimos, hunters first and last, study the lore on the trail, reading whatever language they understand. They are glad to learn new methods of capturing the north's white whale and caribou or how to clear a jammed rifle.

Through intensive research, the government hopes to make the life of the Eskimo a happier lot than it has been in the past. There will soon be a demand for greater educational facilities in the North, Mr. Lamberton says. "The Eskimo is quite receptive to education. He has infinite patience, and takes great pride in his ability to read. The Eskimo is an excellent hunter and a crack shot, but with the new text book we hope to teach him even more."

DISAPPEARING METEORS

Meteorites are usually so small they are burned up long before they reach the ground.

Canada Wonderland To Greek Newcomers

EDMONTON, Oct. 4 — (CP) — If you asked Cosmos Anast, his wife and three children to sum up Canada briefly, they probably would talk about food and freedom.

After three years' struggle to reach the Dominion from Eastern Thrace, the Anasts are settling down in their new home with Cosmos' brother, Jim. To them Canada is a wonderland where the food is "wonderful" but "freedom is even more wonderful."

"The people of Greece are near starvation in many sections of the country," Said Cosmos. "We had to live on bread made from corn cobs."

"Most of the trouble is caused by guerrilla bands from Bulgaria rading eastern Thrace. They are Communists and they burn whole villages, kidnap hostages and shoot many people."

But the harrowing experiences of guerrilla warfare in their native land are not the worst. Cosmos and his family have endured. There was the German occupation, for instance.

"We were forced to work for the Germans without pay and, if anyone asked for money, he was taken away and no one saw or heard of him again."

All that is behind them now, the Anasts hope. Young Steve, 16, is starting school even though he does not speak a word of English. But he thinks he will learn quickly.

Father Cosmos is going to start a chicken ranch near Edmonton and he hopes to have his other two sons out from Greece soon. Both are serving with the Greek regular army.

GREENVALE W. I.

The regular September meeting of the Greenvale Women's Institute was held in the school room on the evening of the 7th. President presided, and opened meeting by repeating "Creed" in unison.

Roll call was responded to by nine members with "What I can see from my kitchen window."

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved as read. School committee reported soap and towels needed, and it was moved and seconded that these be bought by committee. Several other articles were suggested for school and Mrs. Selby Spence, Mrs. Kenneth White and Mrs. E. MacRae were appointed to take charge of this.

One member expressed thanks for treat received while sick.

Sick committee had no report.

Red Cross committee reported, and it was decided to get the material on hand finished up as soon as possible.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

It was moved and seconded that $10.00 be given out of funds to Salvation Army Appeal.

Mrs. Selby Spence invited members to her home for the October meeting, roll call to be answered with "What Men Dislike Most in Women."

Program Committee: Mrs. K. White, Mrs. B. Wonnacott and Mrs. S. Spence.

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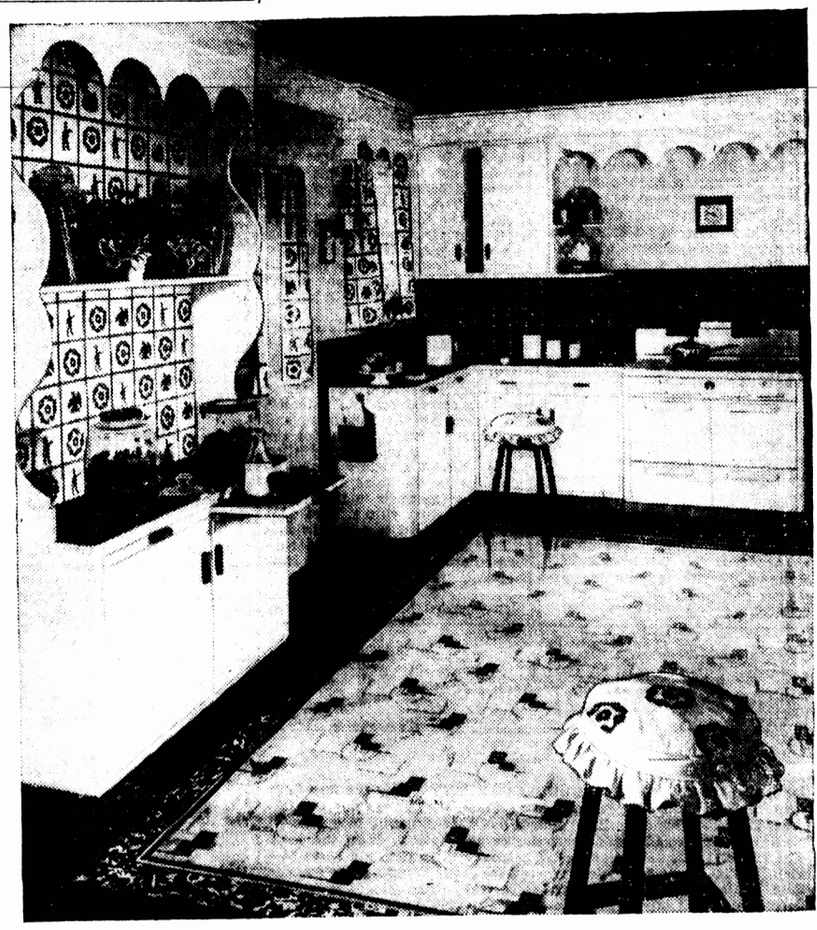

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