

NOT ANOTHER WORLD

This is a second in the series of articles dealing with the infamous soap opera, Another World. Today's plot involves the Randolphs -- next week will bring about the introduction of the Matthews.

At present John Randolph, distinguished attorney-at-law, is in the psychiatric ward under Dr. Zimmerman's supervision. Dr. Zimmerman (who if you remember is also looking after Rachael Cory) has to determine when - if ever - John will be able to stand trial. In this particular trial John Randolph will not be the defendant's lawyer but the defendant, standing accused of a messy murder involving his second wife's lover. To Recap.

John Randolph was once upon a time married to Pat Matthews whereupon she bore him twins, Michael and Mary Anne. As time passed the twins grew remarkably fast and underwent severe physical changes. While the twins blossomed so did Pat and John's marriage. They were the perfect couple -- or so everyone thought. When Mary Anne - blonde hearty that she was - decided to move away and go to college, her mother Pat became greatly concerned for she was just recovering from the ordeal of getting Mary Anne out of grade 12 and realized Mary Anne lacked discipline. However handsome Chris Pierce, Mary Anne's high school tutor told Pat he'd help her through college and help her he did. Handsome Chris and beautiful Mary Anne soon became an item. While Pat had her reservations about the young man and encouraged the relationship. Unfortunately for Mary Anne, Chris was also a very demanding young man and in order to prevent the termination of their relationship, she succumbs to his demands. Fearing that she could be pregnant no less, she submits to a doctor's examination, whereupon - much to Mary Anne's relief - Dr. Dave Gilcrest tells her that it is a false alarm - this time.

After vowing to her mother - who took the ordeal in stride and saved John the heartbreak by not telling him -

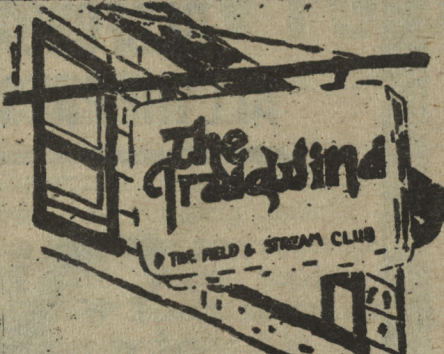
never to do this "sort of thing" again, Mary Anne finds herself back at Dr. Gilcrest's office and instead of relief she finds herself drowning in grief as this time she is indeed pregnant. Meanwhile Michael is also going to college, studying and training hard (he is a track star no less), with some casual dating on the side. On top of all this he looks out for vulnerable Mary Anne for he dislikes Chris. After Mary Anne confronts handsome Chris with the latest, we are not entirely surprised to discover he has skipped town thus saving his skin. Mary Anne, along with Michael, decide to go away shopping - when in fact Mary Anne actually obtains an abortion. GASP! Dr. Dave escorts Pat, who inevitably finds out, in hopes of stopping Mary Anne. But it is too late. When the family and Dr. Dave return home, John has a few questions pending. John, discovering what has happened, takes to the sauce and goes on a bad bender, blames Pat for not confiding in him.

John is upset that poor Mary Anne had to go through the ordeal without him. This and a not entirely innocent encounter John has with Barbara Weaver, a young attractive attorney in his firm, causes the breakdown of Pat and John's marriage, much to the children's unhappiness. Pat divorces John since their marriage has become a void, and works for MacKenzie Cory. John in turn tries to piece his life together. By this time the relationship that had developed between Pat and Dr. Dave has soured and they have split up.

At this point Olive Gordon is introduced into the firm as a stenographer of sorts, Olive, after obtaining a divorce from her husband Ray, sets a trap for the wealthy, unsuspecting and highly vulnerable John. Naturally John falls deeply in love with Olive and marries her much to the disconcertion of Michael, Mary Anne and yes, even Pat, who recognizes Olive for what she is. However, John does not realize that Olive intends to invent

situations making him look guilty of adultery so she can divorce him, take him for every penny he has and go off with her disreputable architect-lover, Evan Webster. Unfortunately for the new Mrs. Randolph she has difficulty inventing believable grounds for divorce. Evan, who is actually a gigolo and in turn taking Olive for everything she's worth, devises a scheme in which he intends to dispose of John.... permanently. He tells Olive however that he is planting a woman in the house and Olive has to discover them together thus supplying believable grounds for divorce. All this occurs while efforts by Michael, Mary Anne and Pat to thwart Olive's schemes go up in smoke. Not only does the new marriage strain relations between Mike and his father but it is with Olive's malicious help that Mike's young marriage to Molly Frame fails. (It is interesting to note that through inter-marriages Mike and Molly are legally first cousins since Molly's uncle Steve married Mike's aunt Alice)

The evening Evan plans to dispose of John proves disastrous. After Evan pulls a gun on John there is a struggle in which Evan is shot. Olive arrives at the house intending to discover her husband with a woman but finds her lover's corpse instead. Stricken with grief, she hysterically accuses John of killing the only man she ever loved. John, realizing what Olive is saying, becomes deeply upset and the mental strain proves too much. It is at this point where we join him back at the psychiatric ward. Since the night of the killing, John has spoken but a few words but has shed a lot of tears. Olive has been in a drunken stupor since her lover's death. Pat, who has professed her love for John to Mary Anne, fears the situation hopeless as John refuses to defend himself by speaking. (She still wears her wedding band.) Michael, Mary Anne and John's lawyer, Craig, try to prepare a defense for a man they respect, admire and above all for a man they know is innocent.



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