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### Tomorrow's Promise

By Temple Bailey  
Continued

"I have heard from old King, the negro on my island. He is troubled about the future. He is not lonely and he likes the life, but he fears that should anything happen to him there would be no one to look after Ruff and my ducks and the birds. He asks me who will take care of them. And I can think of but one person who would care. And that is you, Anne.

"So I ask you to let me give my island and my house and my dog. I think you will be glad to look after old King and Ruff and see that someone is always on the place to protect it. And I shall be so happy to think of you there. I have written my lawyers, and if you accept the charge they will make the transfer.

"You need not answer this, Anne. I shall hear from my lawyers and they will tell me of your decision."

"Some women would never have forgiven him," Vicky said when Anne had finished.

"I know. But I had given him up, Vicky. You must remember that, and somehow it hasn't seemed to me a question of forgiveness. It has been a question of understanding. At first I couldn't understand, but now I think I do." She sat gazing into the fire and at last she said, "I can't tell you what these two years have meant to me. When I left home I was so afraid of life. Everything seemed so—so different from what I had believed. In a way I think I blamed you for not warning me. But now I know you couldn't. I had to find out for myself. And I had to find out, too, that the whole world wasn't like my world—a play world with a lot of mad actors." She stood up, her back to the blaze, and spoke with a touch of excitement. "For that's what they are—actors playing their parts. Afraid that the curtain may ring down and bring darkness, and fighting off the moment. Then I came with you, Vicky, and lived with your family and worked with my children. I saw that marriage could be happy and that life was good if we made it so. And I am not frightened any more."

She was on her knees now beside Vicky's chair. "Vicky, darling, what would I have done without you?" And Vicky said, "You are the child of my heart. And you have filled it."

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Old King, coming in an hour later, found the two women in the kitchen. "We are making some tea," Anne explained. "Do you mind?" "Yes'm, I does," King told her, beaming. "'cause I wants to mek it fo' you myse'f. An' ef you all wait jes' a little minute, I'll beat up some waffles."

They protested, but finally let him have his way. When he came in to set the table he grew conversational. "Mr. Charles write me the house and everything gwine belong to you, Miss Anne."

"Are you glad, King?" "I is dat. Is you gwine live heah?" Anne shook her head. "I have my school, but I'll be coming over weekends. And in the summer Vicky and I will stay here a lot."

"Thank the Lawd fer that," King said fervently. "I ain' exactly what you'd call lonesome, but I misses Mr. Charles."

Returning a little later with waffles crisp and brown on a blue plate, King further elucidated. "He'd 'a bin heah now ef she had'n come fer him."

Color flamed in Anne's cheeks. "Come for him?"

"Yes, ma'am. She come in a speed boat and sent it back and stayed. And when he come, he wouldn't keep her. He made me tek her to the mainlan'. An' all that night he didn't sleep. Tow'd mawin' I heered him in the kitchen, and I went in and I say, 'Is you feelin' bad, Mr. Charles?' an' he say, 'No. You go back to bed, King. I got things on my min'. An' the next mawin' he told me he was gwine marry her and never come back."

Anne ventured, "Do you think he's happy?" "Happy?" There was scorn in old King's voice. "No'm, he ain'. How he gwine be happy with a woman like that?"

The sun setting now, blazing up red from the horizon. "We must run along," Vicky said, "but we'll be coming back."

King took them down to their boat and he and Ruff watched them

### YORK AND VICINITY

Messrs. Lloyd Vessey and Dick Vessey were visitors to Borden last week on business.

Many friends of Miss Elizabeth MacDonald, York, are glad to hear that she is feeling better after her recent illness.

Mrs. Herbert Lewis, York, is visiting in Cornwall, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hazen Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crockett and daughter Lenore, York, were visitors to Orwell Cove on Friday, the guest of Mrs. Dan MacPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Vessey returned from their honeymoon on Tuesday. They married on Friday at the home of Rev. Roy Vessey in Truro, N.S.

Mrs. Peter Brodie has returned to the city after visiting in York the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mallett.

Many friends of Mrs. Ira Lewis are glad to hear that she is up around again after her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Newson were visitors to the City last Sunday evening where they visited Mr. Dan McNeil who is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital.

Mr. Sterling Yeo has returned to his home in Union Road after being a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital where he suffered a broken foot while working on the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell McInnis and daughter Diane, City, were visitors to York on Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Crockett.

Mrs. Robert Crockett has returned to her home in York after visiting in Central Royalty, the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crockett.

The regular meeting of the Alpha Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Clifford Chappell. The meeting opened with the singing of carols followed by the creed repeated in unison. The minutes were then read and approved. It was decided to give gifts for the shut-ins and Mrs. Dolph Murray and Mrs. Raymond Vessey are to get them. It was also moved to give \$6.00 to teachers to get treats for school children at the Christmas concert. Miss Richards then read a story on Christmas which was very much enjoyed by everyone. Contests were then put on by Mrs. Harry Swan and Mrs. Frank Watts. Roll call was then called which was answered with an exchange of Christmas gifts. Lunch was then served by the hostess and committee in charge.

### Potato Shortage

The following figures on storage holdings of potatoes on Dec. 1, 1949 and 1950 follow: (000 bus. .60 lbs. per bus.) have been obtained from the Marketing Service, Federal Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

	1949	1950
Inland, P.E.I.	8,845	7,534
Inland, N.S.	372	366
Halifax	7	8
Saint John, N.B.	6	5
Inland, N.B.	9,614	9,140
Maritimes	18,844	17,055
Quebec	690	785
Eastern Ont.	125	285
West. Ont.	2,086	2,332
Prairies	95	103
British Columbia	1,050	1,396
Totals	22,890	21,956

NOTE: In addition to the stocks reported in the above table, there were 40,000 bus. in growers' hands in the Craven-Lumsden districts of Sask. and 1,373,000 in farm storage in S. Alberta. These districts were unreported in previous years.

as they went away. The dog's ears dropped. "She'll be comin' back," old King consoled him. "but she ways of the Lawd am pas' findin' out. She'd 'a made Mr. Charles happy, and he's done tied up with that tiger cat!"

In the weeks that followed, while Anne taught her scholars, she thought of her lovely domain. In winter and in summer it would be her place of refuge. In sharing Charles' house Anne felt that she would share, in a way, his heart. "He meant it that way," she told herself over and over again. "And when I am there I shall feel him near me."

Yet so uncertain are the plans that mortals make that many months were to pass before Anne came to her island, for one day when she returned from school she found a telegram waiting. Francis Ordway was very ill and he wanted Anne and Vicky.

It was late when Anne and Vicky arrived at the old house in Carroll County. A nurse in white was waiting in the hall to take them upstairs. "He wants to see you at once," she said.

"Is he—?" Anne dared not say "dying." Her voice faltered.

The nurse said, "He is holding his own."

Anne, going up the stairs, thought of what she had said to Vicky that day on the island. "They are all actors, playing their mad parts. Afraid that the curtain will ring down at any moment—on darkness. And now would it ring down on Daddy?"

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### The Neighbors

By George Clark



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