

Two Can Sing

by James M. Cain
CHAPTER TWO
Part Three

It's one thing to start something like that, but it's something else to go through with it. I bought a tuning fork and some exercise books, went up on the third floor of the Craig-Borland Building, and ha-ha-na-ed every morning, hoping nobody would hear me. Then in the afternoon I'd go down and take a lesson, and make some payments. I like paying better than learning, but I felt plenty like a fool.

But then Cecil sent me over to a music school for a course in sight-reading. It was taught by a French man named Guizot, and along with the sight-reading he gave us a little harmony. When I found out that music has structure to it, just as a bridge has, right away I began to be interested. I took Guizot on for some private lessons, and began to work. He gave me exercises to do, melodies to harmonize, and chords to unscramble; and I rented a piano and had that moved in, so I could hear what I was doing. I couldn't play it but I could hit the chords, and that was the main thing.

Then he talked to me about symphonies, and of course I had to dig into them. I bought a little phonograph and a flock of symphony albums, and got the scores

and began to take them apart, so I could see how they were put together. The scores you don't buy; they cost too much. But I rented them, and first I'd have one for a couple of weeks and then I'd have another.

The sight reading was tough. You just stand up there and read it, without any piano to give you the tune, or anything else. I never heard of it until Cecil began to talk about it, didn't even know what it meant. But I took it on just like the rest of it, and beat instructions into my head with the piano until I could hear them in my sleep. After a while I knew I was making progress, but then when I'd go down to Cecil and try to read something off while she played the accompaniment, I'd get all mixed up and have to stop. She spotted the reason for it. "You're not watching the words," she said. "You can read the exercises, because all you have to think about is the music. But songs have words too, and you have to sing them. You can't just go la-la-la. Look at the words; don't look at the notes. Your eye will half see them without your looking at them, but the main thing is the words. Get them right and the music will sing itself."

I tried the way she said, and sure enough it came a little better. I kept doing harder exercises all the time, and then one day I knew I wouldn't have to study; sight-reading any more. I could read anything.

That ha-ha stuff was the worst. I did what Cecil told me, and she seemed satisfied, but to me it was just one pain in the neck. But then one day something happened. A sound came out of my throat that made me jump. It was a big, round high note that shook the room. I tried it again, and it wouldn't come. I vocalized overtime that day, trying to get it back, and was about to give up when it came again. I opened it up, and stood there listening to it swell. Then I began going still higher with it. It got an edge on it, like a tenor, but at the same time it was big and round and full. I went up with it until I was afraid to go any higher, and then I checked Pitch on the piano. It was an A.

That afternoon Cecil was so excited by it she almost forgot about payment. "It's what I've been waiting for. But I had no idea it was that good."

"Say, it sounds great! How did you know it was there?"

"It's my business to know. What a baritone!"

"Hey! Come here."

"Sing me one more song."

To be continued

Girl Guide News



Trinity Brownies

Trinity Brownies opened the meeting on Friday, Nov. 21 with the "Fairy Ring", after which the Brownies repeated the Law, Promise and Motto. After the "Fairy Gold" was collected the Brownies were busy as little bees working on their tests. Several girls are ready to be enrolled as Brownies by Miss S. MacKinnon, District Commissioner, at the next meeting. The meeting closed with a Pow-wow.

Trinity Guides

A new patrol was formed on Tuesday evening with Ernestine Mills as Patrol leader and Janet Matheson as Patrol Second. Inspection was carried out by the Patrol Leader who checked the Guides for clean nails, note books and pencils and reef knots in their ties. The Canary Patrol were the winners in the Knot Relay. The Teaching Period consisted of Knots, Semaphore, Tenderfoot and Com-pass. Following this the Guides played "Wink".

Campfire opened with "Fires Burning", followed by "Ham and Eggs." Lieut. Margaret Wheatley gave out the requirements for the "Reporter's Badge" and asked the Badge. Helen Chappell told a humorous tale about Company Hike held recently.

Dianne McIsaac and Sondra Stewart sang a duet, "Lonely Little Robin." "Four Leaf Clover" was sung by Janet Cery, Fatsy MacDonald, Donna Cudmore and Virginia Vessey. Riddles were told by Wendy Armstrong. The meeting closed with "Whisper A Prayer" and Evensong and Taps.

Breadalbane and Vicinity

Miss Shirley Stevenson, Elliotts visited her sister, Mrs. Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane, on Thursday, March 20th.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Robert T. Barlow is recovering satisfactorily after having undergone a minor operation in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Messrs. Colin Matheson, Cuyler Matheson and Walter MacKenzie attended the funeral of Mr. John Malcolm MacKenzie, in Charlottetown, on March 19th.

Mr. Charles Andrews, Wheatley River, was a recent week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham, Breadalbane.

Miss Jean Cousins, Moncton, flew home to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bismark Cousins, during the week-end of March 16th.

Friends here will regret to learn that Mrs. James MacIntosh, Rose Valley, entered the Prince County Hospital on Saturday, March 22nd.

Mrs. William MacLure, and her little son Gary, Dixon Road, visited Mrs. MacLure's daughter, Mrs. W. Hill, Fredericton, during the week-end of March 23rd.

Miss Edith Matheson, teacher of Brookfield School, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matheson, during the week-end of March 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Holmes, Kingston, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Willis, North River, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Murray on Sunday, March 23rd.

Mrs. Millage MacLeod, and her little daughter, Gail, left by train on Monday morning, March 24th, for Halifax, where they will visit relatives and friends.

On Sunday afternoon, March 23rd, a large number from this vicinity attended the funeral of the late George Walter Stevenson, a highly respected resident of Fredericton. The service was conducted by Rev. M. Watterworth, pastor of the Christian Church. Heartfelt sympathy is being extended to the bereaved wife and all the family.

On Sunday, March the 23rd, Mr. Gillespie, who was the speaker at the evening service in the United Church, delivered an intensely challenging message on the need of all to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Mrs. Gillespie sang preceding the sermon "Give Me

New Annan and Vicinity

Mrs. Harry Jones is visiting with her sister and brother, Mrs. Agnes Riley and Mr. John Pillman, Travellers Rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hogg spent Sunday afternoon, March 23rd visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schurman, New Annan.

Mrs. Harold Manderson and Mrs. Delbert Rayner were visitors to Summerside on Friday, March 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rayner and family motored to Pownal on Sunday, March 23rd and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hooper.

Mrs. Eldon Schurman and sons Jimmy, Eldon, and Leigh, Spring Valley, spent a week-end with relatives in New Annan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall, and Marjorie and Shirlene were in Summerside on Saturday, March 22nd.

Miss Irma MacNeill recently spent a week-end at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Croken, Emerald.

Mrs. Fred Wall, New Annan, was a visitor to Summerside on Saturday, March 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bowness and children, Norboro, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Schurman on Saturday, March 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Curley, Clermont, spent Monday evening, March 17th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Schurman, Travellers Rest.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. Traveller's Rest, was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Poole on Thursday evening, March 20th.

The many friends of Mr. Harold Manderson are glad to see him out again after his recent attack of pneumonia.

Miss Anita MacPhee, teacher at New Annan, spent a recent week-end at her home in Emerald.

Dr. Austin Delaney, Summerside, was in New Annan on Wednesday, March 19th.

On Friday evening, March 21st a large number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. Talmage Montgomery and tendered a miscellaneous shower in honour of his granddaughter, Miss Norma Woodside. The room was nicely decorated in a color scheme of yellow and white. The bride-to-be was escorted to the seat of honour by Mrs. George Moase to the strains of Here Comes The Bride. The heavily laden baskets were carried in by little Carl Montgomery and Jeanette Poole and opened by Mrs. Lloyd Wood and Mrs. Bert Poole. They were arranged on the table by Miss Irma McNeill and Miss Doris Walte. Mrs. Ella Montgomery and Mrs. Jack Marchbank read the accompanying verses and names. In a few well chosen words, Norma then thanked all for the lovely gifts and invited them to visit her in her new home. All joined in singing "For She's A Jolly Good Fellow" and a delicious lunch was served with Mrs. John Marchbank, Mrs. Bert Poole, and Mrs. Don Schurman assisting the hostess, Mrs. Ella Montgomery. A sing-song was much enjoyed by the ladies while the men were engaged in playing cards and checkers.

Thine Heart." and following it "Must I Go and Empty Handed?" The offertory was: "Are You Washed In The Blood?"

The regular monthly meeting of the "Crawford Memorial" Christian Church Women's Missionary Society was held on March 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson. Mrs. Pomroy Murray presided and Mrs. Cuyler Murray Matheson was the secretary.

An interesting missionary lesson on "Dorcas" was read by Mrs. Kenneth Graham. During the devotional period Mr. Anderson lead the members in a circle of prayer. An enlightening and challenging story entitled "I Became a Christian" was enjoyed. A hymn and the Mizpah Benediction concluded the meeting. The host and hostess served refreshments during the social hour.

TRACE DINOSAURS

EDMONTON — (CP) — Alberta is arranging for the services of C. M. Sternberg of Ottawa, a federal expert on dinosaur fossils, to survey the "badlands" 80 miles south of Drumheller. He will later report as to whether a "dinosaur park" should be established.

New Glasgow and Vicinity

Mrs. Willard Nicholson spent a recent week-end at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dickenson motored to the Capital recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Woolner and Miss Olga were guests at Mrs. Woolner's paternal home recently.

Miss Joyce Irvine has returned to her home after spending the past week here, the guest of the Andrew family.

Miss Ella Brooks, student of Mt. A., returned to her studies on the 18th after spending a few days with her parents.

The many friends of Mr. Eric Simpson will be sorry to learn he entered the P.E. Island hospital recently suffering from pneumonia.

Misses Mildred and Rhoda Brown spent a recent week-end at their home here, after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. Vernon Hill spent the past week in Charlottetown in the interests of the local creamery, of which he is the efficient Secretary.

Deepest sympathy is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Gallant in the sudden passing of their baby girl.

Mr. Fred Smith had the misfortune while working in the woods, to have the horse tramp on his leg, bruising it badly.

Mr. Edson Rollings has entered the P.E. Island Hospital where he will receive treatment. Many friends hope for his early return home.

Messrs Murray Oak, Charles Pincau, and Donald Hill and Miss Doris Andrew were passengers to the city on Saturday, March 22nd.

Miss Jean Andrew is spending a pleasant visit in Cavendish, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. McCouliney.

Miss Anne Stevenson is spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. Robert McKenzie who is mourning the loss of her beloved husband.

Mr. Bill Stevenson, accompanied by some friends, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Stevenson on Sunday, March 23rd. Bill is employed by Mr. Wendell Barbour.

Mrs. Willard MacDonald and Mr. Ira Hill attended the funeral of their little niece recently. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mills (nee Ethel Hill) to whom

sincere sympathy is being extended.

A number from this district attended the funeral of the late George W. Stevenson on Sunday, which was very largely attended.

Mr. Jack Stewart, accompanied by his sister Miss Mary Stewart and Mrs. Eric Simpson, motored to the Capital on Friday, March 21st.

Mrs. Bruce Moffat has returned to her home after spending a pleasant week in the City where she was the house guest of Hon. B.W. and Mrs. LePage.

Miss Helen Green returned to her duties as teacher in Alexandria after a very pleasant week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill.

Mr. Elbert Orr was a recent visitor to New London and Kensington, attending the hockey games between Grahams Road and Breadalbane.

Mr. and Mrs. Heath Houston, who have resided in Toronto since their marriage, returned home on March 12th, and are receiving a glad welcome from their many friends.

Mr. Milton Green and Mrs. Eric Simpson motored to the city recently and visited Mr. Simson who is ill in the hospital. They are happy to relate his condition is somewhat improved.

Friends and relatives were shocked to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. William Ling. Deepest sympathy is being extended to his sorrowing widow and members of his family.

Mrs. Cyril Smith and winsome baby Marjorie Ann, spent a few days with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, the latter having suffered a relapse of her sickness. Her friends are delighted to know she is now considerably improved.

Mrs. Stirling Campbell, accompanied by her daughter Heather, was a passenger on Trans Canada Airlines recently en route to Sydney, where she is visiting her sister Mrs. Albert Ling and Mr. Ling Mrs. Ling has just returned from the hospital where she had her appendix removed.

AVONLEA W. I.

Avonlea Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Olaf Stevenson on March 6, 1952, with Miss Mary Stewart, Cavendish, vice-president presiding. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and repeating the Creed in unison. The roll call was responded to by twenty-one members, and one

visitor was present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and Mrs. Warren reported having contacted other neighboring institutes and that all agreed to try and procure a music teacher.

The committees reported having visited the sick and the schools. Paper cups and towels are needed for Cavendish school and paper towels for Rustico school. New committees are as follows: Cavendish sick, Mrs. Stirling Stewart and Mrs. Alfred Moore; Cavendish school, Mrs. Geo. Gaugh and Mrs. Fenner Stewart; Rustico school, Mrs. Earl Simpson and Mrs. Ray Woolner; Rustico school, Miss Irma Toombs and Mrs. Robert Woolner, and program committee for April, Mrs. Gough, Bernice Axworthy, Mrs. Leigh Warren and Mrs. M. J. Doyle. Place of the next meeting was undecided. Roll call for April is a "Housecleaning Hint".

Correspondence was read and the program for the evening consisted of a reading about Switzerland, a contest and a dialogue. An auction sale realized a goodly sum. After a delicious lunch was served the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

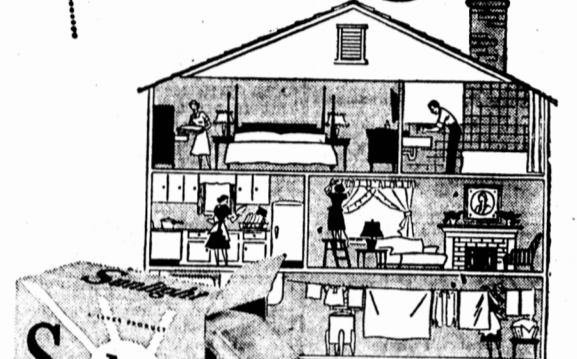
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