

Whirlwind

by Norma Newcomb

CHAPTER TWELVE

Part One

"I'll miss the girls," he said frankly. "I suppose there are some people who would say that a guy like me deserves to get it in the neck. But look at it another way. Women the world over long for romance. A good-looking, suave, sophisticated guy like me is the answer to their prayers. Isn't that something in my favor? I was the dream come true for dozens of women who never knew an evening of romance in their lives."

"And Sally Alliston was one of them. Her lips were full, inviting, as she deliberately swayed toward him. "And—and Sally Alliston did not mind."

"Little Sally." His voice was affectionate. "I knew all along that you weren't really angry with me."

"I know, darling. I could never be angry with you."

"By force of habit, his arms went around her, and then she was pressed close and looking up at him with adoring eyes. He touched her hair, the sweet curve of her cheek and laughed.

"Sweet Sally."

"As he kissed her she wondered—wondered about Mike and Helen and Drona, wondered about Jimmy and herself.

Then she stopped wondering, and extricated herself quite coolly from his arms. "Jimmy, darling, we'll be late for the show."

"Hang the show! Let's go somewhere and talk."

"But Drona . . ."

"Funny," he said in an odd voice. "I suddenly don't care a hoot about what Drona says. Sally . . ."

"But I wouldn't think of missing the show for anything!"

The Romantic Blitzkrieg, in an evening gown that showed her figure to its best advantage, smiled at Mike gaily from the dressing-table.

"I received your message."

"Naturally, otherwise you would not be here. I suppose Jimmy told you about us?"

"Yes, I was rather surprised."

"And you don't approve, either?"

He crossed his legs negligently. "I have no right to pass judgment on you."

"But you're a friend of his, ain't you—I mean aren't you? Some day I'm going to murder that word 'ain't.' And a friend has rights."

"I've been wondering, lately, if Jimmy is anyone's friend."

"He isn't."

"You say that, you who are going to marry him?"

"Maybe I'm not going to marry

Islander Featured In N.S. Entertainment

The Parraboro, N. S., "Record" gives an interesting account of a three act comedy drama, "Casual Acquaintance," was presented by the Willing Workers of Parraboro Baptist Church in which Derrell MacClure played the leading role of Uncle Jed Barker, a retired English gentleman.

"After favourably commenting on the parts played by all members of the cast, the Record goes on to say: "Special attractions between the acts were the guitar and harmonica selections played by Derrell MacClure, with piano accompaniment by D. D. MacRae."

"A native of Prince Edward Island, Mr. MacClure, who is on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, delighted the audience with his musical ability and the catchy tunes similar to those played by Don Messer and his Islanders."

Before his transfer to Parraboro, Mr. MacClure was on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Charlottetown, for three and a half years. His many friends here are pleased to know that his talents are appreciated.

Notes Steady Improvement In PEI Swine Production

The following review of swine production was given at the annual meeting of the Swine Breeders' Association by Mr. H. W. Clay:

"In reviewing the 1951 swine production of P. E. Island, we find that we have continued to make improvement in both volume and quality. We again lead all Canada in the percentage of grade 'A' hogs and in high scoring sows tested under Advanced Registry. Our winnings at the Maritime Winter Fair and at the Royal Winter Fair hit a record, the prediction of which a few years ago would have been considered fantastic. All our efforts in 1952 must be directed to hold this present dominant position."

"The past year has been good to the producers of all classes of live stock including hogs. While the price range fluctuated widely between 39 and 25 cents dressed weight, the average price has been satisfactory beyond our expectations. This variation in price is a matter which is highly displeasing to the producer. In fact, it displeases everyone concerned, even the packer."

"Why should we have this wide price range in any one year? The answer to the problem is the often quoted and sometimes over used words: 'Supply and demand.' The consumer requires a certain definite amount of meat products every week of the year. We have over 14,000,000 people in Canada. We are producing about 5,000,000 hogs per year. This is roughly one-third of a hog per capita or close to 1 lb. of dressed pork per week."

Trifling Increase

"This is the demand. What are we doing about the supply? In 1950, Canadian hog production was 4,776,720. In 1951, it was 4,897,116. This is a trifling increase which should not have unsettled the price if the supply had been steady throughout the year. What happened was that during early 1951 and particularly in mid-summer, we gave the consumer much less pork than he wanted and then we swamped him with pork in the fall, and he reacted accordingly."

"In Western Canada where a large percentage of our hogs are produced, it is inevitable that, due to climatic conditions, there will continue to be a heavy fall run of hogs when the market is loaded with lamb, dressed poultry and a more than average run of cattle. Consequently, we can expect that there will continue to be a decline in hog prices each fall. In this Province, where the climate is less severe and where we have better housing conditions, we could dodge this fall price decline by breeding program planned to have the bulk of our litters farrowed in early winter and shipped in July and August when prices are consistently higher."

"During the fall season, this surplus pork must be cured or frozen and carried perhaps for six months to fill the vacuum caused by a scarcity the following summer. The packer's money is tied up. It is expensive to carry meats in cold storage month after month. In addition, there is a shrinkage in weight which is a considerable factor in cost."

"Another feature contributing to the processing cost and caused by unevenness of supply is the matter of skilled labor in the packing plants. To handle efficiently this heavy fall hog run, the packer must have a force of highly trained butchers, cutters, and other specialized help. Such men and women cannot be picked off the street in the fall and let out in the summer. They must be retained throughout the year even when hogs are in short supply. All these factors must in the end be deducted from the price the farmer receives for his hog when shipped. All this emphasizes the importance of having more winter litters born before March 1st."

Far Out In Front

"The steady improvement of Island market hogs during the past ten years has been an amazing accomplishment to the swine growers of other provinces. The following statement shows the percentage of grade 'A' hogs and the number marketed in Prince Edward Island annually from 1941 to 1951, together with the percentage of grade 'A's' for all Canada."

Attended Air Cadet Meeting In P.Q.



Islander delegates at the 11th annual meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada, held at the Seignior Club, P. Q., March 11-12. (L to R) W. S. Chandler, Charlottetown, chairman of the P. E. I. Provincial Committee; Air Commodore A. D. Ross, Halifax, Maritime Group Commander; and Roy H. Johnston, Summerside. Meeting brought together Air Force and League officials to plan new activities for Canada's 18,000 Air Cadets.

New Glasgow and Vicinity

Mr. Elwood Stewart was in the village on Tuesday combining business with pleasure.

The heavy snow fall has made it almost impossible to gather the yearly supply of firewood.

Mr. William Nicholson spent a pleasant visit in Kensington, guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Gill.

Miss Jean Goss is employed in Niagara Falls, and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Goss.

Mr. and Mrs. William McMillan spent a very pleasant weekend in Kensington recently, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McMillan.

Mr. Lemuel Craswell was through this district the other day when he bought a large number of fattening cattle.

Mrs. Edwin Stevenson and young Kevin had a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Orr recently.

Mrs. Murray Orr and three children have returned home after a pleasant stay with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Whitlock.

The many friends of Miss Elizabeth Brookings will be pleased to learn she had a successful operation for appendicitis and will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. Willard Nicholson visited the capital on Saturday, March 8th, making a call on her brother, Mr. James Moffat, who is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital. She spent Sunday with her family returning to Hazel Grove on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dickleson are spending a few days in Charlottetown, the guests of Mrs. Ernest Bullman. Mrs. Dickleson's brother, Mr. Ernest Bullman is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital where he is seriously ill. His many friends hope for an early recovery.

Mrs. Thomas Goss had a pleasant surprise on Saturday, March 8, when she received a telephone call from her son Eric who resides at Niagara Falls. She could hear him quite distinctly, and he gave her the good news that a baby boy had arrived to bless their home.

Mrs. Eric Goss was the former Miss Ora Pound.

Congratulations are being offered the six young members of the Sunday School who wrote the Temperance Lessons and passed with honours. One pupil making the high mark of ninety-nine per cent, coming first in Queens County. Certificates will be awarded to each.

Many were shocked to hear of the passing of Mr. Robert L. Stevenson at the P. E. Island Hospital on Monday, March 10th. Although his condition had not been good, hopes were held for his recovery. Deepest sympathy is being extended to his widow who was the former Beatrice McCoubrey of this village as well as the other members of his family.

Miss Nellie Andrew spent March 5th happily the occasion being her birthday. Her mother was hostess to twenty of her young friends as well as some older ones. All enjoyed a good sleigh ride before their arrival. Games were freely indulged in. Following a treasure hunt, when Nellie was the recipient of many lovely gifts, all repaired to the dining room where a buffet lunch was served. The table was centred with a three-tiered birthday cake which was adorned with twelve lighted candles, and was later cut and served with ice cream. Mrs. Andrew was assisted by her daughter Doris. During the evening the Mission Band members gathered for the installation of their officers for the year. In the absence of Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Warfield Orr capably presided over the ceremony, while each one vowed to do their best for the new year which is well on its way. With Miss Sheila Dickleson at the piano, hymns "Jesus bids us shine" and "What a friend we have in Jesus" were sung.

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Year	Grade 'A' %	Marketing	Grade 'A' %	Marketing
1951	53.1	95,282	31.2	4,897,116
1950	51.6	97,159	32.1	4,776,720
1949	52.6	83,241	31.0	4,430,962
1948	50.4	88,539	31.7	4,774,445
1947	48.0	65,448	31.6	4,764,874
1946	45.0	55,119	32.4	4,465,159
1945	45.1	60,341	32.1	5,861,505
1944	41.1	68,971	28.2	8,863,330
1943	39.8	60,121	27.9	7,149,920
1942	39.1	52,876	29.8	6,228,163
1941	35.0	47,412	31.5	6,216,207

GRADE 'A' HOGS — 1941-1951

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"The only other provinces showing any appreciable improvement are Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It is significant that these provinces depend largely on P. E. Island for their key breeding stock."

Commends Key Breeders

"I cannot find words sufficiently emphatic to express the credit which our key breeders deserve for the manner in which they have co-operated to bring about our present high standing. They have demonstrated what can be accomplished when the breeders in a given area lay down a definite breeding policy and work as a unit to reach their objectives."

"I am satisfied that our Advanced Registry testing has been largely responsible for much of our swine improvement. Practically every boar in service in this Province is out of a sow with a slaughter test of 85 or over. This is having an important influence on our market hogs."

hibits at the Maritime Winter Fair and at the Toronto Royal Fair were beyond our most sanguine expectations. At Amherst, Island bred Yorkshires won practically every class. At Toronto, we won the Todd Trophy for the best bacon carcass. In this class, we won 13 out of the first 16 placings. In the Brethour Trophy class, we missed the top award by a whisker but in this class we won 21 out of the top 28 placings. In the live market hog classes where in 1950 we won nothing, in 1951 we placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 7th with only four entries. In the purebred barrow class, we won 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. These amazing results set a record which may be difficult to again equal. In fact, it will take the strenuous efforts of all our key breeders and all officials concerned to hold the reputation which we have built up for Island Yorkshires abroad.

"If it is considered advisable to make an exhibit at Toronto in 1952, I would ask all swine breed-

F. E. I. Leads In Advanced Registry

"The following statement underlines our important position in Advanced Registry for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1951."

Sows tested	Sows qualified	Per cent qualified
P.E.I. — 246	210	85.3
N.B. — 31	15	48.4
Que. — 152	36	23.7
Ont. — 248	143	57.7
Man. — 43	23	53.5
Sask. — 110	60	54.5
Alta. — 185	62	33.5

"These figures make it very evident that our breeding stock has reached a level of merit far in the lead of other areas. When we look at the percentage of sows qualifying with scores over 85, we find further evidence of quality:—"

P. E. I.	31.6%
N. B.	11.1%
Que.	6.2%
Ont.	14.3%
Man.	26.1%
Sask.	21.2%
Alta.	11.1%

"In addition to this proof of the merit of our breeding stock, we have definite evidence that our Yorkshires lead in maturity as the following table will show:—"

Age at 50 lbs.	Age at 150 lbs. hot dressed weight
P. E. I. — 77.5 days	185 days
N. B. — 81.0 "	202 "
Que. — 88.0 "	210 "
Ont. — 91.0 "	215 "
Man. — 93.0 "	204 "
Sask. — 86.0 "	197 "
Alta. — 89.0 "	212 "

"With this high level of superiority attained, we are faced with the great responsibility of avoiding any backward move which might undermine our present improvement policy."

"We still have a job to do in making further improvement of our breeding stock but we have the material to make this improvement without bringing in stock of untested background and unknown breeding ability. At this stage, we cannot risk experimenting with the unknown."

Heavy Output

"At the present time, there is a very heavy output of market hogs over all North America. This situation, aggravated by the outbreak of foot and mouth disease which prompted an U. S. embargo on Canadian live stock and meats has depressed the price to a point close to or below the cost of production. In the face of this picture, we find a very great decrease in the number of sows bred for spring litters. I understand that this decrease is very pronounced in the U. S. where there is a shortage of feed."

"With the population of the U. S. increasing at 2,500,000 a year and in, the hope that the disease outbreak in Saskatchewan may soon be overcome, I believe we can expect a reversal in the meat situation before very long. We may not see the record peak prices of 1951 but there is no reason to believe that after the next fall, when the U. S. embargo is lifted, the price for pork products will become stabilized at profitable levels."

"To the producer who over a number of years has continued a more or less steady output, the swine industry has been reasonably kind. Taking 1951 as a whole, hogs have been quite profitable. Perhaps before 1952 is ended, we may have reason to be more optimistic than at present. The farmer who jumps in and jumps out of any phase of farm production is usually the one who is caught short when prices are high."

"I would urge the breeders of registered breeding stock to hold fast to the policy of testing their sows. This is a time when we should make a special effort to improve our key herds in order that we may be in a position to supply the demand which is sure to come after conditions improve."

Show Winnings

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