

Unholy Bond

By Cameron Dockery

"How do you do, Miss Harris. I recall seeing you at the services for Mr. Hartigan last week."

"Yes, he was a fine old gentleman; I became very fond of him." She thought of the forlorn little chapel service. J. D. Prentice had been there, and elderly Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Miles, the caretakers of Oakhart, and herself.

There had been something pathetic about the lack of sincere mourners although Janet realized that Mr. Hartigan himself would have been amused rather than embittered by it.

"Miss Harris, I—ah—I would like you to describe to us the circumstances surrounding the making of Mr. Hartigan's last will and testament."

"But you saw him the next day, Mr. Prentice—didn't he tell you?" J. D. Prentice looked annoyed.

"Yes, he did Miss Harris but I'd like to have it from your own lips, if you don't mind."

Dr. Farquhar motioned to a chair. "Sit down here, my dear, and tell us about it, he urged kindly."

Janet described the events of that evening. When she was through the lawyer peered at her speculatively. "Did you see what was in the will, Miss Harris?"

"No, I didn't; none of us did. In fact, Mr. Hartigan was very careful to shield the paper so we couldn't see."

"Hmm, did Mr. Hartigan seem in a normal frame of mind?"

CHAPTER THREE

Part One

"Oh yes, quite normal. I took his pulse too and it was regular."

"Was he in the habit of taking bromides or sedatives?"

"Occasionally he liked a mild sedative to make him sleep, but he had nothing that night."

"You can prove that?"

Dr. Farquhar shot Janet a mild, amused wink.

"Of course," she said. "Entries of that sort are always made on the patient's charts."

"But you were the nurse on duty that night, were you not? You could have failed purposely to enter it on the chart."

Janet flushed angrily. "I am afraid I don't understand you. I came on duty at ten o'clock. Most of the patients are asleep before then and if they are going to take sedatives, they receive them around nine. If Mr. Hartigan had asked for one later, I could have given it to him and failed to enter it, as you say, but I don't see what you are implying."

Prentice smiled superciliously. "Don't you?"

"No, I don't. Besides, both Dr. Eynon and Dr. Bronson were witnesses. I'm sure they would have noticed it if Mr. Hartigan weren't himself."

"You were Mr. Hartigan's private nurse, weren't you?"

"Yes, when he came here a year ago, I was his nurse for the first six months, but he needed so little personal attention and the hospital staff was so depleted that he relinquished me for regular duty."

"Did he tell you much about himself?"

"I talked mostly about Oakhart, his country estate. He took great pride in it; partly, I think, because Mrs. Hartigan had been so fond of it. He said both their sons had been killed in the first World War and Oakhart still held memories of their childhood for him."

"Have you ever been to Oakhart?"

"No, I never have."

"See," he said slowly, and Janet wondered just what it was he saw. "Well, Miss Harris, I'm going to ask you to be there at three o'clock next Thursday for the reading of the will."

"But I'm on duty that day, Mr. Prentice."

Dr. Farquhar made a casual gesture with his big hand. "I'll see that you're released from duty on Thursday, Miss Harris." His eyes twinkled mysteriously as though he knew some secret about her that was amusing him very much indeed.

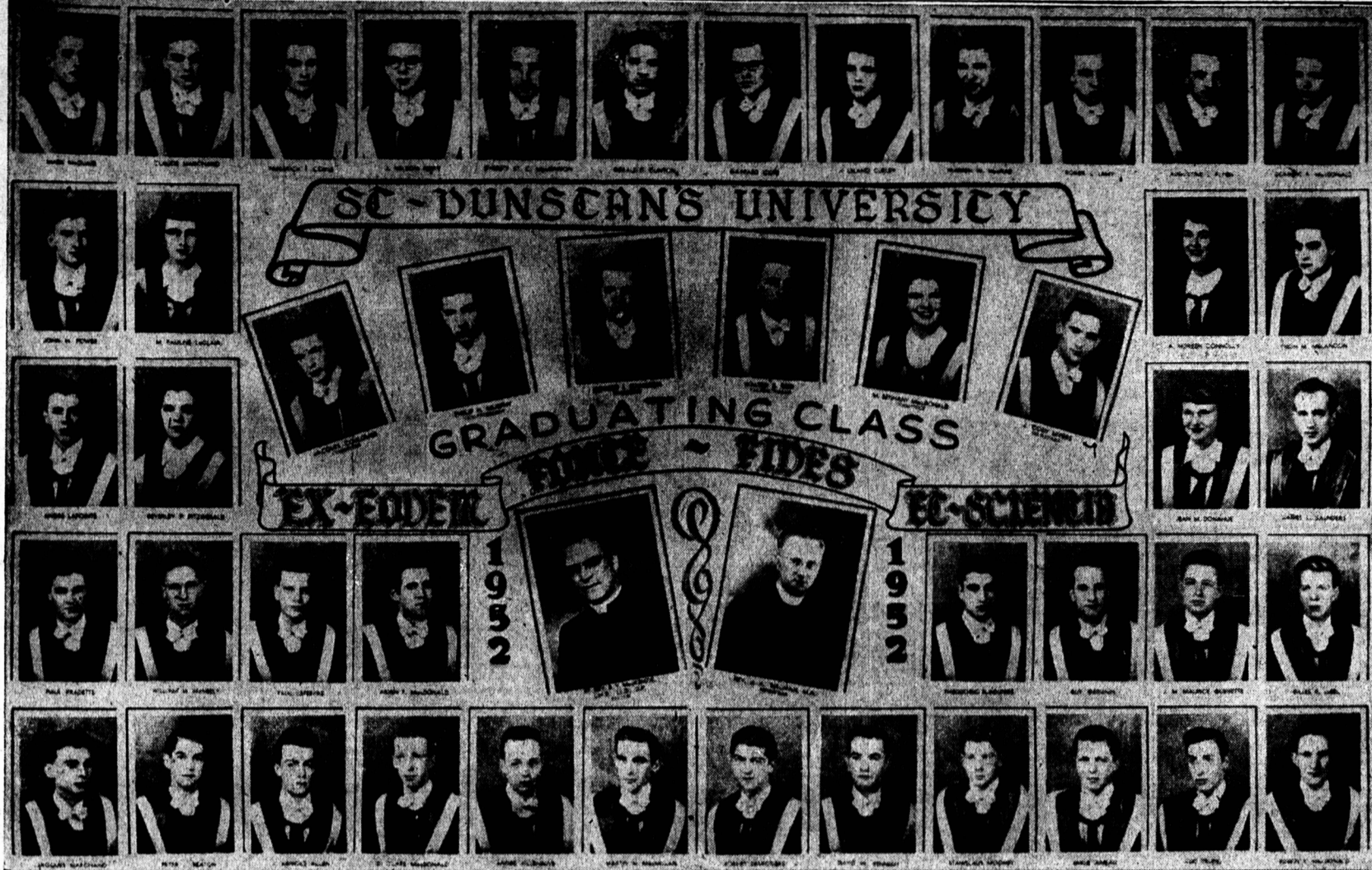
She arose, an undefinable uneasiness urging her to leave the room, to get away from his efficient-looking brief case and his probing questions.

"Will that be all then, Mr. Prentice?"

He nodded briskly, already dismissing her from his mind as though she were a summons that he had delivered and could forget.

"Yes," he said, "that will be all. But don't forget Thursday, Miss Harris—it's more important than you realize."

After leaving Dr. Farquhar's office, Janet hurried on to the clinic. Her mind was in a turmoil. Why was it necessary for her to be present at the reading of the will? She



Reading from top down and left to right—
 Top Row: Mark McQuaid, Claude Marchand, Frederick Coyle, Nelson Perry, Everett MacKinnon, Gerald Clinton, Gaspard Cote, Leland Curley, Warren McRae, Roger Lamy, Augustine Flynn, Dominic MacDonald.
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wasn't even a witness. Also, there had been something peculiar in Mr. Prentice's attitude and the odd twinkle in Dr. Farquhar's eyes. She gave up trying to puzzle it out as she reached the office.

"Were you planning anything for this evening, Miss Harris?"

"Why no, Dr. Eynon, nothing special."

"I was wondering if you'd have dinner with me. You see, I was on the verge of asking you last week when Naomi Farquhar telephoned and told me that Dr. Stoneleigh, the famous pediatrician, was staying with them. And I couldn't miss that."

She laughed at his bluntness. He looked surprised, then suddenly realizing what he had just said, he colored in embarrassment. "I mean—that is—I did not mean—"

"Never mind, I understand, and I'd like very much to have dinner with you."

The cuisine was excellent, from the thick onion soup to the maroon glaze and the amber-colored sherry. Afterward they just sat and talked leisurely. Janet was startled to find that her companion liked books as much as she.

"Dr. Stoneleigh has just returned from the Pediatricians convention; he says they've made wonderful progress along—Janet you are not listening."

She turned sharply. "Yes, I am—the wine made me sleepy but I'm listening."

"I called you Janet," he said as though he made a discovery.

"Yes, it sounded very nice."

"I think this 'Dr. Eynon,' 'Miss Harris' business has gone on too long."

"I'm afraid I don't know your first name."

"It's Richard. The middle part is long and tongue-twisting—I'm Welsh, you know. Say it, Janet."

"Richard," she said softly.

"You know, I never liked it until now."

"You're too pretty to take life so seriously."

"To be continued."

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Mr. Alec Arsenault, Korean War Veteran, left on Monday, May 12th, for Montreal, where he will enter hospital for treatment. Alec's many friends wish him a speedy return to good health.

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 18. Falsehood |
| 1. Crust on a wound | 1. Shelter, as from sun | 21. Lofly mountain |
| 2. A red bird | 2. A red bird | 22. God of flocks |
| 3. Kind of rock | 3. Confederate | 23. The poke-pleasure (Egypt.) |
| 4. God of Nigeria | 4. God of pleasure (Egypt.) | 24. Hovels |
| 5. Nobleman | 5. Swift | 25. Thin |
| 6. German president (1919-25) | 6. Laboratory (shortened) | 26. Drone |
| 7. Whirlpool | 7. Awry (dial.) | 30. Turf |
| 8. To foretoken | 8. To foretoken | 32. Projecting ends |
| 9. Close, as a hawk's eyes | 9. Close, as a hawk's eyes | 33. Church departs |
| 10. Bogins | 10. Bogins | 35. Unadorned |
| 11. Babylonian deity | 11. Babylonian deity | |
| 12. Nobleman | | |
| 13. German president (1919-25) | | |
| 14. Whirlpool | | |
| 15. Exist from sun | | |
| 16. Greek letter | | |
| 17. Hawaiian wreath | | |
| 18. Permit | | |
| 19. Erbitum (sym.) | | |
| 20. Claw | | |
| 21. Half a quart | | |
| 22. Not fresh | | |
| 23. Measures of 4 inches | | |
| 24. Pronoun | | |
| 25. Dip food into liquid (dial.) | | |
| 26. Indefinite article | | |
| 27. Amount | | |
| 28. Sack | | |
| 29. Young bear | | |
| 30. Pronoun | | |
| 31. Gourdlie fruit | | |
| 32. Australian marsupial | | |
| 33. Analyze grammatically | | |
| 34. More certain | | |
| 35. Fields | | |
| 36. Plant ovula | | |
| 37. Methods | | |



Saturday's Answer: 37. So. Am. rodent 39. Sheltered side 40. Animal's foot

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to crack it: **W A X Y D L B A A K E** is **L O N G F E L L O W**

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Question

S J A S Y E R S D X E M S K T J T C N S X N
H J N K D J D K E A S Y D K I K L M N T S J E
U J M C H J A N N A X Q D

Saturday's Cryptogram: **LARGE WAS HIS BOUNTY, AND HIS SOUL SINCERE—GRAY.**

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

BY WINIFRED E. WILSON



THE ODD SANDPIPER

The Pectoral Sandpiper is the odd member of the family—odd in both actions and looks. In spring flocks of them pass through Canada on the way from their South American winter resort to their breeding grounds, which extend across our Arctic, from Alaska, to an island at the entrance to Hudson Bay, and about as far south as Churchill. Autumn migration carries large numbers of them down the east coast of our continent. The majority return by the Mississippi Valley, though there are always a few to be seen in our eastern provinces in May.

Most Sandpipers are waders, standing in shallow water along the borders of lakes and rivers to catch their meals of insects, or crustaceans. But the Pectoral likes wet meadows and pools in pastures. Favourite feeding grounds are salt marshes back from the coast. Do not expect to find one where there is no grass land.

One unusual habit of the Pectoral Sandpiper is to stop, now and again, and stand watchful, head erect and neck well extended. Indeed, this bird commonly carries its head higher than do its relatives. Its flight, too, is different, more zig-zag, like the flight of Wilson's Snipe. Notice, also, that the familiar white wing stripe is missing.

When on the ground it seems to be marked similarly to the rest of the family: mottled brown above, white beneath. But although very much like an enlarged Least Sandpiper, the Pectoral may be distinguished from all others by a plainly defined, dark breast-band, which is responsible for its name. Its long legs are distinctive because of their green colour; its long, slender bill is straight. Another interesting fact about this bird is its far from uniform size, which ranges from 8 to 9 1/2 inches.

Perhaps the Pectoral's most peculiar characteristic is something that we rarely have the opportunity of finding out for ourselves. In the breeding season, the male develops a neck sack or pouch, formed of the skin of the throat and breast. This can be inflated to an extraordinary extent—in fact it may become nearly as large as the body. Flying upwards 20 or 30 yards, skywards, he inflates this pouch, and glides down slowly, then, with head raised and short tail depressed, he gives a song which is rather well imitated by blowing across the top of a bottle. Strutting about the female, he continues his curious, yet musical love song. Are Hummingbird babies small?

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