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Marrying Mark

By VIOLETTE KIMBALL DUNN

He was astonished at the thought of her leaving filled him with fear. He had never thought of it through the strangeness of Ellen's passing, or after. Even though he and Valerie had made contact only through the veil of his wife's acquiescence, he found himself waiting anxiously for what she would say.

In the end, she didn't say anything. Just turned suddenly and clasped her thin young arms as far around him as they would go. It brought her face somewhere toward the middle of his waistcoat. Mark felt his throat tighten for the first time since they told him Ellen had taken her permanent departure from Wide Acres; and as he had an ingrained distrust of too many words, and no intention of adding to the emotion which seemed to drench his house, he merely added his other arm to the one already around her; and they sat and held each other tightly.

"So that's settled," he said presently. "If Dorothy says any more about it, just send her to me." Soft footsteps in the hall, and Dorothy's face full of sorrow and authority at the door. Behind her Paul, her husband. Mark became conscious that the sounds from below had ceased. Or rather that they had become the soft thud of retreating footsteps, and the sound of cars starting in the drive outside.

"It was a lovely service," said Dorothy. Mark felt relief that she stated the fact, instead of asking him a question. "I know darling Ellen would be happy if she could know all the people who came to be with her. Or maybe she does know."

She drew a wisp of black and white chiffon from her sleeve. Her husband patted her arm consolingly. "There will be another brief service at the cemetery, of course. Get your things on, Valerie. It's time to leave."

"But surely—a child—" began Mark. He found himself trembling curiously. So much so that it was hard to speak clearly. He didn't remember that he had eaten practically nothing for two days, or that for two nights before Ellen went he had not taken off his clothes. There was no special reason why anybody should have noticed him. Nor any reason why Ellen should abandon the spotlight even while the semblance of her was there to hold it.

Dorothy looked at him coldly. It was the first time since Ellen's second marriage that she had felt unimpressed by her sister. What good was Mark's money to Ellen now.

"I hope Valerie is old enough to show her devotion to her mother. It's the last thing she will ever be able to do for her."

Valerie began to cry softly, with little nervous sobs. Mark clenched his fists as if he could in this way stop the ridiculous chattering of his teeth. Having inherited his money, and so being quite accustomed to it, he wondered as he faced Dorothy why she had always disliked him so. His thoughts wandered to his knees, which suddenly seemed surprisingly to take leave of their joints and leave for some area beyond his control.

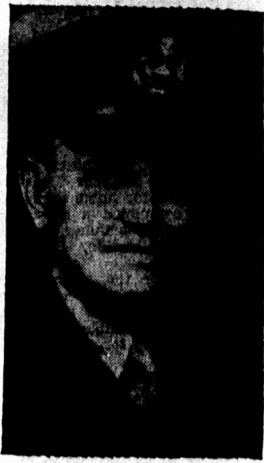
"I forbid Valerie to go to the cemetery," he managed to say.

As a matter of fact, further risks for Ellen proceeded without either of them, for after he had issued this command, he suddenly folded up on the rug before the fire in the first faint of his life. He dimly remembered that Paul said something about "Shock," and that Valerie flung herself beside him stammering words that sounded like "no food—no sleep."

After that he knew very little about anything until he woke in a flood of sunlight in his own room the following morning.

Sitting with Valerie over a late breakfast, he found himself making plans. This would have surprised him if he had thought about it. At home, it had been Ellen who did the planning. She had even tried to plan his business, during the first year they were married; had learned, by means of intelligent questions, almost as much about Mark's big chemical plant as the efficient young woman who was his secretary. In-

Meets U.S. Forces



Major General William F. Dean (above), 51, commanding the 24th Infantry Division, has been picked by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to command all American forces in Korea. A native of Carlyle, Ill., Gen. Dean was chief of American occupation forces in South Korea before they were withdrawn in 1949.

Poultry Club Holds First of Planned Series of Tours

The first of five poultry club tours was held July 20th when Rustico club journeyed west through Freetown, Bedeque, Borden, thence to Charlottetown. The first stop was at Lloyd Burns' poultry farm at Freetown. Here the group received an insight into R.O.P. work in poultry, and also in the care and management of a large poultry farm.

Next stop was at Ivan Dawson's at Bedeque where the group were shown through the Bedeque R.O.P. Breeder Hatchery owned and operated by Messrs. Burns and Dawson.

Then the tour started for Charlottetown by the South Shore road, stopping off at Borden for lunch and to see the "Abegweit" ferry. Next stop was Charlottetown and Swift Canadian Co. Hatchery where Mr. George Buntain, Manager, had a very generous supply of cokes and ice cream for the group. After the refreshments, Mr. Buntain took the group through the hatchery (37,000 egg capacity) explaining in detail the operations of the hatchery from the time the eggs are trayed until the chicks go out to the buyers.

Next stop was at Wheatley Bros. Poultry Farm, Royalty Road. Here the group had the pleasure to view approximately twelve thousand pullets on range and it was here they finished up their remaining rolls of film.

The Experimental Farm was last stop, where Mr. Lorne Ramsay, Poultryman, took the group through the Poultry houses and explained the different experiments going on, also the feeding, ventilation, R.O.P. trapping, etc. and invited the group to come to the Experimental Farm at any time and keep in touch with the experimental work carried on there.

Mrs. Emile DuLong, Wheatley River, Adult Leader, expressed her thanks on behalf of the club to the owners of the places visited and also to Mr. C. McIsaac and H. MacLean, Department of Agriculture, for planning and conducting the tour.

deed, their honeymoon was hardly over before she had put her arms thrillingly around him and begged him to let her assume that office.

Mark had almost doubted his ears. After he became better acquainted with the inflexible will of Ellen, he wondered how he had been able to stand so solidly against her in this. Wondered that she believed him when he told her he had married a wife, and not a business partner.

"Isn't it exciting?" asked Valerie over the rim of a tall glass of milk.

"What?" "Just sitting here like this—together. No lessons for me and no office for you." She had apparently forgotten for the moment the reason for this. Let her forget the thought of Mark's no intention of turning the place into a place of mourning.

"Don't you like your school?" he asked. She hesitated for a long moment, facing him with a sort of shy speculation. "Not very much." "Why not?" "Of course, everybody is very nice," she hurried to tell him. "But you see it's so far—and cold."

"Nobody seems to care. I mean, you feel like a machine." To be continued

York Highlights

Miss Helen Lewis stenographer left recently on an intended visit to Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watts, Grand Tracadie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis recently.

Mr. Neville Watts, Grand Tracadie, is in York visiting his cousin Master Frankie Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crockett spent the week-end as guests of Mrs. Crockett's mother Mrs. MacPherson, Orville Cove.

Miss Florence MacMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Orr McCann and two children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund MacMillan, York.

Miss Marjorie Chandler of North Milton is visiting in York the guests of her cousins Miss Fern, Lorna and Shirley Vessey, York.

Rev. J. and Mrs. Douglass, Misses Mary and Jean and Master Daniel Douglass are holidaying on the beautiful shore at Augustine Cove.

Mrs. William Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Lockley Bowen and Miss Donna Bowen of Wheatley River motored to York and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ling.

Congratulations were extended to Miss Elizabeth MacDonald of York who won 2nd place in the essay contest sponsored by the W. C. T. U. recently.

Mrs. Florrie Whitehead of Mass. U. S. A. who has been vacationing for the past four summers in York her former home, is at present the guest of Mrs. Herbert Vessey.

Miss Earla Ling, York who was visiting in Brookfield, for several days the guest of Miss Annie MacLean, has returned to her home in York accompanied by Miss MacLean who is vacationing in York.

Many friends of Master Blair son of Mr. and Mrs. Allison, West Parkdale, will regret to hear of his entrance as a patient in Prince Edward Island Hospital for operation for tonsils. They wish him a speedy recovery.

The Misses Mildred, Shirley and Doris Mann of Kensington, who were spending a pleasant holiday in York the guests of Misses Gladys Elizabeth and Muriel MacDonald have returned to their home in Kensington.

The annual Sunday School Picnic of York United Church was held at Stanhope by the sea. While the youngsters enjoyed the salty waters with floats and swimming, the elders ones lounged lazily on the long sandy beach with the balmy breeze. Races were called and many races for the boys and girls were run. Each child receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reward for or her effort. Lastly but not least the picnic supper was spread on tables provided outdoors and in the kitchen shelters. Many old friends met and new friends were made.

The regular monthly meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of York United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Richard Vessey on June 13th. The worship service was led by Mrs. Minto Foster. Mrs. Earl Ling, Mrs. Walter Mallett and Mrs. Frank Vessey, the theme being, "People grow older." Devotional part of meeting closed by the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds."

The business part of meeting opened with roll call answered by seventeen members and two visitors. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Offering amounted to \$1.75. Next roll call to be answered with a verse containing the word "Unto". There was a distribution of Sympathy and Everyday cards.

Mrs. Harold, Watts and Mrs. Lewis Vessey to remember Doris Taylor and Mrs. Harry Lewis to care for Memorial Vase. Eleven sick calls were reported being made. Mrs. Earl Ling invited the July meeting to her home. Lunch committee to be Mrs. Allan Swan and Mrs. Raymond Vessey. Meeting closed by repeating "The Lord Prayer" in unison.

The Junior Mission Band met at the home of the Leader, Mrs. Dewar Swan. The theme of the meeting is "Purpose". Meeting opened by singing hymn No. 588 in Unison, Lord's Prayer. Business period opened by reading of minutes of last meeting. Roll call was answered by eighteen members responded by favorite pet. Collection .69. "We give Thee but There own." Story—"The Visit to Korea, Prayer—Hymn 590, Benediction. Song and encore, "Twinkle little Star" and "Here we go around the Mulberry Bush" by Misses Jean, Donna, Mary, Lorna, Pauline. Games ended a pleasant afternoon's meeting.

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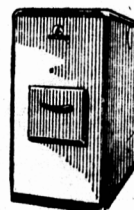
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