Whirlwind

by Norma Newcomb

CHAPTER NINE
Part One

"I am but a servant, Miss Wingate. Don't you think that it is up to you to make the decision?"

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"Dronda Moore married!" Helen kept murmuring to herself, half in wonder. "Dronda Moore married!"

She hadn't believed sister Jenny at first. How could she know 'way out there in Kansas? But the answer to the telegram she had dispatched had left no room for doubt.

"Of course Dronda is married. Ask her about Bill Burke's brother Harold."

To tell Jimmy or not to tell him, that was the question. Or the beginning of the question. For if Jimmy stopped paying Dronda court, would he start wooing Sally again? She certainly could not do anything to bring that about. But on the other hand, didn't Jimmy have some claim on her? They'd known one another for a long time, and . . .

"Sally!"

"Yes?" The girl sounded preoccupied.

"What did you say to Jimmy last evening?"

"Plenty."

"How'd he take it?"

"The usual way. A laugh. Nothing can disturb Jimmy's equanimity."

"Such a big word for a small girl."

Sally appeared in the doorway, looking grim. "I said a lot of big things last night, Helen. And I meant them. I'll teach Jimmy a lesson he'll never forget."

"Aw, he's not a bad guy."

Sally stamped her foot. "How can you say that, after the way he treated you?"

"I've been kissed before, dear."

She told Sally the first lie that entered her head. Why not? She'd told herself bigger ones. For instance, she'd told herself that she didn't love Jimmy, didn't love Jimmy, didn't love him at all.

"Maybe he'll get a lesson from Dronda, Sally. Let him alone huh?"

"Oh, no. I'm going to take him away from her, and then!"

"Think you can do it?"

"I'm the same girl he begged for a date."

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Evening — and a countryside shimmering in the glow of a full, brilliant moon. And the air filled with the sweet scent of flowers and a sighing breeze. Philip Jethrup felt profoundly moved as he took Catherine Wingate's hand and helped her over the stiles of the little fence. "Tired, darling?"

"Philip, I'm never tired when I'm with you."

"Sweet." He brought her hands to his lips and kissed them, first one then the other, then all over again, while she shivered deliciously.

"Philip, you'll wear them out!"

"Or my lips. Well they'll be worn out in a good cause."

"Just two more weeks, Philip. Think of it, just two more weeks!"

"I couldn't think of anything else if I wanted to, darling." And that was the truth. When horror is about to enfold you in its arms it is difficult to think about anything else.

As though sensing his thought, which was exactly what had happened, she withdrew her hands from his. A mosquito whirred in her ear and she slapped at it ineffectually. "Now let's stop acting, huh, Philip?"

"I—I beg your pardon?" Lost in his own thoughts, he really had not heard.

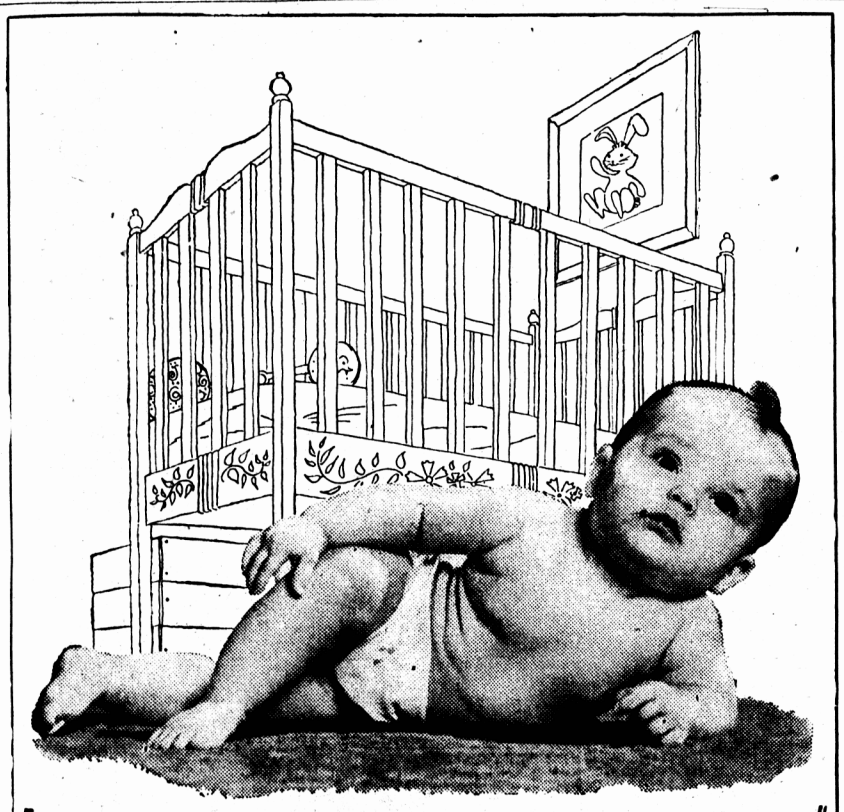
"I said, let's stop acting. You don't want to marry me, isn't that so?"

Yes, Cathie," he said firmly, "I do."

"Philip!"

He caught her up and took her into his arms. "Yes, darling, it's you I've always really loved."

To be continued



"It's time Pop knew some of the facts of life!"

Funny thing about parents. They can be so smart about some things — and blind to other things.

Take *my* Pop, for instance. When I first bowed into this confusing world, he was wise enough to take out more life insurance. Now, if anything happens to him, Mom will still have money for groceries and rent. And I can go on playing here, instead of at some nursery while Mother earns a living.

For that, I give Pop full credit. Yet he's always complaining about how tough it is to save *more* money these days. Why can't he see that he can use life insurance—with its system for putting money aside regularly—to reach *other* goals. That way, saving's as easy as sucking a toe!

Another thing. As I observe economic conditions in this great nation of ours, one fact is increasingly evident! *Every dollar that's saved helps to check inflation.* So we should all save as much as we can, every way we can.

That's what I'm going to tell Pop. And if he doesn't listen to reason, I'll just drool all over his new tie!

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OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams

Women's Institute Meetings

BALTIC W.I.

— The February meeting of the Baltic W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Burns. Meeting opened by singing the "ode" followed by the "creed" in unison. Five members answered roll call with their favorite name and a former member rejoined.

Mrs. Bruce Riley was appointed to buy flowers or a potted plant for a patient in the hospital.

Sick committee had no report and the school committee reported a blackboard brush needed

A letter was read from the March of Dimes and it was moved and seconded that $1.00 be donated from funds, also to send for one booklet on the Atomic Bomb. Money was paid in for two cases of cans and $3.30 for capsules, also 25c membership fees. Program was "Sing, Say or Pay".

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. James Cousins when roll call will be answered by "A special supper dish recipe." Program committee will be Mrs. David Cousins and Mrs. Sutherland Cousins.

Meeting closed by singing "The Queen", followed by two minutes silence in memory of the King. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. James Cousins.

STERLING W.I.

Mrs. W.I. Green entertained the members of Sterling W.I. at her home for their February meeting. The president, Mrs. Elmer Fyfe presided and the meeting opened by singing "The More We Get Together", followed by repeating the "Creed" in unison.

The roll call was responded to by fifteen members, each telling something interesting about another Institute. There were two visitors present. The minutes of the last monthly meeting were then read and approved and the secretary reported $74.00 as proceeds from three card parties, also the purchase of a gas stove.

The visiting committee reported having made four sick calls treats taken and also having sent flowers to a sick member in hospital. The school committee reported having visited the school and that a water bucket was needed. They also reported that the children were having hot cocoa at noon. All bills were presented and on motion paid.

The following new committees were appointed: Visiting, Mrs. Ray Douglas and Miss Buchanan; School, Mrs. Elmer Fyfe and Mrs. Alban Bolger. The correspondence included three cards of thanks for treats received and one member personally extended thanks for treats, cards and visits while she was ill.

It was moved and seconded to take out a group membership of the Drama Festival Association and it was also moved to send five dollars to the Canadian March of Dimes. Mrs. Ray Douglas was appointed to discuss the fourth lesson in "Home Nursing" at the next meeting.

It was moved and seconded to buy a kettle, dishpan, two lanterns, two trays and a filter for use in the Institute room.

Mrs. Earle Henry then invited the members for the next meeting and the following committees were appointed: Lunch, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. F.S. Bell, Mrs. Gordon Fyfe, Mrs. Elmer Fyfe and Mrs. Wallace MacKay; programme, Mrs. Elmer Fyfe. Roll call is to be answered with an Irish joke. Collection was taken which amounted to $1.70 and 35c fees.

Mrs. Green and Mrs. H.S. MacEwen read and discussed the third lesson in "Home Nursing" assisted by Mrs. John MacKay and Mrs. Cranford MacKay. Mrs. F.S. Bell read a paper on the planning of home meals.

Mrs. Fleming entertained with a W.I. quiz which was won by Mrs. Elmer Fyfe and Mrs. Lorne MacEwen. A two minute silence was then observed in tribute to the departed sovereign, King George VI.

Meeting closed by singing "God Save The Queen" after which lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

BRACKLEY W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brackley Women's Institute was held on Feb. 13th at the home of Mrs. Charles Mellett with Mrs. Earl Clark presiding. The meeting opened by singing the "Ode", followed by repeating the "Creed". Thirteen members and four visitors were present, and three new members joined.

The work on the quilt was progressing rapidly and a quilting party was planned at the home of Mrs. Frank Blatch, with everyone contributing to the refreshments. All members voted to send in membership fees to both the Drama and Musical Festival Associations, also a donation to the T.B. League.

Several members voiced their thanks for fruit received when ill. It was thought a pleasant way to aid finances would be to hold knitting parties, Mrs. Leslie Prowse to be hostess for the first party with Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cudmore and Mrs. Blatch on the lunch committee; also each member to be responsible for an entertainment during the year or a contribution of $2.00.

Mrs. James MacKay and Mrs. Willard Prowse held two successful card parties during the month. School committee then reported the needs of the school had been attended to, and the sick committee reported boxes of fruit sent, also one baby gift.

New committees were appointed as follows: School, Mrs. Leona Cameron and Miss Marion Younker; sick committee, Mrs. Willard Prowse and Mrs. Raymond Sellick; program, Mrs. Keith Cudmore and Mrs. James MacKay; lunch, Mrs. Willard Prowse and Mrs. Harvey Jenkins. Hostess, Mrs. James MacKay.

Red Cross work was distributed to members and it was hoped films might be procured for Education Week. Presentation was made of gifts by Mrs. Earl Clark to Mrs. Raymond Sellick, Mrs. Geo. Jackson and Mrs. James MacKay. An interesting program was put on by Mrs. Leona Cameron in the form of a "Twenty Questions Quiz", and lunch was served by committee in charge.

ALMA W.I.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Alma Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wallace Donald on Thursday evening, February 14th with the president, Mrs. Arthur Rennie presiding.

The meeting opened with the Institute "Ode" followed by "creed" in unison. Fourteen members answered the roll call with a donation to the grab bag and three visitors were present. The minutes were read and approved.

The sick committee reported they had made two sick calls and had delivered two treats. New committees were appointed as follows: Sick, Miss Catherine Wallace; sick, Mrs. Earl Barbour and Miss Marion Barbour; lunch Mrs. Ralph Rennie and Miss Catherine Wallace. Correspondence was read and dealt with. Collection for the evening amounted to $3.40. One member paid dues.

The Home Nursing Course, Lesson III. was read by Mrs. Archie Barbour and Mrs. Wallace Donald which dealt with the daily care of a patient in bed, bed or pressure sores, and bed bath. Roll call for the next meeting is to be answered by a joke along with a donation to grab bag.

Mrs. Isaac Dunbar kindly invited members to her home next month. The meeting closed by singing, "God Save The Queen", and the hostess, assisted by lunch committee, served refreshments.

RIVERDALE-CHURCHILL W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverdale, Churchill Women's Institute, was held at the home of Shirley and Joyce MacDonald.

The meeting opened by singing the "Ode" and repeating the "Creed" in unison and roll call was answered by each member bringing something for fish pond and paying 5 cents to fish.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. There were 13 members and one visitor present.

Correspondence was read by the secretary and considerable discussion took place concerning a flag for the school. It was decided to price them before the next meeting. It was also decided to have Mrs. Garfield MacFadyen purchase five yards of cotton for a quilt back, members in Churchill to put quilt top together and everyone come to quilt it.

Some discussion took place concerning anniversary supper for members, and it was decided to leave it over till the March meeting, which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Guy MacLeod. Roll call is to be answered with one-half a yard of print cotton

A contest was put on by Joyce MacDonald, the prize being won by Mrs. J. O. MacLeod. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

HONG KONG RIOT — Steel-helmeted firemen play a hose on a blazing auto, overturned by rioters in Hong Kong when some 10,000 Communist-led students and workers battled British police and soldiers in this most recent outbreak of violence. Many were injured, including two American diplomatic officials.

NEW ARGYLE Y. P. U.

Th regular meeting of the Y. P. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Harry MacNevin on February 24.

The meeting opened by singing hymn 485, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," and Scripture was read by Florence Darrach, taken from St. John, Chapter 14, verse 3.

Prayer was led by Lillian MacNevin, followed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and adopted, and roll call was answered by repeating a verse of scripture taken from St. John, Chapter 14. Collection amounted to 88 cents. Hymn 682, "I Joyed When To The House of God" was sung.

New business then followed and letters of thanks were read from Isabelle Inman, Crapaud, and Kenneth McLean, for refreshments sent them. John McEachern donated a box of chocolates to the Young Peoples, the lucky winner of which was Florence MacDougall.

Committees for the next meeting are as follows:—

Scripture — Mrs. Melville Ferguson. Prayer — Florence MacDougall. Entertainment — Mrs. John MacEachern and Mrs. Melville Ferguson.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Melville Ferguson

Roll call to be answered by one verse in the 10th Chapter of St. Mark. Hymn 623, "Jesus Loves Me This I Know," was then sung.

It was decided to hold a crokinole party and a grab bag at the home of Mrs. Melville Ferguson.

The meeting closed by repeating the Mizpah Benediction, followed by singing "God Save the Queen." Lunch was served by the hostess and several members, after which a social hour was spent in games.

BRACKLEY SCHOOL

The following is the standing of Brackley School for the half year.

Grade IX.—1. Lena Kelly; 2. Gail Prowse.

Grade VIII.—1. Ernest Roper; 2. Allan Blatch; 3. Marlene MacDonald.

Grade VII.—1. John Blatch; 2. Wallace Jackson; 3. James MacDonald.

Grade VI.—1. Ernest Bryenton; 2. Clair Bryenton.

Grade V.—1. Virginia MacKay; 2. Fay MacDonald; 3. Harry MacDonald.

Grade IV.—1. Bernice Newson; 2. Marie Bryenton; 3. Dorothy Proude.

Grade III.—1. Audrey Strickland; 2. Luella Clark; 3. Hazel Walker.

Grade II.—1. Carol MacMillan; 2. Faye Sellick; 3. Jeanne Jenkins.

Grade I. Sr.—1. Donnie Roper; 2. Betty Bryenton.

Grade I. Jr.—1. Louis Bambrick; 2. Jean Bambrick.

Honors 90% and over in order of merit. Carol MacMillan, Virginia MacKay, Bernice Newson, Donnie Roper, Faye Sellick, Marie Bryenton.

Highest average — Carol MacMillan 97.2%.

Class Marks—Virginia MacKay and Bernice Newson (equal) 100%.

Speed and Accuracy in Arithmetic — Junior Grades. Virginia MacKay.

Speed and Accuracy in Arithmetic—Senior Grades — Ernest Roper.

Highest marks in Spellings—Virginia MacKay and Marlene MacDonald (equal) 100%.

Most Improvement—Gail Prowse.

Leona G. Cameron—Teacher.

NORTHERN PROPERTY

Sovereignty over Arctic Islands based on discovery by British sailors was transferred by Britain to Canada in 1880.

TESTING V-BOMBS

ROME, March 7— (AP)—The Italian News Agency Ansa said today the Russians are testing V-bombs on the Baltic coast. Quoting its Stockholm correspondent, the agency said the Russian bases for the manoeuvres are near Kolberg and the missiles are landing in a lake on Oesel Island, 425 miles to the northeast. That is the same distance from Kolberg as Essen, in West Germany's industrial Ruhr.

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