

# Unholy Bond

By Cameron Dockery

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### Part Two

Janet regained consciousness, aware of a gentle, undulating motion. Her body was rising and falling pleasantly, yet whatever was holding it was firm and secure.

She opened her eyes, saw the sanitarist sliding past and because the sight made her dizzy, she quickly closed them again. She was in Richard's arms being carried upstairs.

He took her to her room and laid her on her own massive bed. When she awoke her rubbing her wrists briskly.

She felt completely relaxed and without weight as though all the strength had been drained from her. It was a moment before her lids parted.

"I'm sorry, Richard, it was silly of me to faint."

A grin played over his mouth, but his eyes were dark with anxiety. "Do you make a habit of it?"

"No, this is the first time."

He stared at her uncertainly and the smile faded. "I've been a fool, Janet—an utter fool."

His words warmed her.

Had she been wrong all these weeks? Had Richard seen something in her other than an efficient nurse and manager?

"I've been acting as though you had six arms and legs and a dozen hands—expecting you to do everything as well as assist me with my work."

"But that was our plan, Richard, and now I have failed you."

"It wasn't our plan to work you like a dray horse. I've been selfish—I forgot that five children meant doing everything five more times than usual."

She started to sit up and he pushed her back firmly. "No, you're going to stay here and rest. I'll bring you up a tray for luncheon."

"Richard, you know I can't do that—the children can't manage themselves."

"Mrs. Miles can serve their luncheons and I'll take care of them this afternoon."

"I'll rest while they take their naps," she suggested.

"No, you'll stay right here in your own bed until tomorrow morning."

She shut her eyes again. . . . It would be so wonderful just to lie there for several hours without worrying about the children. Richard's next words startled her.

"Where is that address Miss Hartigan gave you?"

"Abigail Hartigan? But Richard, I thought you didn't—"

He smiled. "I let her get under my skin. It was foolish of me—she's obviously a good-hearted soul. Just incense, that's all."

"I'm afraid she's that way all the time, though."

Richard's face had been so peculiar when Abigail made the remark about Cliff Bronson. Janet had hoped it might be a pang of jealousy.

"Well, no matter," he said. "She is strong and capable, and having someone who can give a message is really a manna from Heaven."

"But she's talkative — she might get on your nerves."

He laughed. "Not half so much as five little bundles of undiluted energy. It was just that one remark of hers—I know Bronson doesn't like me and having her say that annoyed me. I was already irritated because he was responsible for sending me our first patient. I don't like being grateful to someone I—"

"Dislike?" Janet interposed.

"No—someone who dislikes me. It has no feeling for Bronson."

# Women's Meeting Urges Queen Take Things Easy

By Heather Grims

LONDON, May 29 —(Reuters)—Six thousand women counselled the Queen's advisers to "be sensible" about her social program and not to overwork her.

Delegates to the annual conference of the 350,000-strong National Federation of Women's Institutes—women's clubs in small towns and villages—expressed concern at their "beloved young Queen's" heavy duties.

"Remember she is a wife and mother," they said in a resolution. "Don't prevent her from enjoying to the full her home and family life."

The resolution expressed the thought that has been in most Briton's minds since the Queen ascended the throne. The life of a monarch nowadays is a social marathon.

Besides, Britons want to see the Queen as a good mother as well as a good queen. As a princess, she was able to give more time than she now can to her two children, Prince Charles and Princess

Anne.

The British Medical Journal advised the Queen's counsellors to see "the stresses and strain of Queenship are not borne at the expense and fulfilment of motherhood."

The first three months of the Queen's reign have been comparatively easy. But court mourning ends Saturday and she will feel the impact of her position for the first time.

She will be plunged straight into the busiest month of her busy year, a June crammed with exacting engagements.

She will attend the Royal tournament—a circus-style show put on by the army—June 4, and the next day will celebrate her official birthday by riding a side-saddle at the spectacular trooping of the color ceremony. (Her Majesty's birthday is being celebrated on June 9 in Canada.)

During the month she will also receive the curtesies of 600 debutantes, play hostess at a Windsor Castle house party, make personal appearances on the three days of the Royal Ascot races, present trophies at the household cavalry competition, and visit Edinburgh, her Scottish capital.

To prepare for the royal rigors ahead the Queen went to Scotland today, to Balmoral Castle for a week's vacation. The Duke of Edinburgh and the two children went with her.

one way or the other. As a matter of fact, I hardly know him, even professionally. However, it's very evident he dislikes me—in fact, I think he believes that in some way I'm responsible for the criticism Windell gave him.

Tears of weakness and disappointment sprang to Janet's eyes. She turned her head away from Richard. The conversation had come full circle; she had hoped there would be a break somewhere but it was complete.

"Perhaps you had better get in touch with Abigail," she said. "She has no phone, but the people at this number will call her."

He drew a quilt up over her legs and tiptoed from the room. A few minutes later she heard the tinkle of the telephone, followed by an exultant shout from Richard.

"I got her, Janet, she'll be out within the hour."

Quietly Janet gave thanks for the Abigail Hartigans of the world.

Two hours later Janet awoke suddenly, aware that someone was near, looking down at her. Not Richard—Abigail Hartigan. Seeing Janet staring at her as she sat down on the slipper chair beside the bed, her back as stiff and unbending as a poker.

To be continued

### PARK CORNER - FRENCH RIVER W.I.

Mrs. Vernon Cousins entertained the members of Coronation W.I. for their regular monthly meeting which was held on May 15.

The meeting opened with the vice-president, Mrs. Ralph MacLeod, in the chair, by singing the Innuite "Ode" and repeating the "Creed" in unison. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the roll call was answered by 18 members and nine visitors, each repeating a verse pertaining to "Mothers". One new member was welcomed to the group and one last year member rejoined.

The pantry sale which was held on May 2 proved to be a great success, proceeds amounting to \$37.76. Sick committee reported that two treats had been sent. Mrs. Frank Brown and Miss Jean Parsons were appointed on the sick committee for the next three months and school committee will

# Musical Festival Winners



Photo by Barter

Pictured above is the chorus from Glenaladale School, Tracadie Cross, which was awarded 82 marks and first place in Class 89 of the recent Festival of Music. Pupils shown are, Front row, left to right: Bernadette Power, Patsy Mullen.

Second row: Maurice Fitzpatrick, Bernice Smith, Paddy Smith, Vernon Smith. Third row: Patricia Fitzpatrick, Leonard MacQuillan, Eileen MacInnis, Theresa Griffin. Fourth row: Florence Hughes, Rosemary Farmer, Ada Fitzpatrick, Theresa Griffin. Fifth row: Freda MacQuillan, Mary Fiske, Edna Smith, Mary Power. Sixth row: Mildred Mullen, Marion Smith, Mary E. Conn, Catherine Smith.

be George Henry Meek and Mrs. George Howatt. Correspondence was read which consisted of a letter from the Salvation Army, a letter from the Windsor Can Company, also a letter asking for a donation to the "Lady Alexander Gift Fund", and "thank you" letters from those who received treats. It was moved and seconded to send \$5.00 to the Salvation Army and \$1.00 to the Lady Alexander Gift Fund. Members were very pleased to have Mrs. Ellis Proffitt present who gave a talk on the camping

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### Personals

The many friends of John Francis, Victoria, will be pleased to learn he is improving steadily following an unfortunate accident recently.

district convention which is to be held in Long River Hall on July 2. Miss Annie MacLeod on behalf of the members, thanked Mrs. Proffitt for attending the meeting. Roll call at the next meeting is to be answered with "ways to cut down on housework on hot days". Programme consisted of contests, prizes being won by Mrs. Edna Stewart and Mrs. John MacKay. Collection amounted to \$1.90 and dues were 70 cents.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which lunch was served by the hostess and ladies in charge.

### BUSY FISHERMEN

GRINDSTONE, Magalen Islands —(CP)—The lobster season opened here with indications of a good haul for fishermen after a remarkably good herring season. More than 10,000 barrels of herring were taken in this area of the St. Lawrence Gulf and all were sold at a good price.

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By George Clark

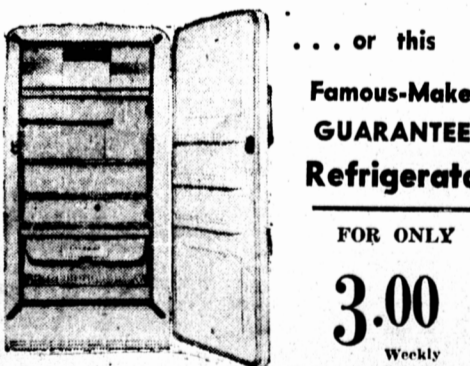
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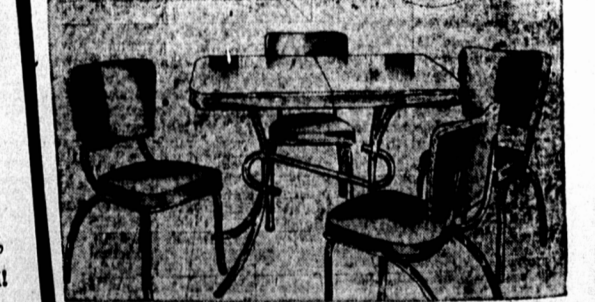
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