

Ninety Miles In A Coupe Trunk

BY WILLIAM W. STRUDWICK

WHAT HAS HAPPENED
Johnny Spivens, an impetuous youth disatisfied with things as home, secreted himself in the trunk of a strange car thinking he was with a gentleman of means and found later he was with a murderer. For hours he has ridden with a dead body.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
Hours later Johnny gingerly moved his head throbbled as though 1000 little devils were pounding his brain. Slowly consciousness came. He heard the steady hum of the powerful motor and the muffled tone of the exhaust.

He attempted to move. Excruciating pain shot through his body from head to toe; he barely was able to stifle an anguished outcry. Then he relaxed and dozed off into a troubled sleep. Outside the coupe zoomed and split the highway, blending itself with the shadow of the night. Trees and poles flew past in endless procession, while "the Boss" calmly poured more and more gas into the accelerator as if fleeing from theimps of Hell themselves. His swarthy face had a stricken, shy look of fear; though his every move was calm and deliberate.

Finally, the coupe slowed to a moderate pace, turned right, and then left into dark, dismal path winding away down into the swamp. Suddenly the coupe stopped. "The Boss" sounded the horn three times long and two short, instantly from nowhere it seemed three forms emerged from the shadows.

"Dat youse Boss?" queried one of the forms. Yeah, come heah you guys and get this package outa de back and case it-Avvy boomed "The Boss."—Shure-Boss, we Avvy." Came the answer from the shadows. Just at this point Johnny awoke to the extent that he heard the voices. Fortunately for him, two of the rags had stuck in the two of the rags had stuck in the ledge of the trunk and prevented his suffocation. Quick as a flash his youthful brain summed up the situation. He realized his only chance for escape was now while all of the gang was together in the darkness.

Crunch, Crunch, Crunch, the footsteps crunched on the gravel path coming towards the coupe. Johnny tensed his muscles and waited, the second dragged; then, fingers, fumbled on the trunk ledge "Dam!" muttered Jake under his breath. Swish! Blam! Up went the ledge and the two thugs bowed over. Quick as a flash Johnny sprang out-grim, grimy—from contact with the body of Sam but like a demon from another world fighting tooth and nail for life on top of the pair. The first two assailants were out. The other one coming in, came in fast, but Johnny was faster; a neat flying tackle, two enoppy blows in the midriff conquered the third rat. Now, the "Boss", who until now had sus-piciously nothing was becoming impatient.

"What th' hell's wrong with you louses?" he started. Just as the last word came-temporarily mad, steely fingers clamped themselves around his throat and his last word ended in a gulp.

"Open up! Open up! Yelled Johnny. Frantically "The Boss" opened Johnny sized him by the nape of his neck; and snatched him quickly to the ground; pounced upon him and began to pummel him viciously.

"Stop-Stop Stop! I'll tell—I'll tell—I'll confess!" The "Boss" whined. Thinking the young stalwart was one of the victims he had fled in Kenny Town. Johnny gave him one more paralyzing blow he had leaped from a friendly doctor in town and dumped him in the car. Just as the other thugs were reviving Johnny zoomed away with his captives in the Coupe.

How he sensed the direction or the distance back he never was able to tell. But after collecting the reward for capturing the murderer and crooked gambler and taking the hideout from which they trailed and captured other members of the gang, he was no longer unappreciated, misunderstood. Johnny had arrived from a ninety mile coupe trunk ride.

THE END

Trade Ass'n Convenes

CHARLOTTE—The Charlotte Negro Trade Association held another in its series of Sunday night Public Meetings at Brooklyn Presbyterian church on last Sunday night with Dr. Edson E. Blackman as the main speaker. The speaker, in a masterly address, gave many pointers as to securing success in business, from the point of view of both the business men and the consumers.

Other features of the meeting included a welcome address by W. S. Anderson and response by Dean T. E. McKinney, president of the Association, the object of the program given by H. S. Adams, and the introduction of the members of the Association by Ned Davis. Remarks were given by the pastor, Dr. L. B. West, and music was rendered by the choir.

The next Sunday night meeting will be held at Williams Tabernacle CME church, corner of Plum and Boundary Streets, on Sunday night, May 19.

MISS MARY TONKINS ILL

Friends of Miss Mary E. Tonkins will regret to learn of her being ill at Lincoln hospital, and hopes that she will soon be out again.

His Design Wins in Nationwide Contest



Roy DeCarvo of Cooper Union Art School, New York, with design for medal which was judged best of 200 submitted by Negro art students. The competition was sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association. Medals from the design will be given to the winner in the Association's annual Negro Essay Contest.

Margaret Heller Crowned 'Miss Hillside'

DURHAM—It was a gala occasion that accompanied the crowning of Miss Margaret Heller the new "Miss Hillside" at the Hillside high school Monday evening, May 6. She was acclaimed the school's most popular young lady after having sold 4,182 votes in the popularity contest which the Home Economics club sponsors annually for the girls of the 9th and 10th grades. She is a member of the junior class and her manager was Lawrence Ford.

Other contestants in order of popularity were: Misses Kathryn Evans, Margaret Tapp, Marie Johnson, Katie Gilmer, Norma Thomas, Thelma Hughes, Beatrice Walston and Dorothy Green.

The crowning ceremony began with a procession which featured the holder of the "Miss Hillside" title for 1939, Miss Ruth Josey. Her "court" was made of all the members of the Hillside Home Economics Club as well as the 1940 contestants and their managers. After Miss Sybil Brewer had made the opening remarks and Miss Ruth Gattis rendered a vocal solo, Miss Gladys Alston gave an informative history of

Marie Downing BEAUTY and ROMANCE
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The Larieuse Beauty Foundation was established by the Godfrey Manufacturing Company to study methods of preserving women's natural beauty, and to make the results of this research available to the public.

Now that May is here, it is wise for us to face the bathing suit problem sufficiently in advance so that when June arrives and we hie ourselves to the beaches and pools we will be in fit condition to face the glare of the sun and of critical eyes. Because to most of us, our first appearance in a bathing suit after a long, lazy winter does present a real problem. Whether overweight or underweight, no figure looks well unless we have a certain amount of exercise. Even the toothy girl can have unattractive bulges on her hips and a lumpy roll around her waist which a little exercise will abolish.

Bicycle Exercise Excellent
One of the best possible exercises for all-over trimming is bicycling. Borrow your little sister's or your cousin's or one from the child next door and set out on a jaunt these balmy evenings. Don't overdo it at first but gradually work up so that you can do off five miles an evening and not notice any strain. If you haven't a bicycle and can't borrow one, you can achieve the same effect by lying on your back on the floor and peddling with your legs in mid-air. This exercise not only takes off unnecessary bulges but strengthens and rounds out legs that need a bit of firming.

Another good exercise which is especially helpful to those of us whose waistlines are not what we might want is the bending exercise. Stand straight in your bare feet or flat-heeled shoes. Bend all the way down, keeping the knees stiff, until your fingers touch the floor. Repeat

Hillside Seniors Feted

The Durham chapter of the Hampton Alumni Association entertained the senior class of Hillside Park high school with a "Know Your College" program Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 P. M. at the Algonquin Tennis club. The purpose of the program was to acquaint the graduating students with the life on the various colleges of the nation and alumni representatives of the most well known schools described life at their alma maters.

After J. J. Henderson of the Hampton Alumni had stated the purpose of the program, Miss Camille Smith introduced the following college representatives: Dr. Swift, Howard University; Mrs. Grace Thompson, Virginia State College; T. A. Hamme, A. and T. College; Rev. W. T. Nelson, Johnson C. Smith University; Dean James T. Taylor, North Carolina College; Miss R. B. Pratt, Wilberforce University; Roy Smedley, Tuskegee Institute; Miss Thelma Talley, Fisk University; J. Samson, Atlanta University; F. G. Burnett, West Virginia State; Mrs. Katie Kelly Martin Talledge College and Stephen Wright, Hampton Institute.

These talks were interspersed with music from the North Carolina College Male double octette and the male quartette and girls' trio from Hillside Park High school. The program closed with the singing of Hampton's Alma Mater song.

May Day

DURHAM—Saturday, May 4, was May Day at the Walltown Elementary school of which Mrs. Cora Russell is principal, and although the weather man seemed to oppose, it was a grand success in every way. Features of the afternoon were the flag drill, an operetta entitled "The Golden Whistle" and the finale was the almost perfect Maypole Dance.

Music for this occasion came from Mrs. L. F. Wray and Miss E. B. Hicks at the piano and the several selections that came from the Hillside Park High school band which appeared as guest performers.

After the ceremony, almost all of the students of the school attended the colorful Garden party which is an annual affair.

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CHARLOTTE Social Notes

On Tuesday, Mrs. E. R. Books entertained members of the Tuesday Evening Bridge club at her home on Beatties Ford Road. A lovely prize was presented to Miss Hattie Russell.

J. Frank Hanley has returned to the city after spending a week in Florida taking training for his new job, a manager of the New Housing Project that is almost near completion, in the Fairview Section.

Harmon Fitch of Winston-Salem was among the out of town guests that attended the AKA Dance last Friday evening. Mr. Fitch is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University.

Mrs. Doretha Williamson, one of the most charming hostesses in the city, had as her house guest last weekend, Misses Edith Wimby of Atlanta, Ga., Lvy Thomas of Monroe, and C. Bovens, a Government C. C. Camp official also of Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Rencher Harris, of Durham were in the city last week. Mr. Harris was here on business and while in the city Mrs. Harris visited some of her old classmates of Barber-Scotts College, known at that time as Scotia Womens' College.

Mrs. Laura Rollins, Sara Scott and Virginia Gullick were hostess at a Kiddies party Friday evening out at Mrs. Rollins country home in Derita. Dicing and Pokeno were enjoyed during the evening after which hot dogs and soft drinks were served. Every one present had a wonderful time. It was really a gala affair. There were around 50 guests present including a few from Gastonia.

Mrs. Minnie Davis of St. Mark Street motored to Washington, D. C. Sunday to attend to General Conference.

The West Charlotte High School held their May Day Festival May 3, at Sunset Park. During the day Football and Basketball games were played. At six o'clock in the afternoon, the fashion show consisted of the students in the sewing class. After the fashion show every one went to Sunset Park for dancing.

Mrs. Claud Cathy McFadden of North Myers Street entertained members of the Swastika club Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. George Murray on E. 9th Street. Mrs. Murray's home was beautifully arranged throughout with large bowls of spring flowers. The evening was spent beautifully arranged throughout with large bowls of spring flowers. The evening was spent beautifully arranged throughout with large bowls of spring flowers. The evening was spent beautifully arranged throughout with large bowls of spring flowers.

Rev. R. L. Leans was a visitor in the city last week as guest of his wife Mrs. Luvenia Douglas Geans, who lives with her mother Mrs. Arna Douglas on N. Myers Street. Rev. Leans is pastoring in Wilson, N. C.

The Willing Workers club of First Baptist church met Wednesday evening at the church on South Graham St. The club made plans to raise money to help remodel the church.

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Calvin's Newspaper Service TESTED RECIPE
By Frances Lee Burton
We all have canned fruit juices and fruits on our emergency shelves. Here are some recipes that will enable you to utilize these cans and prepare novel, delicious tasties at any time:
Canned Fruit Taploca
2 1/2 cups canned fruit juice and water; 4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; 1/4 cup sugar; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1 to 1 1/2 cups prepared canned fruit; 1 to 3 tablespoons lemon juice.
Combine fruit juice and water, taploca, sugar, and salt in saucepan and mix well. Bring mixture quickly to a full boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. (Mixture will be thin. Do not overcook.) Add fruit and lemon juice. Cool, stirring occasionally—mixture thickens as it cools. Chill. Serve in sherbet glasses with plain or whipped cream. Serves 6 to 8.
For Apricot, Plum, or Prune Taploca, use 1 1/2 cups sliced canned fruit and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.
For Pineapple or Raspberry Taploca, use 1 cup canned crushed pineapple or canned red raspberries and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.
For Peach Taploca, use 1 1/2 cups sliced canned peaches and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.
For Cherry Taploca, use 1 1/2 cups canned seeded red cherries.

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