

The Girl They Didn't Forget

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JACK WESTON, once heralded as "America's Playboy," before alimony and the stock market debacle had almost sunk him, turned with swift apologies to the well-built stranger standing beside him at the bar, whom he had just jostled with unwitting rudeness.

"Don't mention it," said Dick Bode, former All-American tackle, magnanimously.

Weston hesitated a moment, then spurred by the desire to confide in some one went on: "I was looking at that girl who just came in . . . the tall, dark one . . . she looks so much like a girl I used to know in Los Angeles that it startled me."

Bode's eyes turned in the direction indicated by Weston's eyes. "That's funny," he allowed musingly. "I knew a girl in Los Angeles who looked like her, too. Yes," he decided, craning his neck, "she certainly does look like Nancy."

"Not Nancy Ross," Weston said incredulously. "You know Nancy?" the voice was eager.

"Know her?" murmured Weston reminiscently, "I should say I did. The best pal I ever had. Well, gal, Nancy!" "Well, gal!" echoed Bode warmly. Solemnly they drank to Nancy.

"What a coincidence," Weston shook his head in wonderment. "Seen her lately?"

"Not for five or six years."

"Well, gal!"

They toasted the girl they hadn't forgotten with another round.

"Never forget what she did for me one time," Weston remembered rather maudlinly. "Pulled me through one of the worst cases of delirium tremens you ever laid an eye on."

"Funny," said Bode suspiciously. "She hated that kind of thing. Only time she saw me awfully crooked, she bawled h—l out of me."

"She certainly was a swell little playmate," Weston confided. "Never got crooked, never got quarrelsome, always ready to go places and do things."

"Oh, I never found her that way," objected Bode. "Liked to go out, of course, but we used to go in for sports a lot. Nancy was a swell swimmer and handled a mean racket."

"Athletic!" Weston was incredulous. "Why, the only exercise she ever went in for was dancing until the orchestra packed up and went home."

There was a suspicious moisture in Weston's eyes. He certainly hadn't played square with Nancy. She had been awfully in love with him, too, and he had really intended to marry her. Then that blond had suddenly walked into his life and he never had had the strength to resist blonda.

Remorsefully Bode surveyed his empty glass. What a beast he had been to Nancy. Met her when he was just out of college and flat broke. Probably wouldn't have eaten for weeks at a time if it hadn't been for Nancy. She was always doing something for him. Of course she was terribly in love with him and he had asked her to marry him but that was no excuse for a man to sponge off a woman, he realized now.

The end came when he had an unexpected offer of a job in Chicago. He left in a rush, meant to write her but just carelessly put it off so long that he was finally ashamed to write. How could he have been fool enough not to realize that she had been the one and only woman in his life? It would be all right now, though. He'd go back and marry her and make up to her for all the tears she must have shed for him.

"My Nancy!" whispered Weston reverentially and a little tearful.

"My Nancy!" Bode challenged with sudden belligerence.

Just then Weston's fist connected with Bode's nose and the battle was on.

"Nice places you take your wife to," sniffed Nancy Elliott loftily to her husband after watching two belligerent gentlemen being shored unceremoniously through the door.

There was a mischievous glint in Nancy's eyes: "I think I used to know those two pugilists."

"Undoubtedly," groaned her husband. "Your list of sculp extended the length of the continent before I finally tamed you by sheer brute force."

"I didn't mind so much your knocking my teeth out," she said reminiscently, "but when you sliced my ears off . . . well, I've just practically never looked at a man since!"

"I was a weaking in those days," he said sadly. "That was before I learned to treat my women rough. Anyway, I still think it was positively immoral the way you got yourself engaged every time you powdered your nose."

"Not at all," she denied stoutly. "I practically never became engaged to anybody who didn't need my moral support at that particular time."

"Don't tell me you were engaged to those two birds," he begged.

"I don't remember," Nancy thought deeply. "Yes . . . yes, I was," she remembered suddenly. "But I got out of it all right," she assured him happily. "I introduced Jack to a man-eating blond I dug up somewhere. That was very simple."

"Dick was a little more difficult, though. I finally maneuvered it so that he got a job way, far away. However," her eyes widened pensively, "I had to become engaged to two other chaps to put that one guy right"

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD FINDS BANKING BETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A review by the Federal Reserve Board indicates that the condition of operating banks, particularly in country districts, has improved in recent months, as shown by the fact that these banks have been able to reduce their indebtedness to the reserve banks, to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and to others.

The July bulletin of the board in discussing these findings says:

"At the same time progress has been made in making available to depositors funds that had been tied up in closed banks.

"Banks in financial centres have been out of debt to the Federal Reserve Banks for a long time and in addition have had a large volume of excess reserves. At the beginning of the year there were still many small banks throughout the country, however, that carried a considerable load of indebtedness.

Country Banks Reflect Improvement "The liquidation of indebtedness by these banks reflects in part improvement in business condition and the consequent ability of customers to repay bank loans which long had been frozen. It constitutes a strengthening of the banking position."

The board pointed out that the reduction of member bank indebtedness has been continuous since the beginning of 1932 except for a brief period during the banking crisis in the Spring of 1933. The review continued:

"In 1932 liquidation of indebtedness of member banks to the reserve banks was accompanied by an increase of their borrowings from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. In the past year and a half, however, indebtedness of member banks to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has also been reduced."

SEES TURNING POINT IN BANKING HISTORY

NEW YORK.—The American Bankers Association Journal in its July issue presents the following review of banking and business conditions:

"It is an almost universal opinion among bankers that June has been the turning point in banking history in the matter of recovery. Reasons for the optimism are twofold—the condition of the banks and the prospects of better banking business.

"The reorganization of the banking system after the holiday of sixteen months ago is now practically complete. The comparatively few banks yet to be reorganized and reopened are no longer a serious factor in the situation. The year's preparatory period for the enforcement of major provisions of the Banking Act of 1933 has passed, and banks now have a definite idea of where they stand."

El Salvador Is Tiniest Nation of the Americas

El Salvador is one of the most progressive and most intensely cultivated countries in the Western hemisphere, according to a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

Although "Salvador," as the name of the country is generally abbreviated, seldom appears in the news, it is distinctive in many respects among the republics of Central and South America. El Salvador is the smallest country, independent or dependent, on the mainland of either North or South America, and, excepting Haiti, the smallest nation in the Western hemisphere. It is the only country between Canada and Colombia without an Atlantic as well as a Pacific seaboard, and it has the densest rural population on the mainland of the Americas. In an area about equal to that of Maryland live nearly 1,500,000 people.

Although it is fringed with rich tropical forests along its Pacific seaboard, and with volcanoes around its inland frontiers, the greater part of the country is situated on a healthful, well-watered and fertile plateau about 2,000 feet above sea level. Coffee is the chief crop, comprising about 80 per cent of the exports of the country.

The most unusual export of El Salvador, however, is the misnamed "balsam of Peru." Balsam, which is used for medicinal purposes, is the sap of a tree native to El Salvador. But the early Spaniards shipped the sap to Peru, where it was re-shipped to Spain.

It Could Be Colder

Has it ever occurred to you what would happen if the sun suddenly went out like a light that has fused? For eight minutes we should know nothing about it, for it takes eight minutes for light to pass through those 93,000,000 miles that separate us from the sun. When that eight minutes had passed darkness would freeze the sea from end to end. In a little while the air would have become liquid then solid. By the third day the animals and birds would be dead. Man might live for another seven days. But soon the fires would be frozen out and mankind would die.

Ostrich Fast Runner

The ostrich, one of the swiftest creatures on earth, uses its outspread wings to help it in running, and it can thus reach an amazing speed. Unfortunately for the bird, it does not run straight, but in large circles, so that a hunter mounted on a horse much less swift than the ostrich can cut corners and thus get within gunshot of his quarry. The ostrich feeds mostly on grass and vegetable matter, but it will eat almost anything, including small animals and birds.

Chinese, Egyptians and Persians Loved Flowers

China shows the earliest record of the use of plants and flowers for decoration. Flowers and religion are closely united in all their early history, so the Chinese used to offer flowers as presents to their gods and to the departed relatives they worshipped as part of their religion. The way these facts are determined is by the paintings on old tapestries, vases, and potteries which symbolized the actions of the people. The predominant flower in the early history was undoubtedly the peony, as it is found depicted on nearly all the works of art.

In Egypt also, the history of flowers was closely bound to that of religion, for here, too, the people placed flowers on the altars and made certain flowers sacred to certain deities. The part that plants played is learned more easily than from Chinese history because the Egyptians clearly depicted their thoughts.

Although the use of plants in Persia was largely influenced by the Chinese and Egyptians, the Persians still maintained a distinct character. The hanging gardens of Babylon may have constituted the most famous piece of landscape work of ancient times; this so-called wonder of the world was accomplished by terracing a steep hillside. Its ultimate effect was that of many gardens hanging on the hillside. As Persia is a hot, sandy country, their decorative plantings had three main features in landscape design: water, trees, and grass. With them, flowers and color were relatively unimportant.

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People of England paid taxes averaging \$82 a person in the last financial year, while those in France contributed \$17.50, and those in Germany \$28.75.

Faustin Elie Soulouque Ruled Haitian Republic

Faustin Elie Soulouque, who reigned as Faustin I from 1849 to 1858, was a full-blooded negro. He was elected president of the Haitian republic by mulatto politicians who believed he would be a pliable tool. He was sixty-three years old, and though he bore the title of general he was a man of no prominence. Shortly after his election Soulouque amazed his sponsors by manifesting entire independence, and then surprised the world by formally proclaiming himself emperor and providing a gorgeous and extravagant coronation for himself and his wife, "the Empress Adeline."

Soulouque was a man of manager ability and was decisively defeated in two wars against the neighbor republic of Santo Domingo. After he was de-throned in 1858 and exiled to Jamaica the republic was re-established. Soulouque was eventually permitted to return to Haiti to die.

The first emperor of Haiti was Jean Jacques Dessalines, who was born an African savage and brought to Haiti as a slave. He completed the liberation of Haiti begun by Toussaint l'Ouverture and reigned as Emperor Jacques I from 1804 to 1806. The only other Haitian monarch was the much abler Henri Christophe who scorned the imperial title and ruled despotically but beneficially as king.

Buckwheat Traced 2,000 Years

Lackwheat cakes, good old stand-by of the breakfast and luncheon table generally regarded to be as 100 per cent American and native as anything could be, are, it turns out, actually an ancient Tibetan dish. Researches in connection with the early history, origin and distribution of the world's cultivated and useful plants, trace buckwheat back to Asia and indicate that it was there cultivated for at least 2,000 years. The Tibetans and other mountain tribes related to them, living in the Himalaya region, were the original buckwheat cultivators and the first buckwheat cake eaters. They produced a complete buckwheat culture complex, grinding the buckwheat into flour and making the flour into cakes, gruel and beer. They even utilized the straw of the plant as fodder in the winter. Among some of these hill tribes buckwheat still forms the principal crop and the staff of life.

Three Million Rats are Living in Paris

According to the health authorities there, they destroy about \$10,000,000 worth of food every year.

There are 20,000 billiard rooms in Japan, 5,000 in Tokyo alone. Not only the men, but Japanese women play the game, each table having its girl attendant.

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AS YOU KNOW

Good neighbors merely by their presence help to make one behave.

When a man is said to have "strong convictions" it means that he is easy to quarrel with.

Perfect weather would become monotonous, so we like a perfect thunderstorm or a perfect gale to keep us interested.

AEROAD

Half the population of China trades through Shanghai.

India's population has grown 34,000,000 in a decade.

The art of biscuit making employs some 8,000 hands in Reading, England.

The "Osavalkhim," a society in Russia to further aviation, has more than 5,000,000 members.

There are twenty-six municipal libraries in Tokyo. Eighty thousand persons visit them daily.

Fully 350 bombs, shells and grenades are still being abandoned and picked up by street cleaners every month in Paris.

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QUEER BITS

Blind and eighty-five years old, Mrs. Jennie Cate has written the history of Auroraville, Wis., on her typewriter.

A cradle possessed by Mrs. Florence Graves of Ontario, Calif., has rocked 59 babies of the Graves family since 1858.

Protection against lightning has been given a number of fine trees in Maryland by equipping them with lightning rods.

A pure white skunk with pink eyes has been added to a zoo collection at a Hubbard (Ore.) automobile park. Albino skunks are rarities.

A man in Mexico who, at one hundred and six, has perfect digestive organs is said to have eaten only dougly meat all his life.

The strangest garment ever made in Hollywood was a bathrobe for a real caterpillar, engaged to double for a performer in "Alice in Wonderland."

Rouen, France, had a festival to celebrate all good things to eat. One of the features was an amateur poetry contest extolling the products of the District.

IN OTHER LANDS

Ecuador claims honors for producing the largest bananas.

London's most crowded borough now is Southwark, with 151 persons an acre.

Nearly three-fourths of the railways in Argentina are now British controlled.

The Chinese cotton crop for 1933 is estimated at 2,500,000 bales, compared with 2,201,000 bales in 1932.

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Oyster beds have been planted at Weather Cave, Alaska, in an effort to inaugurate the industry in the northern territory.

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NORTH CAROLINA, ALAMANCE COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

RAY M. BRYDON vs. LOUISE BRYDON

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, for divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before E. H. Murray, Clerk of the Superior Court, at his office in Graham, North Carolina, on the 13th day of January, 1935, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 13th day of December, 1934.

E. H. MURRAY, Clerk of the Superior Court John J. Henderson, Atty.

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NORTH CAROLINA, ALAMANCE COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Jeff D. Pritchett et al., Plaintiffs, vs. John Shelly, J. E. Covington et al., Defendants.

The defendant, J. E. Covington, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance county to have it declared that the deed of trust issued by J. G. Lewey to the Piedmont Trust Company, trustee, recorded in Book 89, page 55 et seq., of the Register's office of Alamance county, purporting to secure the payment of certain bonds issued by J. G. Lewey, secured by said deed of trust which the defendant is the holder and owner of, and the said J. E. Covington will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Alamance county in the courthouse in Graham, North Carolina, on or before the 31st of January, 1935, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action which is now on file in the clerk's office, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said action.

This the 31st of December, 1934.

IZORA McCLURE, Assistant Clerk Superior Court.

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E. B. KING vs. MRS. MAMIE KING

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NORTH CAROLINA, ALAMANCE COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Ella Guthrie, Plaintiff, vs. P. A. Guthrie, Defendant.

The defendant P. A. Guthrie, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce; and that said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County on the 14th day of January, 1935, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 13th day of December, 1934.

E. H. MURRAY, Clerk of the Superior Court. Wm. I. Ward, Atty.

Notice of Re-Sale of Land

Pursuant to an order of the Clerk of Superior Court of Alamance county, dated the 27th day of December, 1934, an advance bid of ten (10) percent having been placed on the sale price of the land hereinafter described, which was sold on the 17th day of December, 1934, at the court house door in Graham, North Carolina, under authority of a certain deed of trust executed by R. S. Gilmore and wife, Minnie Lee Gilmore, dated the 15th day of March, 1929, and recorded in Book III, page 312, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alamance county, the undersigned will, on

Friday, January 18th, 1935, at 12:00 o'clock, noon,

at the Court House Door of Alamance County, in Graham, North Carolina, sell at public auction (or cash to the highest bidder, the following land, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land adjoining the lands of R. S. Gilmore,

James N. Williamson Estate, Midway Avenue and Williamson Street in Burlington, N. C., and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron bolt at the Northwest intersection of Midway Avenue and Williamson Street, running thence with the line of Midway Avenue North 38 1-2 West 150 feet to an iron stake, corner with said Williamson; thence with the line of said Williamson South 52 1-2 West 70 feet to an iron stake, corner of R. S. Gilmore; thence with the line of said Gilmore South 38 1-2 East 150 feet to an iron stake on Williamson Street; thence with the line of Williamson Street North 52 1-2 East 70 feet to the beginning this being the identical property conveyed by Warranty Deed to R. S. Gilmore from W. H. Williamson et al., dated September 12th, 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County in Book 77, page 161.

Situated upon the above premises is located a seven room, frame bungalow, size 36 x 50 feet.

The bidding will commence at \$1,320. A five percent cash deposit will be required of the highest bidder at the sale.

This the 31st day of December, 1934.

Jefferson E. Owens, Substituted Trustee, Long & Long, Attys.

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