

"The Glad Surrender"

(By Hazel Deyo Batchelor)

SYNOPSIS.
Laurel Stone's marriage to Granville Burton came as a surprise to everyone. Laurel had fallen deeply in love with him, and this was the first time she had ever placed her heart in his hands. His reaction to her marriage was not what she expected. A year after their marriage a son is born, and this event changes Laurel's attitude toward her husband. She becomes impersonal, and it arouses interest in her. This interest suddenly changes into emotion, and she thought she had always thought she could live without.

had interviewed famous men for the Chronicle at one time in her life. They finished and left, and Laurel, pleading a headache, was on her way to Long Island at 3 o'clock. She was not happy any longer, even with her friends. She had felt like an outsider today with the old crowd, and although she had made a certain place for herself among the people who made up the Long Island crowd, they were not real friends. There was no one woman in whom she could confide, not one.

CHAPTER XXXIII.
Human nature is a strange thing, and Granville Burton was a man too sure of himself ever to doubt his own possession of his own property. He had delighted in seeing Laurel admired by other men. He remembered once shortly after they had been married how she had been surrounded by men. She was a woman made to be admired and loved, and she belonged to him and he would not soon have thought of one of his friends bringing into his life, this woman who had thought of any one trying to steal her away from him.

ROCKY MOUNT SCHOOL HOLDS FINAL EXERCISES
Brilliant Closing Draws Very Large Audience.

But since last night when he had seen her in his arms and had been so utterly unresponsive, something in her had changed. The old assurance had not so strong. If he had seen her at lunch with one of his own friends he would have thought nothing of it, but this man, of whom he had heard so much, had played a big part in her life. He had come into her life, this silent man, who was a big man in the way, was it possible that he could steal Laurel something that she did not have in her own life?

Rocky Mount, June 1.—Before an audience that filled the large Masonic opera house to overflowing, the 1920 commencement of the Rocky Mount high school concluded Saturday with class day exercises by the members of the graduating class and the formal presentation of medals and diplomas by Mr. Thomas H. Battle, chairman of the board of school trustees.

Laurel bowed to Potter and Daggett, who had visited at the Burton home many times, and then turned over to the big financial deals, who were powers in Wall street, and then turned back to her own table. Tom Burton noticed that she was distraught, and knew that it was Granville's presence that had made her so. She toyed with a bit of bread, and drew a breath when the three men finally rose from the table. They stopped at Laurel's table for a moment, and she saw brief introductions and some deplorable remarks. Laurel was conscious that Granville stood near her chair, and she could have put out her hand and touched him, and she felt his eyes upon her as she looked down, but there were only the most impersonal things touched upon in the conversation.

The stage was appropriately decorated for the occasion with myriads of out flowers, palms and potted plants, the seats for the seniors being arranged in rectangular fashion with the footlights and banks of flowers forming the fourth side of the stage. While all the exercises were thoroughly enjoyed by the capacity audience, the class prophecy by Florence Hale Winstead and the awarding of trophies by Emmanuel Oscar Breen were the two most entertaining features of the program because of the original and unique way in which they were handled.

It was the first time that Ted Benton and Benton had been alone again and Laurel was dipping into her feed bucket, Ted said eagerly:
"He's a wonder, Laurel. I'm not surprised that he can manage things as well as he does."
Wilsons sniffed. "He's only a man eddy, and Laurel's husband."
Tom Benton was silent. He had liked Granville Burton. The two men had looked each other in the eye and the response had been immediate. Tom Benton always admired big men, men who accomplished things in the world, and he had the newspaper instinct and he was a splendid newspaper man, a rugged type, a man who dreamed dreams, who had illusions but said little about them. Burton was all all brilliance, a flash of white teeth, one moment as his face broke up into a smile, and his gray eyes like cold steel the next. He was alert, almost alert. Benton was heavier, but much kinder. His brown eyes were honest and fine. He was a man's man. In a minute he had understood Laurel's surrender to this man, her sudden change of heart, and he laughed himself for ever having hoped that some day he would have Laurel for his wife.

The exercises opened with a farewell song to the seniors by the members of the junior class, who occupied the lower box near the stage. Following this song, the audience was welcomed to the exercises in the salutatory address by Frances Edgley Gardner, president of the class, after which invocation was pronounced by Rev. J. P. Bates, pastor of the First Methodist church. The formal class day exercises were started with the reading of the class history by Elizabeth Gardner, who traced the career of the class of 1920 through its four years of high school existence and pointed out the achievements which the class had accomplished. After the history had been read, the class song, the prophecy drew storms of laughter from the audience. Calling in a Hindu and his magic crystal globe, Florence Hale Winstead, the class prophetess, allowed each member of the class to look into the globe and tell the audience exactly what the future years held in store for him or her.

Granville's appearance had somehow been a damper on the luncheon and each of them would act as if nothing had happened. The gray spirit of camaraderie was gone, and Laurel felt herself somehow left out in the open air, jargon and talk, and she sat back in her chair, exquisite, removed from the shabby girl who

After the conclusion of the class exercises, Bibles were presented to graduates by Rev. B. B. Slaughter, who in a brief address, urged them to cultivate the spiritual as well as the physical and intellectual. The following winners were presented with medals by Mr. Thomas H. Battle, chairman of the school board: Miss Williams' music class, Frances Wimberly and Thelma Clark; Miss Weddell's music class, Margaret Jordan and Louise Thomas; scholarship medal, Maxine Taylor, who made an average of 94.5 for the year; Kemp Battle, debating medal; Irma Hughes, L. J. Shambarger; medal for the most representative pupil in the high school, Edward Russell Belknap. The exercises were concluded with the presentation of diplomas by Mr. Battle and a farewell song by the graduates.

The other three drifted into the newspaper jargon and talk, and she sat back in her chair, exquisite, removed from the shabby girl who

The class which had a membership of twenty-five, was the second largest ever turned out by the local school, thirty-three being the largest number ever to receive diplomas at once. The twenty-five members who made up the class of 1920 are as follows: Francis Stacey Gardner, Jr., president; Joseph Niles Epstein, vice-president; Florence Hale Winstead, secretary and treasurer; Edward Russell Belknap, Bessie Bartholmey, Emmanuel Oscar Breen, Thelma Irene Clark, Helen Miller Cranford, Dorothy Niven Diehl, Elizabeth Grantham, Richard Frederick Hunt, Aileen Johnson, Alfred Arrington, Ruth Joyner, Lela Mae Keel, Florence Emma Lancaster, Lela Mac McLemore, Leonard Morton, Minnie Clara Patway, Joseph Roy Proctor, William Henry Robbins, Maxine Eleanor Taylor, Temple Zollinger Tharrington, Janie Dillard Watkins, Margaret Curtis Williford.

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* 8:00 A. M.	* 7:40 A. M.
* 8:30 A. M.	* 8:15 A. M.
* 9:00 A. M.	* 8:45 A. M.
* 9:30 A. M.	* 9:15 A. M.
* 10:00 A. M.	* 10:15 A. M.
* 10:45 A. M.	* 10:45 A. M.
* 11:30 A. M.	* 11:15 A. M.
* 12:00 M.	* 12:15 P. M.
* 1:00 P. M.	* 1:15 P. M.
* 1:05 P. M.	* 1:45 P. M.
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Registration books were opened Saturday, May 1, and will remain open up to and including Saturday, May 29, subject to section five (chapter 101, "An act to provide for primary elections throughout the state.")

The polling places and names of the registrars and judges of election fixed for the aforesaid primary and general election are as follows:

Election officials of New Hanover County—County Board of Elections—D. N. Chadwick, Jr., chairman; A. C. Edwards, secretary.

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