

A Maid In Manhattan

By Allen Epps

SYNOPSIS:
FRED MOSHER, up-and-coming young real estate dealer in a southern town, long has been the suitor of **SUSAN FARMER**, who has rejected all his proposals because she feels that she has the duty of repleting the family fortune for her aunt.

MRS. ALICE FARMER, who lives with Susan on the family plantation.

ROY LEONARD, inspired by the memory of a farm girl he met when he was 16, is the young advertising man who gets the idea of a contest to find the "typical farmer's daughter." He is engaged to marry **IRENE CARTER**, secretary to the head of the company.

YESTERDAY: Susan tells her Aunt Alice that she doesn't believe she really loves Fred.

CHAPTER XI

"I don't want you to be an old maid, Susan," Aunt Alice went on. "Old bachelors are awful, but there's nothing on earth as bad as a set old maid."

"Don't include every unmarried woman," Susan smiled. "I think you're pretty well, even if you do keep calling yourself an old maid. You're a bachelor girl, Aunt Alice—that's what you are! And I'm sticking her with you until we do something about the Farmer plantation. I've got pioneer blood flowing in my veins, and so have you; and we'll show the world that a couple of women can start something, and what's more, finish it!"

"Susan," said Aunt Alice, tears in her voice as well as her eyes, "You're a darling. You've got your grandmother's spunk, and your grandfather's taking ways."

"That," laughed Susan, "ought to get me places!"

"I hope so," said Aunt Alice. "I also hope that if your taking ways get you into any sort of trouble, your spunk will get you out."

"I'll manage," said Susan.

And then she heard someone honking a horn out in front of the house. She went to the window and looked out. It was Fred.

"Darn!" she said.

Aunt Alice joined her. "He probably wants you to take a ride with him," she said. "Do be nice to him, Susan. After all, he's the catch of Ardendale."

"Yes'm said Susan. She leaned out of the window and called: "Be right with you, Fred!" Then she went to find a hat. "I'll make use of him, anyway," she said, "and have him drive me into town. There are some last-minute purchases I need to make, if the old pocketbook will permit."

"I've got an extra dollar," said Aunt Alice. "From those eggs I sold yesterday."

"Thanks, darling—but keep it," said Susan. "I'll get what I need at the Five and Ten."

She hurried out to join Fred.

Up in New York two other people were having a busy time of it. They were Mrs. Daniel Van Wert Jones and Roy Leonard.

Mrs. Jones still was worrying about bringing an innocent country girl to a large and wicked city, and was making plans for a dinner that was to help Susan Farmer feel at home. And Roy Leonard was laboring like mad to get as much done as he possibly could before the day when he would have to meet Susan at the Pennsylvania station. He wanted his desk cleared of all but the merest dribble of routine work.

Early and late he slaved—late and early.

And now Irene Carter was standing upon the threshold of his office annoyed, impatient.

"Well?" she said, drawing on her gloves. "Are you taking me to lunch or not?"

"Sure!" said Roy. "Be with you in a second. I just want to okay this publicity." He used a pen, and then looked up. "I'm getting all sorts of breaks, Irene. I may even be able to get Susan Farmer on the Answer This-One-Please! program."

"That will be just ducky," said Irene. "She'll probably win the steam-heated vanity case for being the dumbest person ever on the air."

"That's a mighty narrow viewpoint to take," said Roy. "After all, a girl doesn't have to be dumb just because she's a farmer's daughter. I've seen some pretty dumb girls right from Park avenue."

"Nevertheless, my statement still stands."

"All right, let it stand," said Roy. "Just the same, everything's going swell."

"No, not everything," Irene contradicted.

"What do you mean?"

"Our going to lunch isn't," Irene glanced at her watch. "All I'm allowed for lunch is an hour, you know."

Roy placed a paperweight upon a stack of letters, and then took his hat from the rack.

He slipped his arm about Irene, and they went out to get into the elevator.

"It wasn't such a bad idea, was it?" he said when they were seated at the lunch table.

"What wasn't such a bad idea?" said Irene.

"The contest," said Roy. "The reactions so far have been most satisfactory."

"So it would appear," said Irene. "Lots of cheese are selling, anyway. I took a look at our sales chart this morning, and its temperature seems to be rising."

"Good!" said Roy. "We're going to give our competitors a run for their money."

"And you still have your own office," said Irene.

"Yes'm."

"And the raise in salary?"

"Yes'm," said Roy. "So far, so good! And if things keep on moving as smoothly as they've been doing, I shall keep the raise and the office."

"Then how about taking a look at that apartment I mentioned on the day you discovered this Farmer person?"

"Sure!"

"When?"

"Just as soon as Miss Susan Farmer is safely launched," Roy replied.

"Still stalling, I see," Irene observed.

"Oh, listen, Irene, I'm not stalling. Can't you see that I'm only—"

"It certainly looks like stalling to me," Irene cut in.

"Be reasonable, Irene, and try to see—"

"A woman should never be expected to be reasonable," said Irene, "when the man she's planning to marry goes haywire over another girl's picture."

"Who's gone haywire?"

"You—of course. Who on earth do you think I mean—if not you? How many men do you think I'm planning to marry?"

"I don't know," Roy grinned.

"After all, you modern women do go for things in a big way—even marriage."

"Meaning just what?" Irene demanded.

"I mean so many of you are apparently taking the aggressive role," said Roy. "You know—going after things without waiting for—"

"For you men to propose?" said Irene. "Is that what you mean?"

"No. Not exactly. Only, you see, Irene, I—"

"The next thing you'll be saying is that I asked you if you'd marry me."

"Which reminds me," said Roy. "Just who did propose? Honest to gosh, Irene, I don't remember doing it. We just sort of drifted into a discussion of marriage, and—presto!—we were more or less engaged."

"Just what do you mean—more or less?"

"Nothing. Forget it!" Irene was thoughtful for a moment.

"Are you," she asked, "planning to launch Miss Susan Farmer by breaking a bottle of champagne over her head?"

"Certainly not," said Roy.

"I suppose a bottle of Dainty Diana Dairies milk would be more appropriate."

"That," said Roy, "is not funny."

"Sorry. However, if you want someone to handle the bottle—just let me know," Irene's eyes flashed. "I'd adore launching that rural menace."

"That," said Roy, "is even less funny than the other remark."

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Cuban Minister Praises "Good Neighbor" Policy

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Cuba's minister of national defense, Dr. Domingo F. Ramos, told southeastern governors at their first meeting today that statesmen had wiped out obstacles to inter-American collaboration as the genius of scientific men "wiped out yellow fever and other infectious diseases."

He referred to the Western Hemisphere as "the good neighborhood," and said:

"How different the facilities for the defense of America would be without the wise and just policy of the good neighbor, carried out in the past nine years completely, sincerely and scrupulously by President Roosevelt and Secretaries Hull, Welles and Berle and their collaborators."

He recommended immediate appointment of a committee to Orient civilian defense in the United States and Cuba and asked that a meeting be held as soon as practical in Miami or Havana to work out details of inter-American total defense.

A rail accident near St. Augustine delayed a train bringing some governors and the conference began without its chairman, Gov. Frank M. Dixon of Alabama, and Gov. Homer Adkins of Arkansas. Neither executive was on the wrecked train.

Gov. Spessard L. Holland of Florida greeted the arriving executives and led them on a sightseeing tour of the area.

Southern freight rates and their effect in the South's all-out defense manufacturing effort was a subject outlined for consideration by Gov. Prentice Cooper of Tennessee.

"Our view is that lower freight rates now are more important than ever in the history of the South," the Tennessee executive reported. "The nation is in an all-out production effort, and now is not the time for trade barriers."

"We have won some advantages. What we ask is equality with other sections of the country, the lowering of sectional barriers. The South must emerge from its raw material economy occasioned by freight rates averaging 35 per cent above the east and north."

He declared the defense effort will be made less expensive by lower freight rates for the South, permitting southern manufacturers to take a greater part in production for war.

"The plan has been to suck out of the South's raw materials at low tariffs, and for rates to mysteriously increase when such materials are processed in our area," said Cooper.

FORD OPPOSES CLASS HATRED

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—A letter signed by Henry Ford and made public today by the anti-defamation league of B'Nai B'Rith quoted the industrialist as urging "my fellow-citizens to give no aid to any movement whose purpose it is to arouse hatred against any group."

The league said the letter, addressed to Sigmund Livingston of Chicago, league chairman, and dated Jan. 7, was released as "a matter of public interest." The letter said:

"In our present national and international emergency, I consider it of importance that I clarify some general misconceptions concerning my attitude toward my fellow-citizens of Jewish faith. I do not subscribe to or support, directly or indirectly, any agitation which would promote antagonism against my Jewish fellow-citizens. I consider that the hate-mongering, prevalent for some time in this country against the Jews, is of distinct service to our country, and to the peace and welfare of humanity."

"At the time of the retraction by me of certain publications concerning the Jewish people, in pursuance of which I ceased the publication of 'The Dearborn Independent,' I destroyed copies of literature prepared by certain persons connected with its publication. Since that time, I have given no permission or sanction to anyone to use my name as sponsoring any such publication, or being the accredited author thereof."

"I am convinced that there is no greater dereliction among the Jews than there is among any other class of citizens. I am convinced, further, that agitation for the creation of hate against the Jew or any other racial or religious group, has been utilized to divide our American community and to weaken our national unity."

The letter added that it was Ford's "sincere hope that now in this country and throughout the world, when this war is finished and peace once more established, hatred of the Jews, commonly known as anti-semitism, and hatred against any other racial or religious group, shall cease for all time."

Swedish Armaments Program Is Drafted

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 11.—(AP)—A new five-year plan for Swedish armaments which will increase the number of heavy tanks, anti-tank weapons and automatic infantry weapons will be presented to the Swedish Riksdag shortly, Defense Minister Per Edvin Skoeld said today.

He said that the eight-year plan announced in 1936 has been finished well ahead of schedule in 1941.

The new plan will give the Swedish army a proportionately larger mobile force than any other army. Its navy will get new submarines, destroyers and motor torpedo boats. Coast artillery will be strengthened and air forces increased to the maximum of production capacity.

Extra costs of the program were estimated at 750,000,000 crowns yearly (about \$340,000,000).

Bonds Given By Two On Assault Charges

George Ahrens and J. F. Grotgen were released from city jail Sunday, under bonds of \$1,000 each to recorder's court, on charges of assault upon complaint of Gus Koutoulas, of the Cape Fear Sandwich shop.

Koutoulas charges in the warrants that Ahrens broke a quantity of dishes and water glasses during an altercation in the sandwich shop. In addition to assault, Grotgen is charged with taking away a salt shaker and a pepper shaker from the cafe.

CHING NAMED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The office of production management announced today the appointment of Cyrus Ching, vice-president of the U. S. Rubber company, as chairman of a management-labor sub-committee to aid in converting the automobile industry to war production.

DR. BOBBS



NEGRO SOLDIER RIOT TOLL IS 30

Trouble At Alexandria, La., Follows Arrest At Show; Tear Gas Exhausted

ALEXANDRIA, La., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Negro soldiers were restricted to nearby camps Livingston and Claiborne today by the Fifth Army Corps headquarters following a disturbance here last night in which 30 persons were injured, including 28 negro soldiers, one woman and one state policeman.

Four of the soldiers, shot in the two-hour clash in the city's "Little Harlem" section, were in a serious condition, Army officials said.

A company of white military police from Wisconsin, after becoming involved with the soldiers, called for help and was reinforced by city and state police.

Chief of Police George C. Gray estimated 60 military police, a score of city officers and 10 state troopers took part in rounding up 3,000 negro troops, dispersing 3,000 negro civilians and closing 15 saloons and cafes in a four-block area.

Practically all of the negro troops involved were from northern states, principally New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois, officers said.

Fifth Army Corps authorities announced that the negro soldiers were restricted to their camps but were not placed under arrest. Military police today continued to explain that these were mostly non-commissioned officers with families in town who had weekend passes.

The negro section is patrolled by negro military police, who with the Wisconsin company, are under orders of Maj. Ray McKnight, assistant corps provost marshal. The first trouble was reported to have occurred in front of a negro theater when a Wisconsin policeman arrested a negro soldier and a crowd of negro soldiers attacked the white officer and his prisoner.

Bullets, bricks, sticks and rocks flew. Windows were broken and between 25 and 30 tear gas bombs, the city's entire supply, were used. The negro troops were ordered to the bus station, loaded into busses and sent back to their camps.

Fifth Army Corps headquarters said the 28 negro soldiers injured were either shot, clubbed or otherwise bruised.

The Army withheld the names of soldiers taken to military hospitals. Two of the soldiers were treated at a civilian hospital.

May Frances Scaler, 22, was struck in the hip by a stray bullet, officers said. One state patrolman had a bandaged finger he said he hurt when he hit a soldier on the head with his flashlight.

Property damage was confined almost entirely to broken windows.

Frenchmen Answer Collaboration Issue By Sound Reasoning

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Daring Frenchmen in some villages in eastern France gave the occupying Germans a lesson in collaboration today.

The French radio at Brazzaville, Equatorial Africa, said this notice was posted on walls of the town "under the very noses of the Boches":

"First, we can be intelligent. Second, we can support collaboration. Third we can be honorable. But if we are intelligent and support collaboration, we cannot be honorable. If we are honorable and support collaboration, we cannot be intelligent. If we are honorable and intelligent, we cannot support collaboration."

CBS heard the broadcast.

Pickup Ride To Town Causes Handbag Loss

A handbag containing \$35 in cash, a return ticket from Wilmington to New York, a driver's license, and articles of clothing were left in a Ford V 8 black sedan driven by a man known only as Jim, who had picked up two marines and a woman about five miles north of Wilmington Sunday afternoon.

One marine giving his name as Frank McVeigh said the property belonged to himself and his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Stella Duda. The driver's license was in her maiden name. The McVeighs claimed Chester, N. Y., as their home and in reporting to the police gave their local address as Hotel Wilmington.

The name of the other marine could not be learned. The driver of the sedan, Jim, was said to be a worker at the Marine base. 3

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NO WITCH HUNT AHEAD IN U. S.

Assistant Attorney General Makes Position Clear On Critics

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general, assured the nation today no "witch hunts" aimed at looking up critics of the war policy.

"If law enforcement officers want to start falling people merely what they think, say or write, officers would experience tremendous difficulty in devising standards to determine what kind of criticism shall be permitted, and what kind of criticism shall not be permitted," he said.

Berge, head of the department's criminal division, spoke over radio station WWDC on the subject of freedom of speech in time of war.

Berge said "the safest and most effective way to counteract the misguided mutterings of the relatively few people who have not joined our heart and soul in our military effort to win this war is by intelligent and vigorous reply to such people."

"The American policy," he added, "is to meet force by force and talk by talk."

MINERS STRIKE

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—More than 2,000 miners in one of the most important mines of the West coalfields went on strike today over a wage dispute and some expressed fear the walkout might force the others into idleness because of the large number of men called into the army. Maintenance of coal production has been one of Britain's most difficult jobs.

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TAX LISTING

The Machinery Act provides that Poll and Tangible Property tax returns shall be made to the list-taker during the month of January under the pains and penalties imposed by law.

OWNERS OF AUTOMOBILES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE TAX LISTERS FULL INFORMATION AS TO MODEL, YEAR OF MANUFACTURE AND STATE LICENSE NUMBER.

Wilmington township tax listers will be on the main floor of old court house daily 8:30 a. m., to 5:30 p. m., (Sundays excepted), beginning January 2nd, 1942.

County tax listers will meet their usual appointments as advertised.

Harnett listers will meet at the court house January 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st.

Cape Fear, Federal Point and Masonboro listers will meet at the court house January 30th, and 31st.

J. A. ORRELL, County Auditor

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R. MORSE, City and County Tax Collector

Auto Tire Thieves Grow Unusually Bold

Rationing of auto tires and tubes are causing thieves, who specialize in stealing such accessories, to become unusually bold, city detectives said Sunday, when the theft by daylight of all the tires on a car was reported.

Sergeant R. T. Stephens, Company 553, signal battalion, Camp Davis, reported that he left his car parked yesterday morning on N. 17th street.

When he returned about noon, the car had been jacked up and all four tubes and tires gone. A spare was also stolen, he said. Sergeant Stephens said all the rubber was new.

