#### THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT-EVERY THURSDAY-EOONE, N. C.

# "My Best Girl" By KATHLEEN NORRIS

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FOURTH INSTALMENT

Maggie Johnson, whose father is a letter carrier, is the domestic drudge of the humble home where her mother does little except he-mean the fact that she has "seen better days" and her sister Liz, who works in a heauty shop, lies abed lafe. Maggie has to get the famity breakfast before she starts out to her job in the Five-and-Ten-Cent Store.

Three's a new boy at the store, Joe Grant. He tells Maggie that he has been assigned to work as her helper in the stock room. He eems rather dumb, but Maggie helps him through his first day at the store and shares her lunch with him is a cubby hole of a place that belongs to a mattress factory next door to the Five-and-Ten.

They are looking over some cheap picture cards. One of them has a motio that strike's Maggie's fancy. "The way to begin the ideal life is to begin." She and Joe talk about that and Joe is surprised that about that and Joe is surprised that the girl has higher standards than in had suspected. When he goes home that night he is thinking about Maggie. And his home is the home of the owner of the Mack

Hillicent's commission party and I mont farm. "I solely would like you to see the certainly expect you."" "I think I'll for Millicent cry her-

dead

"Give her my love and tell her I'm bying to not together enough mon-cy for our little rest," sud dec. "Ph see her at the club tonnerow, any "I d'no. Magnic, Jest got restless, "I d'no. Magnic, Jest got restless, way she always plays rolf Sunday I guess." "Look here, Pop. If my grand-

"I wish you'd stop tolking non sense, and follow me over to the Rus sells," his mother said impatiently "I don't know what they'll think it you don't come." "Teil them Tve bad a change of heart—Fve got religion." Joe said indifferently. "Tell then the way to begin living the ideal life i to be gin."

f righteous pride. The Johnsens had "Dearie, your Pon ain't much on

cf righteous pride. The Johnsens had no puide and no particular cause for puide, she said. But the Pethevidges, and their collington interal lines of Larkins and Lawr ences! Ma told them thrilling tales of Geanma Larkin's sampler, hung above the Petheridge's fireplace in the magnificent Fetheridge terms. "Mowe South," and about the John by Yanks mashing up all Gean'ma "down South," and about the boll ny Yanks mashing up all Gran'ma I remember that, because I said to i.arkin's cat glass, and about the slaves--hundreds of them, thousands of them, all singing and dancing and of them all singing and dancing and hanny, and not any more wanting to be freed than so many irresponsible mards like flowers" our old doctor,

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nines some day, Margie, There was your father, Margie!" self to sleep tonight," the bay it could out a boys, and my sister Mar-lazity. My job has sapped my en-ergics—what with cologine and just. Lizity. "My just has supped my en-ergies---what with cologie, and just eards and tinsel and cegetable "What are you taiking about." Farter you're flamed for her, and for "U guess so inv medic for There's some of them there still, I daressy--I baven't hoard for twenty years. Yeard like you'r grandmother's kitchen---winter "Nothing Nothing But Fm a or summer, that was the place as working man now no time for fri boys liked to be't remember when olities. Leave one be, Mother. Fm a big storm would be common opto summer, that was the place us buys liked to be! I remember when dead?" trees bendin over, and planks rat-tion be the ward of the wor of the well-sat ruzzled and disapproving, think sweep creating how we loved the kitchen then! There was a big open "Tasten doe You de like Milla-"Tasten doe You de like Milla-bent, doa't you? Sha's such a dear little thing, his mother presently weight across it, and there weight sentimentally, and the likes bergy sentimentally, and the likes bergy sentimentally. and the likes

see her at the club tomorrow, any way --she always plaxs golf Sunday "I don't undorstend you, doe," his mother said in cold opage and 'T too went at of the horse vesteridy mor-ning wild bocause you father had said he'd take vest out of college if this shendage of money sent on. Now you say you've got a job and don't "The oil man called me names this morning." It's just possible—it's just possible that some day I'H have the haugh on the old man" "T wish you'd stop talking non-sense, and follow me over to the Rus-sells," his mother said impatiently.

and I-make more than two hundred a month. Pa. And there's budgets as w as one hundred!"

"Two hundred a month for four folks ain't much these days, Magyie, when everything's gone up so high!"

But, Pop-those hudgets, and the lists the government sends out, and the newspapers and the magazines know how things have gone up, don't

"Not so very." "You'll have to get the money from

"Pop, have you thirty cents?" "I guess so" He counted it cost



Nathan Strans, etc. of New York's greatest merchants, who de-voted his life and his fortune to aiding mankind, diod at 83. Nen fortune to

to himself, "Do you get me?" asked aloud. She did not get him at all, but she

nodded. "You must make everything beau-tiful in your life," Joe said, encour-aged by her attention. "An old plate, for instance, an old stain on the wall. Why, Maggie, the museums of Europe are full of them --old plates and ragged clothes and worn-out rugs and water stains, and everyone thinks they're beautiful! The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, for instance. Did you ever hear of that?" ever hear of that?" Maggie said

nodding.

"And how did you know that?" "Ob, we had it in school, an then we have 'era here, among the fitteencent classic colored reproductions," Maggie replied. "Well, All these old pictures ar

You're-you're all in your own mind, do you see? What you have doesn't you once got it?" she said in a whis-roatter. What you think and what per And then, half to berself, "I you are is everything -- and what cant' wait to get home and begin!" bunk it all is?' ne added sneeringly And after a while she said wistful-It: "Joe, I wish I know is much as you know." he ly:

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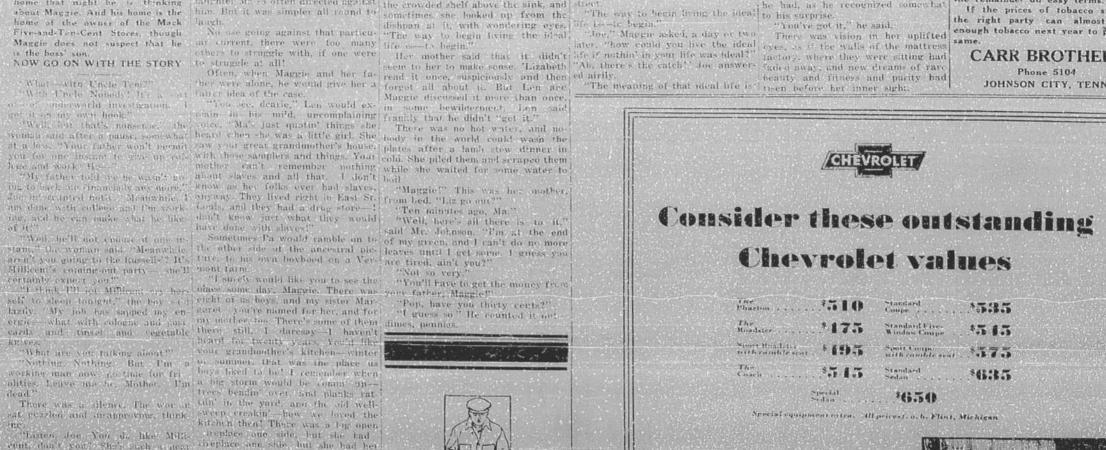
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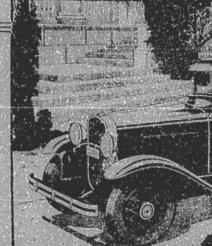
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"To begin what?" sharply asked Lillian Spencer Merrill, wife of the owner of the Mack Merrill Chain Stores. "Just that, darling The way to

Stores. "Just that, darling. The way to begin living the ideal life is—to be gin," said Joseph Grant Mackenzie her hands nice.

And then, of course, we're poor Mrs. Johnson, born Petheridge, cherished in herseir, and planted in her daughters, an unbounded sense "Pow, we're not poor! Why, you

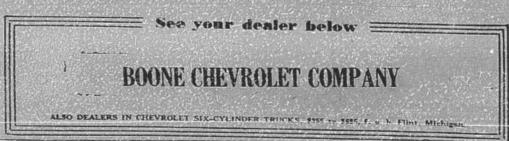
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