

The Other Man

By Ruby M. Ayers

Fourth Installment

The man hastened to reassure her.

"Nobody killed, miss, nothing to be scared about. Just a bit injured, taken to hospital. My orders were to fetch you."

"I'll come now."

Pauline flew upstairs. She was hardly conscious of what she was doing. A hat and coat—any hat, any coat—a word to the maid—

"It's the master—how she loved calling Dennis the master—he's been hurt—the car, somehow."

And she was downstairs again. "Oh, hurry, hurry!" she implored the officer.

The car moved off down the road, and Pauline began slowly to regain her self-control. "How did it happen? My husband is such a wonderful driver?"

"Collision at the crossroads. Nobody seems to know whose fault it was."

Pauline hardly heard. "How is he hurt? His arm—leg? Where is he hurt?"

"I couldn't say, miss." Why would he insist on calling her miss when she was Dennis' wife? It was not dignified. "My orders was only to fetch you and to say it was not serious."

"I see." She sat staring before her with blind eyes, her hands clasped in her lap.

Suppose he were dead and they were afraid to tell her? To be a widow when she was only so recently a wife. All her pretty frocks would be quite useless—she would have to wear black. All sorts of incongruous thoughts kept tumbling over and over in her dazed mind. She turned sharply to the man beside her.

"There was a lady with him—Mrs. Stark—was she hurt, too?"

"Just a shaking miss—I saw the lady myself—she was very distressed, naturally, but not hurt, I should say."

She moistened her dry lips. "How much farther is it?"

"Just round the corner by that red building—the one with the weathercock on it."

When the car stopped she stumbled out blindly, evading the officer's proffered hand. Up the steps to the big open door. "Where is he? I am Mrs. O'Hara. My husband has been hurt. Where is he?"

The maddening waiting, the formalities! Pauline had worked herself into a frenzy by the time someone said, "Please come this way;" and at last she was in a small room with a single bed. There was a smell of drugs in the air, and the polished floor felt hard to her feet. Silly to think of small things like that at a moment when her whole being should have been concentrated on the man lying there—his head bandaged, his eyes closed.

"Dennis!"

He did not move or seem to hear. Someone standing in the window turned, came forward. Barbara, of course.

"Dennis!" Pauline was down on her knees beside him, sobbing broken-heartedly.

Barbara put an arm round Pauline and lifted her to her feet.

"You must control yourself. They won't let you stay here at the hospital if you make a scene."

He's all right, I promise you. Pauline, you know I would tell you the truth."

"I know—but he might have been killed. How did it happen? It couldn't have been Dennis' fault, he's such a careful driver."

"It was at the crossroads," Barbara explained. "It's always hard to say who is to blame. The man driving the other car wasn't hurt at all."

In her heart Barbara knew quite well Dennis had been to blame. When she had warned him that he was driving too fast, he had deliberately accelerated instead of slowing down. She helped Pauline to a chair, not a very comfortable one, and stood beside her waiting for her sobs to cease.

Pauline took her hand and pressed it.

"I'm so glad you were with him, Barb, she sobbed. "I'm sure things would have been much worse if you hadn't been there."

Barbara drew her hand gently away.

"I think they are bad enough as it is," she said.

She looked across the room at Dennis. He was so white, he hardly seemed to breathe. Supposing he had been killed?

Pauline had ceased sobbing, but her breath kept coming in little gasps. She got up and crept close to the bed.

"Dennis," she whispered again, but he did not hear her. She bent and softly kissed his cheek. She turned again to Barbara, tears raining down her cheeks.

"Will they let me take him home?"

"I think it would be very unwise, my dear."

At that moment Dennis stirred a little and flung out a hand. Pauline seized it and covered it with kisses.

"Darling—darling!"

He opened his eyes. They were clouded still and far away. They searched her face without recognition; then his lips moved slowly. Pauline bent to catch what he said.

"Barbara?" The name was unmistakable.

Pauline answered at once: "Not hurt. She's all right, quite all right."

"Yes." The faintest word of satisfied assent; then his eyes closed again.

Pauline turned to Barbara. "He wanted to know how you were. Isn't that like him? So unselfish. Oh, are you sure he will be all right?"

"Quite all right, dear. Look, I think he's asleep now."

Suddenly Pauline spoke slowly. "I don't believe he recognized me just now. I don't believe he even knew who I was."

"I don't suppose he did," she said evenly. "He was only half-conscious, you know."

Pauline raised tragic eyes. "But he asked for you, he knew your name—he hadn't forgotten that you were with him, though he seemed to have forgotten me," she added slowly.

Barbara did not answer.

It was a month before Dennis was allowed to be taken home. Pauline fretted and worried, but Dennis himself aided and abetted the doctors.

"My dear child, it's far better to leave me where I am. You'd only wear yourself out if I were at home."

"He didn't say he was anxious to get back home," Pauline told Barbara afterward, almost in tears. Barbara had stayed on during Dennis' illness—reluctantly, it is true, and only after Pauline had begged and implored of her not to go.

She said now in answer to her friend's words: "Work means everything to a man like Dennis—it includes you and his home and everything else."

Pauline reflected, then she sighed.

"I suppose you're right," she said at last. "You understand men so well."

Barbara flatly refused to visit Dennis in the hospital, though Pauline protested that he would think it unkind.

Barbara laughed. "You flatter me," she said mockingly. "Besides,

I hate illness and hospital wards—the smell of drugs always makes me feel sick."

Pauline's eyes grew wistful. "Wouldn't you come and see me, then, if I were ill?" she asked.

"Why're different?"

Barbara frowned: "Well for one thing, you rather like me, don't you? Whereas Dennis—"

Pauline broke in eagerly. "But he doesn't, he doesn't! He's asked after you ever so many times since the accident."

"That's very kind of him."

"If you two could only be friends!" Pauline said for the millionth time.

Barbara threw a cigarette end and fired.

"Dennis and I can never be friends," she said positively. "And what does it matter? No doubt it's all my fault."

Pauline shook her head. "No, I think Dennis is as much to blame as you are," she admitted. "It's such a pity, because you're a darling, and he's really rather a nice man, you know, Barb!"

Barbara laughed.

It was in the middle of the week that Pauline announced that Dennis would be home on Friday.

There was a moment's silence, then Barbara said calmly, turning the page of a book she was reading: "What a pity! I shall have to go to town on Friday."

"Barbie! Can't you put it off? I wanted to celebrate. I've asked Peter to dinner."

"I'm sorry, but I've promised to lunch and go to a theatre with Captain Barnett!"

Pauline got up and came to sit on the arm of her friend's chair.

"I wish you wouldn't go out with that man, Barbie."

"My dear soul, why ever not?"

"He's married."

"Well, that's his misfortune, not his fault."

"Do you think marriage is a misfortune, then?"

"Yes, in nine cases out of ten. It was in mine—it is in Jerry's. You dare say, will be the great exception that proves the rule."

"I wish you weren't so cynical."

"Life—my sort of life, at least—makes one cynical, so don't worry your little head about me. I'm quite happy in my own way."

There was a short silence; then Pauline asked almost shyly: "Is Jerry Barnett the man you—you said you cared about?"

Barbara laughed. "Jerry? Good heavens, no! He's not my sort. We're good friends, but I couldn't fall in love with a man who only talks about horses and dogs."

"And you really mean to go on Friday?"

"I've promised."

"It's because she doesn't want to meet Dennis," Pauline thought bitterly, when Barbara had left her.

"I know that's what it is. Why do those two dislike each other so much, I wonder?"

Then suddenly a bright idea came to her. If Dennis was well enough to come home on Friday, he would be well enough to come home on Thursday. Barbara should not know, and Peter should be asked to dinner for Thursday instead.

She made her plans as happily as a child, taking only the maid into her confidence.

And on Thursday Barbara had a headache.

"Nothing much," she told Pauline, who went to her room and hung over her with solicitude. "It's the kind of headache I get when I know any exertion lies before me. Leaving this comfortable room, for instance, and moving on. All my life I seem to have been moving on," she added rather drearily, and then as she saw the concern in Pauline's eyes, she sat up with sudden energy. "Don't take any notice of me. Send me a strong cup of tea and leave me in peace till tea time; then I'll be down, clothed and in my right mind."

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SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the terms of a certain mortgage deed of trust executed by Frank Oakley and wife, Charlotte Oakley, on May 10th, 1921 to D. A. Rendleman, Trustee, and recorded in Book of Mortgages No. 76, page 269, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned Trustee will expose for sale, at public auction, for CASH, at the courthouse door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, January 14th, 1933, at the hour of 12M, the following described property:

Beginning at a stone, Burke's corner; thence, N. 2.76 chains to a stake, corner of lot No. 2; thence West with Alex Oakley's line, 2.1 chains to a stake; thence South 2.76 chains to a stone, File's corner; thence East 2.1 chains to the beginning, containing 5.80 acres, and being lot No. 1 in the division of land of Robert Oakley, deceased.

The above property will be sold subject to all prior taxes and other liens.

This the 12th day of December, 1932.

D. A. RENDLEMAN, Trustee, Rendleman & Rendleman, Attys. Dec. 16—Jan. 13.

SALE OF VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY

Pursuant to the terms of a certain Deed of Trust, executed by F. E. Garrett and wife, Fannie N. Garrett, on January 1, 1929, to David B. Harris and Tristram T. Hyde, Jr., Trustees, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County in Book of Mortgages No. 109, page No. 417, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the notes therein secured, the undersigned David B. Harris, Acting Trustee, will expose for sale, at public auction for CASH, at the courthouse door in the City of Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, January 14, 1933, at the hour of 12M, the following described real estate:

All that certain lot or parcel of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Salisbury, Salisbury Township, Rowan County, N. C., and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the South side of Maupin Avenue, at a point 150 feet N. 59-15 West from the Southwest corner of the intersection of Maupin Avenue and Blair Streets, Garrett's corner, and runs thence with Garrett's line S. 31-45 W. 175 feet to a stake in an alley; thence with line of said alley N. 55-W. 50 feet to a stake, Mrs. W. E. Dunham's corner; thence with Mrs. W. E. Dunham's line N. 31-45 E. 172 feet to a stake in the Southern edge of Maupin Avenue; thence with edge of Maupin Avenue S.

59-15 E. 50 feet to the beginning, same being lot number 5, block number 23, Southern Development map, recorded in Map Book at page 31, Register of Deeds, Rowan County, and being a part of the real estate, conveyed by J. L. Fulbright and wife to F. E. Garrett and wife, Fannie M. Garrett by deed recorded in Book 203, page 211, aforesaid Registry.

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All that lot or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Salisbury Township, city of Salisbury, N. C., Rowan County, and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on East Fisher Street 144.8 feet North 44 West from the West corner of the intersection of East Fisher and South Lee Streets, Peeler's corner; thence with Fisher Street North 44 West 56 1/2 feet, more or less, to a stake, corner of the Mowery (now Wallace) store lot; thence with the line of the said store lot South 46 West 125 1/2 feet, more or less, to a stake Mowery's (now Wallace's) corner on W. W. Taylor's line; thence with said Taylor's line S. 44 East 56 1/2 feet, more or less to a stake 1 1/2 feet Southeast of W. W. Taylor's corner; thence parallel with Lee Street North 46 East and with Peeler's line 125 1/2 feet, more or less, to the beginning, being the same real estate conveyed by E. C. Arey and wife, M. Rose Arey to Albert J. Feaster and wife, Helen J. Feaster, by deed dated May 17th 1919, and filed for registration on the 21st day of May, 1919, in the office of Register of Deeds, County of Rowan, State of North Carolina, recorded in book 156, page 62 to which reference is hereby made, and known as number 121 East Fisher Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.

This, the 7th day of December, 1932.

CAROLINA MORTGAGE COMPANY Trustee E. W. G. Huffman, Attorney. Dec. 9—Jan. 6.

MORTGAGE OF SALE

Pursuant to the provisions contained in a Mortgage or Conditional Sales Contract, registered in Book No. 100, page 389, made by L. M. Swanson, for the protection and benefit of the undersigned, on the 9th day of April, 1932, default having been made in a payment of this debt and an Assessment contracted to be paid by the maker of this Mortgage, which said Conditional Sales Contract was given to secure the undersigned will sell at public sale for CASH at the Courthouse, Salisbury, N. C., on the 17th day of December, 1932, at 12:00 Noon, the following personal property:

One Buick sedan, motor No. 2124312 serial No. 2029318, 1928 model, conveyed by the said L. M. Swanson, to satisfy the debt provided for in said Conditional Sales Contract.

This the 21st day of November, 1932.

RANEY-CLINE MOTOR COMPANY, Mortgages. By C. F. Raney, Sec. & Treas. Dec. 2—Dec. 16.

SALE OF VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY

Pursuant to the terms of a certain Deed of Trust executed by Charles L. Burkett and wife, Lillian N. Burkett, on June 1, 1927, to David B. Harris and Tristram T. Hyde, Jr., Trustees, and recorded in Book of Mortgages No. 102, page 471, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the notes therein secured, the undersigned David B. Harris, Acting Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction for CASH, at the courthouse door in the city of Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, December 17, 1932, at the hour of 12M, the following described real estate:

All that lot or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Salisbury Township, city of Salisbury, N. C., Rowan County, and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at a point of the northeastern side of Elm street N. 65 deg. 45 min. West, fifty (50) ft. from the North corner of the intersection of the Northeastern line of Elm St. and

co. vey. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement.

This November 12, 1932.

ROSE JULIAN, Administratrix of the estate of Mrs. G. W. Julian. Nov. 18—Dec. 23.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust made by Albert J. Feaster and wife, Helen J. Feaster, to Carolina Mortgage Company, Trustee, dated the 15th day of August, 1927, and recorded in Book 102, at page 583, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured, and the holder thereof having directed that the deed of trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1933 and will sell to the highest bidder for CASH a certain lot or parcel of land in or near the City of Salisbury, Township of Salisbury, County of Rowan, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Situate, lying and being in the Great South Ward of Salisbury, North Carolina.

Beginning at a stake on East Fisher Street 144.8 feet North 44 West from the West corner of the intersection of East Fisher and South Lee Streets, Peeler's corner; thence with Fisher Street North 44 West 56 1/2 feet, more or less, to a stake, corner of the Mowery (now Wallace) store lot; thence with the line of the said store lot South 46 West 125 1/2 feet, more or less, to a stake Mowery's (now Wallace's) corner on W. W. Taylor's line; thence with said Taylor's line S. 44 East 56 1/2 feet, more or less to a stake 1 1/2 feet Southeast of W. W. Taylor's corner; thence parallel with Lee Street North 46 East and with Peeler's line 125 1/2 feet, more or less, to the beginning, being the same real estate conveyed by E. C. Arey and wife, M. Rose Arey to Albert J. Feaster and wife, Helen J. Feaster, by deed dated May 17th 1919, and filed for registration on the 21st day of May, 1919, in the office of Register of Deeds, County of Rowan, State of North Carolina, recorded in book 156, page 62 to which reference is hereby made, and known as number 121 East Fisher Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.

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CAROLINA MORTGAGE COMPANY Trustee E. W. G. Huffman, Attorney. Dec. 9—Jan. 6.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Harry F. Wright, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 16th day of Dec. 1933, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement.

This Dec. 9th, 1932.

G. W. WRIGHT, Adm. of Estate of Harry F. Wright, Dec'd. R. Lee Wright, Atty. Dec. 16—Jan. 20.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator, C. T. A. of the estate of Paul Cromer Sigmon, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 21st day of Nov. 1933, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement.

This Nov. 14th, 1932.

MRS. EDITH SIGMON, Admrx. C.T.A. of Estate of Paul Cromer Sigmon. E. W. G. Huffman, Attorney. Nov. 18—Dec. 23.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Ambrose Smith, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 30th day of November, 1933, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement.

This November 29th, 1932.

NATHANIEL BROWN, Executor of Ambrose Smith. W. T. Shuford, Atty. Dec. 2—Jan. 6.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mrs. G. W. Julian, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 14th day of November, 1933, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This Dec. 2—Jan. 6.

ROSE JULIAN, Administratrix of the estate of Mrs. G. W. Julian. Nov. 18—Dec. 23.

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a certain deed of trust executed to the First National Company of Durham, Incorporated, Trustee, by Homer S. Safrit and wife, Roxie Lee Safrit on the first day of August 1928, on the lands herein described, said deed of trust being recorded in Book 107, page