

"CUPID RIDES A BUS" by POLAN BANKS

CHAPTER X

the sheriff and his armed horde swept into the camp nearly a mile over the camp's proprietor's head. Evergreen looked around him, and fled down the road with a look of terror. The minions of the law, eager on account of criminality and a large amount of loot, were deployed carefully in a circle around Desdemona's quarters as they closed in their quarry. Love was just appearing, and as they were making their way toward the bus, the sheriff, who was in the lead, shouted the command, "Or we'll shoot!"

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Tony grinned.

"Don't worry about that. They all paid me their shares for the gas and oil, in advance although I didn't ask them to."

"Would it be right—doing that?" she wanted to know.

"I'd rather be wrong—and stay out of jail."

"Say—what about my rent for those cabins?" demanded the proprietor, suddenly.

"Don't worry—I'll pay the bill," said Tony, and forthwith paid him three dollars. He picked up the cat. "Come on, Casanova—I guess you'd better go along."

They boarded the bus, then, after stowing aboard their bags. Gerude and her bowl, they noticed, had disappeared.

"I guess Miss Love took her along to jail with her," said Ginger, and took Casanova in her lap. I hope Mr. Smock won't miss his cat too much."

"We'll return him, when we know what his permanent address will be," said Tony. It'll be in the papers most likely."

He started the motor, and the green bus rumbled off, headed south. They were on their way.

Neither of them knew it, but that was only the beginning of an eventful day.

They drove all day through Virginia, the double-decker Fifth Avenue bus an incongruous object in this history-laden landscape. A somewhat subdued young couple, not yet quite accustomed to the idea that for the remainder of the trip they were to be quite alone; and a little too self-conscious of that fact.

They had long since talked-out the surprise which the morning's incident had given them, and had crossed the Carolina border when the second thunderbolt struck. For it was on the road to Fredericksburg that Fate, on a motor-cycle, overtook them.

Tony mindful of their financial state, always drove with a watchful eye on the rear-vision mirror, and on the speedometer. It was with some surprise, then, that he saw the law take their trail, overtake the bus and signal them to stop. Tony applied the brakes and exchanged an apprehensive look with Ginger. Were the authorities trying to rope them in with the diamond thieves? Ginger, thinking of Miami and a job, felt her heart in her throat as the cycle cop dismounted and walked over to them. He was a lanky, cadaverous-looking individual with a drawl and a mustache that drooped. Before he spoke he glanced up at the "Washington Square" sign above the windshield.

"You folks from New York, ain't you?" he greeted.

"Yes," said Tony, "we are. You can see that for yourself from our license-plates."

"Left yesterday morning, didn't you?"

Tony nodded. But the officer looked at the girl.

"Are you Ginger Drake—Miss Ginger Drake?"

"Why, yes," admitted Ginger, taken by surprise.

"Thought I had the right party—although it's hard mistaking this bus," he nodded his satisfaction.

"What do you want with Miss Drake?" asked Tony.

"It ain't only this young woman I'm wanting—you're in this too," said the Law. And spat. "You admit that you're still a miss—so I guess you ain't claiming you're this man's wife, are you?"

"Certainly not!" exclaimed Ginger. "But I don't see what business that is of yours, or any—"

"Did you folks ever hear of a law called the Mann Act?" he inquired, sarcastically.

"Mann Act!" Tony was both amused and irritated. And not a little relieved; so it was not the diamond business, after all! "Is that moth-eaten old gag still alive?"

"Alive enough to put you behind the bars for taking a woman not your wife across a state border!"

Tony said: "But that's ridiculous! You've got to prove that a man takes a woman across a state border for immoral purposes. But we—"

"That's just what the charge is," said the Law. Immoral purposes."

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HAYWOOD.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
EDNA HOWARD, Plaintiff,
Vs.
GEORGE HOWARD, Defendant.
TO THE DEFENDANT, GEORGE HOWARD:

You will take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina, entitled as above and that the purpose of the said action is to obtain an absolute divorce on the ground of two years' separation.

You will further take notice that you are required to be and appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior Court, in the Court House in Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before the 30th day of April, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed in the office of the clerk of the said court.

You will further take notice that if you fail to answer or demur to the complaint within the time required by law, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: an absolute divorce.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this the 30th day of March, 1942.

C. H. LEATHERWOOD,
Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina No. 1169 April 2-9-16-23.

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One of the first pictures to reach the U. S. from the Philippines since war started in the Pacific, this photo shows American soldiers examining the ruins of a residence wrecked during an air raid on Barrie Paraque. The attack occurred during the first week of the war in the Philippines.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

(As Recorded to Monday Noon Of This Week)

Beaverdam Township

D. S. Green, et ux, to Raymond Green.

L. Arthur Clark, et ux, to D. T. Fletcher, et ux.

L. A. Coman, et ux, to S. M. Robinson.

S. M. Robinson, et ux, to L. A. Coman, et ux.

Love A. Coman, et ux, to A. B. Robinson, et ux.

Marvin Stamey, et ux, to J. J. Stamey.

W. N. Leatherwood, et ux, to Hoyt D. Carr, et ux.

Clyde Township

Helen L. West to J. R. Jones.

Edward D. Jones, et ux, to Helen L. West.

Crabtree Township

John T. Ford, et ux, to B. H. Ford.

B. H. Ford, et ux, to John T. Ford.

Pines Creek Township

D. J. Noland, et ux, to Bryson Hannah, et ux.

Pigeon Township

J. R. Morgan, et ux, et al, to G. R. Smith, et ux.

"What charge?" demanded Tony, "and whose?"

"The party who tipped off the New York police to send out the alarm for you two. I've got orders to run you both in, and hold you for the federal officers."

"Well, I'll be—" Tony choked. He looked at Ginger. "Now, who do you think is trying to be funny at our expense?"

Ginger's face was as unsmiling as his own.

"Ronny Rockaby. It can't be anyone else."

"Your crooner friend? But why?"

"To keep me from getting to Miami in time for that job." She was tense and upset. "Don't you see?"

"Well, I'll be a dirty so-and-so!" swore Tony. "Just wait till I get my hands on that—but are you sure?"

"They know my name, but they don't know yours," she pointed out.

"That's right, brother," said the Law. "What is your name? Your right one?"

Anthony Taylor—New Haven," said Tony, mechanically. "But look here, officer—you can't hold us. It's ridiculous."

(To be Continued)

Dairymen Should Plan Now For Feed Next Winter

A total of 27 applications for tires and tubes, the largest number yet to be filed in one week with the board, was received during the given time. Of this number 18 were granted.

Applicants receiving favorable action by the board were as follows: Wm. H. Neese, minister, 1 passenger car tire and 1 passenger tube; T. L. Blaylock, hauling employes and equipment to and from mining establishment, 2 truck tires recapped; Underwood Lumber Supply Company, hauling agricultural lime, material and equipment maintenance public roads.

H. W. Crawford, licensed taxi, 2 station wagon recaps; G. C. Plott, game and forest fire warden, 2 passenger car recaps, and 1 passenger car tube; Jack Medford, hauling acid wood to Champion Paper and Fibre Company and logs to saw mill; Lowdermilk Bros., transportation of equipment and material construction of public roads, 1 truck tire and 1 truck tube.

H. H. Price, hauling raw forest products to mill, 2 truck tires

and 2 truck tubes; Carr Lumber Company, hauling raw forest products to mill and to railroad for shipment; Grace Lumber Mills, hauling raw forest products to mill, 2 truck tires and 2 truck tubes.

Grace Lumber Mills (in second application) hauling raw forest products to mill, 2 truck tires and 2 truck tubes; A. K. Haughton, poultryman, hauler of wholesale poultry to market, 1 truck recap; Grace Lumber Mills, licensed taxi hauling mail and employees to and from saw mill and Cold Springs section, 1 station wagon recap.

Underwood Lumber and Supply Company, hauler of lumber, pulpwood and agricultural lime, 2 truck recaps; Dr. R. S. Roberson, practicing physician, 2 passenger car recaps; Dr. R. H. Stretcher, practicing physician, 1 passenger car tire, and 1 passenger car tube; Garrett Funeral Home, funeral service car, 1 new funeral car tire.

Among those failing to have applications granted during the past week were: Catherine Winston, applying for 1 passenger car tube, not considered eligible; D. L. Paschall, a passenger car recap, quota exhausted; Rev. R. E. McClain, minister, 1 passenger car recap, quota exhausted; Odie Fish, 1

MARRIAGES

Ralph Brooks to Sarah Olive Gillis, both of Canton.

Inflationary prices may fool some people but there is no reason why they should fool farmers who suffered disastrously from the deflation of the first war.

truck tire, quota exhausted. Waynesville Candy Company, wholesale candies, drugs, sundries and groceries, applying for 2 truck tires, quota exhausted; Mrs. Gladys A. Morris, 1 passenger car recap, quota exhausted; Grace Lumber Company, 1 station wagon tube; American Fruit Stand, 2 truck recaps, quota exhausted; J. Yates Bailey, 2 passenger car recaps, quota exhausted.



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