

Snap Shots Of The

HUMAN SIDE OF LIFE

—By— FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

Although she had very carefully drawn the curtains and pulled the shades down to the window sills, the glorious sunshine flooding the yard had found a crack through which it had sent a long finger of shimmering gold. And, as though piloted by some unseen Power, this shaft had fallen directly across

the tiny figure lying so silently on the bed. The watcher resented this, just as she resented the sounds of laughter and cheerful conversation outside this darkened room. How could any one find it in their hearts to laugh, she wondered, when this terrible tragedy had crushed her to the earth.

Her eyes were wide and staring as they rested upon the little form that looked so infinitesimal in the center of the large bed. Her eyes were dry but the reddened lids and the convulsive sobs that came intermittently proved that tears were in the past tense, and that they could be of no further relief for the deep sorrow that was hers.

There was no one she could turn to for comfort in this hour of deepest need. Of course there was Tommie, but Tommie was the last human being on earth she wanted to see now. Tommie had come in a little while ago from school, he was six and this was his first experience, but his hearty entrance had sickened her and she could not bear the thought of seeing him. With compressed lips, she told herself she didn't care if she never saw him again.

For Tommie, in a wild burst of boyish enthusiasm, had caused this terrible thing to happen; had brought life with all its beautiful anticipations to a sudden end. No matter what Tommie could do, or say, all the rest of his life would bring the tiny silent form back again to gladden her heart and to make her days and nights joyously happy.

Another sob made her realize that she really loved Tommie devotedly and that she could have found it in her heart to forgive him, after a long time, had this tragedy been an accident. But it was carefully planned and executed with diabolical cunning. Jealousy has caused many foul and dastardly deeds in this changing world of ours and jealousy, she was convinced, had brought such an untimely close to a career that held such wonderful possibilities.

This lovely little creature, now lying so motionless, had come into her life around Christmas time and had brought a joy she had never dreamed possible. Tommie had so suddenly assumed manhood's early estate that he wasn't a baby any more and she had reconciled herself to a lonely existence. But then came Madeline. The name fitted this exquisite little fairy most perfectly; softly curling hair that looked more like silken threads unwound from a sunbeam; and eyes so blue they reflected every smile sent in their direction. A dimple that seemed to be where an angel had softly pinched her cheek gave a look of ever-present joy and combatibility. But the blue eyes were closed now; the curls were ruffled and untidy although infinite care had been taken to restore them to their pristine beauty. Nothing would ever be quite the same.

The door softly opened and in so doing, the shades were gently moved so a much wider swath of sunshine spread across the bed. The watcher sprang to her feet as though in protest, then turned to meet the arms of the lady entering the door.

"Darling," the lady was softly saying, "you must come out and get some of this lovely sunshine. I know how terribly hurt you are but you must not stay in here and grieve."

Pent-up tears suddenly found their way opened and gushed forth in relief that their pressure upon the heart was lessened. Between sobs, the watcher poured forth her anguish.

"Oh, Mummie, it wasn't that Tommie smashed my doll's head but when he ripped it open to find where the voice came from, that was awful."

Now Hiding Here



HAVING BEATEN a British court to the punch by leaving England before its order could stop her from taking her daughter out of its jurisdiction, Mrs. Marie Millns—pictured with Denise, 4—is now in hiding with the child somewhere in the U. S. News stories tell that she thought her husband dead in battle and was planning to wed an American GI, when Millns was found in a Jap prison camp. He is said to have agreed to a divorce but sought the court order. (International)

More Victory Gardens Urged By President

WASHINGTON—President Truman urged more victory gardens recently, declaring that food "is still one of the most vital weapons in securing a lasting and stable peace."

The President's appeal was read by Secretary Agriculture Anderson at a conference opening a national campaign for home gardens.

Mr. Truman, asserting that millions are dying or facing starvation in Europe and Asia, said "hungry people make poor disciples of democracy."

"We are now challenged to help win this global war against hunger," he said.

Anderson said this country is earmarking 16 per cent of its food supply for shipment abroad. But, despite shortages of wheat, fats, and oils, he declared that on the whole Americans will have more to eat this year than last.

School Board O-K's Smoking

The Tarboro City School Board announced Friday it had decided by a 4-2 vote to permit smoking by high school pupils despite a petition from the Ministerial Association urging it to prohibit the practice.

Pupils must have their parents' permission before being allowed to smoke, the board said, adding that a smoking room may be established at the school.

After receiving a request from the students for authority to smoke, the board polled their parents by means of a questionnaire. The result was announced as: 184 in favor, 126 opposed.

Rat Population

The rat population in most cities outnumbers the civilian population. Continuous campaigns to keep rats from multiplying too rapidly are necessary in the majority of cities. More than 20,000 rats were killed in the city dumps of a large western city during the first month of a campaign inaugurated recently by the United States Bureau of Biological Survey. Rats are natural enemies of man. They do \$200,000,000 damage in the United States annually through their consumption of foodstuffs alone, and it has been estimated that it costs \$2 a year to maintain each rat.

WITH THE COLUMNISTS

MERRY GO ROUND—Drew Pearson

If atomic energy is left in the hands of the military, Henry Wallace told Truman, the Army would be in a position to take the first real steps toward fascism this country has ever seen. For example, the Army would be able to: (1) Appoint military men exclusively to the Presidential Commission on Atomic Energy; (2) put such blanket restrictions on communication between scientists that atomic research would be halted; (3) give the military the right to fire any scientist from public to private employment; (4) give the military full authority to make its own laws for people working on atomic energy "over and above the Espionage Act."

LABOR ADJUSTMENTS—Thomas L. Stokes

"The United States conciliation service since V-J Day has settled over 3,000 disputes affecting over 1,300,000 workers without a strike threat and has assisted in settling about 1,300 disputes where strikes were threatened which involved workers 500,000 workers," the President reported. "Only workers directly involved, and not those in related industries who might have been affected indirectly, are included in these estimates. Many of these adjustments have occurred in key industries and would have seemed to us major crises if they had not been settled peaceably."

"This sort of thing goes on quietly, day by day. It is worth noting. The good sense of the American people still exhibits itself. It was wise for President Truman to direct attention to this other, and brighter, side of the picture."

UNO—Dorothy Thompson

The countries whose peoples are receptive to the idea of a real United Nations, with liberty and justice for all, under enforceable law, are the British, American, and Chinese. There is not, I think, the slightest doubt that the Soviet peoples would be receptive to it, but there is no way of presenting the proposition to them as long as their Government is against it.

The fact, of a non-existent free public opinion in the Soviet Union, and of its suppression wherever the Soviet Union extends, is the greatest single impediment to peace and understanding in the world today. One need only think of how things would look, were Russia, though a Socialist or state-capitalist country, also a free democracy, to realize how near a genuine world organization could be.

RUSSIAN DEMANDS—Marquis W. Childs

Russia's asking Turkey to cede the Kars and Ardahan regions situated along the boundary of the USSR has now been confirmed. This demand is more modest than previous claims for territory which have come from the kind of spokesmen customarily selected by the Kremlin to lay down an advance barrage in these matters. But the fear is that it will be only the first demand, to be followed by a claim for the Dardanelles. And if Turkey were to yield, the Government would be so weakened that infiltration and Communist control might be the end result.

SPAIN—Wm. Philip Simms

A wrong move may turn the proud Spaniards against foreign intervention and, by a sort of reverse English, strengthen the hands of Franco. Moreover, the Allies are not united. All of them talk glibly of a "democratic" Spain, but some mean a monarchy, like England; some a republic like the United States and some a Communist regime like that of Soviet Russia. A new, bloodier civil war, more dangerous than ever, could happen.

BOGGED DOWN—Frank R. Kent

First requisite to the world leadership which we have assumed would seem to be the reasonably effective working of our own governmental machinery at home. Few will claim that it is working well. On the contrary, there is abundant evidence that it has dangerously bogged down. Clearly, it cannot work until some method is found by which great industrial-labor conflicts can be settled without strikes which economically strangle the country.

WRONG METHOD—David Lawrence

If the Russian propagandists are trying to right themselves with world opinion, they have chosen the wrong way to accomplish it. One certain way to make friends for the Churchill viewpoint is to attack the motives of the man who led Britain through a victorious war. The world will not soon cast away the views of a former Prime Minister of Britain as being aimed solely at bringing on another conflict.

It is also regrettable that the Moscow organ of the Soviet Government—its official newspaper—should be denouncing Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan as making "false speeches on democracy."

Friends of Russia will be alienated by such tactics.

VITAL TO CHINA—Ralph W. Page

Manchuria has an area of more than 500,000 square miles and a population of 35,000,000, 98 per cent of which is Chinese. All prospect of a united, strong and prosperous China is based upon plans to increase living standards by introducing modern industries. They envisage the building of 50,000 miles of railroads, 500,000 miles of motor roads for the distribution of the fruits of new power plants, mines and steel mills, machine tools and factories. Manchuria is essential for even a glimmering of this program. It contains 75 per cent of all of China's potential industrial development.

NO WAR—Samuel Grafton

We are hardly likely to start a war; first because we are not geared for an offensive move, either by governmental setup or tradition, and second, because we have demobilized. Nor are the Russians likely to launch a major war; first, because they have nothing to win; second, because they believe that world opinion is heading left, especially in colonial and backward countries, and that time is on their side; and third, because by taking offensive action they would give up their major propaganda weapon, which is the argument that capitalism makes wars.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of T. L. Blalock deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hazelwood, North Carolina, on or before the 29th day of March, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 21st day of March, 1946
ONA M. BLALOCK,
Administratrix of the Estate of
T. L. Blalock, deceased.
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA, HAYWOOD COUNTY, WILLIAM T. HOYLE

VS. EVA ARTELL HOYLE.

The defendant, Eva Artell Hoyle will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of two years separation; and that the said defendant will further take notice that she is requested to appear at the office of the Clerk of said Court, in the Courthouse in Waynesville, N. C., within twenty days after the 12th day of April, 1946 and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

The defendant will further take notice that on the 10th day of April, 1946, and thereafter in the office of P. M. Margraves, a Notary Public at No. 529 Pine Bluff St. in the City of Paris, County of Lamar, in the State of Texas, before P. M. Margraves, Notary Public the plaintiff will take the deposition of William T. Hoyle and others, to be read in evidence for the plaintiff in the trial or any trial of the above entitled action, and the said defendant will further take notice that the said deposition is not begun and completed on the said day, the same will be continued from day to day until completed.

The said defendant will further take notice that the said deposition will be opened on the 6th day of May, 1946, at 11 o'clock A. M. at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, in the Courthouse in Waynesville, N. C.

This the 19th day of March, 1946

C. H. LEATHERWOOD,

Clerk of the Superior Court.

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