

MUMS

the word

*****by Richard Hill Wilkinson

GERRY'S PAST had come to life. He should have known it would. A man can't play around a lot, have a lot of stormy affairs with women, and then expect to put it all behind him when finally he finds the one girl in the world and marries her.

That's what had happened to Gerry. He was 31 when he met Linda. She had none of those qualities that the girls of his wild oats days possessed. She loved him, he was sure, as deeply as he loved her.

Only occasionally did he remember the old days, and then it was with a great sense of relief that they were behind him. Once in a while it occurred to him with a feeling of horror how awful it would be if Linda were to find out about his past.

He realized with a sickening sense of dread how easy it was going to be for Linda to find out the night they went to the masked charity. When it came time to unmask, there was Fanchon Evans sitting at the table next to them. Fanchon! Of all the girls of his past, she was the one who had lived in it the most.

HE TRIED TO PRETEND he didn't recognize her, but that was futile. She caught his eye and smiled, and the way she smiled reminded him of the way she used to be, and he knew there was no hope for him. Fanchon had loved him. He had told her he wasn't a marrying man. He had finally had to run away.

Lord! He saw with a shock that the man she was with was Fergus Yates, his best friend. They were getting up, coming towards him.

"Gerry! It's so good to see you again!"

Gerry forced a grin. "Hello, Fanchon. Fancy meeting you here. By the way, this is Linda, my wife." He looked at Fanchon pleadingly.

"How nice to meet Gerry's wife. And to think you two boys are friends." Fanchon glanced at Fergus Yates, then at Gerry. Inwardly Gerry ground his teeth. She hadn't changed a bit. Still knew how to play a cute little game, to torment.

He did his best, and succeeded in not letting Fanchon get alone with Linda. When Linda went out to powder her nose he asked Fanchon

questions so fast she didn't have a chance to follow. He tried to tell her by his actions and being subtle in what he said that he had changed, and for heaven's sake to give him a break. If Linda ever found out . . .

He'd better get Linda alone and make a clean breast of it. No, it was too late for that. He'd appeal to Fergus. No, Fergus was the type who would arch his brows when he learned of the affair he, Gerry, had had with Fanchon. There was only one course left. Fanchon. He must get her alone. A horrible thought struck him. Blackmail! That was her game.

"That's why she was holding off. She was going to hold him up. That was the kind of woman she was. Well, if that were the only way of saving himself with Linda, he'd pay. Having Linda's respect and love was worth any price."

Fanchon rose from the table. "Excuse me, please. I'll only be a moment." She left them. From the corner of his eye Gerry saw her turn at the door. Just a fleeting glance, but he understood. A grimace stole over him, a bitterness.

Fergus said: "How about it, Linda? Time we danced, isn't it?"

"Of course, Ferg."

GERRY WAS ALONE. He stole himself, formed words in his mind, rose, headed for the foyer. Fanchon was there, powdering her nose in an alcove. She saw Gerry in the mirror and whirled.

"Gerry!"

"Well?" said Gerry, his mouth hard.

"Oh, Gerry, don't look at me like that, I—I know what you're thinking. But you must believe me. I love him. He—he mustn't know. It would break my heart to have him find out."

"What-what?" said Gerry.

"Can't you see I've changed?" she went on desperately, wildly. "The past is behind us. Can't you let me forget it? I love Fergus. He loves me. It's real. It's the first real thing I've ever known. I want to forget all that's happened before. I want to get married and have a home and babies."

She paused, breathless, her eyes searching his, pleading.

"Oh," said Gerry, and wet his lips. "Mum's the word, from ole Gerry."

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS IN YANCEY

Checks for insurance payments under Federal social security went to 174 aged persons, children and their widowed mothers in Yancey county for December 1951.

In releasing these figures today, Glenn H. Pittenger, Manager of the Asheville Social Security Office, also said that these monthly payments under the old-age and survivors insurance program amounted to \$3,874.00 in this county. "Without these payments earned by workers under this contributory system, the ability of many people to pay for necessities would have been drastically curtailed or entirely ended," he said.

More than one-third of all people over 65 in the United States who could not count on income from work for support, were getting social security insurance benefits. About 83 persons over age 65 in Yancey county were receiving these payments.

Pittenger pointed out that this Federal program is affording substantial survivor insurance protection. Three out of every four mothers and young children in the Nation are now assured of monthly payments if the insured breadwinner of the family dies.

In this connection, he cited monthly payments totaling \$1,603.00 to 16 children, and 75 widowed mothers in Yancey county. These monthly payments are going to families deprived of earned income by the untimely death of the wage earner. They are making it possible to keep families together, and keep children in school, and, at the same time, lessening the drain on both public and private welfare funds, he said.

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We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness shown us in the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Press Atkins, also for the beautiful floral offering.

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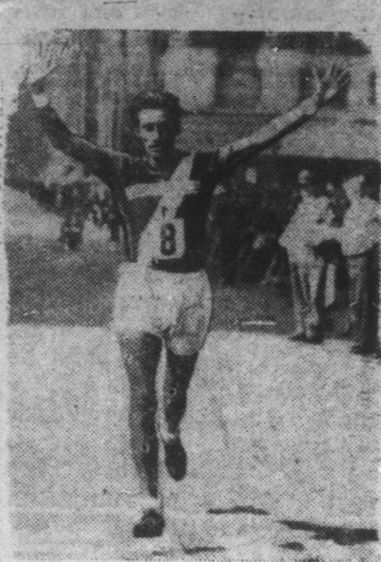
Singing Convention

The Yancey County Singing Convention will meet with the Bible Baptist Church, in Burnsville, on Sunday, May 26th, at 2:00 p. m. All singers and lovers of Gospel Music are cordially invited to attend and take a part.

SPORTS CORNER

All in the Game

OXER SANDY SADDLER got into the service and takes a brown—let's see somebody try to grab it . . . Brownie pitchers Tommy Byrne and Bob Cain give evidence of blooming into winners under Rajah Hornsby's tutelage . . . Ralph Kiner is still chasing Babe Ruth's home run record of 60, having come as close as 54 in 1949. The N. L. record is 56, hit by Huel Wilson in 1930 . . . The Dodgers have introduced a new wrinkle in baseball uniforms by numbering players fore and aft . . . The U. S. Golden Gloves boxing team feels it was "robbed" in its loss to the Irish team in Dublin recently—some very doubtful decisions were made in favor of the Irish . . . In their first 11 games the Pirates used 10 different lineups, using 27 pitchers in dropping seven straight games . . . Patty Berg broke all women's golf scoring records recently . . . Stan Musial's all-time batting mark is .348 . . . Ed Medlewski, Maryland's all-American back, gained 834 yards in 115



WINNER . . . Carrying the colors of Guatemala City, Doroteo Flores raced to the finish line recently the winner of the 56 annual Boston A. A. marathon. His time was two hours, 51 minutes, 53 seconds. He finished five minutes ahead of the pack.

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THIS WEEK IN Washington

WAVES of divergent opinion over the President's seizure of steel mills in the national interest continues to occupy congress with almost continual debate in one form or another. As a result, a log jam of important legislation is backing up. Attempts to slash specific appropriations with which to run the steel mills, to cut off all appropriations for this purpose, which failed, filing of impeachment resolutions by Congressman Robert Hale of Maine, one to have the judiciary committee study whether the President should be impeached, another to declare seizure of the steel mills as unconstitutional were all handled by congress. This latter of course clearly invades the prerogatives of the court, which did declare the seizure unconstitutional.

Congressman George H. Bender, Ohio, has a bill for a special 11-member bipartisan committee to study impeachment possibilities; Congressman Howard Smith, Virginia, a bill to condemn the seizure, and Congressman Fred Courter, Jr., New York, a joint resolution to prohibit use of federal funds to carry out the seizure order.

The rider adopted by the senate on a supplemental appropriation bill to prohibit use of funds in that particular bill was meaningless, since no funds involved could have been used anyway.

Senators Ferguson, Michigan, Knowland, California, Bridges, the minority leader, and Capehart, Indiana, took the lead in seeking to tie the president's hands on appropriations. They lost their amendment, however, which would have prevented use of any federal funds on a vote of 47 to 29, short of the necessary two-thirds majority to suspend the senate rules. Thirty-six Republicans, and 11 Democrats, all southern senators, joined the Ferguson contingent, while 29 Democrats opposed.

In the debate over constitutionality of the President's action, Senators Humphrey, Minnesota, McFarland, Arizona and Morse, Oregon, carried the brunt of the debate in support of the President's inherent power under the constitution to seize the steel mills. There is little

question however but that this most question will go to the supreme court before there can be any definite opinion as to the Presidential power. In the meantime, although the congress has the clear right to do so, it has done nothing about legislation which would make clear-cut the President's power by statutory authority. There are no statutes on the books now which govern the question.

Senator Morse, considered by many the best constitutional lawyer in the senate, maintains that the President does have inherent power, but that there is another question which the courts would also rule upon and that is as to whether such seizure was "reasonable" in the light of the national emergency.

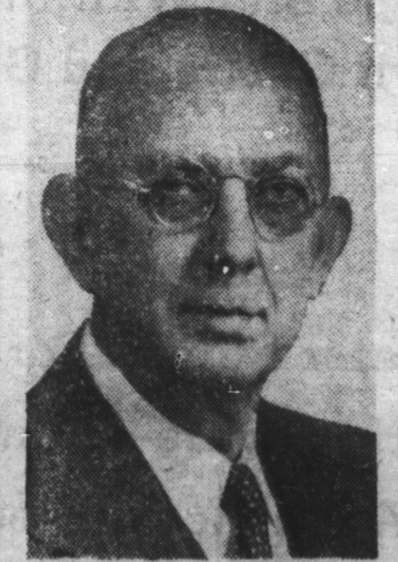
According to constitutional lawyers and observers here, the government is operating under a state of national emergency with which Congress has concurred by passing the national defense act setting up allocations and price and wage controls.

Further, the Congress has set up by statute, the size of the army, the number of airplanes, the number of ships which must be purchased, appropriated billions of dollars to be spent for these purposes, and has delegated to the President as commander-in-chief power to carry out these statutes. Many precedents have been set by former presidents.

The most recent and analogous one, being seizure of the North American Aviation plant at Inglewood, Cal., by President Roosevelt six months before Pearl Harbor, where on account of a strike, production was at a standstill. The then-attorney General Robert Jackson justified the seizure as growing out of the "duty constitutionally and inherently resting upon the President to exert his civil and military as well as his moral authority to keep the defense efforts of the United States a going concern" as well as "to obtain supplies for which Congress has appropriated money and which it has directed the President to obtain." Mr. Jackson is now an associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

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