

SERIAL STORY

JOAN OF ARKANSAS

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
JOAN JOHNSON—a mysterious, cool, glamorous girl of the Tech campus.
KEITH RHODES—Tech's star footballer, head of all-American honors.
DAN WEBSTER—the blocky, hunch-backed, clear-headed, steady, industrious student.

CHAPTER IX

Leaving her room, Joan saw a couple of girls reading a notice on the bulletin board in the hall. "What's up?" she inquired. "Special meeting tonight, and I bet it's got something to do with homecoming queen election." The hunch was correct. Carol Reed explained that night.

The Blue and Gray. For years the Gammas had been spearhead of the combine.

"General election will be held two weeks from tomorrow," Carol announced. "At the caucus last night I managed to secure a homecoming queen candidate for us. In order to do that, however, we must up a chance of getting any class officer this year. I figured it was worth it."

"The Gammas are stronger than ever, and with their support I think maybe we can get our candidate elected."

There was an excited buzz throughout the room.

"Great stuff," Bonnie Cleverly chattered. "We haven't had a homecoming queen since—since—"

"Since Lizzy Barnes back in '32," someone in the rear piped up facetiously.

"Well, anyway, it's been a long time," Carol added, "and this looks like our chance."

"Now, then, who's going to be our candidate? We've got to pull together, so let's be seen-minded." There was silence for a moment and then a murmur of whisper here and there. Carol had purposely avoided giving the girls any previous notice. She wanted everything to be right out in the open.

It was Bonnie Harris who went into action first. "I nominate Kay Granger," she said. "Kay's a senior, and well, there aren't many more popular girls on this campus than she."

"My idea exactly," a dark-haired girl up front chimed in. "And if anyone doesn't think Kay doesn't photograph well, they can dash up stairs for another mander at that full-length photo she took in her purple evening gown."

The remark brought on a ripple of laughter, and Joan, glancing sideways at Kay, recalled the picture and mentally agreed with the dark-haired girl up front.

Kay Granger was a beautiful girl and she did photograph well. And electing a homecoming queen depended greatly on photographs for the benefit of those who didn't know candidates personally.

"I rather, then, that there is a second to the nomination," said Carol. "Any further choices?"

"Again silence." And again muted whispers here and there.

"No politics," Carol warned. "If anyone has any further discussion or nomination, speak your piece."

Marianne Burrows stood up. "I've got another nomination. How about Joan Johnson?"

"Well, admit there aren't as many kids on campus who know her—after all, she's only been here a month. But, she went on significantly, "I'd like to know who is the most talked-about girl around here if it isn't Joan."

"No, Marianne, not Joan who's been in her roommate, I don't."

But Marianne motioned her to keep quiet.

"And although there are a few people around here who wouldn't even admit it to themselves, Joan is the prettiest girl this campus has had in years," Marianne Chester added. "And Joan's had the publicity—well, with her looks."

"You mean notoriety, don't you?" someone asked.

"I made this an open discussion because I thought we'd get the best results that way," Carol said stiffly. "But I'll double the next girl who can't be decent."

"Well, if you're speaking of publicity, don't forget Kay's photo is this editor of the Tribune," someone piped up.

Kay jumped up at that. "I'd like very much to be the candidate, of course, but I refuse to allow anyone to approach my Uncle Ed, with publicity in mind. There isn't much he would do and wouldn't I care to take advantage of something like that?"

Joan looked up quickly. She liked the way Kay said that.

It was Mildred Holmes who took the first vote. Joan was a tall, slender girl from upstate, she wasn't a pretty girl, but she had a lot of good common sense. Everyone listened whenever she spoke.

"It seems to me," she began slowly, "that either Kay or Joan would make a good candidate. It's up to us of thinking there are two outstanding women in the situation. Either as capital as Joan's stands up with Keith Rhodes and the Gammas, in considering the fact that Kay is a senior and has a fair chance at something this year, we are not the thing over with and take a vote."

Mildred's motion was seconded and carried, and Carol called for a third vote. There was such a

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thing as carrying open business too far.

Helen Bageroff read the ballots as Bonnie Harris marked them off. Carol watched as Bonnie granger off in a low voice. "Granger—Johnston."

There was tense silence when Helen handed the result to Carol. "A tie at nine votes each," Carol announced, and the hunch went up louder than ever.

"We'll take one more ballot," Carol ordered. "Perhaps someone has reconsidered."

But no one had. The result was still 9-9.

"Then I guess it's up to me to cast the deciding vote," Carol said. She looked down at the pieces of paper in front of her. Just as she opened her lips, Joan sprang to her feet.

"I'd like to withdraw my name in favor of Kay," she said in a low but firm voice.

(To Be Continued)

Around the County

MYRTLE CREEK

MYRTLE CREEK, Oct. 26.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Weaver, at Fort Collins, Colo., October 7, a son, named for his paternal grandfather, Fred Clayton Weaver, who lives at Myrtle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver live at Estes Park, Colo., where Mr. Weaver is employed in the tourist service. He and Mrs. Weaver are both graduates of Oregon State college.

Mrs. Binkley of Oakland was a Myrtle Creek visitor Sunday afternoon, coming down for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Walter Fisher, who was co-ed at a cabin at the Myrtle Creek auto park. Fisher and her husband, Fred, returned Sunday afternoon from San Francisco where they had spent a week visiting with relatives and taking in the Golden Gate fair. They report a thrilling time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Hall were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. M. E. Rice, Sunday. Mrs. Rice is a sister of the Hall brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wimer and daughters, Shirley and Betty, were weekend visitors with Mrs. Wimer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wimer. The Wimers are living in Ashland at present and Joan is a brakeman on the freight line between Ashland and Grants Pass.

While splitting kindling last Friday (Oct. 26), a fire broke out in the yard of Mrs. M. E. Rice, who lives at 1400 N. Main. The fire was quickly extinguished by the fire department. The cause of the fire was a candle left burning in a room.

While three who attended the HALLA club and took members for their Christmas cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hinkle and son, Fred, and Mrs. Hinkle's daughter, Mrs. Mary Maxwell, who is visiting here from her home in Portland, Ore., were Myrtle Creek visitors Sunday attending

services at the Christian church. Mrs. Maxwell was called home to attend her mother, who had a bad infection in one arm following an injury received in a fall.

Mrs. Ernest Bryant and small son, Arnold, were overnight guests with Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Saturday. Sunday afternoon, the boys suffered a bad sprain in one of his arms when being lifted by his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are assisting with the work on the Wagon ranch near Grants.

Some out-of-town people attending the Claude Fisher funeral Friday included, Mr. and Mrs. John Randall of Longview, Wash.; Hans Weaver, who had business in visiting; G. A. Copeland, Klamath his daughter, Mrs. Randall, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Randall was Waitha Weaver, Mrs. Fisher's sister, and Mrs. Copeland is her aunt. Mrs. Copeland states that her mother, Mrs. Hattie Jones, who is spending the winter with them, is in better health than she has been for a long time.

Gay Dwyer went to Grants Monday morning, to join the Roy Conley logging crew in setting out logs for the Pine Mountain Lumber Co. at Myrtle Creek.

Turkey picking is on in full blast again at the Ledgerwood plant.

Mrs. Lena Johnson, who was badly burned a few weeks ago when her cabin burned in visiting, is being made by her neighbors to build her a new house near one of the neighbors, and the women of the community are planning a shower of household articles for her use. Her children, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Fry of Glendale, visited her Saturday and during the week she had a visit from her son and daughter who live at Oswego.

Joe Wright, who works at the CCC near Drew, came home Saturday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lulu Wright.

J. Richey celebrated his 75th birthday on the 17th of October, and has lived in Myrtle Creek since he was 15 years old.

Albert Robinson, a former Myrtle Creek boy who now lives at Culp Creek, was a visitor here last night at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark and family have moved from the Rhodan place on 8th street to their new home, recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hall.

Word has been received here of the death in Portland, Oct. 16, of Roy Wynn, aged 16 years. Mr. Wynn was the son of George W. Wynn, at one time owner of Myrtle Creek, and a son of the peace and later county judge at Douglas county.

W. W. Hickman, who formerly operated the local picture show, is planning to soon reopen the show which has been closed for some time. Mr. Hickman does not plan to return here to live but will arrange for some one else to conduct the show.

Thelma Thomas (reid) is having some more work done at her home on Third street. A new fence around the front yard will enclose the rear of the yard. More carpenter work is also going on in the house with Henry Thompson, a carpenter who recently moved here with his family from the dust bowl in eastern Colorado, in charge.

The R. H. Savage Co., in charge of the cedar pencil stock mill, have some immense stacks of their fine live output on the ground near the mill.

C. R. Jetties, the owner and builder of the three-story big house on N. Myrtle creek, has moved back from Klamath Falls where he has lived for the past nine years and will continue his old business here as a public auctioneer.

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Power rates were cut by \$137,666 during the year. The average residential and rural consumer paid \$38.57 for 1,395 kilowatt hours during the year, an increase of 75 kilowatt hours over the previous year.

Utilities had assets of \$283,290, \$21 last year, of which \$236,667,950 was the value of their plants.

Sixteen cents of every dollar earned by the utilities went to pay taxes during the year, amounting to \$13.32 per customer. Bean said "taxes are the largest single item and are over 52 per cent greater than the cost of generating a kilowatt hour of energy."

The number of kilowatt hours sold during the year by various utilities included: California Oregon Power Co. 112,963,520.

Noah Webster took 21 years to prepare his American dictionary of the English language—from 1807 to 1828.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Douglas.

In the matter of the Estate of Frank Allen Clemens, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Anna S. Pickens, the duly appointed qualified and acting executor of said estate, has filed his final report in said cause and the Hon. Morris Hawkins, County Judge of Douglas County, Oregon, has fixed Monday, the 13th day of November, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the office of the County Judge in the court house, in Roseburg, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing on said final report. Any one having objections to said report may appear and file same in said court and cause on or before said time and date.

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